



YAMBA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC
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One Hundred & Seventeenth Annual Report

FOR SEASON 2024-25



Yamba SLSC Ocean Swim Day - January 2025
Photo by Elise Hassey



Surf Rescue Certificate Squad
Trained by James Forbes



Bronze Squad
with Trainer Kim Morgans



Surf Rescue Certificate Squad
Trained by James Forbes & Ben Plunkett

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

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ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 2024-25

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman	Joe Dougherty	Deputy Chairman	Chris Moran
Administration	Leah Essex	Finance	Damian Bennie
Life Saving	Frankie Aird	Surf Sports	Jim Dougherty OAM
Education	Kieran Lynch	Clubhouse	Mark Rice
Junior Activities	James Kemp		

Assistant Education Director

Jill Ennever

Registrar

Cathy Dougherty

Club Vice Captain

Ben Plunkett

U/19 Captain

Jett Nikas

Boat Captain

Andrea Nikas

Boat Vice Captain

Ray Wiblen

IRB Captain

Trent Stainlay

IRB Vice Captain

Thore Kemp

Patrol Gear Steward

Mark Rice

Competition Gear Steward

Jim Dougherty

Radio Officer

Peter Sweetman

UAV Coordinator

Celeste Neander

First Aid Officer

Jo King

Assistant First Aid Officer

Bill Onslow

Publicity Officer

Sue-Ellen Hyne

W.H.&S. Officer

James Forbes

House Committee

Brian Badgery, Mark Rice, Bill Grainger, Mick Moule

Social Committee

Sally Gilbert, Liz Macrae, John Macrae

BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2024-25

Branch Delegates: Joe Dougherty, Jim Dougherty **Public Officer:** Leah Essex

Sponsorship Committee

Roley Green, Alan Schofield, Damian Bennie, James Forbes

Member Protection Officers: Chris Moran, Leah Essex

Conflict Resolution Officer: Andrea Nikas

Child Safe Coordinator: Sean Newton-Thompson

Youth Development Officers: James Forbes/Trent Stainlay

UAV Equipment Officer: Mark Neander

Merchandise Officer: Lindsay McLennan

Trauma Officers: Jo King, Bill Onslow

Hon. Solicitor: Joe Fahey **Auditor:** Skybridge

Licensee: Yamba SLSC **Event Manager:** Sally Gilbert (Employee)

Administration Officer: Sue-Ellen Hyne (Employee)

Caretakers: Jesse & Emily Richards (Res. June '25) **Kiosk:** Andre Rizk

Clarence Duty Officer: Peter Sweetman

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club annual report for season 2024-25 - a season where we can once again proudly say there were no lives lost whilst on patrol.

At the AGM in August, we welcomed 2 new Directors to the Board. Damian Bennie has taken over from Tim Small as Finance Director and Kieran Lynch as Education Director, replacing Jill Ennever. We thank Jill and Tim for their support over the years and welcome Damian & Kieran.



Once again, we have seen strong growth in our membership numbers-now totalling 647. Much of this has been driven by the Nipper cohort which continues to go from strength to strength. We are now starting to see the benefits of our hard work, with the number of nippers moving through to the senior club and on to patrols growing significantly in the last 2-3 years. It is very rewarding to see this growth and when we look at the number of junior members coming through, this trend should only continue in the coming years.

We saw some significant changes on the Lifesaving front this season with the introduction of flexible patrolling coinciding with the start of a new Patrol Service Agreement. This seemed to work well for much of the season, particularly when we were confronted with flooding and other bad weather events. It would be good to see this initiative extended to include school holiday periods in future years for those days when the beach is deserted.

Throughout the season our members performed over 350 preventative actions and 11 rescues. This is evidence of the outstanding work from our patrol members, especially considering the fact our beach was closed for much of March and April.

Education has been a standout again this year. Huge thanks must go to the Education team led by 2024 Branch Educator of the Year, Kieran Lynch, and all those who assisted with training and assessing throughout the season. Kieran has gone the extra mile this year looking to upskill by attending the SLSNSW Emerging Leaders Program earlier this year and the SLSA National Leadership Masterclass in July. We look forward to leaning on the knowledge gained from these events to improve what we are doing going forward.

Early in the season the club completed the replacement of our main deck and other works as part of a grant from the Surf Club Facility Grant program provided by the NSW State Government. We also took possession of a new IRB and motor courtesy of the Merchant Foundation who continue to be a valuable supporter of our club. We thank them very much.

The club hosted numerous events during the season. These included the North Coast Boat Series, a nipper carnival in November, the Brunswick Masters at Yamba in February and the Yamba Ocean Swims in January. Thanks go to all the members who helped out at these events to ensure they were successful. The annual Yamba Ocean Swims saw over 400 swimmers partake in this great community event. As our major fundraiser for the year, it was again a great success.

On the competition front, our members performed exceptionally well with a 2nd place in the pointscore at Branch Titles and 4th at the NSW Country Titles at Warilla-Barrack Point. We had our largest ever contingent of nippers at the State Titles at Manly. Sadly, the conditions didn't cooperate with a reduced program and change of venue. Despite this we still saw some great results with the standout being Cody Kratzmann defending his title in the Under 10 Surf Race. Our small team of Masters performed very well bringing home a handful of medals.

Our Aussie Titles team was led by our Masters competitors once again with 6 medals being won as well as numerous placings.

We also saw a record 9 nippers represent Far North Coast at the NSW Inter-Branch Titles in November, a great reward for all the hard work put in over recent seasons.

Congratulations to our major award winners for season 2024/25 - Club Person of the Year Kieran Lynch and Lifesaver of the Year Logan Miltiadou. Also congratulations to Jim Dougherty who was named Far North Coast Branch Official of the Year, and our Carnival Organising Committee which was judged the standout Branch Service Team of the Year.



Life Saver of the Year
Logan Miltiadou



Club Person of the Year
Kieran Lynch

Looking forward, there is plenty already in the works for the new season. Maintenance and improvements around the club remain a priority whilst we expect Council will complete permanent repairs on Marine Parade before the end of the year. We are also set to host the Far North Coast Branch Titles in December, always a big event.

At the risk of sounding repetitive I do need to thank several individuals and groups.

Special thanks must go to Sally Gilbert and her team for doing a great job running functions as well as the regular Friday night bar openings.

Thanks also to Sue-Ellen in the office who continues to go above & beyond in her role. We said goodbye to our Caretakers, Jesse and Emily in June and wish them all the best for the future.

The club wishes to acknowledge and thank all of our generous sponsors and supporters. Without this support we would not be able to provide such a great service to the public, or support our members in their competitive endeavors.

Thankyou to the Far North Coast Branch Executive for their assistance and guidance during the season as well as SLSNSW for their support.

Thankyou to my fellow Board members for your hard work, dedication and support. It is a pleasure to work in such a collegiate environment.

To my family for your understanding and support, thank you.

Finally, and most importantly, a massive thankyou again to all the hardworking members who contributed to such a great season. You all do such a wonderful job and I, and the entire Board, are forever grateful for this. I've no doubt we will see continued success again in 2025-26, both on and off the beach.

Joe Dougherty

Chairman of the Board (President)

MEMBERSHIP 2024-25			
Category	Male Members	Female Members	Total Members
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	89	97	186
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	4	12	16
Active (15-18 yrs)	18	5	23
Active (18yrs and over)	44	29	73
Award	25	9	34
Reserve Active	4	2	6
Long Service	29	4	33
Life Member	19	2	21
Associate	134	120	254
Probationary	1	0	1
Total	367	280	647

MEETINGS

A total of 12 Board meetings have been held during the season. Board members' attendance at meetings was as follows: Joe Dougherty 11, Leah Essex 12, Kieran Lynch 12, Jim Dougherty 12, Chris Moran 10, James Kemp 10, Frankie Aird 10, Mark Rice 9, Damian Bennie 8.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

As we close out another successful season at Yamba Surf Life Saving Club, I'm pleased to reflect on what has truly been a wonderful year. The spirit of community, dedication, and shared purpose that flows through our club continues to shine brighter each year, and 2024–25 has been no exception.



First and foremost, I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible Board members, volunteers, and members. Your unwavering support, time, and effort are the backbone of our club. Without you all, none of what we achieve each year would be possible.

This year, we continued to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all members, particularly our youngest lifesavers, with the inclusion of updated Child Safe Policies and ongoing alignment with Surf Life Saving NSW's Member Protection guidelines. These policies are not just important – they are essential. By embedding these principles directly into our Constitution, we ensure that Yamba SLSC remains a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment for all members.

We're incredibly grateful to our donors and sponsors, whose generosity allows us to purchase vital lifesaving equipment and offer support to our volunteer base, including subsidised membership fees. Your contributions make a direct impact on our ability to protect our beaches and support our lifesavers – thank you.

A special thank you to Sue-Ellen, our Office Administrator. Sue-Ellen, your support makes every Board member's role more manageable, and your dedication behind the scenes keeps the wheels of our club turning smoothly. Your hard work does not go unnoticed – thank you for being the glue that holds us together.

Thank you also to Sally Gilbert, our tireless Events Coordinator. Sally, your creativity and energy have helped grow our Friday night member drinks, social functions, and fundraising events into something truly special. Your work is building not just funds, but community spirit.

To our Registrar, Cathy Dougherty, thank you for bringing this Annual Report together, not to mention all you do throughout the year. Your attention to detail and commitment is deeply appreciated.

Finally, I want to say how incredibly proud I am to be a member of Yamba Surf Life Saving Club. Our club's culture – one of respect, camaraderie, and service – is what makes it so unique. It is an honour to serve the Clarence Valley community in such a meaningful and fulfilling way.

Here's to another year of keeping our beaches safe, supporting one another, and continuing the proud legacy of Yamba SLSC.

Leah Essex

Administration Director (Secretary)



LONG SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

(L to R) Joe Dougherty (25yrs), Ray Wiblen (25yrs), Ray Killen (40yrs), Peter Sweetman (40yrs), Jane Lawrence (25yrs), Jim Saunders (70yrs), Alan Lawrence (25yrs), Terry Sahlqvist (60yrs), Jim Baird (40yrs), Geoff Sanders (60yrs)



CPHER INTRODUCTION

(Female Mannikin)

*Left: Frankie Aird (Life Saving Director)
Right: Kieran Lynch (Education Director)*

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LIFE SAVING REPORT

Well, that's a wrap on another fantastic season of patrolling! What a season it's been — full of sunshine, swells, and some seriously stellar teamwork. And of course, to all our patrol members, thank you from the bottom of our red and yellow hearts for showing up with energy, commitment, and a smile. You've made a real difference.



We had great attendance across the board, with patrols running smoothly thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our amazing members. The weather, true to form, kept us on our toes in the second half with a cyclone and cyclonic swells making a few dramatic appearances, (Mother Nature sure knows how to make an entrance!).

A big milestone for us this year - we returned to 9 patrol teams, up from 8 last season! A HUGE shoutout to our 9 Patrol Captains who did an incredible job leading their teams. You are skilled, dependable, and a massive reason patrol frequency dropped for our members — thank you for all you do!

A massive congratulations to our Lifesaver of the Year — Logan Miltiadou! Logan racked up an impressive 45 patrol hours this season with zero 'no-shows' — a true example of commitment and reliability. He gained his IRB Driver's qualification, attended Advanced IRB Training in South West Rocks (where he was praised as "a legend" and "wise beyond his years") and volunteered tirelessly at a whole host of events, including the Nipper Carnival, Masters Carnival, Boat Carnival, and the Ocean Swim Day. Logan, your dedication, skill, and quiet leadership haven't gone unnoticed — we're incredibly lucky to have you as part of our team. Well done and thank you!

This summer we recorded 11 rescues and 358 preventative actions — a solid reminder of the impact we make every single time we step onto the sand.

A well-patrolled beach runs on sunscreen, smiles, and a steady stream of caffeine! A huge thank you to Andre and the Kiosk team for keeping us fuelled and functioning! Your support is always appreciated (and your coffee, always needed).

Many of our amazing members also went the extra mile, volunteering their time to provide first aid and water safety at our club-run events. These included the Yamba Nippers Surf Carnival, Yamba Triathlon, Yamba Ocean Swims, and the Brunswick Masters Carnival hosted at Yamba. These events simply wouldn't be possible without you — a massive THANK YOU to everyone who helped out!

Speaking of 'behind-the-scenes' heroes, we tip our hats to Kieran and the Education Team for running our Skills Maintenance days. These days don't run themselves — they require planning, coordination, and more patience than most people possess. Kieran, your energy, enthusiasm, and diligence are appreciated more than words can say. Thank you for keeping us all qualified and ready for action before the December 31st cut-off.

This season we also trialled something new and exciting — a flexible patrol roster! This first-of-its-kind system for SLSNSW was all about easing the load, reducing burnout, and making sure our volunteers feel valued. Whether it was clocking off early on quiet days or transitioning to partial, low-patronage or surveillance patrols,

the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Members felt their time was better respected, and the flexibility was a big hit. Plus, it allowed us to collect valuable data for SLSNSW to support the development of our future Life Saving Agreement.

We also mixed things up with full and half-day patrols — yes, the 9am to 3pm shifts were long, but with members travelling from as far as Brisbane, Gold Coast, Bellingen, and Woolgoolga, this setup really helped reduce the frequency of patrols. And again, the feedback? Pretty great!

As we pack up the flags and stow the boards, IRBs and drones for the off-season, we just want to say a heartfelt thank you once more to each and every one of you. Your time, your commitment, and your good vibes have made this season such a success.

Enjoy the cooler months ahead — rest, recharge, and get ready to do it all again next summer. We can't wait to see you back on the sand.

Thank you again!

Frances Aird

Lifesaving Director (Club Captain)

Individual Patrol Hours *(Includes logged Water Safety hours)*

Adams	Ceri	15	Dutoit	Lanita	20	Kratzmann	Richard	18	Purcell	Chloe	49.5
Aird	Frances	42	Ehlers	Arnold	43	Lawrence	Alan	60.5	Rennex	Eric	21
Allen	Lorraine	31	Eke	Matthew	48.5	Lawrence	Jane	64.5	Rheinberger	Mick	29
Appleford	Sarah	24	Ennever	Jill	62	Lovell	Christian	0	Rheinberger	Peter	26
Batinovic	Hudson	6	Erbacher	David	84	Lynch	Kieran	56.5	Rice	Mark	49
Batinovic	Macy	0	Essex	Leah	42.5	Macrae	Elizabeth	40	Ridgway	Benjo	30
Becker	Joe	49	Fabian	Lynette	35	Macrae	John	37	Ridgway	Patrick	25
Becker	Katie	30.5	Fenner	Frances	30	Mastin	Arlo	14	Robinson	Fraser	60.5
Becker	Lucas	16	Finnegan	Grace	4	McLennan	Anderson	32	Ryan	Danielle	2
Becker	Robert	34.5	Fleming	David	31.5	McLennan	Lindsay	32.5	Ryan	James	6
Becker	Tennyson	28	Forbes	Felix	47.5	McLennan	Vanette	40	Seivers	Willow	23
Bennetts	Sasha	30.5	Forbes	James	67	McMahon/			Smith	Brittany	4
Brown	Mahlia	23.5	Forbes	James Jnr	25.5	Willott	Matilda	35	Sowell	Alex	24
Brown	Melinda	6	Forbes	Kate	32.5	Miltiadou	Andrea	51	Sowell	Sean	0
Burgess	Ben	48	Gibson	Rory	39	Miltiadou	Carissa	10	Sowell	Tim	41
Burgess	Ian	17.5	Gilbert	Isabella	11	Miltiadou	Logan	45	Stainlay	Ben	21.5
Burgess	Stewart	23	Gilbert	Max	3	Moran	Chris	40	Stainlay	Campbell	37
Butler	Scott	61.5	Gilbert	Sally	40.5	Morgans	Kim	31	Stainlay	George	117.5
Butler	Steve	46	Gilbert	Sienna	4	Mortimer	Trent	17	Stainlay	Jeremy	43.5
Casey	Brad	42	Gillard	Kevin	58	Morton	Clair	33	Stainlay	Jessica	15.5
Casey	Byron	41.5	Grant	Bligh	36.5	Motio			Steele	Nathan	36
Casey	Nicholas	27	Groom	Eliot	37	Robson	Jessamine	13.5	Tasker	Lillie	18
Chapman	Belinda	12	Gunn	Colin	45.5	Moule	Michael	11	Thompson	Ellis	47.5
Chapman	Dayla	3.5	Hancock	Kayla	31	Myers	Imogen	19	Thompson	Kyan	34
Chapman	Josie	27	Hancock	Natasha	55	Neander	Celeste	109	Thorburn	Michelle	41
Churton	Sonny	36.5	Hawley	James	4	Neander	Mark	109	Thorburn	Milla	15.5
Comerford	Rhys	28.5	Hintz	Paddy	49	Newman	Emily	49	Todhunter	Zac	29
Commins	Alex	27	Hoppitt	Terrence	60.5	Newton-			Tucker	Warren	45
Corcoran	Chase	16	Howse	Thomas	11	Thompson	Sean	53.5	Varcoe	Roger	52.5
Corcoran	Kurtis	6	Hyne	David	50	Nikas	Andrea	42.5	Wall	Brendan	8.5
Crook	Braiden	62.5	Hyne	Sue-Ellen	43.5	Nikas	Jett	43.5	Walmesley	Aaron	8.5
Curtis	Leah	48	Johnson	Candice	51.5	O'Brien	David	34	Wheeler	James	73.5
Davey	Tessa	25.5	Jones	Dexta	0	O'Brien	Kendall	7.5	Wiblen	Raymond	24.5
de Billot	Pierre	63.5	Jones	Kydan	22.5	Ogilvie	Angus	0	Wiblen	Theodore	29
Dean	Giselle	45	Jones	Ronald	24	Olesinski	Aisha	16	Wicks	Chelsea	23
Dean	Justin	14.5	Kemp	Ashlee	60	Onslow	William	78.5	Winger	Bobbie	24.5
Dean	Rachelle	49	Kemp	Isabella	38	Palmer	Kirk	30.5	Worboys	Joanne	20.5
Don	Jacob	28	Kemp	James	57.5	Patricks	Clinton	2.5	Worboys	Sasha	28
Dougherty	James	8	Kemp	Lily	28.5	Perks	Judith	11.5	Worboys	Simon	37.5
Dougherty	Joseph	23	Kemp	Poppy	55.5	Philip	Dale	8	Young	Kyah	24.5
Dougherty	Martin	9.5	Kemp	Thore	53.23	Pim	Shirley	6	Zietsch	Gregory	4
Douglas	Luke	37	King	Jo	59	Plunkett	Benjamin	50	Zimmerman	James	30.5
Dunn	Kurt	4	Klein	Helmut	41.5	Plunkett	Olana	0	Zvatora	Marlie	15.5
Dunne	Alan	22.5	Kratzmann	Ky	21	Plunkett	Zahli	25			

PATROL STATISTICS 2024-25

First Aid Type Performed		Rescues Type		Preventative Actions	
Fractures	1	No Gear	1	Shark Alarm	3
Minor Cuts/Abrasions	14			Preventions	90
Minor Marine Stings	10	Rescue Tube	5	Swimmers Advised	130
Other	3	Rescue Board	5	Craft Users Warned	20
				Beach Users Warned	51
				Warning Signs Erected	64
Total First Aid	28	Total Rescues	11	Total Preventative Actions	358

PATROL ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2024-25

Frances Aird, Lorraine Allen, Joe Becker, Rob Becker, Ben Burgess, Scott Butler, Steve Butler, Brad Casey, Byron Casey, Braiden Crook, Leah Curtis, Rachelle Dean, Arnold Ehlers, Matthew Eke, Jill Ennever, Dave Erbacher, Leah Essex, Lynette Fabian, James Forbes, Felix Forbes, Rory Gibson, Sally Gilbert, Kevin Gillard, Bligh Grant, Elliot Groom, Colin Gunn, Natasha Hancock, Paddy Hintz, Terrence Hoppitt, David Hyne, Sue-Ellen Hyne, Candice Johnson, Ashlee Kemp, James Kemp, Poppy Kemp, Thore Kemp, Jo King, Helmut Klein, Alan Lawrence, Jane Lawrence, Kieran Lynch, Vanette McLennan, Lindsay McLennan, Andrea Miltiadou, Logan Miltiadou, Celeste Neander, Mark Neander, Emily Newman, Sean Newton-Thompson, Andrea Nikas, William Onslow, Kirk Palmer, Chloe Purcell, Mick Rheinberger, Mark Rice, Fraser Robinson, Dave Robinson, Trent Stainlay, Jeremy Stainlay, Campbell Stainlay, Ellis Thompson, Kyan Thompson, Warren Tucker, Roger Varcoe, James Wheeler

LIFE SAVING AWARDS 2024-25

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE (12)

Sasha Bennetts, Ben Burgess, Dayla Chapman, Felix Forbes, Kydan Jones, Poppy Kemp, Imogen Myers, Willow Seivers, Milla Thorburn, Zac Todhunter, Chelsea Wicks, Marlie Zvatora

BRONZE MEDALLION (21)

Ian Burgess, Owen Callanan, Sonny Churton, Braiden Crook, Tessa Davey, Lynette Fabian, Grace Finnegan, Matilda McMahon/Willot, Michael Miller, Lauren Muggieridge, Judith Perks, Mark Purcell, Chloe Purcell, Mick Rheinberger, Campbell Stainlay, Jeremy Stainlay, Ellis Thompson, Kyan Thompson, Bridie Walmsley, Theodore Wiblen, James Zimmerman

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES (20)

Ceri Adams, Sarah Appleford, Hudson Batinovic, Belinda Chapman, Sonny Churton, Candice Johnson, Isabella Kemp, Ky Kratzmann, Vanette McLennan, Lindsay McLennan, Andrea Miltiadou, David O'Brien, Angus Ogilvie, Mick Rheinberger, Mark Rice, Alex Sowell, Ben Stainlay, Lillie Tasker, Theodore Wiblen, Raymond Wiblen

SILVER MEDALLION IRB DRIVER (1)

Jett Nikas

SILVER MEDALLION BEACH MANAGEMENT (1)

Ky Kratzmann

RESUSCITATION (13)

Leo Dean, Clarence Dougherty, Lola Dougherty, Poppy Erbacher, Jayda Fung, Henry Jenner, Jude Kemp, Lenni McLeish, Grace McLennan, Asher Nikas, Ziggy O'Brien, Toby Patricks, Ben Plunkett

FIRST AID (31)

Sarah Appleford, Hudson Batinovic, Jillian Bowles, Belinda Chapman, Sonny Churton, Jodie Crook, Braiden Crook, Tessa Davey, Paddy Hintz, Meagan Holder, Terrence Hoppitt, Candice Johnson, Isabella Kemp, Ky Kratzmann, Elizabeth Macrae, Vanette McLennan, Lindsay McLennan, Matilda McMahon/Willot, Michael Miller, Lauren Muggieridge, David O'Brien, Angus Ogilvie, Zahli Plunkett, Mark Purcell, Chloe Purcell, Mick Rheinberger, Alex Sowell, Bridie Walmsley, Theodore Wiblen, Joanne Worboys, Greg Zietsch

RESCUE WATER CRAFT (1)

Ray Wiblen

TRAINING OFFICER AWARD (1)

Ben Plunkett

ASSESSING OFFICER AWARD (1)

Kieran Lynch

EDUCATION REPORT

The 2024/25 season has been one of progress, innovation, and resilience for our club's Education program. Despite the significant disruption caused by Cyclone Alfred, our training delivery continued to grow, thanks to the commitment of our volunteer trainers, assessors, and the adaptability of our learning systems.



This year was defined not only by the number of awards achieved but also by the quality of education, the digital enhancements we adopted, and the broader community outcomes we supported.

Key Achievements

• Resilient Training Outcomes

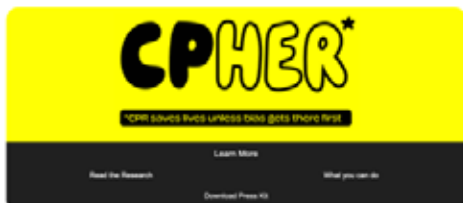
We delivered awards and proficiencies across core lifesaving and support areas - see the 2024-25 Award list on previous page.

• Digital Transition

The rollout of the SLS Assessing App across all proficiency and most Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate courses brought significant improvements in assessment efficiency, transparency, record keeping, and candidate engagement.

We expanded our community education footprint through programs delivered to schools and broader community groups:

- CPR and beach safety education for South Grafton Clontarf Academy and McKillop College
- Delivery of the CP-HER Initiative—a club-instigated, community-driven project aimed at reducing the gender disparity in bystander CPR and defibrillation rates for women. This nationally relevant program focuses on building awareness, confidence, and practical skills, particularly for women and girls, and has become a defining example of our club's leadership beyond the beach (For information, see QR link to Club webpage).



Looking Ahead: 2025/26 Season

Next season presents an exciting opportunity to deepen our club's self-sufficiency in training, enhance inclusivity, and improve the way we support our members through their education journey.

• Building Club-Based Assessment Capability

We are aiming to deliver IRB and First Aid assessments independently within the club, allowing for more responsive scheduling and a streamlined candidate experience. To achieve this, we will require:

- Increased member commitment to progress through assessor pathways for each award
- Investment in club resourcing, including training officer, assessor officer and facilitator development

• Bronze Medallion Skill Cards

Following successful trials this year, we will fully implement the dry training deck of skill cards—a practical and visual tool for candidates to track their progress and skill development throughout the course.

• Promotion of SLS Officials Training and Development

As our club increases its participation in surf sports and carnivals, we will place renewed focus on increasing our SLS Officials capacity. This will help to broaden our officiating base, support fairer distribution of duties, and ensure we can continue to meet event requirements without overloading individual members.

• Inclusive and Targeted Programming

Reflecting our commitment to community representation and equity, we are prioritising:

- better access and increased participation for local communities
- flexible delivery models to suit varied learning needs
- continued outreach to schools and underserved groups to promote safety, access, and belonging in lifesaving.

Our success this year is due to the dedication and professionalism of our trainers, assessors, facilitators, and support volunteers—who collectively bring extensive experience to the club's education team.

Thank you to every member who engaged in training, to those who stepped up to assist others, and to our community partners and schools for opening your doors to lifesaving education.

Together, we are building lifesaving capability, confidence, and resilience—within our club and throughout the community we serve.

Kieran Lynch

Education Director (Chief Training Officer)

SURF SPORTS REPORT

The club enjoyed another good season in the competition arena with some exceptional results at Branch, Country, State, Australian and World Titles. It was also another busy season for hosting events with a two day North Coast Boat Series carnival in October, a Nippers carnival in November, Ocean Swim Day in January, and a Masters carnival in February.



Thanks are due to all those members who came forward to help with the running of the various events especially our IRB crews headed by Trent Stainlay. The good work done by the Yamba “Carnival Work Party” team was recognised with the ‘Services Team of the Year’ award at the Branch Awards of Excellence night.

The competition season kicked off early with the World Lifesaving Championships held at Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast in late August. A big team of 25 Yamba competitors took part in the Masters competition and came home with 2 silver medals and 2 bronze medals to Bobbie Winger, Joe Fahey and the Boilers boat crew of Leah Essex, Jo King, Andrea Nikas, Vanette McLennan and sweep Ray Wiblen. There were also a good number of top 10 finishers.

The FNC Branch Championships were held at Cudgen over two days in December in tricky surf conditions and a strong performance from a big Yamba team saw the club finish a close 2nd behind Cudgen in the pointscore 992 points to 896 points. Byron Bay was 3rd on 673 points. The club Masters competitors led the way with 36 first placings on the day.

The NSW Country Titles were again held at Warilla Barrack Point on the South Coast and a strong team of 60 competitors plus supporters made the long trip south on the Australia Day long weekend. The club finished in 4th place in the pointscore with 26 gold medals, 25 silver medals and 13 bronze medals. Masters competitors Peter Rheinberger (60-69 yrs) and Alan Dunne (40-49 yrs) led the way with 7 gold medals each in individual and teams events. The Under 8 years team of Halle Dunne, Barry Clark, Tanner Wall and Jimmy Walmsley won the wade relay and they combined with Lenny Dougherty (Under 9) and Cody Kratzmann (Under 10) to win the Buchanan Relay. A big thank you to the carnival officials, IRB crew and water safety personnel who made the long trip to Warilla to enable the club to participate in the Titles.

The NSW State Titles were again held at Queenscliff in early March whilst Cyclone Alfred was roaming around off the Queensland coast. The rough surf conditions forced the Under 9yrs to U12yrs water events to be relocated to the flat water of Shelly Beach at Manly whilst the Under 13 and 14 yrs water events were relocated to the more protected Collaroy Beach. The club sent its biggest ever contingent of nippers but the change of venues resulted in a reduced program which saw some of our favoured events such as surf teams and board rescues not held. Cody Kratzmann was the stand out for Yamba winning the under 10 years male surf race for the second consecutive year. Our Under 9 yrs male and female board relay teams both finished 4th in their respective finals and Mostyn Brown finished 4th in the 13 years male beach flags. Our Masters competitors enjoyed more favourable surf conditions a few days later finishing with 2 silver medals in the over 170 years male surf teams and the 55/59 years double ski race.

The Australian Titles were held close to home at North Kirra beach on the Gold Coast from March 29 to April 6 and a big team of 34 Yamba members took part in Youth, Masters and Surf Boat divisions. Bobbie Winger and Joe Fahey were able to replicate their World Titles performances with Bobbie winning medals in the 70/74 years female surf and board races and Joe again taking 3rd place in the 50/54 years male single ski race. Other Yamba bronze medal winners were Alan Dunne, Ben Plunkett, Kevin Gillard and Paddy Hintz.

A record number of 9 Yamba nippers were selected in the FNC Branch Team for the NSW Inter Branch Titles at Cape Hawke beach in late November. Those selected were: U14 Felix Forbes and Kayla Hancock; U13 Ella Horton, Mostyn Brown and Abe Patricks; U12 Leo Dean, Clarry Dougherty, Ziggy O'Brien and Gracie McLennan. The team performed very strongly to finish in 4th place of the 11 Branches. Unfortunately all water events had to be cancelled on day 2 because of rough surf conditions

For the fourth consecutive year we hosted the Brunswick Masters carnival and a big dumping north easterly swell at Main Beach forced a last minute venue change to Turners Beach where there was a very nice rolling 4ft wave. 102 competitors from 15 clubs from the Sunshine Coast to Port Macquarie turned out in friendly competition. Mermaid Beach with 153 points just pipped Yamba 150 for the Brunswick Hotel pointscore trophy followed by North Burleigh on 100. A big thanks to the visiting officials who helped run the carnival and also to our IRB water safety crews who worked in testing conditions. The new Brunswick clubhouse is finally under construction and due for completion in November so this carnival should be returning home to Brunswick Heads in February 2026.

The weekly Sunday morning handicap surf race was well supported by members during the season but the number of swims held was greatly reduced due to bad weather and rough surf conditions. This was particularly so after Cyclone Alfred in early March and the subsequent river flood which resulted in 6 weeks of very dirty water at Main Beach.

The pointscores were dominated by the younger members with 13-year-old Dayla Chapman taking out the Carl Schaeffer Trophy for the seasons pointscore following her consistently strong performances in the latter half of the season. She finished the season with 73 points followed by Ella Horton 66, Jude Kemp 62, Poppy Kemp 56, Felix Forbes 49 and Lulu Kemp 49.

Monthly pointscore winners were:

September/October – Jude Kemp

November/December – Felix Forbes

January/February – Dayla Chapman, Poppy Kemp, Lulu Kemp, Floyd Doyle (4 way tie)

March/April – Dayla Chapman

Once again thanks to Belinda and Joe for running the swim every Sunday morning.

Finally congratulations to all those members who took part in training and competition and proudly represented the club during the long season. The club is due to host the 2025-26 FNC Branch Titles in early December. Let's hope our beach has recovered from the severe erosion that occurred during Cyclone Alfred and the subsequent Clarence River flood to enable the Titles to be held at Main Beach.

Jim Dougherty

Surf Sports Director

SURF CARNIVAL RESULTS

NSW COUNTRY TITLES – Warilla Barrack Point, January 24-26

Pointscore: 1. Warilla Barrack Point, 2. Cudgen, 3. Broulee, 4. Yamba, 5. Byron Bay
Yamba – 26 Gold Medals, 27 Silver, 13 Bronze

Gold Medals

U8 Wade Relay – 1st Halle Dunne, Barry Clark, Tanner Wall, Jimmy Walmsley

Buchanan Relay – 1st Cody Kratzmann, Lenny Dougherty, Halle Dunne, Barry Clark, Tanner Wall, Jimmy Walmsley

U11 Mixed Board Relay – 1st Archie Dunne, Lulu Kemp, Harlen Bews

11/12 Years Mixed Cameron Relay – 1st Leo Dean, Gracie McLennan, Byron Richards, Harlen Bews

U11 Male 1km Beach Run – 1st Byron Richards

U12 Male Iron Man – 1st Clarry Dougherty

U12 Male Board Race – 1st Clarry Dougherty

40/49 Male Board Race – 1st Alan Dunne

40/49 Male Rescue Tube Race – 1st Alan Dunne

40/49 Male Board Rescue – 1st Joe Dougherty/Alan Dunne

50/59 Male Surf Race – 1st David O'Brien

50/59 Male Rescue Tube Race – 1st Michael Stubbs

50/59 Male Board Rescue – 1st Peter Rheinberger/Michael Stubbs

Over 60 Years Male Surf Race – 1st Peter Rheinberger

Over 60 Years Male Board Race – 1st Peter Rheinberger

Over 60 Yrs Male Rescue Tube – 1st Peter Rheinberger

Over 60 Yrs Male Short Board Riding – 1st P. Rheinberger

Over 60 Years Male Long Board Riding – 1st Peter Rheinberger

Over 60 Years Female Board – 1st Bobbie Winger

Over 60 Years Female 1km Beach Run – 1st Jill Ennever

Over 110 Years Mixed Surf Teams – 1st Rachelle Dean, Joe Dougherty, Alan Dunne

Over 110 Years Mixed Board Relay – 1st Leah Curtis, Joe Dougherty, Alan Dunne

Over 110 Years Mixed Taplin Relay – 1st Leah Curtis, Joe Dougherty, Alan Dunne

Over 110 Years Mixed Beach Relay – 1st Leah Curtis, Lindsay McLennan, Alan Dunne, Fraser Robinson

Over 150 Years Mixed Surf Teams – 1st Leah Curtis, David O'Brien, Michael Stubbs

Over 150 Years Mixed Board Relay – 1st Rachelle Dean, David Erbacher, Peter Rheinberger

NSW STATE AGE TITLES – Queenscliff March 6-9

Gold Medal

Cody Kratzmann – U10 Male Surf Race

NSW STATE MASTERS TITLES – Queenscliff March 12-13

Over 170 Years Male Surf Teams – 2nd David O'Brien, Michael Stubbs, Joe Fahey

55/59 Years Male Double Ski – 2nd Greg Goodwin/Michael Stubbs

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS TITLES – North Kirra, Qld. March 31/April 1

1 Silver Medal and 5 Bronze Medals

70/74 Years Female Board Race – 2nd Bobbie Winger

35/39 Years Male Board Rescue – 3rd Alan Dunne/Ben Plunkett

50/54 Years Male Single Ski Race – 3rd Joe Fahey

60/64 Years Female 2km Ocean Swim – 3rd Paddy Hintz

70/74 Years Female Surf Race – 3rd Bobbie Winger

Over 70 Years Male Long Board Riding – 3rd Kevin Gillard

WORLD LIFESAVING MASTERS TITLES – Kurrawa, Qld August 26/28, 2024

2 Silver Medals and 2 Bronze Medals

70/74 Years Female Surf Race and Board Race – 2nd Bobbie Winger

50/54 Years Male Single Ski Race – 3rd Joe Fahey

Over 180 Years Female Boat Race – 3rd Yamba Boilers – Leah Essex, Jo King, Andrea Nikas, Vanette McLennan, Ray Wiblen (sweep)

*World Masters Medalists
Bobbie Winger
Yamba 'Boilers' Crew
Joe Fahey*



OCEAN SWIMS DAY

The 2025 Yamba Ocean Swims Day was held on Sunday 5th January with a record number of 293 starters in the 700m event and 178 starters in the 2000m event. The fine weather and small surf conditions contributed to these big numbers.

For the 3rd consecutive year Sunshine Coast Australian representative long distance swimmer Bailey Armstrong won both the men's 700m swim and the 2000m swim. He also won the 150m Dash for Cash in a desperate finish with last years winner Alan Dunne.

In the women's events Abbie Yourell from Evans Head took out the 2000m race; Tayla O'Shanesy from Alstonville won the 700m race; and Yamba nipper Willow Rowney outsurfed the older girls to win the 150m Dash for Cash.

Yamba club members to win their age groups were Felix Forbes, Alan Dunne, Alan Lawrence, Jeunesse Meldrum, Kate Armstrong and Paddy Hintz in the 700m event. In the 2000m event Yamba winners included Felix Forbes, Hugh Dougherty, David O'Brien, Matilda McMahon-Willott, Paddy Hintz and Bobbie Winger.

A big thank you is due to the large club workforce that turned out to help run the event. Thanks in particular to club secretary Leah Essex for battling her way through the "red tape" in gaining the necessary Council, State Government and Surf Life Saving approvals to run the event, and also processing entries and results on swim day. Trent Stainlay and his IRB crews once again did a great job in setting courses and ensuring the safety of swimmers along with our board paddlers. There were many other groups who worked on the day with car parking, taking late entries and swim registrations, beach set up, and BBQ and bar. Special thanks to my wife Cathy for all her organising behind the scenes in the lead up to swim day and on the day itself.

The swim day is one of our major club fund raisers of the season and this season we added \$15,000 to club funds. Thanks to our valued sponsors Clarence Valley Council, Pacific Hotel, Westlawn Finance & Insurance, Ray White Yamba, Belinda's Store, The Stella, The Surf Hotel, Flooring Xtra, and Yamba Community Pool whose support make the day a financial success.

Jim Dougherty

Event Organiser



Photo by Elise Hassey

Yamba Ocean Swim Results – Sunday 5th January 2025

700m Swim		Male	Time	Female	Time
1st	Bailey Armstrong		8.47	Tayla O'Shanesy	10.12
2nd	Bill Atkinson		9.08	Abbie Yourell	10.17
3rd	Jack Leeson		9.48	Zali Bowden	10.221
Age Groups		Male	Time	Female	Time
10-14 yrs	Felix Forbes		10:14	Freya Mead	11:19
15-19	Will Hensley		9:52	Amelia Atkinson	11:29
20-29	Jake Beaumont		11:09	Sophie Millken	11:41
30-39	Joshua Wreford		10:37	Kaisla Kollanus	11:32
40-49	Alan Dunne		10:08	Jeunesse Meldrum	11:34
50-59	John Francis		10:35	Kate Armstrong	11:40
60-69	Paul Curran		12:35	Paddy Hinz	12:03
70 plus	Alan Lawrence		15:21	Jenny Watters	16:448
2km Swim		Male	Time	Female	Time
1st	Bailey Armstrong		25.07	Abbie Yourell	29:07
2nd	Will Hensley		28.51	Gabrielle Parmenter	29.29
3rd	Lachlan Trease		28.56	Zali Bowden	30.16
Age Groups		Male	Time	Female	Time
12-14 yrs	Felix Forbes		29:01	Matilda McMahon Willot	33:25
15-19	Finn Casper		29:07	Amelia Atkinson	34:16
20-29	Zac Frazer		33:15	Che Hooper	35:58
30-39	Benjamin Lambert		29:36	Kaisla Kollanus	32:55
40-49	Hugh Dougherty		29:00	Jeunesse Meldrum	33:13
50-59	David O'Brien		30:08	Deanne Sanderson	32:58
60-69	Michael Miller		32:49	Paddy Hinz	34:26
70 plus	Michael Bleach		37:25	Bobbie Winger	50:13
Dash for Cash	Bailey Armstrong			Willow Rowney	



Yamba Masters competitors - Australian Titles

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (NIPPERS') REPORT

Pre-Season

We had bumper number of registrations in our Nippers program again this season - 186 members from Cadets down to Under 7s. With good numbers of Nippers returning for pre-season training, our dedicated crew of coaches worked hard getting the Nippers off to a great start with technique and fitness being the objectives. We were met with some tough conditions from the get go. This set the tone for the season ahead. This season the JAC offered pre-season beach event training sessions. We had some eager nippers putting in time on the soft sand preparing themselves for all the beach events. We hope to build on this next year.



We were fortunate to have the opportunity to take a crew of Nippers to Black Head SLSC for a training camp before the season kicked off. Thanks to James Forbes, Jim Dougherty and the senior club for getting behind this opportunity for our competitive Nippers. Although they were met with, you guessed it, challenging conditions a successful weekend was had by all. The Nippers enjoyed hearing from different coaches and having the opportunity to train at varying locations.

Sunday Nippers

Our Sunday Nipper program was highly subscribed this season, often with well over 100 nippers attending Sunday mornings. This can be quite a challenge on our little beach, especially when the weather is not behaving. Needless to say it does not happen without the dedication of our Age Managers, Water Safety and the JAC. All of whom worked tirelessly to manage the mornings.

Once again, we broke the season into 2 distinct parts. The first part of the season the nippers completed their Education component with their age managers. It was great to see 17 Nippers with their Surf Rescue Certificate this season thanks to the efforts of our club trainers. We wrapped up the first half of the season with the highly anticipated Christmas Nippers. Always a great day and possibly the best conditions of the season.

The second half of the season we take a competency-based approach, allowing Nippers to work at levels they are comfortable with to assist in developing their skills. Regrettably, as with all of us, the season post the new year was significantly impacted by poor weather conditions.

Carnival Season

Over the course of the season Yamba Nippers sent record numbers of entrants to every carnival. It was not only our usual Nippers participating either, quite a number of our new nippers were attending too. The results were excellent once again for both individual and team events.

Specifically though, our team for Country was, for me, the highlight of the season. A large contingent of families stayed at the Kiama Surf club which was excellent. It gave our Nippers the opportunity to bond with other Nippers and share different experiences. We also competed really strongly, especially on Day One, when conditions were most challenging. Some of our Nippers had their best carnival ever. And while they may not have placed in instances, it was clear to see that the hard work over a challenging season had set them up well to negotiate the day.

Moving Forward

Yamba Nippers and the JAC are committed to preparing the next generation of lifesavers. We are excited to get into Season 25/26 and look forward to building our reputation as a junior sport that provides excellent activities and opportunity to develop Nippers into lifesavers.

James Kemp

Junior Activities (Nippers) Director

2024/2025 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Jack Goddard Memorial "Junior Lifesaver"

Giselle Dean

John Muggleton Award "Junior Club Person"

Kayla Hancock

Junior Club Champion

Mostyn Brown

Des Eamens Memorial Award 'Beach Event Champion'

Mostyn Brown

Norma Doulis Memorial Award 'Water Events Champion'

Leo Dean

2024/25 Season Awards

	Winner	Runner Up
U8	Girls Halle Dunne	Tamilla Picton
	Boys Austin Dunn	Barry Clark
U9	Girls Stella Dean	Alice Patrics
	Boys Archie Douglas	Navrin Robinson
U10	Girls Adella Picton	Ashlyn Gell
	Boys Cody Kratzmann	Neville Clark
U11	Girls Hannah Dean	Lulu Kemp
	Boys Leo South	Harlan Bews
U12	Girls Gracie McLennan	Poppy Erbacher
	Boys Leo Dean	Clarence Dougherty
U13	Girls Ella Horton	Dayla Chapman
	Boys Mostyn Brown	Abe Patricks
U14	Girls Kayla Hancock	Poppy Kemp
	Boys Felix Forbes	Zac Todhunter



Cody Kratzmann
10 yrs surf race - Gold medalist
State Titles 2025



FAR NORTH COAST Inter Branch Team

Yamba SLSC Representatives

Back Row: Leo Dean, Felix Forbes, Mostyn Brown,

Front: Abe Patricks, Clarry Dougherty, Gracie McLennan, Kayla Hancock, Ella Horton, Ziggy O'Brien

CLUBHOUSE REPORT

It has been a busy 12 months, with major works completed to our clubhouse. Damaged roof sheetings were replaced, the 3 beach - side deckings were replaced with a new synthetic deck material (NexGen), a retractable awning installed on our main deck and 18 windows on the northern end of the surf club replaced.

Tony McFarlane was engaged to help manage and construct these works. He did a great job to bring this work within budget and completed before the start of the season.



I would like to thank our State Government who helped with funding these projects. This work could not happen without their support.

Renovation works were also carried out to our IRB shed. A new fuel cell was purchased and installed, new shelving was installed and extensive drainage work carried out.

Gym users would have noticed the new equipment installed in the gym. This was made possible due to the kindness of RUSH Gym owner Jesse Clare who sold the equipment to YSLSC at a discounted rate.

Our next major works will be to upgrade the retaining wall on the roadside of the clubhouse, as it has started to decay and subside. Mark Burridge (Civil Engineer) is currently preparing a report for us to present to Council.

And lastly, a big thank you to the House Committee Brian Badgery, Bill Grainger and Mick Moule who work in the background maintaining our clubhouse. There are many varied jobs to be carried out and without their help and support this would not happen. I would also like to thank the club members who helped with the clubhouse clean up after the storms in April.

Maintaining an old building so close to the ocean is a challenging and ongoing process - this in itself, is a limiting factor for any additional new works that we have on our 'wish list'.

Hopefully weather conditions will be more favourable in the season ahead.

Mark Rice

Clubhouse Director.



Clubhouse cleanup following Cyclone Alfred - with SLSNSW support

OUR PARTNERS

Throughout the 2024/25 season Yamba SLSC has once again had the support of Government agencies and generous donors to enable us to undertake or complete much of our work around the club, as well as to initiate new projects. Funding from various arms within the Surf life Saving Movement also provides a greatly appreciated boost to club finances. Our support sources include:

- **Surf Club Facility Program** from the NSW Government Office of Sport which led to the completion of the new verandah decking - \$130,000
- **Community Building Partnership Program** from the NSW Government that enabled the completion of the window replacement project
- **Beach Safety Equipment Fund** from SLSA and the Federal Government which financed new First Aid and Life Saving equipment - \$11,000
- **SLS Fundraising Distribution** - \$8,000
- **Merchant Foundation** provided a new IRB and motor
- **The Schwinghammer Foundation** provided a new surf boat.
- **Yamba Wholefoods** provided funding for the CP-Her project
- **McDonalds Yamba** sponsored new Nippers shirts (\$1500)
- **Your Doctors Jobs** supplied Boaties shirts (\$1000)
- **Highgrove Bathrooms** provide club stubby holders

Significant cash donations have also been received from the Angourie Residents Association, Yamba Bridge Club, Joanna Jenkins & Paul Freeburn, O'Sullivan/Baldwin families, Delfina, Ritchies IGA, Pilot Hill Property and from other donors whose contributions both large and small are always appreciated.

In addition, the ongoing annual support of our Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze major club sponsors (listed on the back cover) is invaluable and enables the club to keep planning and moving forward. Please support these generous sponsors.



FINANCE REPORT

On behalf of the Board I'd like to present the finance report for the 2025 Annual Report. I'm pleased to advise that the Club is in a sound financial position again this year after all the hard work carried out by the members during the season. Although we are showing a loss for the year ending 30/4/25 this is largely attributable to the delay in receiving the final grant instalments for the deck and some cost overruns on the works completed.



I'd like to thank Sue-Ellen in her office role for all the assistance she has given me throughout the year. Without her tireless efforts in processing income, invoices and payments the Club would not be in such a sound financial position.

As mentioned above the major expenses for the Club continue to be maintenance issues due to the age of our building and the type of construction. I'd like to thank Mark Rice for efforts to stay on top of these issues and keeping the Club in the well maintained position that it is. I'd like to also acknowledge both Mark and Chris Moran for their efforts in seeking funding grants to ensure our maintenance is completed and continues to be carried out.

Our largest revenue streams, other than grants, continue to be the hall hire and major fundraising events. These events included the Trivia Night and the Ocean Swim. I'd like to thank Cathy and Jim Dougherty for overseeing the Ocean Swim to insure the success of the event. I'd also like to thank Sally Gilbert for her work in managing the bar, hall hire and working with her team to run the Trivia Night and Club bar nights.

Finally I'd like to pass on my appreciation to the Board members for assisting me to transition into the Director of Finance role. Yamba Surf Life Saving Club is a wonderful local volunteer club and it is through the efforts of the members that we are in such a good financial position.

Damian Bennie
Finance Director



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc

ABN: 15 327 568 072

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

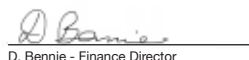
Your Board members submit the Financial Statements of the Yamba Surf Life Savings Club for the financial year ended 30 April 2025. The complete Financial Statements are available through the Yamba Surf Life Saving Club office.

In the opinion of the Board:

1. The Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the activities conducted by the club in the period.
2. The Financial Statements show a true and fair view of the financial results of fundraising appeals conducted during the year.
3. The accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Australian Charities & Not For Profits Act and the regulations.
4. The monies received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year have been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations.
5. At the date of this report there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts when they fall due.

The statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:


Joe Dougherty - Chairman of the Board


D. Bennie - Finance Director

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Balance Sheet

As at 30 April 2025

	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	224,518	260,123
Trade and Other Receivables	9,204	19,431
Inventories	36,651	38,655
Other Current Assets	15,025	15,345
Total Current Assets	285,398	333,554
Non Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	706,575	526,135
Total Non Current Assets	706,575	526,135
Total Assets	991,974	859,689
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	10,727	10,286
Other Current Liabilities	1,000	1,000
Total Current Liabilities	11,727	11,286
Net Assets	980,247	848,403
Equity		
Retained Earnings	980,247	848,403
Total Equity	980,247	848,403

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc.
Profit and Loss
For the year ended 30 April 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Bar Account	78,237	86,301
Merchandise Account	(2,949)	5,971
Publications Account	7,020	(1,250)
Clubhouse Hire	34,801	56,144
Donations Received	30,818	25,565
Fundraising Income	70,015	57,214
Grants Received	180,855	40,118
Gym Membership	5,364	2,000
Membership Subscriptions	28,809	30,200
Sponsorship	19,295	13,318
Sundry Income	2,581	3,210
Total Income	454,846	318,792
Expenses		
Administration costs	389	360
Advertising	250	519
Auditors remuneration	3,636	3,600
Awards	2,476	1,901
Bank charges	3,601	2,890
Carnival expenses	32,375	30,942
Cleaning	5,628	4,615
Depreciation	37,685	39,746
Electricity	10,466	9,405
Fuel and oil	991	1,117
First aid expenses	3,525	5,128
Fundraising expenses	29,975	28,959
Insurance	31,236	28,959
Kitchen supplies	703	712
Motor vehicle expenses	1,633	525
Patrol expenses	6,307	2,057
Permits, licences and fees	3,092	1,117
Printing and stationery	2,221	2,421
Professional fees	5,675	4,530
Rates and taxes	5,660	6,672
Rent	546	533
Repairs and maintenance	49,009	43,188
Subsidies	3,639	1,444
SLSA Payment fees	366	285
Sundry expenses	972	-
Superannuation contributions	6,583	5,909
Telephone	1,826	1,954
Training expenses	6,355	3,417
Travelling expenses	847	-
Uniforms	7,725	5,906
Wages	57,612	54,734
Total Expenses	323,003	284,371
Net Operating Profit/(Loss)	131,844	34,421

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Life Membership for Services Rendered

Baird, James	Godbee, N.M OAM*	Morgans, Kim	Saunders, James
Burridge, Raymond*	Goddard, C*	Morris, R.C*	Schaeffer, C.W*
Carmont, O.J*	Goddard, J.C*	O'Grady, F.R*	Schaeffer, Geoff
Collis, Bradley	Hall, F.J BEM*	O'Loughlin, F*	Schofield, Alan
Cox, H.*	Hockey, A.A*	Patricks, John	Smith, Michael
Donovan, E.E*	Horton, Linda	Phillips, Trevor OAM*	Stevens, A.V*
Donovan, H.G*	Lee, Donald	Ryan, James	Sweetman, Peter
Dougherty, James OAM	Lovell, K.*	Ryan, Kenneth	Tarrant, Andrew*
Dougherty, W.M OAM	Lowien, Clifford*	Sahlqvist, Terry	Tiernan, L.*
Eades, S.J*	McGrath, Cletus	Sanders, Geoff	Zietsch, Gregory

Associate Life Members

Bradley, Keith	Dougherty, Catherine	Kelly, J.F*	Robinson, W.T*
Chalmers, W.G*	Howe, Ted*	Morgan, Aub*	Smith, R.R*
Cousens, Marjorie*	Kelly, Jack*	Page, M.*	Zietsch, W.J*

Life Members Surf Life Saving Far North Coast

Baird, James	Godbee, N.M OAM*	Hall, F.J BEM*	Onslow, William
Dougherty, James OAM	Goddard, Colin*	Lee, Donald	

Life Member Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Board of Junior Activities

Muggleton, Bruce*

Life Member Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Godbee, N.M OAM*

Life Member Surf Life Saving Australia

Godbee, N.M OAM*

SLSA 70 Year Service

Dougherty W. M. OAM Saunders, J. W.

SLSA 60 Year Service

Emslie, John Lee, Don McGrath, Clete Moran, Ray Sahlqvist, Terry Sanders, Geoff
Onslow, William

SLSA 50 Year Service

Dougherty, James OAM Morgans, Kim Ryan, Kenneth Smith, Michael
Marsh, Don

SLSA 40 Year Service

Baird, James Killen, Raymond Sweetman, Peter Zietsch, Gregory
Collis, Bradley Schofield, Alan

SLSA 30 Year Service

Horton, Linda Wheeler, James

SLSA 25 Year Service

Dougherty, Joseph Lawrence, Alan Lawrence, Jane Wiblen, Raymond
Fahey, Joseph

* Denotes deceased member

FINANCIAL MEMBERS 2024 - 25 SEASON

Long Service Members (33)

Bennie, Damian	Emslie, John	Marsh, Donald (Don)	Schafer, Allan (Jim)
Davis, Paul	Fahey, Joseph	McDermid, Robert	Spicer, Deacon
Dean, Justin	Felton, John	McDonald, John	Sullivan, Benjamin (Ben)
Dougherty, Hugh	Goodwin, Gregory (Greg)	Moran, Raymond (Ray)	Wall, Brendan
Dougherty, Joseph (Joe)	Killen, Raymond (Ray)	Morris, Heather	Wall, David
Dougherty, Martin	Klouzal, Harry	Muldoon, Peter	Wiblen, Raymond
Dougherty, Michael	Lollback, Eric	Perry, Gregory	Winger, Bobbie
Dunne, Alan	Lollback, Kaylene	Rheinberger, Peter	Wiseman, Joel
Dutoit, Lanita			

Active Reserve Members (6)

Moule, Michael	Plunkett, Benjamin (Ben)	Worboys, Joanne (Jo)	Worboys, Simon
Olesinski, Aisha	Stubbs, Michael		

Active Members Over 18 years (74)

Aird, Frances	Essex, Leah	Hyne, Sue-Ellen	O'Brien, David
Allen, Lorraine	Fabian, Lynette	Johnson, Candice	Onslow, William
Becker, Katie	Fleming, David	Kemp, Ashlee	Palmer, Kirk
Butler, Scott	Forbes, James	Kemp, James	Perks, Judith
Butler, Steve	Forbes, James Jnr	Kemp, Thore	Philip, Dale
Casey, Brad	Forbes, Kate	King, Jo	Rheinberger, Mick
Casey, Byron	Gibson, Rory	Klein, Helmut	Rice, Mark
Casey, Nicholas	Gilbert, Gus	Lawrence, Alan	Ridgway, Patrick
Chapman, Belinda	Gilbert, Max	Lawrence, Jane	Robinson, Fraser
Comerford, Rhys	Gilbert, Sally	Lynch, Kieran	Smith, Brittany
Commins, Alex	Gilbert, Sienna	McLennan, Lindsay	Stainlay, George (Trent)
Curtis, Leah	Gillard, Kevin	McLennan, Vanette	Steele, Nathan
de Billot, Pierre	Grant, Bligh	Miltiadou, Andrea	Thorburn, Michelle
Dean, Rachelle	Groom, Eliot	Miltiadou, Carissa	Tucker, Warren
Don, Jacob	Gunn, Colin	Morton, Clair	Varcoe, Roger
Ehlers, Arnold	Hancock, Natasha	Muggeridge, Lauren	Wheeler, James
Eke, Matthew	Hawley, James	Murphy, Matthew	Zimmerman, James
Ennever, Jill	Hintz, Paddy	Newton-Thompson, Sean	
Erbacher, David	Hoppitt, Terrence	Nikas, Andrea	

Active Members 15 - 18 years (22)

Batinovic, Hudson	Finnegan, Grace	Newman, Emily	Tasker, Lillie
Becker, Joe	Kemp, Isabella	Nikas, Jett	Thompson, Ellis
Becker, Lucas	Kemp, Lily	Ridgway, Banjo	Thompson, Kyan
Burgess, Ian	Kratzmann, Ky	Sowell, Alex	Worboys, Sasha
Corcoran, Chase	Mastin, Arlo	Stainlay, Campbell	
Corcoran, Kurtis	Miltiadou, Logan	Stainlay, Jeremy	

Cadet Members 13 - 15 years (17)

Batinovic, Macy	Crook, Braiden	Motio Robson, Jessamine	Wiblen, Theodore
Becker, Tennyson	Davey, Tessa	Purcell, Chloe	Wicks, Chelsea
Brown, Mahlia	Kemp, Poppy	Seivers, Willow	Young, Kyah
Chapman, Josie	McMahon/Willott, Matilda	Thorburn, Milla	Zvatora, Marlie
Churton, Sonny			

Award Members (34)

Adams, Ceri	Houston, Matthew	McLennan, Anderson	Rennex, Eric
Appleford, Sarah	Howse, Thomas	Moran, Chris	Roney, Mark
Becker, Robert	Hyne, David	Mortimer, Trent	Sowell, Sean
Brown, Melinda	Jones, Dexta	Neander, Celeste	Smith, Georgie
Burgess, Stewart	Jones, Ronald	Neander, Mark	Sowell, Tim
Callanan, Owen	Kratzmann, Richard	O'Brien, Kendall	Stainlay, Ben
Chapman, Matthew	Lovell, Christian	Ogilvie, Angus	Stainlay, Jessica
Douglas, Luke	Macrae, Elizabeth (Liz)	Plunkett, Olana	Walmsley, Aaron
Gilbert, Isabella (Bella)	Macrae, John		

Probationary Members (1)

Baxter, Billy

Junior Activity Members Under 7 - Under 14 years (186)

Under 7 (29)

Abraham, Heidi
Adams, Sonny
Austin, Sonny
Beetson, Missy
Callanan, Ollie
Castro, Indiana
Clark, Dawn
Dean, Albie
Dougherty, Tully
Doyle, Freddy
Dunn, William
Durney, Juliet
Eldridge, Ruby
Guy, Archer
Marks, Koa
Patten, Millie
Radnidge, Eva
Rheinberger, Isla
Ribton-Turner, Edward
Rouvray, Arlo
Schmidt, Harvey
Smith, Harriett
Sozou, Liam
St John, Thea
Thomas, Van
Toilolo, Roman
Van Tongeren, Logan
Vanderham, Zoe
Walmsley, Finn

Under 11 (25)

Baker, Noah
Bennetts, Nikolai
Bews, Harlan
Burgess, Tom
Campbell, Harvey
Campbell, Hope
Dean, Hannah
Dougherty, Poppy
Dover, Ollie
Doyle, Floyd
Dunne, Archie
Green, Evie
Higgins, Henry
Houston, Harry
Kemp, Clara
Kemp, Lulu
Myers, Nate
O'Brien, Kenny
Perry, Nixon
Purcell, Myles
Richards, Byron
South, Leo
Toilolo, Amara
Tuckett, Lara
Walker, Noah
Smith, Hunter

Under 8 (34)

Barter, Willow
Bews, Lachlan
Bice, Rudy
Bramwell, Charlotte
Brierley, Alira
Campbell, Claire
Campbell, Duke
Causley, Indiannah
Clark, Barry
Connor, Ahlia
Curtis, Charlie
Dunn, Austin
Dunne, Halle
Higgins, Hudson
Howland, James
Jenner, Lisanna
Johnson, Jeronimo
Jones, Lucy
Kemp, Harvey
Lindsay, Gracie
Locke, Everly
McLeish, Jagga
McLennan, Cedar
O'Brien, Zara
Perry, Hendrix
Picton, Tamilla
Richards, Banjo
Roach, Vada
Steele, Taura
Thomas, Ruby
Vorbau, Daisy
Wall, Tanner
Walmsley, Jimmy
Wells, Scarlett

Under 12 (15)

Dean, Leo
Dougherty, Clarence
Dougherty, Lola
Eldridge, Isla
Erbacher, Poppy
Fung, Jayda
Jenner, Henry
Kemp, Jude
McLeish, Lenni
McLennan, Gracie
McMahon Willott, Bella
Nikas, Asher
O'Brien, Ziggy
Patrick's, Toby
Roach, Hamish

Under 9 (30)

Brierley, Cohen
Chapman, Noa
Costello, Harriet
Dean, Stella
Dougherty, Dolly
Dougherty, Lennox
Douglas, Archibald
Doyle, Delilah
Eldridge, Arlo
Fung, Ziggy
Harper-Qua, Nina
Houston, Maximilian
Howden, Jackson
Ingram, Penelope
James, Jane
McNeilly, Sophie
Nixon, Noah
Patrick's, Alice
Pattas, Athena
Patten, Albie
Peel, Emerald
Richardson, Lincoln
Robinson, Billy-Blai
Robinson, Franky
Robinson, Navrin
Rouvray, Jai
Smith, Nellie
Styles, Wanita
Thomas, Reid
Tuckett, Sophia

Under 13 (12)

Baxter, Ruby
Brown, Mostyn
Burnside, Amelia
Campbell, Amelia
Chapman, Dayla
Deakin, Amber
Horton, Ella
Patrick's, Abe
Spicer, Mac
Walker, Sophia
Wrigley, Libby
Young, Zavier

Under 10 (28)

Allomes, Hayley
Bice, Lola
Bleach, Iluh
Bramwell, Elsie
Burgess, Ruby
Burnside, Kaden
Callanan, James
Callanan, Nick
Clark, Neville
Corbett, Charli
Corbett, Nivana
Eldridge, Jace
Gell, Ashlyn
Geraghty, Finn
Higgins, Eliza
Johnson, Jasper
Kratzmann, Cody
Law, Olive
McLeish, Marli
McLennan, Maverick
McLennan, Tasman
Mortimer, Maeve
Murphy, Remi
Patten, Archie
Picton, Adella
Roach, Sadee
St John, Amelia
Walmsley, Archie

Under 14 (13)

Bennetts, Sasha
Burgess, Ben
Dean, Giselle
Fenner, Frances
Forbes, Felix
Gell, Indiana
Hancock, Kayla
Jenner, Ella
Jones, Kydan
Kemp, Poppy
Myers, Imogen
Plunkett, Zahli
Todhunter, Zac



Associate Members (254)

Abraham, Andrew	Dougherty, Megan	Jenner, Edward	Pritchett, Gai
Adams, Kenneth	Dover, Roger	Jenner, Steven	Purcell, Charmaine
Allomes, Dave	Doyle, Felicity	Jones, Daniel	Purcell, Mark
Anderson, Helen	Doyle, Thomas	Jones, Jodie	Radnidge, Casey
Andrews, Anna	Dunn, Kurt	Jones, Matthew	Rheinberger, Brody
Andrews, Jeremy	Dunne, Jo	Jowett, Brett	Ribton-Turner, James
Armstrong, Kate	Durney, Luke	Judge, Talitha	Rice, Joanne
Armstrong, Trevor	Edwardes, Marcus	Kavanagh, Lauren	Richards, Brooke
Auliff, Peter	Eke, Lynne	Kelly, Andrew	Richards, David
AUSTIN, Christopher	Eldridge, Joshua	Kelly, Peter	Richards, Emily
Badgery, Brian	Eldridge, Kasey	King, Judith	Richards, Jesse
Badgery, Heather	Esterbauer, Diana	Kirk, Danielle Louise	Richardson, Ken
Barter, Abby	Fabian, John	La Greca, Maggie	Ridgway, John
Baxter, Adam	Farmer, Graeme	Law, Simon	Rizk, Andre
Baxter, Jessica	Fenner, Henry	Lee, Kerry	Roach, Tellesha
Beeton, Jai	FLEMING, Belinda	Leonard, Matthew	Robins, Hannah
Bennetts, Anna	Foley, Andrew	Levi, Charlotte	Robinson, Maria
Bennetts, Joshua (Josh)	Foley, Joann	Locke, Sarah	Rouvray, Guy
Beresford, Richard	Ford, Nadia	Matthews, Catherine	Ryan, Danielle
Berry, Rodney (Rod)	Frazer, Craig	Maunder, Rocky	Rusch, Anton
Bevz, Andre	Fredericks, Donna	McBean, Helen	Russell, Jenny
Bevz, Victor	Freeburn, Paul	McCaffery, Tomas	Sanders, Belinda
Bews, Emma	French, Jessica	McDougall, Philip	Schafer, Luke
Bews, Paul	Fung, Daniel	McFarlane, Kim	Schofield, Roslyn
Bice, Aimee	Fysh, Fergus	McIntosh, John	Shirlow, Michael
Binge, Hayley	Gell, Dylan	McKimm, Stephen	Sluyters, Anton
Bleach, Christine	Ginn, Rhiannon	McKimm, Sue	Smith, Brendan
Bottomley, Lyn	Goddard, Deanna	McLean, Roger	Smith, Lyndal
Bottomley, Matt	Grainger, William	McLeish, Amy	South, Rosanna
Bowen, Grace	Grandleese, Graeme	McLeish, Bradley	Sozou, Matthew
Bowles, Jillian	Greeff, Dylan	McLennan, Mitchell	St John, Rebecca
Boyce, Susan	Green, Colin	McMahon, Liz	Steele, Luke
Bramwell, Sam	Green, David	McMaster, Phil	Stephenson, Amy
Bramwell, Sarah	Green, Elise	McNeilly, Elly	Stormon, Michael
Brierley, Jessica	Green, Heidi	Mehan, Jye	Styles, Vanessa
Brown, Anthony	Green, Roland	Miller, Michael	Suters, Dean
Bultitude, Tahnee	Griffin, Larry	Moon, Andrew	Tarasenko, Paul
Bunce, Charles (Charlie)	Griffin, Mary	Morgans, Annalese	Thomas, Katie
Burgess, Jessica	Grundy, David	Morton, Flynn	Thomas, Libby
Carrett, Melissa	Guy, Christopher	Moule, Richelle	Thomas, Morgan
Caruthers-Qua, Michael	Haines, Stephen	Muldoon, Chris	Thomas, Ryan
Cashman, Tim	Hancock, Kane	Murray, Jason	Todhunter, Cristy
Castro, Andrea	Hartigan, Bill	Myers, Brett	Toilolo, Siaana
Causley, Graham	Hassey, Elise	Myers, Kylie-Ann	Tuckett, Benjamin
Clark, Daniel	Hassey, Kevin	O'Brien, Erica	Vorbau, Trent
Clifton, John	Hays, Ross	O'Connor, Kathy	Walker, Melanie
Clifton, Nick	Higgins, Cassandra	Odea, Cecil	Walker, Rebecca
Clifton, Sally	Higgins, Mathew	Patrickcs, Clinton	Walker, Shinae
Condie, Anne	Hodgson, James	Patrickcs, Martin	Walmsley, Bridie
Corbett, Brad	Holder, Ben	Patrickcs, Sarah	Wells, Leasha
Corbett, Tameka	Holder, Meagan	Pattas, Loukas	Werner, Shane
Cordell, Meghan	Holst, Christopher	Patten, Paul	Weston, Dave
Costa, Greg	Horton, Chad	Peel, Shane	White, Catherine
Costello, Ashleigh	Horton, Khara	Peeters, Loni	White, Jeremy
Crook, Jodie	Houston, Erin	Perry, John	Wicks, Leona
Daebritz, Susan	Howden, Kim	Perry, Renee	Williams, Jeanette
Dante, Scotty	Howland, Andrew	Phillips, Alexandra	Williams, Maree
Dante, Veda	Huebner, Rianna	Pickering, David	Willis, Craig
de Billot, Nina	Hughes, Timothy	Pickering, Lesley	Woodhead, Christine
Deakin, Sonia	Ingram, Symantha	Pickering, Reilly	Wrigley, John
deLucia, Gail	James, Dale	Pickup, Janet	Wunderlich, Kerri
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