



Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd

95th Annual Report 2021/2022



Swansea Belmont

Annual Report

2021 – 2022

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT;

The 95th Annual General Meeting of the Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd will be held in the Clubhouse, Blacksmiths Beach, on Sunday 3rd July 2022 commencing at 10.00am

AGENDA

1. Life Saver's Prayer
2. Acknowledgment to Country
3. President's Address – Welcome to Official guests
4. Minutes Silence for passed members
5. Apologies
6. Confirmation of Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting
7. Presentation of 94th Annual Report and Financial Statements
8. Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the forthcoming season

NB: Under new legislation, nominees for Directors positions must be registered with ASIC before their appointment can be confirmed and take effect.

9. Building Committee – Future Plans Presentation
10. Life Membership & Distinguished Membership Awards
11. Presentation of Long Service Awards
12. Presentation to Retiring Directors

For & on behalf of the Committee

Katrina Pastourmoglou

Secretary

2021/2022 Committee

PRESIDENT	G Burge
DEPUTY PRESIDENT	C Griffith
TREASURER	D Pringle
SECRETARY	K Pastourmoglou
DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS	L Johnson
DIRECTORS OF LIFE SAVING	C Gocher
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION	K Lucas
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	A McCallum
DIRECTOR CLUB HOUSE ACTIVITES	R Barnes
DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	M Rees
REGISTRAR	S Murphy
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	C Connolly
ASSISTANT TREASURER	P Scanes
BEACH CAPTAIN	A Leadbeatter
BOARD CAPTAIN	R Cook
BOAT CAPTAIN	P Sparks
SKI CAPTAIN	T Allen
SWIM CAPTAIN	
R & R CAPTAIN	R Liddell
I.R.B. CAPTAIN	A McCallum
COMPETITION MANAGER	R Cook
HEAD COACH	R Cook
CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE	J Mowbray, P Mitchell, C Wallis, C Marsh, T Morton
DELEGATE TO BRANCH	R Liddell
FINANCE COMMITTEE	D Pringle, K Pastourmoglou, C Wallis, N Mashall, P Scanes
GYM CO-ORDINATOR	S Robertson
FIRST AID OFFICER	R Liddell
ROOKIE CO-ORDINATOR	R Paterson
OHS	D Hooey
GEAR STEWARD	A Murphy

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	T Allen, T Morton, J Mowbray, R Liddel, C Wallis
BUILDING COMMITTEE	T Watts, T Mowbray, R Wilson, R Barnes, M Chalmers
MOBILE VEHICLE OFFICER	M Bint
RADIO OFFICER	N Pezely
SOCIAL SECRETARY	R Parkes/M Burge
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR	N Turney
SPORTS SECRETARY	H Cook
CHILD PROTECTION	L Byrne
AUDITOR	Mark Walmsley Chartered Accountant
HON. SOLICITORS	P Mitchell
HON. DOCTORS	Dr. D. Gordon, Dr. M. Joseph

Life Members

1936	Joe Charlton*	1983	Archie Salaris
1940	Allan Paterson*	1984	Don Gregory*
1944	Roy Byrnes*	1984	John Rees
1944	Ern Heath*	1986	Norm Turney
1944	Herbert McPherson*	1987	Brian Drinkwater*
1953	Kevin Byrnes*	1988	Ron Liddell
1956	Bill Behrends*	1989	John Halpin
1956	Ben Behrends*	1989	Terry Watts
1956	Vic Convery*	1990	Chris Paul
1957	Bert Chant*	1993	Bob Gregory
1957	Jock Gregory*	1994	Ken Murray*
1960	Graham Barrass*	1996	Iain Pattie
1960	Harry Walton	1997	John McDougall*
1962	Fred Moodie*	2000	Jeff Mowbray
1967	Jim Turner*	2000	Mark Scully
1968	Harold Behrends	2001	Gary Brown
1968	Jim Charlton*	2001	Peter McGregor*
1986	Trevor Ham	2002	Tom Gilmore*
1968	Cliff Marsh O.A.M.*	2002	Trevor Mowbray
1968	Geoff Murray	2008	Robert Burge
1968	John Regan*	2008	Graham Burge
1970	Gordon Mc Millan*	2009	Phil Cousins O.A.M.
1970	Trevor Morton	2009	Martin Ross
1973	Jim Corkett	2010	Barry Dobb*
1973	Peter Lee	2011	Jim McKenna
1974	George Cooper	2011	Brian Summers
1975	Barry Moses*	2013	Barry Freeman
1976	Bill Cambridge*	2013	Jon Langford
1977	Ross Blatchford*	2016	Tim Allen
1979	Noel Corkett*	2016	Craig Wallis
1979	Paul Kibble*	2017	Sid Johnstone
1982	Wayne Matthews	2018	Peter Scanes
1982	Jim Purcell	2018	Anthea Stephens

Milestones of Nine Mile

Swansea Surf Life Saving Club

founded 1927-28 season:

Green, cream and gold colours adopted

First Executive

President - Joe Charlton; Secretary - Harold Hall; Treasurer - Frank Marshall; Club Captain - Jack Chapman; Chief Instructor - Ernie Heath

1928-29

Boat crew awarded Certificate of Bravery from the Royal Humane and Shipwreck Society for a rescue on the treacherous Swansea Channel bar

1931-32

First Australian Championship won by the club
- senior boat championship at Bondi

1935

Crisis period - no funds and very few members

1936

Joe Charlton elected as the club's first Life Member

1942

15th February - prominent member Matt Roach
- AIF - killed at fall of Singapore

1946

Tom Humphreys' innovative 'tuck stern' surf boat launched. In the same year, fire destroys dance hall and club shed

1947 - 15th September

Named changed to Swansea-Belmont Surf Life Saving Club

1949-50

Major double - Australian Senior and Junior Boat Championships at Coolangatta, Qld, resulting in aggregate point score success

Late '40'

Major rebuilding program for clubhouse facilities

1950

Ernie Heath elected Life Member, National Council, SLSA of Australia

1954, 1955

Alan Patterson appointed Manager of NSW Representative Team

1955

Maitland flood rescue work

1960

Alan Patterson elected Life Member, National Council, SLSA of Australia

1960-61 to 1962-63

Winners of three successive Newcastle Branch 'BP' competitions

1964

Original 'Little Nippers' led the march past at the club's annual carnival

1964

Hosted New South Wales Championships

Early '70's

Building of new, modern clubhouse

1972

Hosted Australian Championships

1973

Bruce Laughton, Clyde Freeman awarded SLSA Meritorious Awards; in the same season, Cliff Marsh coaches NSW Representative Team

1974

Cliff Marsh selected in Australian Team to World Congress, South Africa

1970's

Community Education programs were at their peak - Pool Survival, School Lecturing, Simulated Shark Attacks, etc - all of this followed the Learn-to-Swim campaigns of the 1960's

1977

Won Australian Open Surf Teams Championship - Bancoora, Vic

1980

Hosted New South Wales Championships

1981

Cliff Marsh appointed Coach of the Australian Team to tour USA

1984

Cliff Marsh elected Life Member, National Council, SLSA of Australia

1980's

Increasing number of Swansea-Belmont members selected in representative teams; ongoing building projects, including renovations and additions outstanding progress of the junior activities section of the club; revival of 'Cross-Lake Swim', Coal Point to Belmont

1988

First Place - overall point score - New South Wales Championships (venue: North Curl Curl) – a 'first' for a club from outside the metropolitan area

1990

Hosted New South Wales Championships

1990

Melissa Thurlow selected to represent Australia in Japan and West Germany

1992

Sean Davis represents Australia against South Africa

1994

Hosted Australian Championships - four gold medals a fitting result at these highly successful championships - 4th place in the overall point score; won Association R&R Premiership

1996

Hosted New South Wales Junior Championships

Late '90's

club instructors busy putting record numbers of candidates through for various awards

1999

Ken Murray elected Life Member, National Council, SLSA of Australia. In the same season, the Open Boat crew selected to represent Australia

2002, 2003

Hosted New South Wales Championships - second in '02, first in '03

2003

Led Australian Championship overall point score at Kurrawa, Qld, until the last two events of the carnival, ultimately finishing second - a wonderful achievement!

2008, 2009, 2010

Host Club for the New South Wales Championships

2010

Jeff Mowbray elected Life Member Surf Life Saving NSW

Mid-2000's to present

ongoing building renovation projects

2012

Training Room & Kitchen renovation completed

2012

Hosted NSW State Endurance Champs

2012/13

Record points winning Hunter Branch Championships

2012/13

Special Needs Nippers commenced with outstanding response

2013

Club celebrated 85 years with a wonderful luncheon

2015

Arch Salaris Life Member Hunter Surf Life Saving

2015

Chris Paul Life Member NSW Surf Life Saving

2016

Inaugural Nine Mile Ocean Classic Swim – April 2016

2017/18

NSW State Championships return to Swansea Belmont 2017/18

90years Anniversary

2018/19

NSW State Championships return to Swansea Belmont 2018/19

2019

Ashby Allen, Ben Rees, Josh Murphy and Matt Rees selected in the Australian Ocean Ski racing Team;

Ashby Allen selected in the U16 Kayak Australian Team;

Dan Chisholm selected in the NSW Youth Pathway Team; and

Kye Taylor selected in the SLS Australian Youth Team.

2019/20

NSW State Championships return to Swansea Belmont 2019/20

Kye Taylor selected in the NSW State Team

DR D & R Gordon donation for purchase of new boat

2020/2021

NSW State Championships return to Swansea Belmont 2020/21

Kye Taylor selected in the Nutri-Grain Iron Series

Zara Foran & Lola Russell selected in the NSW Honorary Youth Team

Bella Williams, Eliza Johnson & Kye Taylor selected in the NSW Honorary Team - Opens

Zara Foran selected in the Australian Life Saving Team Youth ID Squad

6th place Australian Open Point score

2nd place Australian Youth Point score

2021/2022

Bella Williams & Kye Taylor selected in Nutri-Grain Iron Series



CLIFF MARSH OAM

Absolute, complete, sometimes overwhelming dedication to Swansea-Belmont Surf Life Saving Club. Club Captain – 1962-68; President – 1969-74, Australian Premiership-winning R&R Coach, 1972 Australian

Championship R&R Coach, prominent contributor to every major event held on Blacksmiths Beach, sports secretary, standard-bearer, age supervisor, clubhouse renovator, social organiser – and that list merely identifies part of Cliff's club involvement. Newcastle Branch (more recently, Hunter Branch) President, representative team member, coach and selector, Board of Examiner Zone Supervisor. NSW Representative Team Coach 1973; member of the Australian Representative Team to World Championships held in South Africa, 1973-74, where he was a gold medallist as a member of the boat crew.

Coach of the Australian Rep Team to USA in 1981, and Manager of Australian delegations to World Congresses; California, USA in 1978 and Vancouver, Canada in 1986.

Long-serving National Council Publicity Officer.

Organiser of NSW Congresses in 1975 and 1977

Member of World Championship Organising Committees, Bali – 1981 and Hawaii – 1983.

To use a quote from Chris Conrick's 'Northern District Surf Lifesaver' (1989), Cliff "always has a friendly word of encouragement to all life savers, young or old, and quite regardless of their club or background".

Life Member – Swansea-Belmont – 1968;

Newcastle (Hunter) Branch – 1980;

NSW State Centre – 1990;

National Council – 1984.

Recipient of the World Lifesaving Certificate of Merit. Recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia "for services to Surf Life Saving".



KEN MURRAY

Whether it's on the beach, or at a pub or club, or around the dinner table, when the conversation turns to the true greats of the sport of surf boat rowing – and indeed surf life saving – there will always be one name at the very top of the list – Ken "Boofa" Murray, without any

doubt one of the most successful surf boat competitors since surf boat rowing became a sport.

Ken gained his bronze medallion on 19th Nov, 1950, Instructors Certificate in 1964 and Examiners Certificate 1966. He has been inducted into the Australian Sporting Hall of Fame, the NSW Sporting Hall of Champions, the Hunter Region Sporting Hall of Fame and the Australian Surfboat Rowers League Hall of Fame. Ken is the recipient of the International Lifesaving Federation Citation of Merit, the Australian Sports Medal and was selected in the Hunter Branch Team of the Century award.

Ken has been selected in six Australian teams, touring to, amongst others destinations, South Africa and Europe, many times as team captain or vice captain. He has represented in ten Hunter Branch Teams.

His remarkable surf boat competition record is.

46 Hunter Branch Gold Medals; 10 NSW State Titles, 4 Silver and 9 Bronze; 9 Australian Gold, 6 Silver and 6 Bronze; and one World Championship Gold. During his career Ken contested 31 Australian Championship finals.

He is recognised as one of the most successful sweeps in the country, however he also won gold as a rower at the Australian titles as a junior in 1950, and a silver at the NSW state titles the same year.

It is acknowledged that Ken Murray has won more Open National Gold medals than any other surf boat athlete.

Life Member Swansea Caves SLSC

Life Member Swansea Belmont SLSC

Life Member Hunter Surf Lifesaving

Life Member Surf Life Saving NSW

Life Member Surf Life Saving Australia



BRIAN SUMMERS

Brian Summers joined Swansea-Belmont SLSC in 1966, gaining his SBM in that year. He was an excellent patrol member and patrol captain with over a decade of service before attaining Active Reserve status. He was a member of the Patrol of the Year in the 1966/67 season.

Brian served on the Management Committee from 1967/68 to '74/75 as Social Secretary, Publicity Officer and Committeeman, as well as Delegate to the Branch in '70/71 and '74/75. He was part of the very successful Pool Survival team in 1976 and '77. As a competitor Brian was a valuable member of our surf boat section, rowing for many years with Branch Championship success.

Brian became Junior Activities Chairman in 1988/89, a position he held for three seasons. This was a period that required strong leadership, with rapid expansion and integration with the senior body, hence a very successful period for our Juniors.

Brian was Manager of the Branch Representative Team in 1996/97. He helped coach representative teams in various competition disciplines on many occasions and helped a wide range of competitors with their preparation prior to competition, and injury recovery afterwards. Brian was also a hard-working member of our workforce for many Australian and NSW Championship carnivals. For his outstanding service to the Club, Brian 'Pom' Summers was elevated to Life Membership.

President's Report

It is with immense pleasure that I present my 8th Annual Report for the 2021/2022 surf season on behalf of Swansea Belmont SLSC. I must thank our Club Directors & Management team for their dedicated voluntary hours throughout the season, once again we managed to comply with health regulations ensuring our members and guest were safe when attending the club. Thanks to your Board the right decisions were made during those times & still are today to ensure all members & local community are in a safe environment. The positive direction in Patrols, Training and Education, Competition, Finance and Administration will ensure we have set the club up for future sustainable success in Surf Life Saving and support of the local community. If you put your hand up to help around the club this past season – I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The club executive continued our path supporting reconciliation by holding our first smoking ceremony on the first day of Nippers Sunday 7th November 2021 including the official launch of our club swimwear.

"Swansea Belmont SLSC's vision is to be a diverse and inclusive club. As part of our ongoing commitment to our reconciliation journey we have put in place strategies to strengthen diversity within our membership and promote a better understanding of Indigenous Culture. We connected with local artist Thomas Croft -"Crofty's Art" and he created a story piece "Shifting Sands" and allowed us to then showcase his original artwork on our club swimwear. The story behind the swimwear gives us insight of the First Nations peoples connection to the land. "

Another long season on the sand patrolling our pristine beach as an Emergency Service with no loss of life whilst the flags were flying and I commend our dedicated volunteer patrol members for your efforts working alongside LMCC Lifeguards ensuring our community and visitors went home safe to their loved ones. We are one lucky club to have great members giving up their family time to train and educate our award members giving them the essential life skills to wear the red and yellow patrol outfit. Thank you to all trainers & assessors. We had 418 new awards this season. Awards achieved by our members were 351 Junior Surf Ed, 23 Surf Rescue, 28 Bronze Medallion, 2 Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue, 2 IRB Driver, 32 First Aid, 2 IRB Crew, 2 RWC & 8 Silver Medallion Beach Management.

Patrol Statistics 2021/22

Rescues – 6

Preventative Actions – 60

First Aid – 134

Beach Closed – 13

Beach Attendances – 19,241

Patrol Hours – 5375.75 (Excludes Water Safety at Nippers & Carnivals)

Patrol Members – 179 (13 Patrols)

Our Club Sponsors and supporters thank you for your continued support it is greatly appreciated. The ability to successfully provide services and equipment for training and education, lifesaving and patrol duties is a key responsibility of the Club and is only achievable with your generous support each season. The club is indebted to our National, State & Hunter Partners that generously support Surf Life Saving – Ampol, DHL, Isuzu, Dulux, BRP, SLS NSW, Clubs NSW – Your Local Club, Ingenia Holiday Parks, Oakberry Acai, Deputy, Newcastle Permanent, Streets plus the many other sponsors that help our club financially survive to provide the vital rescue equipment that makes Blacksmiths Beach safe. Swansea Belmont SLSC is grateful to our local sponsors such as Lake Macquarie City Council, Belmont 16's, Pelican RSL, Swansea RSL, Belmont GC, Kracka Surfcraft, Lion, CPL Property Group, Engine Swim, Allpride Signs, Zarraffa's Belmont, Eskimo Air Conditioning, McDonalds Belmont and Swansea, Hunter Water, Pelican RSL Sub Branch, Blacksmiths Quality Meats, Blacksmiths Home Hardware, Swansea Surf Shop, Terry's Mobile Mechanics, Intellipower, Bakers Delight Belmont, Big Mumma's Pizza, Blacksmiths Electrical, Fashion Fish, Falken, Our Town Carpet Cleaning, Orana Hotel, Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group. Outside of the above generous support we also rely on Grants through the Federal Government Beach Safety Equipment Fund, NSW Government Facility Funding, SLS NSW Foundation, Hunter Branch Club Quality Program & LMCC Building Maintenance Fund.

The fantastic partnership with Lake Macquarie City Council has again been very productive & supportive over the past year, on behalf of the club I would like to formally thank Mayor Kay Fraser & team who have been highly supportive in all our activities. Our local members of Parliament in Yasmin Catley MP & Pat Conroy MP have again supported the club and members, they are great enthusiasts of our club & the Surf Life Saving movement, Initial meetings have taken place with Yasmin and Pat to align our future plan of attack for the club's major redevelopment, unfortunately this will be placed on hold until an agreement with LMCC on our club lease is resolved. To the team at Hunter Branch thanks for all the support throughout the year.

Our Junior Activities program is continuing to build in numbers and parental involvement which helps our dedicated Age Managers on Nipper Days and Carnivals. Thank you to Matt Rees for stepping back into the role as Director of Junior Activities along with Carolyn Connolly as Secretary to lead our Junior Committee throughout the season. Well done to all our kids for competing and upgrading their surf skills. To those kids that were able to compete at the rain-soaked State Titles I hope you enjoyed yourself & went home happy with your results. Nipper days cannot go ahead without the efforts of our volunteer water safety and IRB teams, plus the incredible training programs that the club coaches provide to the kids.

Congratulations to all our Club Award winners!

Major Club Award Recipients

Volunteer of Year – Carolyn Connolly

Cadet of Year – Kasey Crebert

Junior of Year – Lachlan Rae

Club Person of Year – Andrew McCallum

Although nobody in the Senior Club had the opportunity to compete at State Championships the athletes trained hard over this period to fine tune their fitness to peak for the Australian Championships on the Gold Coast. Another stellar championship was achieved with many medals, finalist and new Green Jacket recipients inducted for their Gold Medals. Very proud to see how the athletes not only competed but held their heads high when then result desired did not go their way, this gift is embedded into the athletes at all training sessions under the tutelage of the club coaching staff who volunteer their time and experience. Well done to our competitors who went onto represent at higher levels.

As stated earlier the 4 southern surf clubs are still working with LMCC to finalise a new 20-year Lease, we have recently declined the Councils latest proposal. Both Chad Griffith and I have been involved with numerous meetings and emails to get the best possible outcome financially and with maintenance schedules for the future. As stated last year until this is resolved it will continue to hold up the club's major building plans.

- Commencement of work for new Kiosk under DA approval - **Pushed out 2023/24.**
- New DA Plans are waiting to be lodged to complete major renovations to the Internal & External building which include a new entrance into the club on southern side, extend Auditorium out onto the front deck with Bi-fold windows, external facade modifications, 3-way bar area to service all function areas upstairs, new entry to downstairs bar, possibly move Radio Room up to a 3rd Level to open up the Auditorium with a view to the South – **Pushed out 2023/24.**
- New Nipper Room & BBQ Building under DA approval – **Pushed out Winter 2023.**
- Upgrade & Disabled ramp to downstairs Disabled Toilet & Gym entrance – Grant \$58K received **currently under construction and to be completed in July 2022.**

Again, the club is in a financial healthy position thanks to the guidance of our Finance Committee. At last year's Annual General Meeting the members voted to invest part of our club funds into managed investment portfolios which have been completed after the finance team worked through various strategies prior to purchasing securities with CommSec. The club has been very fortunate to have substantial ongoing donations from its major sponsors and benefactors. These sponsorships have helped to ensure the financial sustainability of the Club. A special thanks to Doc Gordon & the Moses Family for their kind donations over the past year.

Our Social Committee have continued to keep the finances ticking over with entertainment each Sunday over the summer months which has been well supported by our local community & members. Major fund-raising events have been Golf Day, Kracka, Lisa Hunt to all involved thank you.

We have had to face sadness again during the season with the loss of our Life Member (1968), Hunter Branch (1979), SLS NSW (1990), SLS Australia (1984), Hunter Region Hall of Fame, Cliff Marsh OAM he was club President 1969-74, Cliff was a friend to all and totally dedicated to Swansea Belmont SLSC. He was our long-term coach of the successful R&R teams along with surf skills to all our club swimmers. Cliff represented at all levels including the 1974 Australian team and then coached the 1984 Australian team. Ken Murray (1994), Hunter Branch (1977), SLS NSW (1992), SLS Australia (1998), Hunter, NSW and National Hall of Fame, Ken is regarded as the most successful Boat Rower and Sweep in SLS history. Brian

Summers (2011) served on the club Management Committee and Junior Activities Chairman.

Another long season has passed, and I must thank Katrina for the workload she takes on as Secretary ensuring all SLS Governance is adhered to along with all members needs and requests. It is a mammoth amount of time and effort taken away from her family and on behalf of all members we say thanks. To my wife Mel thank you for allowing me the time and space to lead the club and I appreciate your support and love. Your guidance and calming influence help me to be a better person in my role at the club.

Our Volunteers are the core of the club and community and vital to the club's continued success building a healthy culture and professionalism on the sand and in everyday life. Your journey in the surf club develops lifelong friendships, experiences, self-growth, and development for your future. To you our club members, I thank you for your efforts this season on & off our beach. We succeeded in our goal "Keeping the public safe" as an Emergency Service.

Graham Burge

President



Deputy President's Report

Swansea Belmont SLSC has an incredible history of success and that has continued this season.

The leadership of our executive team drives the way forward for our club. I am in awe of the commitment to the movement and members.

Thank you to our lifesaving members who ensures no lives were lost on Blacksmiths beach again this year. The countless hours and preventative actions ensure the safety for our beach going community.

Our educators again continue to develop lifesavers to professional standards. Your mentorship and teaching doesn't go unnoticed.

To all of our coaches that develop amazing athletes through structured training sessions. You deserve a huge thank you and should enjoy the results achieved this year.

The culture of our club through the juniors and the seniors continues to thrive with a large contributing factor being mate ship and belonging.

The club faces many challenges ahead with a large focus of ensuring our financial sustainability and longevity. This will be achieved through a well negotiated lease with Lake Macquarie City Council and committed club upgrades, combined with all levels of government financial support.

Lastly to our President Graham Burge and Secretary Katrina Pastourmoglou, thank you. We would not be the establishment we are today without you both.

Chad Griffith

Deputy President

Treasurer's Report

The following three pages set out the financial performance of Swansea Belmont SLSC for the year ended 30 April 2022 and the financial position as at 30 April 2022. These pages were prepared prior the finalisation of the annual audit but are unlikely to change in any material way.

Operating Results

The year was financially another very good year for the club, reporting an Operating Profit Before Depreciation of \$75k. This is however \$120K below the surplus reported in the prior year, largely due to:

- The club did not hold the NSW state titles the year - \$51k
- There was less Bar and Function Income largely due to COVID restrictions - \$25k
- The club is no longer paid for maintaining the breakwall - \$20k
- The club increased its expenditure on Lifesaving & Competition - \$30k

A more detailed breakdown of the results and variances from the prior year is shown in the following Income Statement.

Capital Expenditure

The club incurred capital expenditure of \$38k during the year comprising a new flagpole, clubhouse furniture and a ski trailer. These payments are not included in the Operating Profit.

Financial Position

At the end of the year the club had Net Assets of \$3,408k, mostly comprising:

- Property, Plant & Equipment (mostly clubhouse) - \$2,522k
- Cash and term deposits - \$389k
- Investment Reserves - \$484k

Investment Reserves

It was agreed at the 2021 AM that the club should invest up to \$500K in Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's) with a view to increasing the return on accumulated funds over the medium to long term. These funds were invested in a diversified portfolio of ETF's in the knowledge that although over time there should be increased profitability the club could expect to incur losses one year in five.

The club began investing in November 2021 as existing term deposits matured and had invested the full amount by March 2022. In that short period the club earned dividends of \$8,427 but due largely due to the war in Ukraine incurred unrealised losses on its investments of \$13,610 and brokerage fees of \$1,403. These results are included in the Operating Results shown above,

Full details are shown in the following pages.

It was also agreed at the 2021 AGM that any transfer of funds to or from the Reserve should only occur after a vote at a General Meeting of members. Apart from the transfer of

dividends (less brokerage fees) the Directors do not propose any transfer of funds at this stage.

D A Pringle CPA

Treasurer

Income Statement
Swansea Belmont SLSC - year ended April 30

	<u>2021/22</u>			<u>2020/21</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Gross</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Direct</u> <u>Costs</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Income</u>		<u>Favourable/A</u> <u>dverse</u>
Income					
Bar & Functions	173,907	(131,269)	42,638	67,882	(25,244)
Fundraising	51,694	(12,128)	39,566	18,433	21,133
Grants & Sponsorship	93,236		93,236	102,757	(9,521)
Carnival & Events Hosting	31,932	(13,873)	18,059	75,602	(57,543)
Merchandising	25,522	(29,043)	(3,521)	(1,144)	(2,377)
Memberships	70,583		70,583	53,825	16,758
Investment Income	(4,814)		(4,814)	5,276	(10,090)
Competition	6,594		6,594	5,470	1,124
Breakwall Maintenance	(6,002)		(6,002)	14,282	(20,284)
Lifesaving Income	1,763		1,763	868	895
Other Income	1,277		1,277	2,285	(1,008)
Gross Surplus	<u>445,692</u>	<u>(186,313)</u>	<u>259,379</u>	<u>345,536</u>	<u>(86,157)</u>
Less Expenses					
Lifesaving & Competition					
Lifesaving		23,675			
Competition		64,953			
Affiliation & capitation Fees		<u>19,664</u>			
			108,292	<u>78,796</u>	(29,496)
Facilities					
Electricity		5,814			
Building Repairs & Maintenance		21,087			
Rates		7,851			
Telephone		1,213			
Insurance		13,461			
Other Club Facilities		<u>8,491</u>			
			57,917	<u>49,434</u>	(8,483)
Administration					
Advertising		1,281			
Accounting & Audit		6,314			
Computers		1,799			
Bank Charges		1,278			
Postage		1,546			
Office Supplies		3,165			
Other Administration		<u>2,634</u>			
			18,017	<u>22,168</u>	4,151
Total Expenses			<u>184,226</u>	<u>151,829</u>	<u>(32,397)</u>
Operating Surplus Before Depreciation			75,153	195,137	(119,984)
Depreciation (estimate)			126,023	127,882	(1,859)
Net Surplus			<u>(50,870)</u>	<u>67,255</u>	<u>(121,843)</u>

Balance Sheet
Swansea Belmont SLSC - as at April 30

	<u>April 2022</u>	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>Var.</u>
Current Assets			
Financial Assets			
Exchange Traded Funds	484,339		
Trading Account	95,416	282,673	
Term Deposits	200,243	536,816	
Cheque Account	89,967	5,598	
Debit Card	905	1,222	
Floats	<u>2,485</u>	<u>2,783</u>	
	873,355	829,092	44,263
Other Current Assets			
Bar Stock	14,345	14,150	
Clothing stock	7,295	12,355	
Other Current Assets	<u>4,587</u>	<u>13,456</u>	
	<u>26,227</u>	<u>39,961</u>	<u>(13,734)</u>
Total Current Assets	899,582	869,053	30,529
Non Current Assets			
Buildings at cost	2,998,107	2,998,107	
less accumulated depr.	<u>(754,069)</u>	<u>(628,046)</u>	
	2,244,038	2,370,061	
Equipment at cost	474,117	441,556	
less accumulated depr.	<u>(235,796)</u>	<u>(235,796)</u>	
	238,321	205,760	
Vehicles at cost	73,651	68,651	
less accumulated depr.	<u>(33,944)</u>	<u>(33,944)</u>	
	39,707	34,707	
Total Non-Current Assets	2,522,066	2,610,528	(88,462)
Total assets	3,421,648	3,479,581	(57,933)
less Current Liabilities			
Creditors & Accruals	13,009	10,546	
GST liabilities	<u>166</u>	<u>9,691</u>	
Total Current Liabilities	13,175	20,237	(7,062)
Net Assets	<u>3,408,473</u>	<u>3,459,344</u>	<u>(50,871)</u>
Retained Earnings	2,924,136	3,459,344	(535,208)
Lifesavers' Reserve	<u>484,337</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>484,337</u>
	<u>3,408,473</u>	<u>3,459,344</u>	<u>(50,871)</u>

Swansea Belmont SLSC - as at April 30

Funds Flow Statement

	<u>April 2022</u>	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>Var.</u>
Financial assets:			
Closing Financial Assets	873,355	829,092	
Opening Financial Assets	<u>829,092</u>	<u>645,696</u>	
Increase in Financial Assets	44,263	183,396	(139,133)
Comprising:			
Operating Surplus Before Depreciation	75,153	195,137	(119,984)
less capital Expenditure	(37,561)	(110,205)	72,644
Movement in Working capital	<u>6,671</u>	<u>98,464</u>	<u>(91,793)</u>
Increase in Financial Assets	<u>44,263</u>	183,396	<u>(139,133)</u>

Investment Reserves

Purchases	Australian ETF's		World ETF's	US ETF's	World (excl US)	Total
	VAS	VSO	IOO	IVV	VEU	
Fund Manager						
quantity - Nov 21	1,050	700	480	76	580	
quantity - March 22	<u>1,050</u>		<u>510</u>	<u>79</u>		
	2,100	700	990	155	580	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Purchase -Nov 21	99,445	51,275	49,828	48,279	49,700	298,527
Purchase - Mar 22	<u>100,180</u>		<u>51,472</u>	<u>47,768</u>		<u>199,420</u>
	199,625	51,275	101,300	96,047	49,700	<u>497,947</u>

Movement in Reserve 2021/22

Purchases	497,947
Investment Income:	
Brokerage	(1,403)
Dividends	7,317
Imputation Credits	<u>1,110</u>
Net Income	7,024
Transfers to Retained Earnings	(7,024)
Unrealised Capital Gain/(Loss)	<u>(13,610)</u>
Closing Balance 30/4/2022	<u>484,337</u>

Membership Fees 2022/2023

Active Patrolling Member	\$60.00
Active Competitor Member	\$200.00
Includes 3 Local hunter carnivals (plus Manly/Branch/State)	
Entry fee includes ONLY 1 Opens or Masters at above	
Active Reserve Member	\$60.00
Long Service Member	\$60.00
Active Reserve/Long Service Competitor Member	\$200.00
Associate Member	\$60.00
Gym Fee	\$50.00
Award Member (non-patrolling)	\$250.00
Includes Gym Fee & Key	
Gym Key	
Patrolling Member	\$25.00
Non-patrolling Member	\$50.00
Aussies Competition Levy	\$115.00
Junior	
One Child	\$100.00
Two Children	\$190.00
3+ Children	\$270.00
1 Adult & 3+ Children	\$270.00
Local Carnival Competition Levy	\$60.00
Must be paid with membership fees	
State Titles Competition Levy	\$50.00
Aussies Competition Levy (U13 & U14)	\$115.00

One Parent is expected to join as an Associate Member or Full Active Member to participate in Surf Life Saving activities as per the guidelines of our governing body Surf Life Saving Australia.

Secretary's Report

Another very dysfunctional year. Covid was back in force closing us down and making life difficult.

We have had event on event cancelled, Functions booked then cancelled then rebooked.

But on a positive note, we all got through it. 2021-2022 was a good year, we started with a bang with our biggest Kracka carnival to date. We held our annual golf day with a lot of happy golfers.

A special Santa came this year for our Naughty Boys Christmas party and put a lot of smiles on the old boys' faces.

The Secretary job is getting harder with so many new rules and changes to this world we live in.

This year we secured a few grants:

\$5000.00 Club Grants went to surf skis and boards,

\$2000.00 Lake Macquarie Council for patrol jackets,

\$16500.00 BESF surf Lifesaving Grant,

\$6000.00 to Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group's Community Support Program for Nipper foamies,

\$3000.00 Community Grants Hub Volunteer Grant,

\$1000.00 COVID Sport Recovery Grant funding for our club

and \$4000.00 Lions Club of Swansea that allowed us to purchase more Nippers foamies.

I will keep chasing grants and sponsorships.

Just want to thank our Swansea Belmont family, we have so many helpers and members who always put up their hand to help when ever needed.

To Graham, the Executive and the Directors who put countless hours for our members. I respect and love each of you.

Katrina Pastourmoglou

Secretary

Director of Life Saving's Report

I continue to be humbled by the contributions of Swansea Belmont Surf Lifesaving members when it comes to protecting our swimming public, supporting and upholding the values of our club and the historical name of Surf Life Saving in Australia. This season we have protected 19,241 swimmers on Blacksmiths Beach. We have maintained a presence on the beach at every major SLS event in our area and supported not only our patrols but broadened our scope to assist other water-based events in our region, which is recognition of the value we provide to our beach going public and competitors alike. This season we had our fair share of the ever-present Covid, windy wet days, however the lingering summer feeling continued to the end with patrols enjoying warm weather to see the season out.



I talk about the numbers as they provide us with some indicators and trends on our performance and the direction we are heading, however more importantly they tell us about the people who put in the hard work to achieve not only the results but to achieve the reason we are here. The Lifesaving awards for the 2022 season were solely based on the stats.

Attendance

Times \ Type	Swimmers	Swimmers Outside Flags	Craft	On Beach	Total
01:00	0	0	0	0	0
02:00	0	0	0	0	0
03:00	0	0	0	0	0
04:00	0	0	0	0	0
05:00	0	0	0	0	0
06:00	0	0	0	0	0
07:00	0	0	0	0	0
08:00	553	351	705	1400	3009
09:00	301	30	107	313	751
10:00	494	232	489	1417	2632
11:00	284	132	209	763	1388
12:00	1089	448	309	2620	4466
13:00	387	188	266	978	1819
14:00	493	142	181	1442	2258
15:00	284	76	106	500	966
16:00	274	94	145	458	971
17:00	336	93	135	417	981
18:00	0	0	0	0	0
19:00	0	0	0	0	0
20:00	0	0	0	0	0
21:00	0	0	0	0	0
22:00	0	0	0	0	0
23:00	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4495	1786	2652	10308	19241

Leading Female Patrol Members

Name	Hours
1. Carolyn Connolly (ID: 4638110)	62.0
2. Leanne Johnson (ID: 4401695)	58.5
3. EMERSON CONNOLLY (ID: 4641813)	57.0
4. Nikki Stevens (ID: 4239873)	53.5
5. Lea Watson (ID: 4755191)	53.5
6. Alicia Fry (ID: 5500766)	51.5
7. KAREN LUCAS (ID: 5538373)	48.0
8. Sytske McCallum (ID: 5690508)	47.5
9. Catherine Gocher (ID: 5538370)	47.0
10. ZALI BURGE (ID: 4536809)	45.0

Leading Male Patrol Members

Name	Hours
1. Lachlan Rae (ID: 4662918)	81.0
2. Jeffrey Considine (ID: 5943449)	75.5
3. Kyle Probert (ID: 5570306)	75.5
4. Andrew McCallum (ID: 5562193)	74.0
5. Robert Clark (ID: 5779828)	68.0
6. Malcolm Rae (ID: 5463236)	64.5
7. Tim Allen (ID: 3556381)	62.5
8. Jeff Kingston (ID: 4637900)	59.6
9. Bailey Connolly (ID: 4496731)	59.5
10. Aidan Rae (ID: 5410512)	57.0

Lifesaving Commitment

Mal Rae Patrol 2

Joined Swansea Belmont 2013.

Career patrol hours since joining SBSLSC - 184hrs. Mal completed his Bronze in 2018 and successfully completed IRB crew and driver. Mal consistently volunteers as an official at every carnival.

Mal is always ready to lend a helping hand and really relates to the young, old and in between at the club. A true asset to SBSLSC.

I'm sure his next step is an RSA course to get behind the bar and to take on the role of Patrol Captain with Lachie. We'll talk after a few beers.



Lifesaving Excellence

David Banks Patrol 11

Been around SBSLSC since 2008. Career patrol hours since joining SBSLSC are 562. Aquaboy completed his Bronze Medallion back in 2006 but obviously has kept himself in great shape for the last 18 years.

Dave has completed Silver Medallion Beach Management, IRB crew, IRB driver, Advanced Resus, and was Director of Lifesaving at SBSLSC for many years.

Dave is the stats man from way back. I appreciated his mentoring when I took over the Director of Lifesaving role and am grateful for his continued support in looking after the ATV and helping out with training and proficiencies. He loves surf life-saving.



Patrol Captain of the Year

Jeff Kingston Patrol 10

Joined Swansea Belmont in 2017 and we are grateful to have him and his family. Career patrol hours since joining SBSLSC are 306.33. Jeff originally completed his Bronze in 2012 and successfully completed Silver Medallion Beach Management, IRB crew and driver and immediately accepted his patrol captain nomination.

I think Jeff has bought the most cases of beer for IRB mishaps but fortunately Kobi is an excellent driver and does not follow in his fathers footsteps. It has simply been bad luck every time. 🍷

Jeff has mastered the sign on app and worthy of applause because it is just crap.

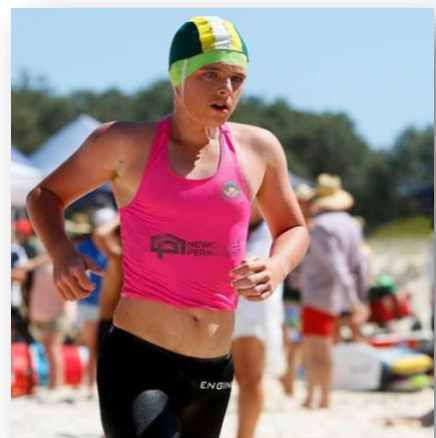


Patrol Person of the Year

Lachlan Rae Patrol 2

Topped the charts with 81hrs patrolling. Been a member for 12 years and a patrolling member for 4 years. In those 4 years Lachie has patrolled a massive 194 hours.

- Most patrol hours in the SBSLSC in 2021/2022 season
- Volunteered for emergency patrols
- Most awards in his age group. Bronze, IRB crew, First Aid, Silver Medallion IRB driver, Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue, Silver Medallion Beach Management
- Great competitor & Lachie is destined for Patrol captain and bar duty in 2023.



Patrol of the Year

This patrol had the most patrol hours spent on Blacksmiths Beach – 713.58hrs. This included 669.5hrs of rostered hours and 44.08hrs of extra volunteering hours. Patrol 4 had 6 x members in the top 10 hours male and female categories. **Congratulations to Patrol 4:**

- Connolly, Bailey
- Connolly, Emerson
- Lewis, Saskia
- Connolly, Carolyn
- Krysko, Stephan
- Masia, Darcy
- Lea Watson
- Masia, Steven
- Connolly, Dean
- Allen, Tim
- Stevens, Nikki
- Gravenor, Matilda
- Alchin, Todd
- Alchin, Eve
- Allen, Ashby
- Connolly, Cambell



Patrol 03 2021/2022	0	0	450.5	5.5	0	25.5	0	481.5
Patrol 04 2021/2022	0	0	669.5	0	0	44.08	0	713.58
Patrol 05 2021/2022	0	0	191.67	4.5	84.5	59	0	339.67

Report Type:

Total Team Patrol Hours

Selection Criteria:

Simple Search; Season Type = Patrol Season; Patrol Season = 2021.

Surf Life Saving NSW : Hunter Branch : Swansea Belmont								
Team Name	Make-Up Hours	Penalty Hours	Rostered Hours	Substitute Hours	Trainee Hours	Volunteer Hours	Water Safety Hours	Total Hours
2021 Christmas Day	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	72
2022 New Years Day	0	0	64.5	0	0	0	0	64.5
Australia Day 2022	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	51
Back up Patrol	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	89
Branch Champs Water Safety Day 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Branch Champs Water Safety Day 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	2.5
Branch Champs Water Safety Day 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Branch IRB Water Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	66.5	66.5
Carnival WS - Round 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.08	5.08
Carnival WS - Round 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	30.09	30.09
Patrol 01 2021/2022	0	0	105	0	0	4.5	0	109.5
Patrol 02 2021/2022	7.5	0	545	34.5	0	35	0	622
Patrol 03 2021/2022	0	0	450.5	8.5	0	25.5	0	484.5
Patrol 04 2021/2022	0	0	669.5	0	0	44.08	0	713.58
Patrol 05 2021/2022	0	0	191.67	4.5	84.5	59	0	339.67
Patrol 06 2021/2022	0	0	428.5	8.5	0	19	0	456
Patrol 07 2021/2022	8.5	0	343.5	10.5	0	45	0	407.5
Patrol 08 2021/2022	0	0	441	8.5	3.5	20.5	3.5	477
Patrol 09 2021/2022	0	0	93.5	0	0	0	0	93.5
Patrol 10 2021/2022	0	0	379	17	0	17	0	413
Patrol 11 2021/2022	0	0	335	0	0	14.5	0	349.5
Patrol 12 2021/2022	0	0	339.5	0	0	0	0	339.5
Patrol 13 2021/2022	0	0	177	17	0	60	0	254
Voluntary Patrol	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40

Total Patrol Hours Achieved 5375.75 an increase of 4.55%. Our No-Show statistics are now non-existent due to larger patrols and the commitment of these patrols to work out minimal patrolling numbers amongst their members. This year we saw well supported Christmas Day, Australia Day, Anzac Day and Public Holiday patrols and the State Carnival patrols saw our voluntary hours increase, which also indicates the depth of support in the club for dedication to Life Saving.

Our commitment is to find ways to better engage members on flexible working routines, align patrols to better meet the demands of an increasing competition season across all disciplines and encourage our members to seek substitutes and give back when available for alternate patrols. This season we continued all-day patrols with positive feedback. All-day rostering was fun, and enjoyable, improved team bonding and provided Patrol



Captains with flexibility when managing patrol numbers across the day allowing members to attend when available, whilst maintaining our Service Agreement.

In reviewing our membership levels in support of patrols, it is evident we need to work towards recruiting and encouraging more members to support our teams. In addition, this season we continued to develop potential leaders in some of the larger patrols to the stage we can now start moving members onto their own new patrols and create new friendships and broaden the skill base of our patrols, this should also include strengthening of other patrols that have suffered a reduction in members over the season.

The post season patrol survey will be released to members moving into the 2022 -2023 season - a great head start for planning next season. Our club still remains at the leading edge of training equipment technology and delivery of education in Surf skills and knowledge. I encourage all members to promote the benefits of being an active member in the surf life-saving movement, the skills, knowledge and leadership gained in the service of our community bode well on any resume to a potential employer. The patrol van had a small upgrade this season, however we strive to design a well-equipped van that serves our patrolling duties.



Please continue to soak up the beach life, enjoy your friends on patrol and be a part of the great history of this club and a lifetime of contribution to surf lifesaving. It has been a great season. Our patrolling members have supported our beach going public with vigilance and dedication. May I see all of you on the sand again next season.

Cat Gocher

Director of Lifesaving

Director of Education's Report

What a year 2022 was! As in the previous 2 years, there was doubt that we would have another patrolling season. But as 'Flags up' drew closer, restriction yet again threw chaos into an upcoming season. Firstly, the From here, the candidates then welcome us trainers into their home via Zoom where we ran our theory lessons and had some fun with quizzes by Kahoot. Our Training group sizes were again limited and for a second year on a row, our usual pre-season recruitment drive for new patrolling members were restricted to our competitive candidates who required their Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue certificates to compete. We began training about 6 weeks later than usual, and once again, we had to adapt to the checking in, social distancing and constant cleaning rules.

We were able to run a second Bronze Medallion course in November, and from there, we had many of our fabulous members who stepped up to train in new awards for the 2021/2022 season. Our award numbers were increased from the previous year and had 68 new awards for the season. Interestingly, 52% of these members were receiving surf life-saving awards for the very first time. 9 of these Swansea Belmont members are not competing and simply training so they can volunteer as patrolling lifesavers and parent helpers at Nippers.



All our trainers are continually working on ways to improve our delivery of courses that we run at Swansea Belmont. We will plan to met for a post season wrap up to plan and discuss our training schedule for next 2022/23 season. So, we will keep you all posted on what's install.

E-online learning will continue, and we feel that this year, we have had a record number of members embracing this new way of learning

for all courses and pre-season skills maintenance. Which was important more than ever this season as we were had so many restrictions on face-to-face learning. Being able to complete the e-online learning component for the skills maintenance certainly made Cat, Caz and my job easier. Over the next season, All member will be upskilled in spinal, so keep an eye on dates to come and join in.

We will continue to recruit and encourage members to be involved, gain further educated and patrol our beautiful beach. In this session we had a group of older age athletes who came and assisted with water safety, utilizing their skills to aid in the training of our future young lifesavers.

Karen Lucas

Director of Education

2021/2022 Awards

Certificate II Aquatic Rescue – Bronze Medallion

Taylah Archer

Xavier Coates

Jade Curtis

Kasey Crebert

Poppy Doran

Susie Doran

Rachel Fallis

Kaitlyn Hall

Ethan Hamilton

Rachel Hammond

Chloe Huggins

Emma Huggins

Nikita Hughes

Michael Hoetzer

Nathan Howe

Danial Jack

Jack Johns

Ty Leadbeatter

Stuart Mackel

Rodd Millington

Sam Murphy

Mick Nesbitt

Jack Paterson

Gregory Perrin

Oscar Roberts

Lola Russell

Tye Worell

Jade Wyld

Surf Rescue Certificate

Eve Alchin

Harry Boswell

Tanner Boyle

Xanthe Calov

Campbell Connolly

Kai Cook

Phoebe Doran

Billy Foran

Noah Gibbs

Jeremy Gocher

Matilda Gravenor

Liam Hamilton

Rhiannon Hinchcliffe

Emerson Leadbeatter

Saskia Lewis

Darcy Masia

Marley Mogford

Talon Parkes-Jones

Will Paterson

Khobey Probert-Walker

Kaitlyn Rees

Olivia Russell

Nate Ward

Silver Medallion – Aquatic Rescue

Kobi Kingston

Lachlan Rae

Silver Medallion – Beach Management

Ashby Allen

Zali Burge

Jeffery Considine

Adam Hesketh

Kobi Kingston

Paul Hickey

Lachlan Rae

Mauricia Withyman

Silver Medallion – IRB Driver

Jeffrey Considine

Lachlan Rae

IRB Crew Certificate

Adam Hasketh

Jack Paterson

Rescue Watercraft Operators Certificate

Bradley Fox

Andrew McCallum

Director of Surf Sports Report

Season 2021–2022 has been a very different season.

The Swansea Belmont athletes finished 1st at Branch Carnival. We didn't compete at State as the Carnival was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Australian championship we took away 24 Youth Competitors U13 to U15, 32 Open competitors and 7 Master competitors.

We bought home 8 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals.

A few highlights for me were the back-to-back wins of the U19 Female Taplin Team, and the U17 Male 2x1k Relay Team.

We had 2 athletes that competed in the Nutri Grain Series Kye Taylor and Bella Williams. Kye gained entry thru the Nextgen competition and Bella was called up after other athletes had to withdraw because of illness.

No Interbranch racing again this year because of COVID.

SLSA Held the Super Surf Series event that was held at Bondi on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday racing before the Nutri Gran Series we had 7 athletes selected Bella Williams (captain of the Orcas), Isabella Campbell, Eliza Johnson, Josh Murphy, Saxon Coates, Zara Foran and Hayden Cooping.

This year we held our own senior carnival Blackies Hit Out, we invited all the clubs in the branch and with generous support from our sponsors IPS wealth Management, Kracka Surf Craft, BCS Gateshead, Swansea Surf, Truck n Earth, Terry's Mobile Mechanics and Lake Macquarie City Council we gave away over \$4000 in prize money.

We also held the Cliff Marsh Memorial R&R carnival just prior to the Australian Titles we expected nearly 100 competitors unfortunately due to COVID and some teams missing members we only had around 60 competitors.

Perry Sparks and Mitchell Rees have worked hard getting 4 Boat crews into the water this year, a U19 Female crew, u23 Female Crew a Reserve Mens crew and a Master Female crew. They competed at some local carnivals in tough conditions and received some minor placings.

To Tim Allen and Tim Foran thank you for the support throughout the year in selections. This is a very difficult process that we take very seriously, we are so fortunate at Swansea Belmont to have such depth of talent.



The depth of talent comes from our dedicated coaches who put in so much work on and off the beach working with our athletes, they tirelessly plan and deliver coaching sessions and share their wealth of knowledge with each and every one of the athletes.

Our Coaches

Board – Ryan Cook, Gav Johns, Graham Burge, Tim Foran

Ski – Tim Allen, Matt Rees, Paul Stone

Iron Person - Nat McGregor, Craig Coates

Beach – Angela Leadbeatter

Boats - Perry Sparks, Mitchell Rees

It has been another good year for Team Swansea Belmont, in a year of turbulence due to COVID

Leading into Australian Titles it seemed like every day another athlete had tested positive, we worked hard to get the team to the Australian titles. Congratulations to you all.

You may not win, you may not make the final but you will have the satisfaction that you raced well and accept that those in front of you just did it better on the day. (Borrowed from a wise man)

Thank you

Leanne Johnson

Director Surf Sports



Director of Junior Activities' Report

Sunday Nippers

It was great to see a number of new faces coming through the younger age groups with many parents putting their hand up to assist. Thanks also to our experienced members who



continue to help out and pass on their surf skills to the current generation. Special thanks to our u/14's & u/15's who have also helped by assisting kids who are hesitant or afraid of the water, reassuring them, teaching them and providing them with confidence to get out in the water. Congratulations and thanks to all our helpers.

Our BBQ this year has once again seen Brooke and Steve Mogford, and Ron Wilson volunteer endless hours to ensure everyone on a Sunday enjoys a BBQ. They are also assisted by

numerous others throughout the year and we thank them for all their time and effort. The BBQ is also a fantastic fundraiser for our club.

Competition

Hunter Branch Championships

Under 9's to U15's have had a successful competitive year. Great results at branch level with our club winning the branch point score again.

State Age Championships

Unfortunately, the State Titles were a bit of a debacle this year and half the club missed out on competing. Fortunately, half the club did get to compete and as always we had considerable success. Congratulations to the lucky ones who got to have a race and raced to the best of their ability. To those who missed out, be proud of all your efforts throughout the year and hopefully you will get to make up for it this coming season.

Surf Education

Thanks to the Surf Education crew of Karen & Cat and their many assistants who put in a lot of work to get our U14's and some U13's ready for patrols by getting them through their SRC's.

Training

The reason we are so successful is that even though we have a number of official coaches there are always a number of other people who will step up to run sessions and assist the coaches on the water with training the kids and it is this support that gets our squads to the next level. Thanks to all the regular coaches Chalmo, Gibbsy, Sambo, Blairy, Stefan and Melissa plus all the others who help when required throughout the season. Thanks to all the

mum's and dad's who help with water safety every session. Thanks also to Ange Leady for all the hard work on the sand with the kids.

Kracka Ironperson Event

This year's Kracka Ironperson event registered the biggest numbers of competitors in its history with 480 entries. As one of the club's biggest fundraiser activities we are fortunate to have generous sponsors. A massive thank you to Wayne & Nicole Stoddart at Kracka Surfcraft for their continued support of the event and to Swansea Surf Shop, Engine, Fashion Fish and Swansea McDonalds who provide generous support.



I would also like to make a special mention to Carolyn Connolly who has finally gotten all her kids through nippers and will be stepping down as Secretary. She has done an incredible amount of work over a number of years and the work she did to assist me will always be greatly appreciated.

Thanks also for the ongoing help of many parents and volunteers for giving up your time for officiating, water safety, IRB crews, BBQ rosters, age managers, administration and coaching. This is what makes our club successful and I hope you will all be back next year.

Matt Rees

Director of Junior Activities

Social Secretary's Report

Another successful season with our music on the deck. We have had a few new acts and we changed things up a bit by having our first outdoor gig on the lawn which was exciting despite the weather & COVID outbreak.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Neil Diamond event due to covid restrictions.

We are excited to have some fresh ideas and new events penned for the calendar so please look to our Facebook for the upcoming events and announcements. We will be holding the Tombala raffle at the end of the year - so many fantastic prizes. Many more fundraisers also so our competitors are able to get their gear over to WA for Aussies 2023.

Once again thanks to an awesome bar team. You all work so hard and turn up to serve our club members and community. Really appreciate what you do.

Like we always say - please support these events. Share on your social media or word of mouth. Our club views showcase such natural beauty. We are family-friendly and welcome all community support.

Melissa Burge
Social Secretary



Board Captain's Report

A challenging year was had by the SB Board squad this year with many obstacles to negotiate and overcome. Firstly, group training was unable to go ahead until mid-October due to COVID restrictions which put us well behind QLD squads. Also, a large portion of the squad was undertaking their HSC and also starting full-time and part-time employment which is a huge lifestyle change for them to navigate. At times through the season, several athletes contracted COVID which was heartbreaking. Having to see these kids try and battle through a virus that is affecting their lungs and heart and watching them trying to compete in a sport that demands peak aerobic and cardio fitness was awful. Some kids recovered in weeks some took months which was so cruel.

Then we had to deal with NSW State Titles changing dates and then possibly venues and eventually being cancelled at the last minute due to weather and water quality.

This left the last throw of the dice being Aussies which was now scheduled for Broadbeach after being rescheduled out of Perth mid-season just so parents could scramble for another change in accommodation bookings. After driving North through flood waters and devastated areas we then arrive in Broadbeach and just for an added drama the competition was then moved to North Kirra due to a suspected or mystery cyclone two days before race day causing commuting chaos and more uncertainty in the group. As if these kids haven't been through enough.

In a season that can only be described as an Absolute Debacle, our SB paddlers were still able to pull out some fantastic results at Aussies showing great resilience and determination after what they had endured throughout the season.

The Australian Titles results were as follows-

- 1st U13/14 Female Board Relay- Katy Rees, Xanthe Calov, Daisey Breasley
- 2nd U14 Female Board Race- Katy Rees
- 2nd U19 Male Board Race- Beau McGregor
- 2nd U17 Male Board Relay- Ethan Hamilton, Blake Cook, Jack Johns
- 2nd U19 Male Board Relay- Nick Stoddart, Blake Cook, Saxon Coates
- 3rd U14/15 Male Board Relay- Sam Murphy, Aiden Rae, Xavier Coates
- 3rd U19 Male Board Race- Kurt Murphy

Presentation night saw The Encouragement Award go to Tom Hall for his hard work, determination and continual improvement throughout the year. The Board Paddler of The Year award went to Beau McGregor for his exceptional work in and out of the water this



season. Beau is constantly pushing himself and others in the group each and every session. He is a very quiet, polite and humble young man who is a pleasure to coach at all times. It was a special and rewarding moment to watch him compete so well at Aussies and achieve 2nd in the U19 Board race and only one step off the Gold in a very exciting Board Final. A result well deserved mate.

That's all from me, well done and congratulations to the SB board paddlers I am proud of you all. See you on the sand shortly in preparation for Perth 2023 (well at this stage??).

Cookie

Board Captain

Boat Captain's Report

Another season over and a look back on achievements, setbacks and what to look forward to in the coming 2022 / 2023 season.

Achievements

From having zero crews at the time of the A.G.M. and my election as boat captain, things really started to happen quite quickly.

Mitchell Reese had contacted me previously and asked if there was a place for him at the club. I assured him he was most welcome along with his father if he was available. Both of them decided their futures were going to be with Swansea Belmont even if we didn't have any crews at this stage. Both Mitchell and Mick Reese had been members of Swansea Belmont previously, Mitchell as a rower and Mick as a sweep.

A bit of background on Mitchell which the majority of the club will not be aware of. As a rower he has been a part of the crew that won the Hunter and Central Coast Boat Series, The Battle of The Boats, the Manly Carnival, State Gold and Australian Silver in under 23 division with me when I was at Dixon Park. He came back with me to Swansea Belmont and rowed open for a season but that crew collapsed. He had been trying to get into sweeping since giving up rowing. First, he tried at Swansea Belmont but was told by previous Boat Captain there was no nothing for him here. He then went to Redhead but was given limited opportunity there. He has all the required competences of SLSA for sweeping. Everyone has to acquire experience to excel in everything we do and that is where Mitchell is now. He is learning and my personal opinion is that he is going to be a very good sweep.

Mick Reese has been in surf boats for decades and has achieved what most people in surf boats only dream of. He started rowing at Merewether and then went to Dixon Park for a period of time where he won State Gold in the Open Division before returning to Merewether to sweep where he again won numerous State and Australian Medals in all divisions with multiple crews. Mick is a former Boat Captain at Merewether and Newcastle and also is a life member of Merewether.

After my election as Boat Captain Mitchell, Mick and myself went through all the gear we had at the boat shed. There was a mixture of round rowlock oars and square rowlock oars at the shed. Boat pumps weren't working, trailer lights not working and we didn't know what the batteries were like. The oars have now been inspected and all of the serviceable oars have been or are in the process of being converted to square backs and made into individual sets for both training and for competition. The trailers have all been repaired and the pumps in all boats are now working all thanks to Mick. I can't thank him enough for all he has done.

Another person I must thank here is Katrina as she also contributed immensely to the rebuilding of the boat section. This lady did an awesome job recruiting rowers to the boat section and is still recruiting crews for next season. At the start of the season, we needed to buy some equipment and have some things modified and repaired to get us away and a simple e-mail to her and Leanne outlining what was required and why needed, and approval was given. I also want to thank Leanne for all her help with competition entrees.

The crews we had for the season past were under 19 Girls, under 23 Girls, Reserve Men's, Master Women's and we were trying to get a full Masters Men's Crew happening. Had three men but struggling to get the fourth.

Setbacks

Like every other section, Covid was our main disrupter especially with the under 19 and under 23 girls. We had occasions where we were able to field an under 23 girls' crew by having a fill-in or two from the under 19's but not able to go the other way with the under 19's. Covid had us withdrawing from all but two carnivals in what was a short season anyway.

The master's women's crew was looking very promising and I had hopes for them doing well. They are all very competent rowers with a wealth of experience but, again here we had the setback of, the stroke for the crew, Bethany Taylor injuring the tendon on the heel of her foot. She managed to get back into the boat by the end of February but too late to compete.

The reserve men's crew had some rows and handled the poor conditions capably. I give Mitchell full marks here for the recruitment of rowers he has done. The crew was a mixture of, at the carnivals attended, reserves, masters, junior and under 23 guys.

Looking Forward

At this time, we look like keeping all of the under 19 and 23 girls that finished the season and there are some other girls wanting to have a go as well. The possibility of two under 23 girls' crews and a junior girls crew could likely happen.

We have some new guys wanting to try rowing in the juniors and are hopeful of fielding a crew here.

We are looking for more men to fill crews be it open juniors or reserves.

The Master's men's crew looks like being filled as well but nothing is certain.

The Master's women have all committed for next season.

We are looking for men and women in all divisions so if you are the least bit interested, please contact us.



Perry Sparks

Boat Captain

Ski Captain's Report

Most of you know how the ski section was going back in 2017.

Fast forward to 2022 and it's a vastly different scenario.

We now have ski paddlers across all ages and all genders and a pipeline of future paddlers.

Once again, we performed well at major carnivals in both individual and teams' events and 2023 is looking just as strong.

Our program continues to evolve each year with more input from our senior paddlers who have begun to take a role in creating an environment that is conducive to maintaining our values and performances which I hope will become a future where we have numerous Open paddlers to mentor those just starting out on their paddling journey.

I was asked this year why I did R&R and the answer was "They were just a good bunch of people and had been since I first joined the club as an Under 9". I'd like to think that same question can be asked of why people paddle skis in the future and the answer can be the same.

Once again, I'd like to thank Matt Rees and Paul Stone for holding the pace when paddlers were flat and their assistance with selections of very competitive teams.

Thanks again to the Ski Masters group for the great job they did with the Moon Island Classic which raised several thousand dollars for the club and is set for an even bigger event this year with the financial support of Lake Macquarie City Council.

This is my last report as Ski Captain, and I hope our next Captain enjoys the same support I had from the Club Executive and fellow paddlers.

Ski Paddling is not hard for those willing to spend time learning to paddle.

To become a better paddler, you can do more paddling or take a shortcut by taking an interest in the science of the sport.

I urge all our paddlers transitioning to Opens this year to take an interest in the science of the sport as this is the equivalent for most of you of low hanging fruit for improved performance.

Tim Allen

Ski Captain

Swim Captain's Report

Another big year for the SB swim stars. The majority of the squad fronted at Charlestown for the season beginning in July, and it certainly helped to give them a stronger all-round fitness base for the season ahead.

Notable new inclusions to the squad were Billy and Zara Foran, the Gibbs boys, and Zali Burge. The squad swims Monday through Friday throughout July, August, and September. Then, as the water and weather warmed up, Nat McGregor ran a surf swim session on Tuesday, and an iron on Thursday mornings. All reports were that the Tuesday swim/run was as tough as any session EVER. Go Nat!

The ever-consistent Bella Williams was a star at Aussies going back-to-back to win the Australian U19 Surf title again. She led from the starters' gun, held off a class field, and showed off her skills to catch the smallest of chops to break away from the chasing group and comfortably run to the title.

It was good to see the craft competitors using the pool to complement their preferred board/ski leg. Eliza Johnston was a class above in the U19 Ski undoubtedly due to her extra fitness gained from the swim squad.

The Murphy boys (not Josh) were consistent attendees, and Sam showed what solid training can do. He swam to victory several times throughout the year. Xavier Coates showed his consistency once again each time he raced and trained. His Cameron swim at Aussies was deserving of the 'gold'. Bit alas the surf gave the boys the 'bronze'.

All in all, the depth that the squad has is helping to drive all of our competitors to greater heights. Led by the King, who never fails to apply himself, and the Senior boys – Sax, Beau, Ethan, and Xavier – who give the squad some real quality.

I look forward to seeing you all soon (IN JULY).

Coatesy

Swim Captain

IRB Captain's Report

2021/22 has been a challenging season for the IRB shed with fewer members putting their hand up to help and every one of our motors having spent time upside down in the water, including on occasion, almost immediately after being returned from servicing.

I would like to acknowledge the support and work put in by some of our youngest and most enthusiastic members, Kobi Kingston, Jack Paterson and Lachlan Rae, who all have put their hands up through the season to help out with carnivals and water safety and are learning a lot along the way.

Thank you to Iain Pattie and Troy Anderson for your continued and valued support with local carnivals and to Matt Rees, Tim Allen and Adam Murphy for travelling to Sydney for our IRB shifts at the NSW State Age Championships on days when you had no children competing. This dedication to supporting the club and our children in their sport is what makes this club great, however we cannot continue to provide a safe environment for beach goers and our competitors unless as a membership we continue to improve our capability and capacity and see more members stepping up.



Andrew McCallum

IRB Captain

This season has seen the amount of repair and service work, performed by Fishermans Warehouse and Endeavour Marine increase due in part to the age of our equipment. We have a new motor on order and will be working over the coming seasons to replace and renew our equipment to ensure that we can continue to deliver on our commitments.

Beach Captian's Report

The 2021/2022 season was another successful one for our beach team. Our U9-12 competitors managed to compete at the NSW State Titles before its cancellation. Grace Mueller had a gutsy run in the U12 1km Beach Run finishing in 6th place in a big field and in terrible conditions. Mitchell Chalmers followed claiming the silver medal in the U12 1km Beach Run after falling at the start and running his way through the entire field to get beaten on the line.

With the introduction of the Youth Aussie Titles our small beach team of four brought home an Aussie gold and silver medal and a number of top 10 performances. Our U14 girls, Phoebe Doran and Emerson Leadbeatter deserve a special mention after competing in every beach event on offer, this is not a common thing for beachies, most competitive beach sprinters and flaggers do not have the range to compete in the distance events. But our girls made every final and became the Australian Champions in the U14/15 2x1km Beach Relay. Pheobe won the silver medal in the U14 Beach Sprint with a flawless final race. It should also be acknowledged that Swansea Belmont was the only club to have two competitors in the sprint final with Emerson finishing 8th. The girls backed up for flags against a big field of 75 competitors, the rounds went on for a nerve-racking 90mins. Emerson finished in an excellent and agonising 4th place and Phoebe in 11th.

In the biggest fields ever seen in the beach run races, we had great results in the individual events with Harry Hall finishing 10th in the U13 2km followed by Nate Ward finishing 7th in a very competitive U14 2km. As with the water events, the long-distance beach events are now attracting very competitive track and cross country runners from around Australia, making the fields strong and racing next level, this is fantastic to see and encouraging for our sport.

It was great to see our master's hitting the soft sand in the beach run events, Susie Doran had a fabulous Aussie debut finishing 6th in the 50-54 years 2km with husband Paul Doran placing 9th in 55-59 years. Coming out of 5 years of racing retirement, I managed to win the gold in the 45-49 years 2km and place 5th in the Open Women's 2km.

Tye Worell & Ty Leadbeatter continued their dominance in the U17 2x1km Beach Relay convincingly winning the Australian Title for the second year in a row. They backed up ten minutes later to take on the open men finishing in 9th place. Poppy Doran competed strongly in the U17 Beach Sprint and Flags narrowly missing both finals, she proved hard to beat strongly leading out our mixed relay team round after round.

A big highlight of Aussies was the twilight beach arena, it was great to see so many competitors and supporters come down to the track and support our relay teams. We had three sprint relay teams competing and all three teams made the final. A massive effort for a club that does not have a big beach team with multiply athletes available for selection. A big thank you to all the water competitors (Liam, Katy, Daisy & Kaylee) who put their hand up and ran, I think it was obvious that everyone had a great time and I'm always looking for keen relay runners.

I am on the lookout for a specialist sprint and flags coach to further develop the natural talent shown by many of our nippers in the flags and sprint events. This is an area of the

club that we have not tapped into in many years and Swansea Belmont has the potential to produce many talented athletes on the sand as we do in the water.

Angela Leadbeatter

Beach Captain

Sport's Co-ordinator's Report

The three rounds of our club championships were again very successful, well done team. A great team to work with Leanne Johnson, Heidi Cook, Ryan Cook, Tim Foran, Tim Allen, Shane Dowsett & Mal Rae.

It looks like the beach section will be involved next season they have a nice growing complement of competitors who have done really well at major carnivals, Angela bring your people down.

This season we changed our competitive set up, we sort of went back to I think our set up of some years back which was

Senior junior cadet and now is

Open u17 u15

With the open and u17 you must compile the most point's in four disciplines. U15's three disciplines so rather than have 12 or so club champion we had this season 3 male and 3 female [we are open for other ideas]. Our point score works

1st = 4 points

2nd = 3 points

3rd = 2 points

Starting = 1 point

Again well done to all our competitors Local, Sydney, State and Australian carnivals. To all coaches, parents who get our competitors up for their training sessions 'Thankyou'.

To all committee members another top job running the club.

RESULTS

Open Male Josh Murphy

Open Female Bella Williams

U17 Male Blake Cook

U17 Female Zara Foran

U15 Male Sam Murphy

U15 Female Kaitlin Rees

Norman Turney

Sports Co-Ordinator

Aussies Results 2022

Gold

U13/14	Female	Board Relay	Katy Rees, Daisy Breasley, Xanthe Calov
U14/15	Female	2 x 1k Beach Relay	Phoebe Doran, Emerson Leadbeatter
U17	Male	2 x 1k Beach Relay	Tye Leadbeatter, Ty Worrell
U19	Female	Surf Race	Bella Williams
U19	Female	Ski Race	Eliza Johnson
U19	Female	Taplin	Bella Williams, Zara Foran, Eliza Johnson
45-49	Female	2k Beach Run	Angela Leadbeatter
50-54	Male	Board Rescue	Graham Burge, Sean Davis

Silver

U14	Female	Board Race	Katy Rees
U13/14	Female	Swim Teams	Katy Rees, Daisy Breasley, Xanthe Calov, Kaleah Kingston
U14	Female	Beach Sprint	Phoebe Doran
U17	Male	Board Relay	Ethan Hamilton, Blake Cook, Jack Johns
U19	Male	Board Race	Beau McGregor
U19	Male	Board Relay	Blake Cook, Nick Stoddart, Saxon Coates
50-54	Male	Surf Race	Sean Davis

Bronze

U13/14	Female	Cameron	Katy Rees, Kaleah Kingston, Phoebe Dorai Emerson Leadbeatter
U14/15	Male	Board Relay	Xavier Coates, Sam Murphy, Aiden Rae
U14/15	Male	Cameron	Sam Murphy, Xavier Coates, Zac McDougall, Thomas Hall
U19	Male	Board Race	Kurt Murphy

4th Place

U14	Female	Flags	Emerson Leadbeatter
U14	Female	Board Rescue	Kaleah Kingston, Katy Rees
U15	Male	Board Rescue	Xavier Coates, Sam Murphy
U19	Male	Ski Race	Saxon Coates

5th Place

U13	Male	Iron	Will Paterson
U14	Female	Iron	Katy Rees
U17	Male	2k Beach Run	Tye Leadbeatter
U17	Female	Board Relay	Zara Foran, Kaylee Dowsett, Isabella Campbell
U17	Female	Taplin	Emerson Connolly, Kaylee Dowsett, Lola Russell
U19	Female	Surf Team	Bella Williams, Lola Russell, Zara Foran, Isabella Campbell
U19	Female	Ski Relay	Eliza Johnson, Bella Williams, Zali Burge

U19	Female	Board Rescue	Eliza Johnson, Bella Williams
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6th Place

U13/14	Male	Surf Team	Billy Foran, Campbell Connolly, Jeremy Gocher, Noah Gibbs
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U13	Male	Board	Kai Cook
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U15	Male	Board	Sam Murphy
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U19	Female	Board	Bella Williams
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U19	Male	Taplin	Beau McGregor, Bailey Connolly, Flynn Hamilton
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U19	Male	Board Relay	Flynn Hamilton, Beau McGregor, Kurt Murphy
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50s	Female	2k Beach Run	Susie Doran
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