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LIFE SAVING & SURF CLUB

Celebrating our Volunteers



Annual Report 2017/2018

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Patron	The Lord Mayor of Newcastle - Cr Nuatali Nelmes
Co-Patrons	Roy Duffy, Kaye Duffy, Mark Rabbitt, Kurt Fearnley
President	Richard Hermens
Director of Infrastructure and Facilities	Angus McConnel
Director of Administration	Adrian Miles
Director of Finance	Trudy Smith
Director of Lifesaving	Mark Doherty
Director of Junior Activities	Drew Miller
Director of Education	Ros Sklavos
Director of Surf Sports	Monique Williams
Director of Members Services	John Mayo

President's Report



I am pleased to be able to present this report as President of Cooks Hill LS & SC 2017-18.

We enjoyed yet another successful season of Lifesaving activities at Bar Beach. As always, our number one priority has been to patrol our beaches and I can proudly say again it has been another great year at Cooks Hill, and we can proudly continue the history of 'no lives lost' on our watch.

Our Club has had another exceptional year, serving the community with professionalism and enthusiasm and, as always not only meeting expectations but exceeding and leading the way in every avenue.

The Board structure implemented this year, is working well. Supported by various sub-committees, who have worked tirelessly to maintain our high standards with the ongoing implementation of new programme, policies and procedures within our club.

Thank you to all our active patrolling members. It is a pleasure when reflecting back on the season to see that the Patrols continue to provide an efficient and effective service. It is even more pleasing to observe the high numbers of those patrolling members continuously attaining a 100% patrol attendance.

This year our annual report is themed around volunteers. It is evident this report provides a clear demonstration of the valuable contribution our members, as Cooks Hill volunteers, provide for our local community, beachgoers and tourists. So, I take this opportunity to thank you. For not only committing to lifesaving duties, but to recognising everyone, who ensure things happen on a day to day basis, windows washed, boards repaired, IRB fuelled and operational to just name a few. This allows our wonderful community outreach programmes to deliver the best and most rewarding experiences for the participants and the community.



Club President Richard Hermens - Surf Club Opening

It takes many hours and committed people to keep our wonderful club vibrant and moving forward. Our volunteers this year contributed over 7,000 hours to beach safety but many hours go unrecognised or unrecorded. Additionally, our volunteers have also contributed over 8,000 hours to the community and the club has dedicated over 15,000 hours to the broader community. It would be hard for any other volunteer organisation to boast these extraordinary numbers.

This year we recognise and congratulate John Mayo as Life Saver of the Year. I reflect undeniably he is an outstanding volunteer, who epitomises all that it means to be Life Saver of the Year. His dedication and passion for the club, its history and all that he delivers to the broader community is what our fore fathers intended when they included the word "excelsior" in our clubs logo. John's involvements are numerous and I can only list a few; Member Services Officer, Patrolling Member on his nominated patrol teams, Same Wave, Refugee and Immigrant Programme, Indigenous Nippers Programme, Assisted Disabled Swim Programme and the list goes on.

The board this year had a season of consolidation after having a massive year in 2016-17. With the new building opened but unfinished, we needed to take a step back, catch our breath and forge on to raise the required funds to be able to complete the internal fit out of the new building.

A final wrap of costs show that the new addition has cost just over \$1.8 million much of this contributed by the club, along with grants and donations and a large part by the kind donation by the late Aussie Higham. This has been quite an achievement considering that we commenced the build with the aim to just get as much done as we could, which was likely to be just four walls. This was to ensure we met the time frame requirement of the DA approval.

We acknowledge and recognise the efforts and support of MARS Builders, Webber Architects, Newcastle City Council, Life Without Barriers, St Vincent de Paul, Hunter Branch, SLSNSW, NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and all the members who donated to the building.

The completion of the extension does not mean that we should lose focus at looking to replace the ageing existing building that is in urgent need of replacement. We need to remain vigilant and focused as we forge forward looking for ways to work with Newcastle Council to raise funds to replace it, as we continue to move forward and meet the growing needs of the community.

As I write this report, Newcastle City Council is currently investigating the structural integrity of the old building. It was again found to have termite damage in the timber floor and support structures along a brick wall down stairs needing major repairs,

as it appears to be deteriorating badly. We will await their findings.

Congratulations to our Junior Surf Sports team, officials and parents as we again finish 3rd at SLSNSW Age Championships facing off against some of the more illustrious NSW clubs. Our young members showed the strength and depth of our club finishing 3rd, by just two points and just seven points off the winners. Cooks Hill LS & SC continues to develop, strengthen and show we are a force to be reckoned with in the surf sports arena.

Thanks to the enthusiastic group of organisers and volunteers as they saw another great year during 2017-18 for our Junior Activities section. These volunteers are dedicated to teaching beach and water safety and raising the future lifesavers and leaders of our communities. The popularity of our nippers programme, which seems to increase each year, along with the number of nippers we have on the beach each Sunday, showcases the strength and depth of not only our club, but also the volunteers. Fundamentally, we could not operate such an important part of our club without you. I once again, thank you.

Our volunteers contributed and supported many community fundraising events and activities in the Hunter such as the Newcastle Anzac evening Commemorations, Hill to Harbor fun run, Blacksmiths 2 Breakwall Coastal Walk Charity Event, Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay and our Anzac Day Commemoration Service.

One of the highlights this year was the Commonwealth Games baton coming to Newcastle. Cooks Hill LS & SC members were asked to welcome the torch to Bar Beach. With pride and honour, a large crowd of members lined the roadway dressed in either red, white and blue or their patrol uniform to witness the spectacle and many members bustling to get a photo with the baton bearer.

Grants and donations also came in from many areas. As always there is great support from the local businesses and sponsors who continuously support our club and community outreach programmes. I would like to personally acknowledge Planet Fitness, Robinson Property, Creative Child Care Kotara, Dial before you Dig, Albion Hotel, Endeavour Marine,



New Sand Bank after January storm

Roy and Kaye Duffy – Kary Pty Ltd, The Orthopaedic Clinic, Damstra, Newcastle RSL Sub Branch, PWCS, Port Authority of Newcastle, Department of Family & Community Services, Glencore Coal Assets, SLSA Guardians of the Surf, Jenny Varley and Hunter SLS. Sincerely, thank you all for your ongoing support and kind donations. Without such support we would not be able to deliver ongoing patrol duties and community outreach programmes.

In closing, I would like to reiterate thank you to all the volunteers, board members and staff for their hard work and dedication this season and, for all the sponsors and key stakeholders that have helped us to keep our beaches safe. No matter where you fit into our club family, we are thankful that you support our club. Your support is greatly appreciated and recognised by Cooks Hill LS & SC.

Richard Hermens

President

Secretary Report

2017-18 has been another successful year for Cooks Hill LS & SC.

It was with great pride we opened the extension of the Surf Club on 23rd September 2017, many years in the process and 12 months of building. It was tremendous to see the fruits of many years of planning come together. The day was very successful with many dignitaries, sports stars and club members in attendance. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. We still have a way to complete the fit out of the building and we will see further progress of this in 2018-19.



Surf Club Opening - 23rd September 2017

We are continuing to seek grants to assist with completing the fit out of the club and rebuild of the existing clubrooms.

We launched our new website in March this year, a big thank you to Denise Hayes who donated her valuable time and skills in building the website and to Jenny Hicks for updating the content. We wanted a fresh and easy to navigate website, and we are thrilled with the outcome.

The new Board structure which started at the beginning of this season has been working extremely well. The Board has been working throughout the season to consolidate their sub committees and has been reviewing the by-laws to ensure they are up to date.

Cooks Hill continues to lead the way across the Hunter with our education teams, patrolling hours, nippers, surf sports competitors and community programmes. All of which could not be done without our team of dedicated volunteers. Without the vast number of hours that our trainers, assessors, patrolling members, water safety, team managers, carnival officials and volunteers give up each week, this club would not be able to maintain the level of success that we do. So, thank you to each and every member who has given up their time this season to help out.

For the second consecutive year Cooks Hill LS & SC has had the honour of winning Hunter Surf Lifesaving, Lifesaver of the Year. Congratulations to John Mayo another very deserving winner of the title

On the administrative front, once again I would like to thank Jenny Hicks for her tireless efforts as without her our club would not be able to grow to the levels it has and will in the future. She supports, not only myself in my role but the Board of Directors as a whole.

Adrian Miles

Director of Administration

Board Meeting attendance 2017-18

Position	Name	Attended	Apologies
President and Chairpersons	Richard Hermens	11	0
Director of Infrastructure and Facilities	Angus McConnel	3	8
Director of Administration	Adrian Miles	9	2
Director of Finance	Trudy Smith	9	2
Director of Lifesaving	Mark Doherty	7	4
Director of Education	Ros Sklavos	7	4
Director of Junior Activities	Drew Miller	10	1
Director of Surf Sports	Monique Williams	11	0
Director of Member Services	John Mayo	8	3

* no meeting held in October



Club members, special guests and dignitaries at Surf Club Opening

Treasurer Report

I would like to thank the Board, and in particular, Stephen Sims, Adrian Miles and Jenny Hicks for their help and support throughout the 2017-18 season.

The club has performed well financially over the past 12 months and our income with the help of our sponsors, donors and fundraising efforts has covered our operational outgoings with all accounts that have been presented being paid in a timely manner.

At the completion of our contract with Mars Building Pty Ltd for the extension, the club accounts are financially sound, and we will be looking to complete the fit out of the upper and mid-levels of our extension within the foreseeable future.

The Bar/event centre is continuing to trade strongly under the guidance of Gary Martine and Kathryn Mulherin, Events Manager. The function booking numbers are continuing to improve and are looking favourable going forward to 2019.

Milestone Catering have continued with their pop up restaurant on a Sunday afternoon with their bar eats available during Coldies.

The clothing and merchandise cupboard has been run throughout the season with thanks to mainly Kaitlyn McMahon, Harrison Smith and Heather McMahon.

Thanks also to Richard Hermens and Jenny Hicks for their efforts in writing grant applications. This season we were successful in winning grants from the following organisations:

Glencore Coal Assets

Junior Sport Development Programme

The Department of Family and Community Services

Community Building Partnership Grant

Office of Sport Defibrillator

Port of Newcastle Operations Pty Ltd

This season saw the continuation of the building fund levy; the funds raised from this levy will be used towards the fit out of the building, which will start prior to the 2018-19 season.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge and thank the contribution by Newcastle City Council through Hunter Branch, along with Surf Life Saving Australia in the form of the BSEF Grant and Port Waratah Coal Services Community Partnerships Grant, for funds that have been spent on replacing patrol uniforms and much needed patrol equipment.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Planet Fitness, Robinsons Property, City of Newcastle RSL Sub Branch, Dial before you Dig, Kary Pty Ltd and Jenny Varley for their ongoing support and sponsorship.

Finally, I would like to thank, Judy Brown and Alex Hardy from Prosperity Financial Planning for their help and patience throughout the auditing process.

Trudy Smith

Director of Finance

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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
ABN: 17 023 819 760
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

CERTIFICATION BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Members of the Committee declare that

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 11 presents fairly the Club's financial position as at 31 May 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009* and the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
2. in the Committee Members' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Name: Trudy Smith
Committee Member

Date: 23 July 2018



Name: Adrian Miles
Committee Member

COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Operating revenue	4	1,126,261	817,423
Advertising		-	(551)
Auditor's remuneration - returned via donation		(5,500)	(6,050)
Capitation fees		(36,711)	(59,183)
Carnival competition fees		(34,165)	(5,919)
Cost of goods sold - bar		(96,159)	(102,622)
Clothing purchases		(40,155)	(20,692)
Direct wages - bar		(71,818)	(74,755)
Equipment purchases		(23,854)	(3,438)
Fundraising expenses		(17,208)	(49,139)
Functions manager		(28,965)	(32,662)
Insurance		(19,111)	(19,082)
Repairs and maintenance		(8,711)	(17,422)
General expenses		(109,513)	(129,394)
Profit before income tax		634,391	296,513
Income tax expense	1(a)	-	-
Profit/(Loss) for the year		634,391	296,513
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss)		634,391	296,513

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MAY 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & cash equivalents	5	166,301	375,802
Trade & other receivables	6	7,618	76,155
Stock on hand		24,425	27,091
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>198,344</u>	<u>479,048</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	7	1,867,440	1,230,006
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,867,440</u>	<u>1,230,006</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,065,784</u>	<u>1,709,054</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade & other payables	8	36,421	319,253
Booking deposits		14,535	9,300
Prepaid income		-	65
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>50,956</u>	<u>328,618</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>50,956</u>	<u>328,618</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,014,827</u>	<u>1,380,436</u>
MEMBERS EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		2,014,827	1,380,436
TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY		<u>2,014,827</u>	<u>1,380,436</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total \$
BALANCE AT 31 MAY 2016	1,083,923	1,083,923
Profit/(Loss) for the year	296,513	296,513
BALANCE AT 31 MAY 2017	<u>1,380,436</u>	<u>1,380,436</u>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	634,391	634,391
BALANCE AT 31 MAY 2018	<u>2,014,827</u>	<u>2,014,827</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Notes	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from grants received	314,182	166,031
Receipts from customers	685,913	655,882
Payments to suppliers & employees	(572,162)	(558,273)
Net cash provided by operating activities	11	263,639
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(637,434)	(885,263)
Net cash used by investing activities	(637,434)	(885,263)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(209,501)	(621,624)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	375,802	997,426
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	166,301

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)* and of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of Preparation - Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical cost.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows' and AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors'.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

Accounting Policies

a) Income Tax

The Association is an exempt body for income tax purposes pursuant to s.50 of the Australian *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income tax.

b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Club redevelopment

The club redevelopment is carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of the club redevelopment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is available for use. The depreciation rate used for the club redevelopment is 2.5%.

All repair and maintenance costs are recognised as expenses in profit or loss in the financial period in which they are incurred.

Plant and equipment

All items of plant and equipment are expensed in the year in which they are acquired.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, cash at bank and deposits held at call with financial institutions.

<p style="text-align: center;">COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</p> <p>1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)</p> <p>d) Revenue</p> <p>Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured.</p> <p>The Association is a not-for-profit organisation and receives part of its income from donations and fundraising activities. Amounts donated by their nature can be recognised only when they are received by the Association.</p> <p>Sponsorship, fundraising and donation income is recognised when the Association control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.</p> <p>Sales revenue recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.</p> <p>Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the Club obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the Club and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably. If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.</p> <p>When grant revenue is received whereby the Club incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement in financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.</p> <p>Interest income is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.</p> <p>All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).</p> <p>e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)</p> <p>Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.</p> <p>f) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments</p> <p>The Members of the Committee evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and the best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the organisation.</p> <p>The Members of the Committee determined that there are no particular estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities as of balance date.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</p> <p>1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)</p> <p>g) Trade Receivables</p> <p>Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts.</p> <p>Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the entity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms.</p> <p>h) Accounts Payable and Other Payables</p> <p>Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.</p> <p>i) New Australian Accounting Standards</p> <p>As at the date of this report there are a number of new Australian Accounting Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Association has not yet assessed the impact of these new Australian Accounting Standards.</p> <p>j) Comparative Figures</p> <p>Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year. Comparative information presented in the statement of cash flows has been updated to re-allocate \$284,611 between operating activities and investing activities. There is no impact on the company's net cash flow movement for the comparative year.</p> <p>2 CLUB REDEVELOPMENT CLUB REDEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Cooks Hill SLSC commenced redevelopment of their existing Club Premises at Bar Beach, Newcastle during the year ended 31 May 2016. The Club entered into an agreement with the preferred contractor on 26 July 2016 to complete the redevelopment. The club is expecting to finance the redevelopment costs predominantly through existing cash and members' donations as well as grants received.</p> <p>At 31 May 2018 significant progress has been made, with the building works for the exterior of the redevelopment substantially complete. However further work, predominantly on the interior of the building, is still to be completed. This work, subject to ongoing donations and grants, is expected to be carried out in the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>3 AUDIT REMUNERATION</p> <p>Audit remuneration costs charged were donated back to the club by Prosperity Audit Services.</p>
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COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018		COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018	
	2018 \$	2017 \$	
4 REVENUE			9 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS
Bar sales	224,398	230,264	There have been no material events subsequent to the balance date which affect the financial report.
Donations received	234,360	68,936	
Fundraising income	51,496	89,710	
Grants - Club redevelopment	314,182	166,031	
Hall Hire	41,040	21,082	
Interest income	2,207	12,152	
Memberships income	139,630	139,505	
Sponsorships	31,032	25,945	
Other revenue	87,914	63,798	
	<u>1,126,261</u>	<u>817,423</u>	
5 CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS			10 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES
Cash at bank	164,510	319,979	The club had no contingencies at 31 May 2018.
Term deposit	-	54,033	
Cash on hand	1,791	1,790	
	<u>166,301</u>	<u>375,802</u>	
6 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			11 CASH FLOW INFORMATION
Accounts receivables	1,618	7,407	Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit/(loss)
Other receivables	6,000	-	Profit/(loss) from continuing operations
GST refund	-	68,748	Change in operating assets and liabilities:
	<u>7,618</u>	<u>76,155</u>	Decrease/(Increase) in trade debtors
7 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			Decrease/(Increase) in inventories
Assets under construction	1,867,440	1,230,006	Increase/(Decrease) in trade creditors (excl. capital items)
			Increase/(Decrease) in other liabilities
Refer to Note 2. for more information relating to Assets under construction.			Net cash inflow from operating activities
8 TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES			
Accounts payable	14,070	311,270	
Other payables	5,837	7,983	
GST payable	16,514	-	
	<u>36,421</u>	<u>319,252</u>	

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INC.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Cooks Hill Surf Lifesaving Club Inc. ("the Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 May 2018, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification by members of the committee.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 May 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial report and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)*.

Basis of Qualified Opinion - Completeness of Cash Donations

Cash donations are a significant source of fundraising revenue for the Association. The Association has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of cash donations prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding fundraising revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash donations had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether the recorded cash donations of the Association are complete.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report.

We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INC.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

The Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could be reasonably expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INC.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report (cont'd)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Megan Maybury

MEGAN MAYBURY
Partner

23 July 2018
Newcastle

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COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

AUDITOR'S DISCLAIMER

To the members of Cooks Hill Surf Lifesaving Club Incorporated:

The additional financial data presented in the following pages is in accordance with the books and records of the Company which have been subject to the review procedures applied in our review of the Company for the year ended 31 May 2018.

It will be appreciated that our review did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given.

Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

Prosperity Audit Services

PROSPERITY AUDIT SERVICES

Megan Maybury

MEGAN MAYBURY
Partner

23 July 2018
Newcastle

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**COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018**

TRADING STATEMENT

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Bar Sales	224,398	230,264
Less: Cost of Goods Sold		
Opening stock	10,263	6,074
Purchases	95,336	106,811
Closing stock	(9,440)	(10,263)
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>96,159</u>	<u>102,622</u>
Gross Profit from Trading	<u>128,239</u>	<u>127,642</u>
Less: Direct Costs		
Employment Expenses	<u>71,818</u>	<u>74,755</u>
Profit from Bar Trading	<u>56,421</u>	<u>52,887</u>

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**COOKS HILL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018**

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Profit from Bar Trading	56,421	52,887
Board hire	6,245	3,215
Catering income		
Carnival and competition fees	10,533	10,663
Clothing trading	36,244	31,427
Donations	234,360	68,936
Fundraising income	51,496	89,710
Grant funding received	314,182	166,031
Hall hire	41,040	21,082
Interest received	2,207	12,152
Key income gym	3,075	3,605
Membership	139,630	139,505
Other income	19,129	14,888
Sponsorships	31,032	25,945
Training	12,689	-
NET OPERATING INCOME	<u>958,283</u>	<u>640,046</u>
Advertising		551
Annual presentation	11,023	13,639
Auditors' remuneration - returned via donation	5,500	6,050
Bank charges	2,975	2,804
Capitation fees	36,711	59,183
Carnival competition fees	34,165	5,919
Cost of goods sold - clothing	40,155	20,692
Electricity and gas	11,051	11,304
Equipment purchases	23,854	33,106
Fundraising expense	17,208	49,139
Insurance expense	19,111	19,083
Printing and stationery	127	340
Repairs and maintenance	8,711	17,422
Telephone and internet costs	3,296	1,792
General expense	33,673	52,822
Functions manager	28,965	32,662
Training costs	17,463	4,659
Wages and Salaries	29,904	12,366
Total Expenditure	<u>323,893</u>	<u>343,533</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	<u>634,391</u>	<u>296,513</u>

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Director of Infrastructure and Facilities



Final touches of the building extension - September 2017

The functioning of every club relies on volunteers and particularly those that step forward to serve on Committees and roles within the club.

I thank everyone who takes on these roles and devotes their time and energy in particular the members of the House Committee, Steve Sims, Robert (Beans) Young, Gary Martine, Scott Bear, Greg Silcock and Shaleigh Lennox for their continual work and ongoing vigilance on the maintenance and upkeep on the club building and equipment, the Building Committee John Wilson, Brett Derwin and Jon Webber for their time and commitment towards the building of the new club extension.

2017-18 saw the completion of the first stage of our building extension contract with Mars Building Pty Ltd, although the new building is not finished, the original contract with the builder is and I would like to acknowledge and thank Mars Building for their work and support during this project as well as Kieran Brooks of Webber Architects for his diligence during the building contract. Going forward we are hoping to complete the fit out in the coming months as funds become available.

As this report is being written we are obtaining quotes for the hot water system and gas fittings that we are proposing to be installed during a working bee, utilising club members who have the expertise and experience to facilitate this.

We are also in consultation with Hunter TAFE who will be building internal walls on the mid-level that will enable us to use the area as offices and training space with appropriate storage for uniforms, merchandise and training equipment.

Earp Bros have donated tiles and adhesives that will be installed in the coming months on all levels of the new building.

Keying and security of the club has been an ongoing problem over the past season and we are hopeful of rectifying this issue with the installation of security cameras and the installation of an electronic entry system. We are seeking grants and quotations to complete this work.

Maintenance is an ongoing task on any building, especially one situated on the beach as we are. The house committee has worked tirelessly on the ongoing problems that arise due to the age and condition of our existing building in conjunction with Newcastle City Council (NCC).

As reported by Richard, ongoing work is currently being carried out by NCC due to termite damage and because of this the club gym has been closed by NCC as the gym space is deemed non-compliant. It is not envisioned that the gym will be operational in the foreseeable future.

Angus McConnel

Director of Infrastructure and Facilities

Junior Activities Report

It was another successful season with over 680 enrolled Nippers, 25 new age managers and 10 new Water Safety personnel. The weather was also on our side with plenty of beach, small swell and off shore winds, the perfect recipe for spending more time in the water honing surf skills.

Co-ordinating such a large Nippers Programme requires a team effort. Many thanks to our Junior Committee 'Mini's coordinator & Under 6's James Morris, Under 7's Tony Murnain, Under 8's Jamie Cook, Sub Junior coordinator & Under 9's Jim Duffy, Junior's coordinator & Under 10's Lloyd Davies, Under 11's Jamie McMahon, Under 12's Nathan Russell, Under 13's & Secretary Matt Walker and Under 14's Craig Hamilton.

Thank you to our junior support team of Jenny Hicks, Matt Walker and Trudy Smith. Our swimwear shop Heather McMahon, Trudy Smith, Kaitlyn McMahon and Harrison Smith. Gear Steward Andrew Forbes, Training and Education Ros Sklavos, Craig Hamilton and Jason Darney and on the BBQ Peter Watters-Cowan and our parent volunteers who assisted. Not to be forgotten are our 100 plus Age Managers and 50 plus water safety personnel. The parents that step up and assist each Sunday is what makes our nippers so successful and for that I thank you for volunteering throughout the season and hope to see you back again.

The activities and success of juniors were many and although not the sole measure of this, our competitive results are worthy of a special mention. Cooks Hill LS & SC was again at the top of our region and finished third on the overall point score at SLSNSW Age Championships.

Congratulations to this year's nominees for Hunter Surf Lifesaver of the Year Sophia McMahon and Sam Murland. This was an outstanding achievement for these young members who have



Sophia McMahon and Sam Murland - Cooks Hill Junior Lifesavers of the Year

shown dedication and commitment to all facets of our club and Surf Lifesaving.

Training and education is integral to the Junior Programme, it's great to see kids progress through from U6's to U14's where they gain their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) and join a patrol. 23 nippers completed SRC in 2017-18 which is an outstanding result. Thanks go to our brilliant SRC training team. Training was also completed by 25 Age Managers who trained to a SLSA syllabus prior to the commencement of the season.

The club continues to invest in its nipper training equipment with old and excess equipment donated overseas or sold off to make way for the most up to date training equipment and learning aids.



Damstra Technology Nipper Board

Our sponsors and supporters cannot be thanked enough for the help they give us in keeping Cooks Hill nippers with the very best up to date resources and equipment. Their generous financial support makes our job of providing a safe and

healthy environment for our nippers much easier. This year we would like to welcome and thank our new sponsor, Damstra Technology. It is with much appreciation; Damstra has kindly provided five new nipper foamies for our rising surf sports competitors.

To all parents and guardians thank you for your involvement in the successful 2017-18 season. Your involvement will be as rewarding for you as it is for those who help.

Drew Miller

Director of Junior Activities

Club Captains Report

No lives lost a Bar Beach (Cooks Hill)

Following on from last season we have had another exceptional year at Cooks Hill with our patrol members again providing a safe and secure aquatic environment for the beach-goers at Bar Beach. Cooks Hill LS & SC was also pivotal in the success of Hunter and again “Breach Free” for the fourth successive season.

Underpinning the exceptional year is the commitment and capability of our patrolling members, which is continually expanding with our key metrics, trending upwards.

Number of Patrol Members

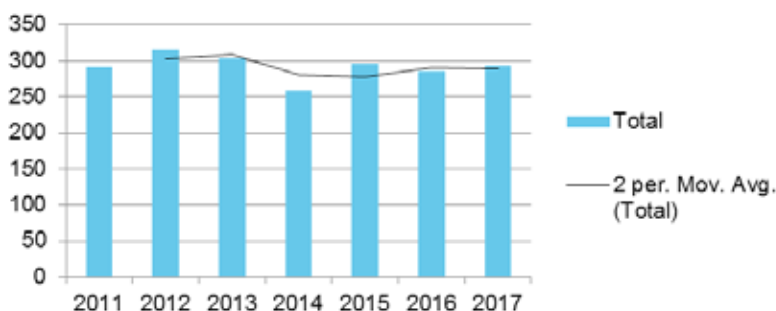


Figure 1: The number of patrolling members has remained constant over the past seven seasons

Total Patrol Hours

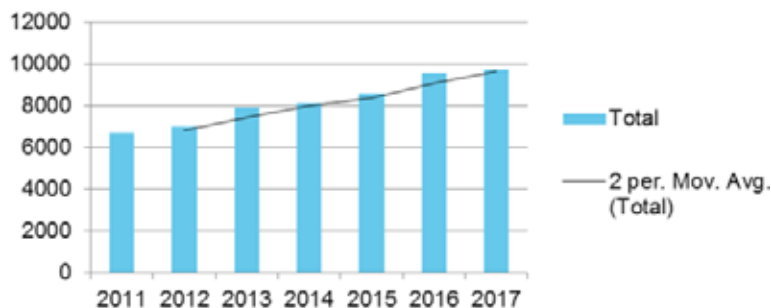


Figure 2: The total number of patrol hours performed has increased by 46% over the past seven seasons

Members with 100% Patrol Attendance

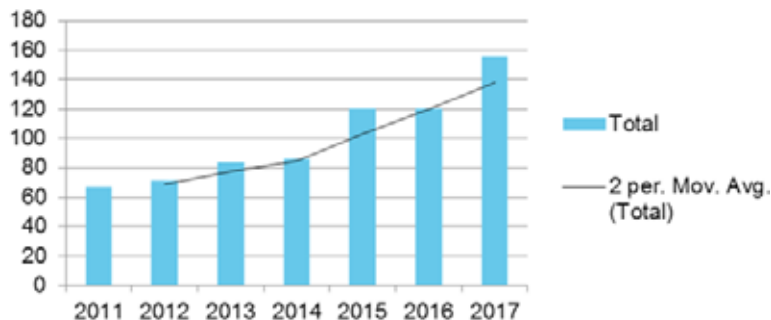


Figure 3: The total number of members achieving 100% patrol attendance has increased by 133% over the past seven seasons

So firstly, a huge thankyou to all of our active patrolling members, and rookie patrol members, for their dedication, commitment and hard-working service to keep Bar Beach safe for the general public.

The patrol teams attended to the usual matters of first aid, stings and searching for lost children as well as the more serious incidents and rescues. This season we had attended to a number of challenging incidents with just a sample being; dislocated knee by Patrol #6, suspected spinal injury by Patrol #1, Patrol #2 had four rescues right on pack-up time which resulted a big thank you on our Facebook page, Patrol #5 helped remove an intoxicated man from the beach who was throwing a wine bottle around, and the most notable rescue was by Lloyd Davies and Ian Bryson in the IRB who rescued a surfer in trouble in large and dangerous conditions off the Susan Gilmore rock shelf. Both Lloyd and Ian were nominated for Rescue of the Month for the month of March.

Number of Rescues	
Type\Times	Total
No Gear	2
Rescue Tube	2
Rescue Board	8
IRB	1
RWVC	0
ORB	0
RIB	0
JRB	0
Surfboat	0
Helicopter	0
Surfboard	0
Other	0
Total	13

Preventative Actions	
Type	Total
Lost Children	604
Preventions	735
Searches	32
Shark Alarm	404
Total Preventative Actions	1775

All situations, major and minor, were handled with expediency and professionalism. Some statistics to quantify the incredible effort of our patrol teams are:

- Totally patrolled hours = 9,741 hours (an increase of 17% on last season)
- Total Rescues = 13
- Total First Aid = 129 (down from 247 FAs last season)
- Beach Closures = 14 (the same number as last season)
- Preventative actions 1,775 (down from 1,967 preventions last season but still maintaining a high intensity of preventions)

This focus on preventative actions is an excellent lead indicator and the foundation of an incident free lifesaving season.

The breakdown of the above statistics is:

First Aid	
Type Performed	Total
Fractures/Dislocation	3
Major Marine Stings	0
Major Wounds	4
Minor Cuts/Abrasions	43
Minor Marine Stings	70
Other	8
Resuscitation	0
Spinal	1
Total First Aid	129

First Aid Analysis	
Type	Total
Incidents Requiring Ambulance	3
Methoxyflurane Used	1
Total First Aid Analysis	4

The above successes are only possible by well-resourced and capable patrol teams. Congratulations to the 156 members who completed **100% of their rostered patrols**. This represents 53% of our patrolling members and is an excellent result.

These members qualified for the 100% award by attending all rostered patrols or arranging a substitute if they could not attend, and in return attended the rostered patrol of the members who had substituted for them.

Members who achieved 100% patrol attendance are:

Sara Angelozzi	Sebastian Darney	Chelsea Lewis	Ben Relf
Savannah Angelozzi	James Dash	Chloe Linstrom	Byron Richards
Benjamin Aston	Kate Dash	Matthew Lintott	Allira Richardson
Luke Barron	Lloyd Davies	Paul Lumley	Jadon Routley
Scott Bear	Ryan Davies	Elizabeth Lusby	Thomas Sargeant
Harrison Beddow	Stephen Davies	Jack Mackenzie	Paris Scott
Sophia Borthwick	Kurt Denham	William Mainey	Grace Sheppard
Lucas Bortolotto	Brett Derwin	John Manning	Ian Sheppard
Benjamin Bowen	Craig Doherty	Lara Manning	Gregory Silcock
Bryn Bowen	Mark Doherty	Mia Martelli	Andreas Sklavos
Jeffrey Bower	Matthew Doherty	Peter Martine	Lucas Sklavos
Kyan Bowker	Gordon Dryburgh	John Mayo	Pano Sklavos
Alicia Breasley	Mathew Egan	Ebony McCloughan	Roslyn Sklavos
Mark Breasley	Julie Farmer	Angus McConnel	Harrison Smith
Molly Breasley	Dimitri Filactos	Alexandra McKeown	Mark Smith
Zac Broderick	Stephen Fleck	Kaitlyn McMahan	Dan Solomon
Lachlan Brown	Riley Gardner	Sophia McMahan	Ava Stephenson
Timothy Brown	Phillip Garroway	Donna McMillan-Beiboer	Kim van Huisstede
Jesse Brylynsky	Belinda Grealy	Matthew McNeil	Reed van Huisstede
Ian Bryson	Jordyn Haig	Clayton McSeveney	Kerry Ward
Derek Bull	Craig Hamilton	Peta Mead	Grant Watson
Jessica Charlton	Flynn Hamilton	Adrian Miles	Hamish Watson
Stephen Charlton	Peter Harrigan	Drew Miller	Tallis Watters-Cowan
Gabriella Christie	Kadisha Haynes	James Morris	Paul Widseth
Charlotte Clack	Mitchell Hermens	Jack Morrow	Bella Williams
Mackenzie Clancy	Richard Hermens	Aidan Mulder	Jade Williams
Tom Clancy	Gail Hoade	Madison Mulder	Monique Williams
Darren Cleary	Rebecca Jackson	Sam Murland	Peter Williams
Gregory Coffin	Sean Jones	Penelope Nash	Anthony Willis
Emily Corby	Shane Joyce	Lucy O'Brien	Robert Young
Bryn Cotterill	Alexandra Keddie	Julian Papichio	Billy Broderick
Trevor Cotterill	T'ese Keddie	Gregory Pawley	Cody Broderick
David Critchley	Vaughn Keena	Erin Pettit	Nathan Christie
Daneeka Croker	Blake Kelly	Robert Pinnock	Jenny Geddes
Adam Dagg	Malcolm Kelly	Benjamin Pons	Ryan Mander
Melissa Dagg	Stephen Kelly	Emily Prickett	Claire Montague
Logan Dalton	Thomas Lane	Logan Ramplin	Warwick Turnbull
York Dalton	Christian Langley	Lauren Redriff	Katie Turnbull
Jason Darney	Shaleigh Lennox	Anton Reitsma	Anthony van der Horst

As always **Patrol of the Year** was a very close competition and the final decision was a difficult choice. As such congratulations to Patrol #4 being awarded Patrol of the Year 2017-18.

This patrol is a mixture of youngsters, new members and more experienced patrollers with patrol attendance and commitment just edging them ahead of Patrols #1, #6 and #9 who also performed very well.

Congratulations and well done to:

Bryn Cotterill (C)	Joel de Carle
Madison Mulder	Angus McConnel (VC)
Trevor Cotterill	Kim van Huisstede
Melissa Dagg	Clayton McSeveney
James Dash	Danielle McSeveney
Reed van Huisstede	

To recognise our ever-growing contingent of Rookie Patrol members we acknowledge our Rookie Patrols Teams and their contribution to the keeping Bar Beach safe. Congratulations to all of our Rookies but specifically to Rookie Patrol Team 2 as our Rookie Patrol of the Year for 2017-18. All the nine youngsters of Rookie Team #2 completed 100% of their rostered patrols as well as many voluntary patrols and water safety, a great effort that shows you can be an accomplished competitor and still attend all your rostered patrols. Well done.

The members of Rookie Team #2 are:

Molly Breasley	Tom Clancy
Daneeka Croker	Flynn Hamilton
Aidan Mulder	Erin Pettit
Erin Pettit	Byron Richards
Thomas Sargeant	Bella Williams

As I close out another Lifesaving season at Cooks Hill LS & SC I wish to acknowledge the outstanding work from the Board of Directors and all the Sub Committee members whom have worked tirelessly within our club, our members, volunteers, our competitors, and the parents of our younger members. I have enjoyed this season as much as all the previous seasons as Director of Lifesaving.



Patrol 10

As a risk control strategy to reduce manual handling risks this year we adopted a different approach to IRB motor maintenance. Cooks Hill SLSC partnered with Endeavour Marine to collect, service, repair and return our IRB motors to Cooks Hill. This worked well under the management of Andreas Sklavos, our IRB Captain.

So finally, I wish to recognise and thank:

- The Lifesaving Operations team of Paul Widseth (First Aid), Andreas Sklavos (IRB), Dan Solomon (Radios) and the patrol captains and vice patrol captains who provide invaluable commitment and support throughout the season,
- The Education Team of Ros Sklavos, and the many trainers and assessors who delivered a wealth of highly skilled lifesavers to patrol Bar Beach, see Education Report

I look forward to seeing you again next season.

Mark Doherty

Director of Lifesaving

Senior Presentation Night

Two months earlier our clubhouse was filled with 200 members, friends and guests at the Cooks Hill LS & SC Annual Awards night. We tried a few new things this season, so I hope everyone enjoyed the night.

The winners of the Senior Club Awards for 2017-18 are as follows:

Award	Recipients 2017-18
Representative Team selection	U17 – Danielle McSeveney, York Dalton U15 - Fletcher Myers, Bella Williams (Both at Hunter and NSW level) U14 - Byron Richards, Flynn Hamilton, Sophia McMahon, Lily Forbes U13 - Jack Breasley, Holly Sargeant, Isabella Campbell U12 – Kalen Routley, Tiana Sargeant
State Medallists	Molly Breasley, Riley Gardner, Freya Konetschnik, Sophia McMahon, Fletcher Myers, Bella Williams
Aussie Medallists	Byron Richards - U15 Male Board Race – Bronze
Community Service Awards	Jason & Selina Darney
Volunteer of the Year	Stephen Sims
Official of the Year	Mat Egan
Administrator of the Year	Gary Martine
Team of the Year	U15 Female Surf Race Team Molly Breasley, Freya Konetschnik, Sophia McMahon, Bella Williams
Boat Crew of the Year	Open Women's Crew Alexandra Garnham, Abbey Murphy, Emily Corby, Emily Strachan, Craig Doherty (sweep)
Best Surf Competitor	Bella Williams
Best Beach Competitor	Fletcher Myers
Best Veteran Competitor	Peter Waller
D.A.D Boatie Award	Alexandra Garnham & Alex Bingham
Coach of the Year	Robert Silkman
Rookie Clubman of the Year	Freya Konetschnik
Junior Clubman of the Year	Kaitlyn McMahon
Senior Clubman of the Year	Terry Cosgrove
Training Officer of the Year	Ian Bryson
IRB Crewman	John Manning
Heroes of the Surf	Ian Bryson & Lloyd Davies
Justin Minell Award U16	Blake Kelly
Justin Minell Award U21	Andreas Sklavos
Lifesaver of the Year	John Mayo (Hunter Branch Lifesaver of the Year 2017-18)
Rookie Patrol of the Year	Rookie Patrol 2
Patrol of The Year	Patrol 4

Surf Sports Report

As Henry Ford, stated “Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” 2017-18 realised another successful year for Cooks Hill LS & SC as all areas of surf sports continued to prosper and flourish.

The theme of this year’s Annual Report ‘Celebrating our Volunteers’ goes hand in hand with our Surf Sports competitive arm. Numerous facets of surf sports cannot occur without the help of volunteers. The continuous effort, reliability and dedication demonstrated by all volunteers throughout the year are synonymous to Cooks Hill’s overall success.

A special thank you to our Competition Administrators, Team Managers, Captains, Sweeps, Age Managers, Gear Stewards, Trainers, Coaches, First Aiders, Water Safety Personnel, IRB Crewpersons/Drivers and Officials. It’s a pleasure working with each and every one of you.

Similar to every competitive year, our surf competitors headed north to partake in Forster’s ‘Weekend of Surf’ Carnival. It was the largest contingent of competitors from Cooks Hill to attend and for Forster SLSC they also had a record amount of entries for the event.

It was a new season with a new face at the helm, directing the team around the beach for the first time. Michael Clancy, the new Junior Competition Team Manager was ready to take on new challenges including regaining the Overall Point Score Trophy for 2017. Cooks Hill with its army of seventy plus competitors were able to successfully tick off Michael’s first challenge. The weather and conditions were glorious and as planned our team had a chance to shake off the cobwebs and start putting their actions into gear for the remainder of the season.

The Hunter Inter-Branch Team & Inter-Branch Championships

To demonstrate the growth and depth of Cooks Hill LS & SC, we had a unwavering twenty-seven athletes from our club nominate for the Hunter Inter-Branch team. The team consists of 42 competitors, in which we were very fortunate to achieve a good representation from our club.

Congratulations to the 13 athletes who gained representative honours:

U17 - Danielle McSeveney, York Dalton

U15 - Fletcher Myers, Bella Williams

U14 - Byron Richards, Flynn Hamilton, Sophia McMahon, Lily Forbes

U13 - Jack Breasley, Holly Sargeant, Isabella Campbell

U12 - Kalen Routley, Tiana Sargeant

Hunter Branch in conjunction with Stockton SLSC hosted the Inter-Branch Championships. Mother Nature assured a successful weekend for all. Sydney Northern Beaches (SNB) reclaimed the Inter-Branch title from rivals Sydney after a ding-dong battle on the beach over the two days. In the final wash-up approximately 50 points separated the front runners, but the story of the championships was the Hunter Branch landing a place on the podium, finishing third overall behind SNB and Sydney. Hunter athletes were on fire on their home ground, winning the U15 Cameron Relay, Youth Mixed Board Relay, junior and senior Board Rescue Relays, U12 Mixed Board Relay and the U15 Mixed Board Relay. The Hunter Team were flying high after the result, their best in 20 years. Well-done Hunter!

Youth Pathway Cup

The Youth Pathway Cup (YPC) is Surf Life Saving’s newest representative competition and allows the brightest prospects at the U14 and U15 levels to test their skills against the best Australia has to offer.

All of the mainland states fielded teams of 20 athletes for this revolutionary surf sport contest. Each squad consisted of five male and five female athletes with them selected for their versatility on the sand and in the surf.

Cooks Hill’s U15 competitors Fletcher Myers and Bella Williams (Co-Captain) and myself as Team Manager were selected in the team for SLSNSW. For our athletes, it was their first time putting on the sky-blue surf cap and competing in the new format and making their own mark on the sport.



*Fletcher Myers and Bella Williams
NSW Youth Pathway Cup
Representatives*

The SLSNSW YPC team racked up 170 points across 38 events to beat Queensland (150) for first at the Australia Day carnival at Freshwater Beach, Sydney.



Over 40s Men Competitors - Hunter Branch Masters Championships

Branch Championships

Once again, the Age – Open Branch Championships were held at Fingal Beach over two days. Cooks Hill continued their success at the pointy end of the ladder. Our competitors raced commendably across all disciplines, especially our swimmers in their individual surf races and our surf teams were highly dominant across all age groups. Our All Age Board Relay Team was successful at qualifying for the SLSNSW Age Board Relay Event. Congratulations to all our Newcastle Permanent Series winners both in water and beach events.

SLSNSW State Championships

Swansea-Belmont SLSC hosted the SLSNSW State Championships for 2017-18 for the second consecutive year. In 2017 it was noted the gaps were closing between clubs. This year there was a mere seven points between first and third. Manly had lost its reign after eight consecutive years and Elouera finished first with the overall highest rank and point score of 179 points, followed by Newport with 174 points while Cooks Hill finished an incredible third on 172 points.



Newcastle Permanent Series - Water and Beach winners

Masters Branch Championships were held at Stockton, in nice clean pristine conditions. Our competitor numbers were up on last year and their success finished the team third on the ladder at the close of competition. Congratulations to our Master competitors.



U14/15 Female Competitors having fun at Open Branch Championships



U9 Medalist Lily Egan, Stella Sutherland and Ollie Russell

Going into day two of competition, Cooks Hill were placed fifth on the point score – 16 points separated third to ninth Michael made the call for everyone to run harder, swim harder and paddle harder, as every point counts.

The effort demonstrated by our athletes that day was superb, namely

Alex Walker and a highlight was the effort of our U12 Female Board Relay Team who won gold for the fourth year straight. Well done Charlie Burns, Tiarna Sargeant and Lani Waller. These girls also teamed up with Lola Russell to win gold in the U12 Female Surf Team and won both gold and silver in the U12 Female Board Rescue. The depth and strength in our U12's female athletes is an asset to our club.

Day three of competition had arrived and after an exceptional second day of competition and points, we were still sitting in third with not many points separating second to seventh place.

On the final day, there were many exciting moments and numerous events had close finishes for the top places. The event finished on a super high with our all-age board relay team – placing third. All age groups



2018 SLS NSW Age Championships - All Age Board Relay

across various disciplines accomplished and achieved excellent results.

It is outstanding as a club to finish in the top three, but it is commendable when individuals and team efforts, placed anywhere from fourth to sixth also. This assisted our team to sustain its position throughout the three days of racing. Each one of those points mattered. It was evident our athletes had ran, swam and paddled their hardest. This is what kept Cooks Hill alive and standing on the podium in the end.



Cooks Hill LS & SC Junior Competition Team



Wayne, Bryon, Sophia & Michael with NSW Age Trophy

Congratulations to all our junior team on your gallant efforts. Special congratulations and thank you to Michael (and his team) for his outstanding organisation, leadership and professionalism demonstrated throughout the season. Michael has done a wonderful job inspiring our team especially our young athletes and building their confidence and self-belief.

Our Opens Team is slowly starting to build. As a club we moved from finishing 18th last year to 15th overall this year. Cooks Hill LS & SC individual medallists were Fletcher Myers and Bella Williams. Our U15 girls relished the conditions especially Bella Williams and Freya Konetschnik who won a gold medal in the U15 Board Rescue and were part of the silver medal winning team in the U15 Surf Team, Cameron Relay and the Board Relay.



Freya Konetschnik and Bella Williams -U15 Board Rescue

Due to work commitments of our Master Competitors, most only contested the Team events. Cooks Hill LS & SC achieved a silver medal in the 110 years male Board Relay, the team comprised of Joel de Carle, Peter Waller and Jon Webber. There were minor top placing's achieved by all team members – well done gentleman.



Bella and Freya

Australian Championships

The Australian Championships were held at Scarborough Beach, Western Australia this season.

Prior to going to Scarborough, the team was expecting to have absolutely flat conditions. However, our athletes were greeted with the trickiest conditions and at times the largest shore dump especially upon entry and exit of the water. No one in our team sustained any damaged craft however, we witnessed plenty of boards snapped in half and skis that were damaged if the wrong decision was made.

Cooks Hill LS & SC Youth Team (U14/U15's) overall raced to their best efforts despite the conditions. Incredibly, all athletes made at least one final and some made several and this was in both the beach and water arena.

Cooks Hill's stand out competitor was Byron Richards who achieved a bronze medal in the U14 Board Race. Byron just works his way through the pack and then suddenly he's there right amongst the top finishers, but his secret weapon is his pace up the beach. Congratulations Byron.

The U15 Female Surf Team narrowly missed a bronze by one point and was beaten by their NSW rivals Manly for third place. Additionally, Fletcher Myers narrowly missed a major place in the U15 Male Beach Sprint. But it was good to see in the U15 Male Beach Sprint final have two runners from Cooks Hill, Aidan Mulder finished sixth.



U15 Female Surf Team - Sophia McMahon, Molly Breasley, Freya Konetschnik and Bella Williams



Byron Richards - Aussie Champs U14 Male Board Race Bronze Medalist

Our Open Team while it was small, all athletes gave it their best efforts in their individual specialty events. Madison Mulder took on the beach events, while Lara Manning did very well in the board and ski both in U17's and the Open division. While Kye Taylor specialised in the board race and swim. Kye was successful in making the U17 Board Final and finished 6th overall, which was a brilliant and an exciting race to view. Kye's story is remarkable though. After sustaining a major injury to his knee throughout the winter, having surgery in November and returning only to competition for the first and only time for the 2017-18 season at Scarborough. There is no doubt Kye is courageous and a very determined young man.

There is one thing for certain across both groups that went to Aussies there is plenty of potential for Cooks Hill future athletes and we are constantly asked where's Cooks Hill?

We are quietly forging our way into the senior competition ranks.

IRB Racing

This season saw our IRB Racing team set to compete at four rounds over the winter period at Stockton, Lakes and Caves Beach. Unfortunately, Umina was cancelled after being marred by bad weather and large swells.

Our team competed in the Over 35 Males, the Open Men's and the Male U23 divisions. In early July, our crews contested SLSNSW IRB Championships at South West Rocks. Our club continues to make it through to semi-finals and continuously improve and grow in confidence while clubs such as Kiama Downs and Caves Beach remain successful due to their experience.

However, as Surf Sports Director I'm really proud of these competitors, it takes real strength of mind to keep racing in cold wet conditions, but they must have heaps of fun and enjoy what they do.

The 2018 IRB Team is Steve Kelly, Ian Bryson, Mal Kelly, Andreas Sklavos, Matthew Lintott, Blake Kelly, Joel Lucas and Lauren Redriff.

Well done to all our competitors in our IRB Team, especially our new team members Blake and Joel, who have plenty of potential in surf sports.

SLSNSW Pool Rescue Championships

During the winter month of July the above event was held at the Peninsula Aquatic Centre, Woy Woy. Cooks Hill LS & SC was represented by a small team of Bella Williams, Sophia McMahon, Isabella Campbell, Charlotte Clack, Lola Russell and Lani Waller.

For most of our competitors it was their first time of competing in this arena. However, they all achieved exceptional results. Our juniors were rewarded with a gold medal in the U13/12- 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay. Lola Russell achieved two bronze medals in the U11 100m Obstacle Race and the 50m Brick Carry and Bella Williams achieved a silver medal in the U14 200m Obstacle Race.

The team had a great day and finished a credible 12th overall. Thank you to Matt Walker, who did an outstanding job as Team Manager, his effort to prepare our juniors was amazing.

Decisively, this is an area of surf sports, which has huge potential for development amongst our existing competitors. After watching surf sports for many years now, confidently I have a strong belief our club can achieve greater success in this area as well.

Final words

Conclusively, it's certainly been a successful and productive year for Cooks Hill.

As a club it's important to continue to develop pathways for our junior members so in the future we have a successful active membership not only in surf sports but also for life saving obligations.

Thank you to Jenny Hicks (Assistant Secretary), who is unfortunately leaving our organisation. She has done a remarkable job over the last four years. It's been wonderful to work with Jenny, and I have no doubt she will be sadly missed.

Finally, thank you to our Club President, Richard Hermens and our other Board of Directors for their continuous support of surf sports, in particular our juniors and for also supporting our youth team at the Australian Championships this season. Without your support our club and our sport wouldn't be what it is today – my sincere thanks to all.

Monique Williams

Director of Surf Sports



Aussie Championship Competitors with coach Wayne Whiteman

List of Member Sporting Achievements

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS		
NAME	AGE/CATEGORY	TEAM
Bella Williams	U15 Female Water & Beach Events	SLSNSW Youth Pathway Cup Team
Fletcher Myers	U15 Male Beach Events	SLSNSW Youth Pathway Cup Team
Monique Williams	Team Manager	SLSNSW Youth Pathway Cup Team

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS		
NAME	AGE/CATEGORY	TEAM
Danielle McSeveney	U17 Female Beach Events	Hunter Branch Team
York Dalton	U17 Male Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Bella Williams	U15 Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Fletcher Myers	U15 Male Beach Events	Hunter Branch Team
Lily Forbes	U14 Female Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Sophia McMahon	U14 Female Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Flynn Hamilton	U14 Male Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Byron Richards	U14 Male Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Isabella Campbell	U13 Female Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Holly Sargeant	U13 Female Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Jack Breasley	U13 Male Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Tiana Sargeant	U12 Female Water Events	Hunter Branch Team
Kalen Routley	U12 Male Beach Events	Hunter Branch Team

Branch Championship Results

MASTERS (STOCKTON BEACH) – 3rd Overall Point Score		
NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Belinda Gearly	40-49 Yr Female Beach Sprint	Bronze
	40-49 Yr Female Beach Flags	Silver
	40-49 Yr Female 2km Run	Gold
Mark Breasley	40-49 Yr Male Beach Sprint	Silver
	40-49 Yr Male 2km Run	Gold
Joel de Carle	40-49 Yr Male Surf Race	Gold
Andrew Forbes	40-49 Yr Male Tube Race	Bronze
	40-49 Yr Male Iron Man	Bronze
Peter Waller	40-49 Yr Male Tube Race	Gold
	40-49 Yr Male Surf Race	Silver
	40-49 Yr Iron Man	
	40-49 Yr Male Board Race	

MASTERS (STOCKTON BEACH) – 3rd Overall Point Score

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Jon Webber	40-49 Yr Male Surf Race	Bronze
Todd Williams	40-49 Yr Male Beach Sprint	Bronze
	40-49 Yr Male Beach Flags	Silver
	40-49 Yr Male 2km Run	Bronze
John Reid	50-59 Yr Male Iron Man	Gold
	50-59 Yr Male Surf Race	
	50-59 Yr Male Tube Race	

TEAMS

J de Carle, J Webber	40-49 Male Board Rescue	Gold
P Waller, T Williams	40-49 Male Board Rescue	Silver
A Forbes, J Reid	40-49 Male Board Rescue	Bronze
A Forbes, P Waller, T Williams	110 Yrs Ski Relay	Bronze
M Breasley, J Reid, T Williams	150 Yrs Board Relay	Gold
J de Carle, J Webber, T Williams	130 Yrs Taplin	Gold
A Forbes, J Reid, P Waller	130 Yrs Taplin	Silver

U15's to OPENS (FINGAL BEACH) – 2nd Overall Point Score

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Savannah Angelozzi	U15 Female Surf Race	Bronze
Freya Konetschnik	U15 Female Iron Woman	Bronze
	U15 Female Board Race	
Sophia McMahon	U15 Female Surf Race	Silver
Bella Williams	U15 Female Surf Race	Gold
	U15 Female Iron Woman	
	U15 Female Board Race	
Lachlan Brown	U15 Male Surf Race	Bronze
Aidan Mulder	U15 Male Beach Sprint	Silver
	U15 Male Beach Flags	
Byron Richards	U15 Male Board Race	Bronze
Fletcher Myers	U15 Male Beach Sprint	Gold
	U15 Male Beach Flags	
Danielle McSeveney	U17 Female Beach Sprint	Gold
	U17 Female Beach Flags	
	Open Female Beach Flags	

U15's to OPENS (FINGAL BEACH) – 2nd Overall Point Score

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Madison Mulder	U17 Female 2km Beach Run	Silver
	U17 Female Beach Sprint	
	U17 Female Beach Flags	Bronze
York Dalton	U17 Male Beach Sprint	Bronze
Bailey Myers	U17 Male Beach Sprint	Gold
	U17 Male Beach Flags	
Jadon Routley	U17 Male Beach Sprint	Silver
Jackson Myers	U19 Male Beach Sprint	Gold
	U19 Male Beach Flags	Bronze
Thomas Myers	U19 Male Beach Flags	Silver
	U19 Male Beach Sprint	Bronze
Jade Williams	Open Female 2km Beach Run	Silver

TEAMS

M Breasley, F Konetschnik, S McMahon, B Williams	U15 Female Surf Team	Gold
S Angelozzi, L Dalton, L Forbes, E Pettit	U15 Female Surf Team	Bronze
M Breasley, L Forbes	U15 Female Board Rescue	Silver
F Konetschnik, B Williams	U15 Female Board Rescue	Bronze
M Breasley, F Konetschnik, B Williams	U15 Female Board Relay	Gold
S Angelozzi, L Forbes, S McMahon	U15 Female Board Relay	Bronze
M Breasley, R Gardner, F Konetschnik, B Williams	U15 Female Cameron Relay	Gold
S Angelozzi, L Forbes, A McKeown, S McMahon	U15 Female Cameron Relay	Silver
Branden Dwyer, A Mulder, F Myers, B Richards	U15 Male Beach Relay	Gold
Beau Dwyer, F Hamilton, T Sargeant, L Sklavos	U15 Male Beach Relay	Silver
L Brown, F Myers, B Richards, T Sargeant	U15 Male Surf Team	Bronze
F Myers, T Sargeant	U15 Male Board Rescue	Silver
L Brown, A Mulder, F Myers, T Sargeant	U15 Male Cameron Relay	Silver
Beau Dwyer, F Hamilton, B Richards, L Sklavos	U15 Male Cameron Relay	Bronze
F Hamilton, F Myers, B Richards, B Williams	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Gold
L Forbes, R Gardner, A McKeown, T Sargeant	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Silver
M Breasley, M Clancy, A Mulder, E Pettit	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Bronze
L Manning, M Mulder, A Seale, J Williams	U17 Female Surf Team	Silver
L Manning, M Mulder, A Seale	U17 Female Board Relay	Bronze
L Manning, M Mulder, A Seale	U17 Female Taplin Relay	Bronze
B Myers, J Myers, T Myers, J Routley	U19 Male Surf Team	Bronze

AGE U8's -U14's (FINGAL BEACH) – 2nd Overall Point Score

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Lily Egan	U9 Female Surf Race	Gold
	U9 Female Board Race	Silver
Alexis Sutherland	U9 Female Board Race	Gold
	U9 Female Surf Race	Silver
	U9 Female Beach Sprint	Bronze
Sidney Burns	U8 Male Wade	Gold
Angus Jackson	U8 Male Wade	Silver
Oliver Russell	U9 Male Surf Race	Gold
Kahn White	U9 Male Beach Flags	Bronze
Taj Williams	U8 Male Wade	Bronze
Bronte Bowker	U10 Female Board Race	Silver
Daisy Breasley	U10 Female Beach Flags	Gold
	U10 Female Surf Race	
	U10 Female Board Race	Bronze
Jack Butler	U10 Male Beach Sprint	Bronze
Albert Forbes	U10 Male Board Race	Gold
	U10 Male Beach Flags	Bronze
James Jackson	U10 Male Surf Race	Gold
Jack Webber	U10 Male Board Race	Bronze
Matilda Foot	U11 Female Beach Flags	Bronze
Stella Sutherland	U11 Female Surf Race	Silver
	U11 Iron Woman	Bronze
Andie Widseth	U11 Female Surf Race	Gold
	U11 Iron Woman	Silver
	U11 Female Board Race	Bronze
Brock Mackley	U11 Male Beach Flags	Bronze
Elias Richards	U11 Male Board Race	Bronze
Alexander Walker	U11 Male Surf Race	Silver
	U11 Iron Man	Bronze
Charlie Burns	U12 Female Surf Race	Silver
	U12 Female Board Race	
	U12 Iron Woman	Bronze
Tiana Sargeant	U12 Female Board Race	Gold
	U12 Iron Woman	Silver
	U12 Female Surf Race	Bronze

AGE U8's -U14's (FINGAL BEACH) – 2nd Overall Point Score

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Lani Waller	U12 Female Board Race	Bronze
Sidney Forbes	U12 Male Board Race	Gold
	U12 Male Surf Race	Silver
	U12 Iron Man	
	U12 Male Beach Flags	Bronze
Jack Francis	U12 Male Beach Sprint	Silver
Kalen Routley	U12 Male Beach Sprint	Gold
	U12 Male Beach Flags	Silver
Kurtis White	U12 Male Beach Flags	Gold
Isabella Campbell	U13 Female Surf Race	Gold
	U13 Iron Woman	
	U13 Female Board Race	Silver
Charlotte Clack	U13 Female Surf Race	Silver
Jack Breasley	U13 Iron Man	Silver
	U13 Male Surf Race	Bronze
	U13 Male Board Race	
Dylan Danuser	U13 Iron Man	Bronze
Charlie Walker	U13 Male Surf Race	Gold
	U13 Iron Man	
	U13 Male Board Race	
Savannah Angelozzi	U14 Female Beach Sprint	Silver
	U14 Female Beach Flags	
	U14 Iron Woman	
Mackenzie Clancy	U14 Female Beach Run	Bronze
Lily Forbes	U14 Female Surf Race	Silver
	U14 Iron Woman	Bronze
	U14 Female Board Race	
Alexandra McKeown	U14 Female Beach Sprint	Bronze
Sophia McMahon	U14 Female Surf Race	Gold
	U14 Iron Woman	
	U14 Female Board Race	
Erin Pettit	U14 Female Board Race	Silver
Flynn Hamilton	U14 Male Beach Flags	Bronze
	U14 Male Board Race	Bronze (equal)
Byron Richards	U14 Male Board Race	Bronze (equal)

TEAMS

O Russell, A Forbes, E Richards, S Forbes, C Walker, B Richards	All Age Board Relay	Silver
D Breasley, Z Denham, B Mackley, A McKeown, X Rheinberger, K Routley	All Age Beach Relay	Bronze
S Burns, A Jackson, W Ward, T Williams	U8 Male Wade Relay	Gold
L Bell, L Egan, D Street, A Sutherland	U9 Female Beach Relay	Bronze
	U9 Female Beach Relay	Bronze
L Bell, L Egan, D Street, A Sutherland	U9 Female Surf Team	Gold
L Egan, D Street, A Sutherland	U9 Female Board Relay	Gold
B Belcher, T Cotterell, C de Carle, O Russell	U9 Male Surf Team	Silver
B Bowker, D Breasley, H Horn, M Waller	U10 Female Surf Team	Gold
B Bowker, D Breasley, M Waller	U10 Female Board Relay	Gold
B Bowker, D Breasley, H Horn, M Pitfield	U10 Female Beach Relay	Silver
P Burgess, J Butler, A Forbes, J Webber	U10 Male Beach Relay	Silver
P Burgess, A Forbes, J Jackson	U10 Male Board Relay	Silver
P Burgess, C Clancy, A Forbes, J Jackson	U10 Male Surf Team	Silver
M Foot, B Mackley, S Sutherland, A Walker	U11 Cameron Relay Mixed	Bronze
Z Campbell, M Foot, S Sutherland, A Widseth	U11 Female Surf Team	Gold
S Sutherland, A Widseth	U11 Board Rescue	Gold
Z Campbell, S Sutherland, A Widseth	U11 Female Board Relay	Silver
R McMahon, E Richards, J van Esveld, A Walker	U11 Male Surf Team	Bronze
E Richards, J van Esveld, A Walker	U11 Male Board Relay	Bronze
C Burns, M Cotterell, L Russell, T Sargeant	U12 Female Beach Relay	Gold
C Burns, L Russell, T Sargeant, L Waller	U12 Female Surf Team	Gold
C Belcher, M Cotterell, A Flook, N Hamilton	U12 Female Surf Team	Bronze
T Sargeant, L Waller	U12 Female Board Rescue	Gold
C Burns, L Russell	U12 Female Board Rescue	Silver
M Cotterell, A Flook	U12 Female Board Rescue	Bronze
C Burns, T Sargeant, L Waller	U12 Female Board Relay	Gold
M Cotterell, A Flook, L Russell	U12 Female Board Relay	Bronze
J Francis, E Robinson, K Routley, K White	U12 Male Beach Relay	Silver

TEAMS

S Forbes, S Horn, H McConnel, K Routley	U12 Male Surf Team	Bronze
S Forbes, K Routley, L Russell, T Sargeant	U12 Cameron Mixed Relay	Gold
C Burns, H McConnel, L Waller, K White	U12 Cameron Mixed Relay	Silver
S Bull, L Maxwell, X Rheinberger, H Sargeant	U13 Female Beach Relay	Silver
I Campbell, C Clack, L Maxwell, X Rheinberger	U13 Female Surf Team	Gold
I Campbell, H Sargeant	U13 Female Board Rescue	Gold
C Burns, T Sargeant, L Waller	U13 Female Board Relay	Gold
I Campbell, L Maxwell, H Sargeant	U13 Female Board Relay	Bronze
J Breasley, D Danuser, N Jackson, C Walker	U13 Male Beach Relay	Gold
D Danuser, C Walker	U13 Male Board Rescue	Silver
J Breasley, N Jackson	U13 Male Board Rescue	Bronze
J Breasley, D Danuser, C Walker	U13 Male Board Relay	Gold
D Danuser, L Maxwell, X Rheinberger, C Walker	U13 Mixed Beach Relay	Gold
D Danuser, X Rheinberger, H Sargeant, C Walker	U13 Cameron Relay Mixed	Gold
J Breasley, C Clack, N Jackson, L Maxwell	U13 Cameron Relay Mixed	Silver
S Angelozzi, L Forbes, R Gardner, A McKeown	U14 Female Beach Relay	Silver
S Angelozzi, L Forbes, S McMahon, E Pettit	U14 Female Surf Team	Gold
L Forbes, S McMahon	U14 Female Board Rescue	Gold
S Angelozzi, L Forbes, S McMahon	U14 Female Board Relay	Gold
M Clancy, L Dalton, E Pettit	U14 Female Board Relay	Silver
F Hamilton, N Jackson, S Murland, B Richards	U14 Male Surf Team	Silver
F Hamilton, B Richards	U14 Male Board Rescue	Gold
R Gardner, F Hamilton, S McMahon, B Richards	U14 Cameron Relay Mixed	Gold
S Angelozzi, L Forbes, S Murland, C Walker	U14 Cameron Relay Mixed	Bronze

SLSNSW Championships Results

AGE /OPENS/MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS (BLACKSMITHS) – 3rd /15th / 44th Overall Point Score		
NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Lily Egan	U9 Female Surf Race	Gold
Alexis Sutherland	U9 Female Board Race	Silver
	U9 Female Surf Race	Bronze
Oliver Russell	U9 Male Surf Race	Bronze
Daisy Breasley	U10 Female Surf Race	Gold
	U10 Female Board Race	
Albert Forbes	U10 Male Board Race	Silver
Alex Walker	U11 Male Surf Race	Gold
Charlie Burns	U12 Female Board Race	Bronze
Tiana Sargeant	U12 Female Board Race	Silver
Lani Waller	U12 Female Iron Woman	Silver
Isabella Campbell	U13 Females Iron Woman	Bronze
Byron Richards	U14 Male Board Race	Bronze
OPENS		
Bella Williams	U15 Female Surf Race	Silver
	U15 Female Iron Woman	Silver
Fletcher Myers	U15 Male Beach Flags	Silver
	U15 Male Beach Sprint	Bronze

TEAMS		
NAME	EVENT	PLACE
A Forbes, S Forbes, B Richards, E Richards, S Sutherland, C Walker	All Age Board Relay	Bronze
B Bowker, D Breasley, H Horn, M Waller	U10 Female Surf Team	Bronze
B Bowker, D Breasley, M Waller	U10 Female Board Relay	Gold
C Burns, L Russell, T Sargeant, L Waller	U12 Female Surf Team	Gold
T Sargeant, L Waller	U12 Female Board Rescue	Gold
C Burns, L Russell	U12 Female Board Rescue	Silver
C Burns, T Sargeant, L Waller	U12 Female Board Relay	Gold
S Forbes, J Francis, K Routley, K White	U12 Male Beach Relay	Bronze
I Campbell, C Clack, L Maxwell, X Rheinberger	U13 Female Surf Team	Bronze
J Breasley, D Danuser, N Jackson, C Walker	U13 Male Surf Team	Bronze
J Breasley, D Danuser, C Walker	U13 Male Board Relay	Silver
D Danuser, X Rheinberger, H Sargeant, C Walker	U13 Mixed Cameron Relay	Bronze

TEAMS

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
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OPENS

F Konetschnik, B Williams	U15 Female Board Rescue	Gold
M Breasley, F Konetschnik, S McMahon, B Williams	U15 Female Surf Team	Silver
M Breasley, F Konetschnik, B Williams	U15 Female Board Relay	Silver
M Breasley, R Gardner, F Konetschnik, B Williams	U15 Female Cameron Relay	Silver
L Brown, A Mulder, F Myers, B Richards	U15 Male Cameron Relay	Bronze

MASTERS

J de Carle, P Waller, J Webber	110 Yrs Male Board Relay	Silver
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Australian Championship Results**SLS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (SCARBOROUGH BEACH, WA) - FINALISTS**

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
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Mackenzie Clancy	U14 Female Beach Run	6th
Lily Forbes	U14 Female Board Race	16th
	U14 Female Iron Woman	9th
Riley Gardner	U14 Female Flags	10th
Sophia McMahon	U14 Female Surf Race	8th
	U14 Female Iron Woman	15th
Flynn Hamilton	U14 Male Surf Race	11th
	U14 Male Board Race	12th
	U14 Male Iron Man	8th
Byron Richards	U14 Male Board Race	Bronze
	U14 Male 2km Beach Run	15th
Molly Breasley	U15 Female Surf Race	31st
Freya Konetschnik	U15 Female Surf Race	14th
	U15 Female Board Race	16th
	U15 Female Iron Woman	10th
Bella Williams	U15 Female Surf Race	10th
	U15 Female Board Race	9th
	U15 Female Iron Woman	16th
Tom Clancy	U15 Male 2km Beach Run	20th
Aidan Mulder	U15 Male Beach Sprint	6th
	U15 Male Beach Flags	8th
	U15 Male 2km Beach Run	21st
Fletcher Myers	U15 Male Beach Sprint	4th
	U15 Male Beach Flags	10th

OPENS

Kye Taylor	U17 Male Board Race	6th
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TEAMS

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
M Breasley, F Konetschnik, S McMahon, B Williams	U15 Female Surf Team	4th
F Konetschnik, S McMahon, B Williams	U15 Female Board Relay	10th
M Breasley, L Forbes, E Pettit	U15 Female Board Relay	16th
M Breasley, R Gardner, F Konetschnik, B Williams	U15 Female Cameron Relay	9th
F Myers, B Richards, T Sargeant	U15 Male Board Relay	15th
A Mulder, F Myers, B Richards, T Sargeant	U15 Male Beach Sprint	6th

Boats Branch Championships Results

Boats

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Emily Corby, Alexandra Garnham, Abbey Murphy, Emily Strahan and Craig Doherty (Sweep)	Open Women's Crew	Gold

NSW Pool Rescue Championship Results

Youth – 12th Overall Point Score

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
Lola Russell	U12 Female 100m Obstacle Race	Bronze
Lola Russell	U12 Female 50m Brick Carry	Bronze
Bella Williams	U15 Female 200m Obstacle Race	Silver
Teams		
I Campbell, C Clack, L Russell, L Waller	U12/13 – 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay	Gold



Cooks Hill LS & SC Pool
Rescue Team

Boat Captain's Report

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for 2017-18. Dial before you Dig, Planet Fitness, Denton Engineering and The Albion Hotel. Without our sponsors we wouldn't have been able to put our boats in the water this season.

The Cooks Hill Boaties 2017-18 season started off with one of the largest numbers of crews we have seen in a number of years. Our crews consisted of a mixture of old hard heads and new rowers, which is always great to see. Unfortunately, not all crews made it to the finish line, due to injury and work commitments.

In the Streets Surf Boat Series, Central Coast and Hunter Branches, Cooks Hill LS & SC fielded crews in Men's Open, two Open Women's, three male Reserves crews, and two male Master's crews. With many of these competitors, going around the cans for the first time. All of the competitors put in a valiant effort throughout the season but unfortunately only one crew coming up with a podium finish.

Our Open Women's crew consisting of Alexandra Garnham, Abbey Murphy, Emily Corby, Emily Strachan and sweep Craig Doherty placed third overall in the series.

The Newcastle Hunter Branch Titles was held at Stockton Beach, in what can only be described as four seasons in one day.

Three crews were lined up for the carnival, two Reserve Men's crews and one Open Women's crew.

As the day progressed the weather conditions deteriorated fast. A Southerly wind had picked up, chopping up the water fiercely for the Reserve Men's

boat race. Unfortunately, the Cooks Hill crews could not pull off any placings.

The weather was certainly getting worse as our Open Women's crew waited on the starting line. With a massive southerly buster blowing in. The turning buoys couldn't be seen from the shore and at times it felt like we were going sideways not forward as we commenced racing. The girls made it back to shore in first place, as their sweep I was incredibly proud of the girls, they rowed the race of their lives and picked up a gold medal for their efforts. The Open Women's crew was then selected to represent the Hunter in the Boats Interbranch Championships. Unfortunately, due to injury the girls couldn't represent the Hunter.

Cooks Hill Boat section has fielded interest from younger club members regarding joining the boats next season in an U19's crew and going around the cans. Building on the hard work that the club has done over the years, further proving itself as a professional, friendly and welcoming club to be part of.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the rowers and sweeps for their help throughout the 2017-18 season at carnivals, maintenance around the boats and training. Thank you and good luck for next season.

Craig 'Crash' Doherty

Boat Captain



Female Boat Crew



Male Boat Crew

Education Report



Water Safety - Kye Taylor

The Education team at Cooks Hill LS & SC have again been working hard this season to fulfil all Cooks Hill's education needs and requirements. From proficiencies and Bronze Medallion courses to providing access to specialist courses run by Hunter Branch SLS, such as Silver Medallion Beach Management and Silver Medallion Aquatic Search and Rescue.

Our club's youth have stepped up this season with another 23 candidates successful in earning their Surf Rescue Certificate. The club's Patrol Captains along with our Director of Lifesaving Mark Doherty help mentor these young people in Rookie Patrols through their first two years of Patrolling. The skills they have learnt are reinforced and put into practice, helping them to gain confidence in themselves and their ability to perform patrolling duties.

The 2017-18 season saw a tremendous response to our Lifesaving Award (Bronze Medallion) programme, with it really becoming a family affair for some participants.

Many of our participants were nipper parents with young families, which as we know can present a scheduling nightmare. So these children came along with their parents to theory and practical sessions resulting in a wonderful atmosphere to learn. With support coming from the children for their parents and instilling a sense of excitement in the kids as they



Kim Forbes & Ros Sklavos - First Aid Personnel, Michael Clancy - Official, NSW SLS Open Championships

watched their parents learning surf skills that they have been refining for years. Learning to master a rescue board can be challenging for some of us adults.

The result was 30 new Bronze Medallion holders keen to patrol, provide water safety and teach our club members surf safety. Those children who joined the training group were confident on the beach and eager to learn more about Surf Lifesaving.

IRB Driver and Crew training remained strong this season under the exceptional tuition of our trainers Mal & Steve Kelly, with many new IRB Crew participating in the IRB Racing season just finished.

Many of our club members took advantage of the courses run by Hunter Branch SLS, the most popular being Silver Medallion Aquatic Search and Rescue. This course teaches participants how to use different grid search patterns to look for objects or people underwater and how to safely enter the ocean from rocks and wharfs.

Thank you to all the Trainers, Ian Bryson, Mal Kelly, Steve Kelly, Craig Hamilton and all those who helped with the water. The continuing education of our club members could not happen without these volunteers.

Ros Sklavos

Director of Education

EDUCATION AWARDS 2017-18

Surf Rescue Certificate

Savannah Angelozzi	Mackenzie Clancy	Lucy O'Brien
Harrison Beddow	Sebastian Darney	Julian Papichio
Lucas Bortolotto	Lily Forbes	Xanthe Rheinberger
Kyan Bowker	Riley Gardner	Holly Sargeant
Zac Broderick	Alexandra Keddie	Pano Sklavos
Jesse Brylinsky	Ebony McCloughan	Ava Stephenson
Gabriella Christie	Alexandra McKeown	Charlie Walker
Charlotte Clack	Sophia McMahon	

Bronze Medallion

Sara Angelozzi	Jesse Fyfe	Claire Montague
Benjamin Aston	Jenny Geddes	Matthew Morrison
Julian Bailey	Jordyn Haig	Brendan Murphy
Lilly Baines	Kofi Harara	Emily Prickett
Richard Beker	Benjamin Haycock	Grace Rees
Hamish Bell	Andrew Hemsworth	Charlotte Roberts
Bryn Bowen	Ella Hewat	Jadon Routley
Billy Broderick	Anthony van der Horst	John Sandell
Cody Broderick	T'ese Keddie	Chris Seysenser
Nathan Christie	Blake Kelly	Kimberley Smith
Kerry Cleaves	Thomas Lane	Jackson Sullivan
Eliza Darney	Jack MacKenzie	Kye Taylor



New SRC Rookies - February 2018

Kate Dash	Ryan Mander	Katie Turnbull
Steven van Esveld	Kaitlyn McMahon	Warwick Turnbull
Jonathan Farley	Dusty Miller	Nigel Watts
Karl Fleck		
IRB Crew Certificate		
Matthew Doherty	Thomas Lane	Lara Manning
Craig Hamilton	Graeme Lee	Danielle McSeveney
Daniel Hart	Leanne Lee	Madison Mulder
Blake Kelly	Matthew Liles	Rhys van Haren
Vince Keogh	Joel Lucas	Amelia Williams
Silver Medallion - Basic Beach Management		
Ian Bryson	Mathew Lintott	James Morris
Silver Medallion - Search and Rescue		
Shane Bowker	James Dash	Madison Mulder
Jessica Charlton	Joel Lucas	Dan Solomon
York Dalton	Donna McMillian-Beioer	Paul Widseth



*Fletcher Myers - Flags Final
State Championships*

Rookies Report

During the 2017-18 season the Cooks Hill LS & SC Rookies took a trip to Wet 'n' Wild and attended interclub BBQ's involving Caves Beach and Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC. These activities were hugely successful in encouraging increased social activities amongst the rookies.



Cooks Hill Rookies at Wet 'n' Wild

Wet 'n' Wild Trip

The Wet 'n' Wild trip was highly anticipated and was an action packed day. The journey began with an early morning start, in which the 20 attending rookies arrived outside the clubhouse at 4:15am, each being awake to varying degrees. After a few hours and a quick McDonald's stop we arrived at our destination. Now all fully awake and rearing to go, our group met the rookies from Ocean Beach SLSC, whom we would be doing water safety alongside. Final instructions from the Wet 'n' Wild nippers organisers saw us split into groups. Successfully, we supervised and organised children aged 6-12 years, and ran them through their activities, which included sprints, tug of war, wading, swimming, paddling and body surfing

The level which the Cooks Hill rookies conducted themselves while acting as water safety was a credit to the club. Once nippers completed the volunteering water safety aspect of the day they were let loose in the park. Running rampant on slides and slippery dips

galore the rest of the day flew by. The experience bonded the rookies across age and social groups creating a lasting closeness amongst the group. We couldn't have attended without Craig Hamilton and Michael Clancy and are very grateful for the time they took out to drive us down and supervise us.

Interclub BBQ

Over the course of the season there were three interclub BBQ, two of which were hosted by Cooks Hill LS & SC which were of increasing success. The first interclub BBQ was held by Caves Beach SLSC with approximately 10 people from two clubs in attendance. This was mainly used as a platform to organise future gatherings and to discuss how to proceed with rookie programmes and events with some guidance from Steve Knight – Member Services Officer from Hunter Surf Lifesaving. The second interclub BBQ was hosted by Cooks Hill LS & SC with approximately 20 people in attendance from Tea Gardens Hawks Nest, Cooks Hill, and Caves Beach SLSC. This was much more successful with rookies participating in a variety of activities including ball games and general socialising. The rookies conducted themselves in a well-behaved manner and further bridged gaps created such as age and social groups. The final BBQ, also hosted by Cooks Hill, involved approximately 10 rookies across Cooks Hill and Tea Gardens Hawks Nest. The drop of numbers was thought to be due to carnivals the following weekend. Despite this, the barbeque was still quite successful with a number of ball games played and all the rookies socialising amongst each other. Overall, the barbeques were relatively successful and allowed a socialising platform for rookies across all ages. They could not have happened without a number of parent volunteers including Michael Clancy, John Mayo, Drew Miller, Heather McMahon and numerous others who helped supervise and organise the events.

Kaitlyn McMahon & Madison Mulder

Rookie Coordinators

Function Manager Report



Carnival Officials - James McMahon, Andrew Pettit, Heather McMahon and Andrew Forbes

The Reef Bar at Cooks Hill LS & SC continues to be a popular venue for during the day and also evening and weekends. Whilst bookings still remain quieter over the winter months, we have put promotions in place and saw an increase in bookings compared to previous years. The spring and summer months continue to be extremely popular with weekends in December being completely booked within in the first few months of this year, many from businesses rebooking following their Christmas parties in 2017.

In 2017 we brought new catering options on board and designed new food and beverage packages which continue to be a profitable and popular option for weddings and larger events.

With continued hard work from rearranging the running of events in 2017 we have seen its success



continue into 2018 and aiming for the same results in 2019. Gary Martine designed a Profit and Loss Report to track our success on a weekly basis.

Carnival Official - Peter Williams

We are looking to develop our conference packages to secure more midweek functions. With the planned completion of the new building internal fit out this will allow the current training programmes to move and free up the existing building to allow this.

Sunday Coldies with Milestone running the restaurant continue to be a successful partnership over the summer months. We've also had great days with Mulga Bill's Wood Fire Cooking running pop ups once a month. With their smokehouse set up out in the courtyard it has attracted people passing by to stop, come in and enjoy the view and a refreshing drink. With its continued success, we have offered Mulga Bill's a permanent spot once a month on Sunday.

A very special thank you to Gary Martine and Jenny Hicks for their on-going support. To Simon Fraser and Alex Thompson, thank you for all your hard work and positive attitude behind the bar. Also, thanks to Richard Hermens, Trudy Smith and all of the Board members for their support and encouragement.

Kathryn Mulherin

Functions Manager

Community Inclusion



First day of Nippers 2017-18

Same Waves Programme

The Same Waves nipper programme continued through the 2017-18 season with great success and enthusiasm by not only the nippers but also those who support the participants on a weekly basis. The programme's purpose is to allow children with special needs to participate in a regular Sunday morning nipper event based around beach activities, on the sand and in the water. Sunday mornings saw between 30 and 40 Same Wave nippers enjoying an hour or more participating with our large contingent of nippers, all sharing the beach.

The nippers progress through the programme at their own individual pace with tremendous enthusiasm. The programme is not possible without support from members and those who volunteer from our local community to help the individual nippers participate to their greatest potential. This, the fifth season of Same Waves, saw many nippers progress to controlled participation in water events up near the

gentle "granny pool" area of the beach. Board riding under close supervision on small broken waves close to shore has become an incredibly popular pastime during Same Waves.

Same Waves requires large numbers of support people to safely manage the activities. Undeniably, it's our volunteers that make our club great. Everyone involved greatly appreciates the assistance of those members and community volunteers who make the programme possible on a weekly basis. The contribution of sponsors Creative Childcare and Grants from Glencore make Same Waves the great success that it is and is also thanked.

Disability Inclusion



Visitors accessing the beach

The summer patrol season was very busy with requests from those with disabilities seeking our support to take the opportunity to access both the sand and the surf. The newly installed disabled lift that was funded with a grant from our partnership with Life Without Barriers was an extremely welcome asset that made access much more convenient for those with mobility issues.

The logistics and manpower associated with enabling safe water access to all, required a genuine commitment from many within our club over the summer. Volunteers were required most weekends and the efforts of many of our patrolling members to not only meet their patrol obligations but also spend additional hours enabling surf access was truly commendable.

There were people from the local area as well as interstate and even international visitors. Many travelled specially to Cooks Hill LS & SC as we were recommended as a safe and confident destination for many to enjoy their first ever experience in the surf. Our guests arrived with a wide range of disabilities including quadriplegia, cerebral palsy, MS, vision

impairments. The members who supported our visitors can proudly attest that everyone left with a smile on their faces. We learned so much more this year as a club, how to efficiently enable access to the surf using a range of aids including beach wheel chairs, tubes and boards.

We had two group homes visit over the summer where all five of our beach wheel chairs were utilised at the same time. This required 35 volunteers who gave up their time to ensure our visitors were safe at all times. The residents and club members were overjoyed with their combined experience. There are too many volunteers to mention individually, the summer was an outstanding success in terms of our evolution to enable beach access to all.

We cannot function without our hoist and thank you to Local Mobility at Cardiff who donated a new hoist at the start of the summer. This wonderful new asset was well utilised and very much appreciated. Our journey toward providing access to all came ahead in leaps and bounds during the 2017-18 season.

Community Outreach and Inclusion



Bar Beach on a beautiful morning

The 2017-18 season saw outreach and inclusion activities with the aim of making Bar Beach available for all in our community to enjoy. Cooks Hill LS & SC partnered with several support organisations to enable programmes of inclusion to be undertaken.

The Port of Newcastle Operations Pty Ltd provided a grant to allow Jason and Selina Darney to lead and coordinate two highly successful outreach programmes. The first was a Saturday afternoon programme to promote beach and surf awareness among those who are new immigrants settling in or those spending a significant amount of time in Australia. The programme, over a four-week period successfully informed individuals and entire families about how to safely enjoy an Australian beach. Participants were from a large range of countries and cultures including, Russia, Uganda, Guinea, Afghanistan, Syria and China. The group included international students to entire extended families of all ages. Several participants continued to visit the beach after the programme concluded which was great evidence of the programme's success. Approximately 60 people participated in the programme.

The second programme was a Friday evening nipper session over four weeks for children from indigenous communities. The children enjoyed the nipper activities immensely and the success centred around input from our regular club member nippers who joined in the activities with the programme participants. The activities, while being great fun were also educational in nature focusing on safety and surf awareness. Several of the 40 children who participated joined the club as a result and started regular attendance at nippers on a Sunday morning.

Recognition and thanks is extended to the Darney family and all those members who participated. The leadership and commitment in delivering these programmes on behalf of the club was of a most professional nature. These initiatives genuinely reach out and enable all those from within our community to enjoy what we all take for granted, a day safely spent at the beach.

ANZAC Day



Cooks Hill on Patrol 2017-18

The ANZAC Day commemoration service was once again held at 7.30am. The weather was unfortunately not on our side this year, with rain and strong winds lashing our club memorial from the south. The service was moved indoors to the upstairs area of the new club building. Despite the weather, the attendance was once again very strong from both the Club Members and local community. Tents were erected at the doorway areas to allow the large numbers in attendance, who couldn't fit inside, to be afforded some shelter from the weather. It was estimated that approximately 500 people were in attendance.

The Australian Defence Force was represented by Commander Mark Sirios who delivered the formal address and Squadron Leader Matthew Taylor. The Hon Sharon Claydon, Federal Member for Newcastle, The Hon Tim Crakanthorp, State Member for Newcastle, Councillor Carol Duncan, Newcastle City Council, Commander David Knight (retired), City of Newcastle RSL Sub Branch, Mr Richard Hermens, President Cooks Hill LS & SC and Mr Mark Doherty, (Club Captain and 2016-17 Hunter Surf Lifesaver of the Year) formed the official party and laid wreaths to

the fallen. Club members, Hunter McConnel, Sophia McMahon, Lucy O'Brien, Samuel Murland, Alana Wilson and Club Chaplain Helene O'Neill all spoke and participated in the service.

The Last Post was sounded by Lisa Thomas nee Carratt, the great niece of club member William Carratt, who rests in France and is one of the nine men inscribed on our club memorial overlooking Bar Beach. The lives of club members Alfred Smith and Edward Malcolm who both fell in the battle of Fromelles were remembered in the memorial address.

A light breakfast was served after the service which afforded the opportunity to invite our local community to join with our membership in the main club function area overlooking the ocean.

John Mayo

Director of Member Services

Groper's Report



Cooks Hill LS & SC Age Managers

We had another strong Groper's' season during 2017 with some absolutely gorgeous weather assisting with a dip during the colder months.

As the flags come down after yet another successful Patrol season and the hordes of beachgoers thin to just a trickle, we kick off another round of Groper's. Each week we sign in, make a small gold coin contribution followed by a swim with some weeks being markedly shorter than others! Our swim is followed by a brisk walk or run back to the club for a hot shower and a well-earned cup of hot soup. Some of our youngest groper's can have this done in less than five minutes whereas for some it is about taking in the aesthetics of our beautiful beach, rejuvenating the soul (or your heart) and making the most of life.

As we warm up with some amazing soup each week club member John Mayo ensures we are all entertained as we catch up on the weekend sporting achievements of some of our younger members and find out just how cold the water really was that morning. As we drain the last of the soup from our cups we are lead in birthday celebrations by some of the younger swimmers. There is always plenty of banter and laughs had by all and occasionally there's the odd fine for the non-listeners who are catching up on their own chat. Mayo doesn't miss anything.

Winter always seems to bring some of the best swimming conditions to Cooks Hill and the winter of 2017 didn't disappoint. The water temperature was relatively balmy as it didn't dip below 17°C. The water was generally crystal clear and the sun was shining most Sunday's during the winter season. This season Shaleigh Lennox was the only groper to achieve 100% attendance! That is a tremendous effort and as such she has been awarded groper of the year. Congratulations Shaleigh.

2017 saw some absolutely delicious soups making their way to the table after each swim. Our soup makers really outdid themselves this year and it was very difficult to find a soup which stood out from the very high standard set each week. The soup which did eventually stand out was crafted by Trevor Cotterill and is therefore crowned 'soup of the year'. It was by all accounts an extremely hearty soup where the spoon stood straight up unassisted! It was just what the Doctor ordered after a cool dip in the ocean.

All members are welcome to groper's, so why not come and join us for a swim, and hot soup.

Adrian Miles

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