



Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd

96th Annual Report 2022/2023



Swansea Belmont

Annual Report

2022 – 2023

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT;

The 96th Annual General Meeting of the Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd will be held in the Clubhouse, Blacksmiths Beach, on Sunday 26th July 2023 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 95th Annual General Meeting
7. Presentation of 95th 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. Life Membership & Distinguished Membership Awards
10. Presentation of Long Service Awards
11. Presentation to Retiring Directors

For & on behalf of the Committee

Katrina Pastourmoglou

Secretary

2022/2023 Committee

PRESIDENT	G Burge
DEPUTY PRESIDENT	C Griffith
TREASURER	D Pringle
SECRETARY	K Pastourmoglou
DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS	S Dowsett
DIRECTORS OF LIFE SAVING	C Gocher
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION	K Lucas
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	A McCallum
DIRECTOR CLUB HOUSE ACTIVITES	P Johnston, W Davies, N Pezely
DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	A Hinchcliffe
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	J Murphy
SWIM CAPTAIN	C Coates
R & R CAPTAIN	R Liddell
IRB CAPTAIN	A McCallum
HEAD COACH	R Cook
CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE	C Paul, P Mitchell, C Wallis, 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	J Murphy, E Johnson
OHS	D Hooley
GEAR STEWARD	A Murphy
LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	T Allen, T Morton, J Mowbray, R Liddell, C Wallis

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

Life Members

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

2016 Craig Wallis

2017 Sid Johnstone

2018 Peter Scanes

2018 Anthea Stephens

2022 Rose Parkes

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 a 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

2022/2023

NSW Flood Emergency Response

- Singleton/Bulga – Graham Burge, Lee Archer, Shane Dowsett, Andrew McCallum, Malcolm Rae
- Walgett/Brewarrina – Kyle Probert
- Gunnedah – Andrew McCallum



JIM CORKETT – LIFE MEMBER

‘A tower of strength’ and ‘the ideal clubman’ are clichés that can be applied to many surf lifesavers and people from all walks of life, however they can be attributed to none more than Jim Corkett. Jim, quite simply, was on hand to carry out any task required of him. Jim’s career included R&R, boats and skis – often on the double with brother Noel. Jim was Club Captain for the 1972-73 season and remained a vital member of our workforce whenever required. Elevated to Life Membership in 1973.

BRYCE WILLIAMS

A truly outstanding club member, Bryce joined Swansea-Belmont SLSC as a junior. Upon qualifying for patrol activities, his reliability as a patrol member was matched by the competitive streak that he possessed. Indeed, Bryce’s success in winning the 2008 Australian Under 19 Surf Board Riding Championship at Scarborough, WA was a wonderful achievement. As well, Bryce’s efforts as a team-member were evident as a member of Dean Elvin’s Under 23 boat crew some seasons later. A fine lad, a fine family man.

ROY BROADBENT

Roy Broadbent was awarded his Bronze Medallion on 20th November, 1949. He immediately showed a deep interest in boat rowing, and in 1952 was a member of the successful Australian Championship junior crew. Roy was to join Swansea-Caves SLSC and served for a number of years as President of that club, however he remained a staunch member of Swansea-Belmont SLSC.

KEVIN WOLFENDEN

Long-serving clubman who made himself available for many of the activities carried out by the Club. Kevin was a reliable patrolman and a member who was always prepared to get in and do the “heavy lifting” when called upon.

President's Report

It is with immense pleasure and some sadness that I present my 9th and last Annual Report for the 2022/2023 surf season on behalf of Swansea Belmont SLSC. I must thank our Club Directors & Management team for their dedicated voluntary hours throughout the season ensuring our finances, education, training, patrol teams & facilities were best in class for our community. Delivering tangible value to members is about looking beyond the features & benefits of membership to the positive & powerful outcomes you generate for the members. If you put your hand up to help around the club this past season – I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Once again, our patrolling teams gave up their weekends & public holidays to support the public that attended our pristine sands working side by side with the Council Lifeguards ensuring “no lives lost” while our teams were on guard ensuring the public attending Blacksmith Beach travelled home safely from our shores. We are a club with many families who wear the red and yellow proudly keeping our beaches and community safe – thank you!

Thank you to all trainers & accessors. We had 478 new awards this season. Awards achieved by our members were 394 Junior Surf Ed, 18 Surf Rescue, 18 Bronze Medallion, 2 Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue, 3 IRB Driver, 33 First Aid, 5 IRB Crew, 3 ART & 2 Silver Medallion Beach Management.

Patrol Statistics 2022/23:

Rescues – 1

Preventative Actions – 106

First Aid – 15

Beach Closed – 2

Beach Attendances – 19,886

Patrol Hours – 5608.98 (Excludes Water Safety at Nippers & Carnivals)

Patrol Members – 207 (13 Patrols)

To 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, Racing NSW, Sharkskin, Midford, NSW Government, 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 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, Caves Beach Butchery, Blacksmiths Home Hardware, Swansea Surf Shop, Terry's Mobile Mechanics, Intellipower, Bakers Delight Belmont, Big Mumma's Pizza, Fashion Fish, Kozii

Swimwear, Falken, 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.

Very happy to share the great news that Hayden Smith owner McDonalds Swansea & Belmont agreed recently to be a major sponsor of Swansea Belmont to the value of \$10K per season along with the generous support of our Junior Presentation & Sunday Nipper Awards plus Kracka Event with vouchers.

The club is very fortunate to have a very close association with our Local State & Federal Members of Parliament in Yasmin Catley and Pat Conroy, we appreciate all their support and generous grant donations to upgrade our Rescue Ready Equipment to ensure we are available to perform our "Emergency Service" roll at any time on the beach, surf, and flood waters. We appreciate the support and recognition from Mayor Kay Fraser and Deputy Mayor Andrew Shultz over the past 12 months. To the team at Hunter Branch thanks for all the support throughout the year.

Our Junior Activities program has had another stella year with increased numbers joining and plenty of fantastic results achieved at Carnivals. The depth of numbers in our younger age groups learning what being a lifesaver is all about being mentored by our Age Managers ensures our future is in a good place. Thank you to our Director of Junior Activities Aaron Hinchcliffe and the Junior Committee for your dedication throughout the year making life easier on our members and parents. To all our Junior Coaches, Sunday Water Safety Helpers, IRB crews and those that step up at local and State Championships as Officials or Water Safety we appreciate your help to ensure the club can compete.

The Senior Club continues to shine at all levels of competition all over Australia thanks to the club's dedicated voluntary coaching staff who train our competitors to the minute to be "the best they can be". A very successful State Championships at Queenscliff and then the long trek across to Scarborough Beach WA, taking on the best and like all competitions some very happy members achieving their best or others coming home with the thoughts of what they need to do to take the next step up to be around the medals. Once again, the club came away with a swag of medals and I congratulate our latest Green Jacket recipients. We are a club that holds a great pool of talented competitors that work together as a team with a strong driving force to be successful as a unit and not just individually.

Congratulations to all our Club Award winners!

Major Club Award Recipients:

Volunteer of the Year – Mel Linde

Cadet of Year – Cooper McKenzie

Junior of Year – Jack Patterson

Club Person of Year – Karen Lucas

A big shout out to our members who took time off work to attend the Singleton Floods in July 2022 working alongside the SES/Police Rescue/Fire Brigade/RFS and other Hunter Branch Surf Clubs, our crews successfully rescued around 35 civilians & evacuated a further 60 from their homes plus a sick baby and mother on sunset outside the allowed time zones

on the water that the world witnessed on TV. On top of this they were delivering medical supplies, food, fuel back into the evac zones, cutting fences to allow cattle to wade up to higher grounds. The team were doing about 12–14-hour days so thanks – Lee Archer, Shane Dowsett, Mal Rae, Andrew McCallum, and Graham Burge. The feedback received from the Area Commander at Singleton SES was exemplary and they will be requesting SBSLSC to be working alongside if ever required in the future. Other flood deployments were solo missions by Kyle Probert to Walgett/Brewarrina and Andrew also attended the Gunnedah situation.

Another year another dead end on finalising a Club Lease, this has now been going on since 2015/16, we will continue to hold our stance of not agreeing to sign until the one-sided maintenance schedules and financial requirements change for a more equitable shared lease that acknowledges the work and respect that surf clubs are “Emergency Services” not just cash cows. This continues to impact our ability to move forward on our next major projects that have been in the pipeline over previous years.

No doubt our members are aware of the current pressures LMCC is placing on the club due to Fire Safety and Risk Management defect issues that have been identified by LMCC since the Fire Safety Standards changed in 2022. we have been targeted due to having a “Live in Caretaker” that LMCC are opposed to and have informed us that they do not want a residential occupancy in the future. Chad and I will exhaust every avenue for our rights and utilise external help from SLSA Solicitors and Crown Lands to maintain a Caretaker onsite as he is currently in temporary accommodation. Our first priority is to get all Fire Safety Risk issues completed for the safety of all members and public to attend their community clubhouse under revised operating hours for 3 months, our future operational activities will change as SBSLSC requires a dedicated Fire Warden onsite completing risk assessment duties following our Club Risk Management Plan Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that they will be inducted to perform this role. The Club will be inducting several members who attend the club regularly (ie, Bar Staff) or hold Management positions (Secretary, Finance, Building Committee, Coaches, IRB team, Education & Lifesaving team etc.) who are required to attend the club to perform their role. A big thanks to Matt Chalmers and Chad Griffith for the behind-the-scenes work taking place to get our responses and internal defect risk items fixed and comply with standards.

The club continues to be in a healthy financial position with a very good operating turnover and profit due to increased functions, social events – Golf Day and Kracka, fundraising and investments in Term Deposits and Exchange Trading Funds. Outside of this, we are very fortunate to receive kind donations from club benefactors each year to upgrade rescue equipment.

We have had to face sadness again during the season with the loss of our Life Member (1973) Jim Corkett he was Club Captain 1972-73. Bryce Williams a great mate to all who met him received his Green Jacket winning the 2008 U19 Australian Surf Board Riding Championship. Other long-time members are Roy Broadbent 1952 Australian Junior Boat Champion and Kevin Wolfenden.

To run a successful club, you need the help and support of your Board of Directors, and I am indebted to all who have worked tirelessly alongside me over the past 9 years. I thank you all for helping guide our club to the heights it has reached and appreciate the thankless workload you volunteered your personal time to undertake.

Katrina, where do I start. The amount of time and your commitment to myself and this club is phenomenal. You have been a constant rock and a big reason I have been able to continue to be in this role for a long period of time. Your constant support and always able to lend a hand with anything I ask and more importantly a strength of support to my wife and family of girls I will always be indebted to you.

Chad, I thank you for your loyalty, guidance and more importantly support throughout the last 9 years. More importantly the last 12 months. The phone calls on the way home from work – talking out the issues, the first-world problems and venting has been vital some days as you know first-hand what it means to run this club. Our friendship means the world to me.

Swansea Belmont Surf Club has been the foundation of many lifelong friendships.

Generations through to generations.

Rees, Gregory, Leadbeatter, McGregor, Murphy and Barnes Families are just a few that founded friendships with my parents some 50 years ago, then my generation, and now our kids. This club is so much more to me and others than just a club it's a family. Competition is good but these solid, rewarding relationships and self-growth are vital to our well-being and fills the cup. These friendships have been solid for me in this role. Being able to pick up the phone and lend an ear, supporting me along the way in tough times and in trying times.

Lastly to my family, I appreciate your patience and support in helping me pursue my passion of leaving the club in a better position across all aspects. The endless hours of phone calls, emails, people knocking on the front door or bailing us up in the street during family time has had an impact over this time and I owe you the world for standing by my side. My wife and best mate Mel you have been my rock for many years, and I look forward to spending many more years alongside you and our girls building quality family life memories.

“Strong Clubs are the facilitators of tribes. They are the insightful dynamic hub that brings different people together to create a vibrant community of people dedicated to a common purpose.”

Sweet Caroline!!

Graham Burge

President

Treasurer's Report

The following two pages set out the financial performance of Swansea Belmont SLSC for the year ended 30 April 2023 and the financial position as at 30 April 2023. 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 \$198k. This is \$126K higher the surplus reported in the prior year, largely due to:

- Increased Catering and Function Income partly due to COVID restrictions in the prior year - \$68k increase
- Fundraising Income increased due to the efforts of a large number of club members - \$34k increase.
- Investment Income was an improvement on the prior year as the Exchange Traded Funds were held for a full 12months and interest rates on term deposits have increased.
- \$33k increase

A 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 \$82k during the year much of which was funded by grants from the NSW Office of Sport and SLSA. These payments are not included in the Operating Profit.

Financial Position

At the end of the year the club had Net Assets of \$3,460k, mostly comprising:

- Property, Plant & Equipment (mostly clubhouse) - \$2,458k and
- Financial Assets of \$958k including

o TermDepositsof\$351kand

o Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's) of \$487k

Investment Reserves

It was agreed at the 2021 AM that the club should invest up to \$500K in Exchange Traded Funds (EFT'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. Since the start of the Investment the club has received dividends of \$29k which has been transferred out of the reserve to general funds.

The investment has however incurred an unrealised loss of the paper value of the assets of \$12K.

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

Balance Sheet
Swansea Belmont SLSC - as at April 30

	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>April 2022</u>	<u>Var.</u>
Current Assets			
Financial Assets			
Bank accounts	116,569	186,614	
Term Deposits	351,302	200,243	
Exchange Traded Funds	487,398	484,339	
Floats	<u>3,010</u>	<u>2,485</u>	
	958,279	873,681	84,598
Other Current Assets			
Bar Stock	13,835	14,345	
Clothing stock	9,644	7,295	
Other Current Assets	<u>34,879</u>	<u>4,587</u>	
	<u>58,357</u>	<u>26,227</u>	<u>32,130</u>
Total Current Assets	1,016,636	899,908	116,728
Non Current Assets			
Buildings at cost	3,052,383	2,998,108	
less accumulated depr.	<u>(779,325)</u>	<u>(703,009)</u>	
	2,273,058	2,295,099	
Equipment at cost	500,274	471,871	
less accumulated depr.	<u>(332,173)</u>	<u>(280,538)</u>	
	168,101	191,333	
Vehicles at cost	73,651	73,651	
less accumulated depr.	<u>(56,459)</u>	<u>(47,938)</u>	
	<u>17,192</u>	<u>25,713</u>	
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>2,458,351</u>	<u>2,512,145</u>	<u>(53,794)</u>
Total assets	3,474,987	3,412,053	62,934
less Current Liabilities			
Creditors & Accruals	<u>14,924</u>	<u>13,610</u>	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>14,924</u>	<u>13,610</u>	<u>1,314</u>
Net Assets	<u>3,460,063</u>	<u>3,398,443</u>	<u>61,620</u>
Comprising:			
Retained Earnings	2,972,665	2,914,104	58,561
Lifesavers' Reserve	<u>487,398</u>	<u>484,339</u>	<u>3,059</u>
	<u>3,460,063</u>	<u>3,398,443</u>	<u>61,620</u>

Funds Flow Statement

	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>Var.</u>
Operating Cash Surplus	198,093	72,511	125,582
less capital Expenditure	(82,678)	(39,607)	(43,071)
Movement in Working capital	<u>(30,817)</u>	<u>37,589</u>	<u>(68,406)</u>
Increase in Financial Assets	<u>84,598</u>	70,493	<u>14,105</u>

Investment Reserves

	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>From Beginning (2021)</u>
Opening Balance	484,339	499,350
Brokerage		(1,403)
Dividend Income	20,117	28,545
Unrealised Capital Gain/(Loss)	<u>3,059</u>	<u>(11,952)</u>
Surplus/(deficit)	23,176	15,190
Transfers to General Funds	<u>(20,117)</u>	<u>(27,142)</u>
Closing Balance 30/4/2022	<u>487,398</u>	<u>487,398</u>

Income Statement
Swansea Belmont SLSC - year ended April 30

	2022/23			2021/22	Variance
	Gross Income	Direct Costs	Net Income		
Income					
Bar & Functions	267,033	(156,872)	110,161	42,379	67,782
Fundraising	104,178	(30,513)	73,665	39,565	34,100
Grants & Sponsorship	77,274		77,274	93,236	(15,962)
Carnival & Events Hosting	37,521	(23,421)	14,100	18,347	(4,247)
Merchandising	20,408	(18,580)	1,828	(3,520)	5,348
Memberships	80,410		80,410	70,584	9,826
Investment Income	27,738		27,738	(4,814)	32,552
Competition	9,291		9,291	6,617	2,674
Breakwall Maintenance				(6,002)	6,002
Lifesaving Income	1,435		1,435	1,764	(329)
Other Income	3,179		3,179	(984)	4,163
Gross Surplus	628,467	(229,386)	399,081	257,172	141,909
Less Expenses					
Lifesaving & Competition					
Lifesaving		20,500			
Competition		59,857			
Affiliation & capitation Fees		25,190			
		105,547		108,346	2,799
Facilities					
Electricity		10,390			
Building Repairs & Maintenance		29,685			
Rates		4,156			
Telephone		1,322			
Insurance		16,306			
Other Club Facilities		12,502			
		74,361		58,313	(16,048)
Administration					
Accounting & Audit		7,660			
Printing		2,178			
Bank Charges		2,012			
Donations		2,360			
Office Supplies		2,944			
Other Administration		3,926			
		21,080		18,002	(3,078)
Total Expenses		200,988		184,661	(16,327)
Operating Surplus Before Depreciation			198,093	72,511	125,582
Depreciation (estimate)			136,472	133,713	2,759
Net Surplus			61,621	(61,202)	128,341

Membership Fees 2023/2024

Active Patrolling Member	\$60.00
Active Competitor Member	\$200.00
Includes 4 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 Fob	\$50.00
Aussies Competition Levy	\$130.00
Junior	
One Child	\$100.00
Local Carnival Competition Levy	\$60.00
Must be paid with membership fees	
State Titles Competition Levy	\$50.00

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

We have had a busy season 2022-2023 it feels like the season went so fast.

We had high re-joining numbers this season especially in our younger Nippers.

The club had a great year with Sunday sips on the balcony with live music we would love to see more members enjoying this.

Sunday old boys enjoy their lunch time beers and chats with light nibbles supplied.

Like to thank our working bees oldies on a Monday at the club they do an amazing job and happy to supply yummy chocolate biscuits for the sweet tooth or should I say some toothless lol.

I am sad to lose our President Graham Burge I have loved every minute working with Graham he is a perfectionist and has taught me so much about the position and surf I do. I know Graham will be there to help always as he bleeds green and gold but will miss him.

To our hard-working Directors we are like family and all work so hard to make this club an amazing club. Thank you all for everything you do.

I received a unexpected award at branch which I really don't enjoy the fuss as I do not do this position for any recognition which I have always asked not to be nominated but as Graham's last year he thought he could get away with it. So Administrator of the Year (lol must have been no competition)

Let's all keep working hard to keep Swansea Belmont SLSC the amazing club it is.

Thanks

Katrina Pastourmoglou

Secretary



Director of Life Saving's Report

What a season hey ... This season delivered some of the greatest demands on the Club to perform its community-based volunteer lifesaver role to the highest standard, on any given hour of any given day. Our members truly leaned into uncertainty by attending floods and after-hours Search and Rescue callouts without warning or hesitation. Our members dove into community education programmes such as Beach to Bush and courageously stepped in to assist in emergency situations along our coast and waterways even whilst away on holidays.

Patrol teams became stronger with excellent collaborative leadership shown by the existing and next gen PC's and multiple VC's per Patrol. Thank you to those who committed to embracing the ongoing command and structure changes implemented in the last few years. The continuation of 5 full day and a ½ day public holiday patrol were unreservedly conducted to ensure resilience, depth of strength and gender diversity within the Patrols as we sought balance and impactful change based on awards and availability as life returns to the busy beyond belief after Covid. Of course, the true strength in a Patrol on any given day often relies on the overall experience and enthusiasm in the patrol base. This was lifted by the excellent standard of new Bronzies joining the ranks. It was encouraging to see a variety of members step up to mentor and assist. These members did so in their own time, not for remuneration, medals or accolades but to ensure everyone had the supported opportunity to develop and go just that little bit further in the pursuit of excellence as part of the team.

Training and upskilling our patrolling members could not exist without our Education Trainers, leaders and administrators. Well done to the Education Team for an outstanding year of training and commitment to excellence which required robust adaptation, good humour and patience to accommodate our busy lives. I'd particularly like to mention this would not have been possible without the efforts of my bestie and team leader Karen Lucas, and her team of trainers Andrew, Di, Bec, Kiani, Jo and myself. We look forward to welcoming some new trainers next season who are busily completing their certificates in the off season.

Despite countless warnings via different mediums, many visitors still chose to enter the water in locations or conditions which were way outside their capabilities. Whilst the majority of incidents occurred outside the flags in the channel, there was a disturbing increase in the number of after-hours rescues. Whilst this imposed some tough challenges, patrol teams continued to provide exceptional coverage beyond their rostered times, always going the extra nautical mile. A huge pat on the back to those members that hadn't even left the carpark after a long patrol shift before they were back on the beach providing essential support.

Our Lifesaving Club's core requirement is to provide patrolling members capable of ensuring public safety. I encourage all members to not only remain highly proficient but to also align with a Patrol team and pay back where possible the efforts invested in you via the free access to quality gear and skills training. This is what your Club and community expects of you as we are first and foremost a Life Saving club and now part of Emergency Services after all. If we don't continue to execute and indeed exceed our core mission of ensuring community safety, then winning Gold at Aussies or Worlds is a tarnished award. Thankfully

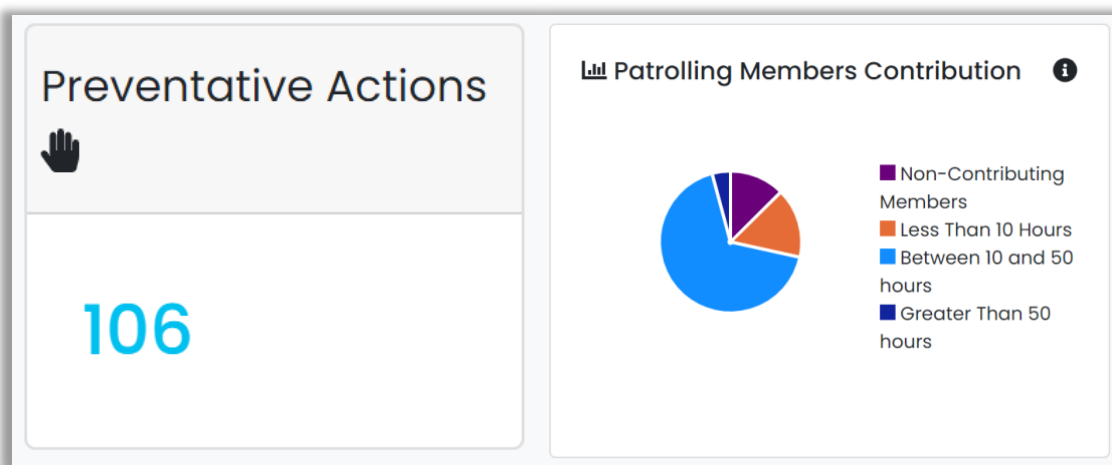
the Club is reaching a happy balance of obtaining both accolades and I applaud both management and the members for this achievement.

Speaking of Patrols, they don't just happen by chance or accident. None of our Patrolling could effectively take place without the tireless efforts of my highly valued admin team with several drafts of Patrol rostering and resourcing. We continually jig and align prerequisite skills to ensure all Patrols have similar strengths and a fair allocation of hours. This is extremely challenging and time consuming given the number of public holidays that occur during the patrol season. When you add in new Bronzies and SRC wanting to be allocated with their bestie on a certain day morning and afternoon, it becomes a full-time job.

At the end of the day volunteers should feel happy and proud of their selfless commitment of time and effort. To all Club members, thank you for your service and enthusiasm this season in all aspects of Club life.

I would particularly like to thank the Board, Admin & Management staff, IRB team, Water Safety and Patrollers on top of the many others who put in countless hours be it in the classroom on the beach or behind a blazing hot BBQ.

Lastly to my family, thank you for a season where you have stepped up on many occasions to fill in and volunteer at Swansea Belmont. It is only possible because of your support and equal love of the club, the community and sense of duty. But I guess hanging out on our little piece of paradise is not such a bad gig.



Total Patrol Hours	
Swansea Belmont	5,647.48

This season Blackies saw an increase of 645 beachgoers totalling nearly 20,000 people visiting our beach in the 2022/2023 season.

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	10	3	3	18	34	
08:00	612	413	510	1571	3106	
09:00	242	170	160	1220	1792	
10:00	695	292	293	1625	2905	
11:00	509	213	146	1866	2734	
12:00	675	226	373	2197	3471	
13:00	714	136	162	2184	3196	
14:00	177	47	51	517	792	
15:00	131	24	31	359	545	
16:00	255	44	48	490	837	
17:00	151	39	35	249	474	
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	4171	1607	1812	12296	19886	

Leading Female Patrol Members		Leading Male Patrol Members	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hours</i>
1. Elizabeth Considine (ID: 6022433)	64.5	1. Jack Paterson (ID: 4719357)	68.0
2. EMERSON CONNOLLY (ID: 4641813)	56.0	2. Jeffrey Considine (ID: 5943449)	66.5
3. Kaitlyn Hall (ID: 5420034)	47.5	3. Hamish Rae (ID: 5567530)	59.5
4. Lola Russell (ID: 5404988)	46.5	4. Andrew McCallum (ID: 5562193)	57.3
5. Emma McCallum (ID: 5562197)	46.0	5. Robert Clark (ID: 5779828)	57.0
6. Marley Mogford (ID: 5491487)	46.0	6. GAVIN GOCHER (ID: 5538369)	54.5
7. Catherine Gocher (ID: 5538370)	44.0	7. Stephan Krysko (ID: 5870737)	51.5
8. Matilda Gravenor (ID: 5662825)	44.0	8. Malcolm Rae (ID: 5463236)	50.5
9. Brooke Mogford (ID: 5856486)	44.0	9. Jeffrey Mowbray (ID: 3556178)	50.0
10. Nikki Stevens (ID: 4239873)	44.0	10. Noah McCallum (ID: 5562195)	49.0

Lifesaving Commitment

Jeff Mowbray Patrol 11

Jeff's incredible achievements have been built on many, many years of dedicated service. After joining Swansea Belmont in 1970 as a cadet, Jeff has patrolled our beaches for 43 years. To date Jeff's relevant positions and responsibilities have included:

- joined Swansea Belmont in 1970 as a cadet
- awarded bronze medallion in 1978
- 43 years patrolling
- awarded gold medallion in 1983
- state coach of the year 2000
- state official of the year 2006
- club coach for Swansea Belmont 30 years
- branch coach 24 years
- state coach 19 years
- Australian coach two years
- life member at club branch and state level
- junior president of Swansea Belmont 10 years
- club president of Swansea Belmont 8 years
- state carnival workforce coordinator 7 years
- council lifeguard 30 years
- state referee 3 years
- state junior referee 5 years
- Australian referee area plus sectional 25 years
- cool and get a gold referee 5 years
- branch Superintendent director of surf sports 7 years





Lifesaving Excellence

Cooper McKenzie Patrol 02

Look at this cutie.

Been around SBSLSC since August 2019. Career patrol hours since joining SBSLSC are 146.

Cooper has completed SRC in November 2021, Bronze Medallion in December 2022 and IRB crew in April 2023. And hopefully this momentum continues for IRB Driver and Silver Medallion Patrol Captain for the next season.

Cooper seems to volunteer for water safety at nearly every carnival and is a committed member of Patrol 2.

Patrol Captain of the Year

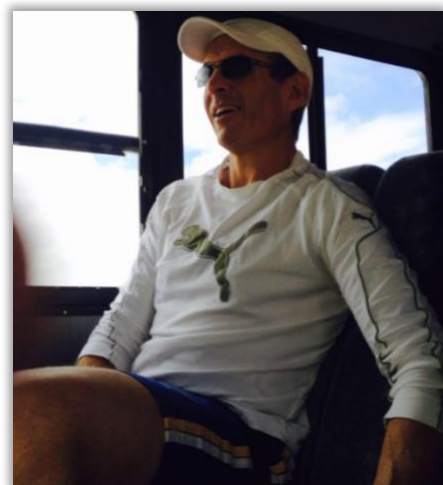
Rob Clark Patrol 10

Joined Swansea Belmont in November 2017 and we are grateful to have him and his family.

Career patrol hours since joining SBSLSC are 249. And has patrolled 57 hours this season alone.

Rob has been a committed patrol member for Patrol 10 and has been an amazing co Patrol Captain.

Not only does Rob complete rostered patrols but he also puts his hand up over the Christmas holidays to do the volunteer patrols on both New Year's Day and Australian day.





Patrol Person of the Year

Jack Paterson

Jack has been involved in Surf Lifesaving since he was five. He loved nippers and competed in all events including the March Past and R&R, with team events being his favourite.

When Jack was in the U14s he achieved his Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). He completed his SRC in the morning at Blacksmith Beach and within 15 minutes of getting his red and yellow on, he was on patrol for the rest of the day.

Jack has volunteered to be water safety and IRB Crew person for the last 2 years at the NSW state age championships over multiple days and has also completed water safety at out-of-area carnivals.

In 2020, at the age of 14, Jack became one of the youngest Beach to Bush presenters in NSW and has been educating rural children in remote outback Australia about water safety and beach awareness ever since.

This season, Jack has upgraded his CPR, completed his SILVER MEDALLION – AQUATIC RESCUE (SMAR), obtained his Advanced Resuscitation certificate (ARTC) and is looking forward to completing his Silver Medallion Patrol Captains and IRB driver's award during the off season.

Jack's strong commitment to serve his club, his community and the state of NSW through surf lifesaving is a credit to him and an incredible asset to NSW Surf Lifesaving. Jack is a selfless and kind individual who is a strong role model for younger lifesavers. Topped the charts with 68hrs patrolling.



Patrol Family of the Year

Doran Family

85 hours of patrolling in 2022/2023 season

Outstanding female competitors

Participate in volunteer fundraising raffle

Patrol of the Year

Patrol 6

This patrol had significant patrol hours spent on Blacksmiths Beach – 384hrs. Patrol 6 had 3 x female members in the top 10 hours male and female categories. A very impressive patrolling season with many young members juggling part time jobs and carnivals.

Sarah Withyman

Lola Russell

Oliver Russell

Marley Mogford

Brooke Mogford

Shane Dowsett

Kaylee Dowsett

Kai Cook

Blake Cook

Zac Campbell



Our latest project has been to source and design a new patrol van that improves safety with lifting, carrying and storing of heavy and vital equipment used by our patrolling members. This fully purposed designed patrol van stores First Aid equipment securely and keeps vital rescue boards, tubes and spinal boards in readiness for any emergency rescue. In addition, the old van has been recycled for use by other clubs who may not have or be able to afford a van.



Cat Gocher
Director of Lifesaving

Director of Education Report

After 3 crazy years, we finally got back to some kind of normality post Covid, with no restrictions on our training schedule. This season, our clubs' members achieved 77 new awards, and increase over previous years. Interestingly, 44% where members are receiving surf lifesaving awards for the very first time. 8 of these Swansea Belmont members are not competing, but simply train so that they can volunteer as patrolling life savers and parent helpers at nippers.

As always, I thank the Education team for your efforts and time away from your families to come and help train our future lifesavers.

Surf Rescue Certificate

Aleksander Gillon

Anna Gocher

Bodi Bone

Elizabeth Considine

Emma McCallum

Fletcher Thomas

Hamish Rae

Harry Hall

Isabelle Love

Julieanne Fox

Liam Doyle

Lily Rees

Luca Burge

Mitchell Chalmers

Noah Mc Callum

Skyla Poole

Summer Cook

Thomas Chalmers



Bronze Medallion

Aaron Urbanowicz

Aiden Rae

Bradley Taylor

Cameron Ailwood

Cooper MacKenzie

Famke Mc Callum

Jason Logan

Lewis Davies

Lisa Aldridge

Louise Hatcher

Mason Hammond

Melanie Linde

Noah Gibbs

Ryan Degan

Tasman Coupe

Thomas Hall

Zac Campbell

Zac McDougall

First Aid

Aaron Urbanowicz

Aiden Rae

Blake Cook

Bradley Fox

Bradley Taylor

Brian Zammit

Caine Mathias

Cameron Ailwood

Cooper Mackenzie

Craig Sheil

Famke McCallum

Flynn Hamilton

Graham Burge

Jack Paterson

James Thomas

Jemma Lucas

Lachlan Rae

Lewis Davies

Lisa Aldridge

Mary Burck

Mason Hammond

Melanie Linde

Michael Webb

Noah Gibbs

Pat Keane

Rebecca Patterson

Ryan Degan

Tasman Coupe

Thomas Hall

Tim Dunne

Zac Campbell

Zac McDougall

IRB Crew

Aiden Rae

Blake Harrison

Coop McKenzie

Matthew Chalmers

Todd Alchin

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain

Rochelle Clarke

Silver Medallion Beach Management

Jack Patterson

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

Kobi Kingston

Rochelle Clarke

Shane Dowsett

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques

Andrew McCallum

Catherine Gocher

Jack Paterson

Karen Lucas

Kasey Crebert

Rebecca Patterson

Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue

Jack Paterson

NSW Flood Emergency

Special mention to our SB crew members who responded to the flood relief at the end of last year. It was fantastic that these men gave up their time to rescue others under difficult circumstances.

Andrew McCallum

Graham Burge

Lee Archer

Malcom Rae

Shane Dowsett



Lastly, my wingman – it would not be a presentation without our pic!!

Thank you



Director of Surf Sports Report

It's definitely been a big year trying to fill the shoes of Leanne in this Surf Sports Director role!!

This being my first year of Surf Sports Director was a little daunting, to say the least, but I have had a lot of people around me to assist which I am very grateful for.

This year saw the introduction of a new selection policy to try and ensure the process is as clear and transparent as possible to all involved. This was trialled and predominantly worked well however there were definitely things that required changing and so amendments have been made to hopefully ensure a smooth selection process for next season.

The selection process is always a very difficult process and final selections are never made lightly or without a great deal of consideration!

I would like to thank all our members for their time and patience during this session.

Thank you to Carolyn for fulfilling the role of doing all the entries for carnivals, this is a huge role that can be very time-consuming.

Thank you also to Graham, Chad, and Katrina for all their time and advice in helping me settle into this role.

Thank you to all our Officials and water safety volunteers, carnivals don't run without you and your time is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all our coaches, our competitors are so lucky to have you all volunteer your time to the club and pass on all your experience and knowledge of the sport, our results just wouldn't be the same without you all.

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

Shane Dowsett

Director of Surf Sports



Director of Junior Activities' Report

Sunday Nippers

This year we had large numbers in the U6, U7 & U8 age groups, with should result in healthy numbers in these age groups as they progress through the years. Such large numbers required multiple age managers for each group, so a big thank you to all that performed the age manager role with these groups. This of course also extends to the age managers of the u9 to u14's.

Thank you to the many parents who put up their hand up to assist the age managers in running the nipper's program.

Thanks also to our experienced members who continue to help out and pass on their surf skills to the current generation.

Nippers cannot run without the required ratio of water safety personnel, so thank you to the water safety superintendent and all others that regularly assisted each week.

Special thanks to our u/14'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. We wish them all the best as they head into the senior squad's next season.

Our BBQ this year has once again saw Ron Wilson & Ron Parkes, volunteer endless hours to ensure everyone on a Sunday enjoys a BBQ. They were also assisted by numerous others from all age groups throughout the year and we thank them for all their time and effort.

The BBQ is also a fantastic fundraiser for our club, as is the Orana meat raffle. Thank you to the fundraising committee for all your time and effort is raising much needed money that assists in the purchase of equipment that supports the nippers program. Thank you to the Orana Hotel for providing the meat trays each week and to all who supported SBSLC nippers by purchasing tickets.

I would also like to thank the Committee and Kristie Dunne in her role as junior Secretary for their ongoing support.

Competition

Hunter Branch Championships

The Under 9's to U14's had a very successful competitive year. Great results at branch level with our club winning the branch point score again.

State Age Championships

The club also had great success at the State titles finishing the points score in 6th place, which put us at the top of the Hunter branch clubs.

There were some fantastic individual and team results, so a big congratulations to all that competed and raced to the best of their ability.

Surf Education

Thanks to the Surf Education crew of Karen Lucas & Cat Gocher and their many assistants who put in a lot of work performing nipper proficiency assessments and also getting the U14's and some U13's ready for patrols by running the SRC courses.

Training

The outstanding results achieved this season by the nippers is a credit to the great coaches within the club.

Thanks to all the regular water coaches Matt Chalmers, Josh Blair, Melissa Thurlow, Stefan Krysko and all the others who help when required throughout the season.

Thank you to Ange Leadbeater for all her effort in preparing the nippers in the beach events.

Thanks to all the mum's and dad's who help with water safety every session.

Kracka Ironperson Event

Once again the Kracka Ironperson event attracted many athletes from numerous clubs within our branch as well as other branches.

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 also provide generous support.

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

Aaron Hinchcliffe

Director of Junior Activities

Directors of Club Activities Report

The past year has been another great success as restrictions have completely relaxed. The functions, fundraisers and our Sunday arvo music were all great occasions with terrific attendance.

The income from the bar is one of the main sources of revenue and we thank our members and community for patronizing all these events. It is also encouraging during our extended summer opening hours to have tourists and campers annually coming back to the club to enjoy the music and facilities.

A big thank you to a lot of members, too many to name everyone, you all helped out with just doing things around the club, your input makes this great club so enjoyable for all.



A special thank you to,

Graham, for beer orders, advice and cellar management.

Katrina, for looking after the bookings of weddings, birthdays, funerals etc and a whole lot of other functions, plus the ordering of wine and soft drink etc.

Mel for looking after the entertainment and social side of the surf club events etc, we are sure there will be some great entertainment lined up again in the coming year.

Thank you to Mark "PA" Bint for everything he does in and around the club house, setting up the bar for Sundays and functions, the cellar work, fixing any problems with kegs and closing up when needed, the list goes on, painting, looking after the lawn and gardens plus receiving deliveries.

To all the members who volunteer their time for bar and BBQ duty each Sunday, summer holidays and special events, THANK YOU. They allow us to keep our prices low while still allowing our bar to be profitable to pay the bills and also buy the equipment to maintain Swansea Belmont's high reputation in the surf club community.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions to promote our club further please do not hesitate to contact the committee as this is what helps to make our club better into the future, Last but not least, it has been a great joy and privilege for us to be able to work alongside a great team of Directors, Committee members and Members who put in the time and effort to make our club so special.

Thank you, Pez, Waz and Johnno.

Boat Captain's Report

Another season is gone and I am sitting here doing another season report. As with last season's report, a look at where we stand as a section as a part of this great club.

Achievements

What we are looking at here is not achievements in competition results but in finally having multiple crews once again competing for Swansea Belmont SLSC. It may have taken until halfway through the season and into the new year but we finally had crews competing in four different divisions in the Central Coast and Hunter Surf Boat Series.

The master's women who were very enthusiastic after finally getting onto the water after an injury to their stroke last season were dwelt another setback with one of the crew getting sick. Another lady stepped in to take her place but had to do her full bronze medallion again, having been out of surf lifesaving for more than two years.



The master's men crew is made up of men who had their bronze and rowed before, men who had rowed but their bronze had lapsed and people who had not rowed and did not have their bronze. This crew at the end of the season were rowing very competently and given their enthusiasm I believe will be very competitive next season.

Under 23 women. We had eight girls through the season rowing and training in this division. So that everyone could have a row, we rowed the girls in the reserve women division as well, but getting to the end of the season we were struggling to get enough to fill the under-23 women's crew. Sickness, going overseas, work, commitment to other sports and study all came into the declining numbers. Training was a real problem with getting the same four into the boat on a regular basis. It was mix and match nearly every session. The thing about this crew though was, by the end of the season, they could match it with all those crews that were beating them easily at the start of the season.

Again, as last season my thanks to Mick Reese for his commitment to the boat section and all the work he does making sure that everything is maintained in safe working order. This covers oars, rowlocks, pumps, hull repairs, trailer wheel bearings, lights, and wiring.

Looking Forward

I am very confident that those crews that finished this season, Master Men, Master Women, and Under 23 Women will all take up where they left off come season 2023 / 2024 as they are continuing to row during the off-season.

I have also been approached from previous under-23 rowers indicating they are wanting to resume rowing again. I hope this comes to fruition as it would be great for the club and a big incentive for other members to come and give rowing a chance.

Everyone both female and male are welcome to come and try rowing, but for the club and for the sport into the future, junior rowers both male and female are desperately needed.

If you ever wonder what it would be like get in touch with Mitchell (0406045743), Mick (0488037321) or myself (0407237131) we would love to see you.

Perry Sparks

Boat Captain

Ski Captain's Report

Another unreal season for the books.

Firstly, a massive thankyou to our head coach Tim Allen, the backbone of our ski squad. Tim puts in numerous hours into writing up the programs, analysing techniques and helping us athletes achieve our goals. I'd like to think that all your hard work continues and motivates these younger paddlers coming through to follow in your footsteps and make our club proud.

Thank you, Tim.

I'd also like to thank Matt Rees and Paul Stone, again this year you both have helped Tim in creating a hard-working ski squad, always pushing us to the limits at training.

Thanks for paddling alongside all of us as well, for the extra tips for racing, it also has made a difference to this ski squad.

Thank you to the Moon Island Classic organisers in putting such a great event together again this year.

I'd also like to stretch our thanks to all the parents and coaches who helped with the trailer both packing and unpacking, also towing it to carnivals and across the country to Aussies this year, what a massive achievement, Thank you boys. It is much appreciated by all our athletes as we wouldn't have craft or tents there ready for us.

We performed well at all major carnivals this year in both individual and team events with some great young talent coming through and our ski squad is continually growing.

I would like to encourage the young and up in coming athletes to give ski paddling a go. You never know until you try it!

Josh Murphy

Ski Captain



IRB Captain's Report

On top of our regular patrol and carnival duties, this year saw our IRBs and drivers put to use to assist State Emergency Services alongside other agencies in dealing with the widespread and significant floods across NSW.

Our IRBs and members were deployed on 3 occasions, assisting with flood rescues and relief in Singleton, Bulga, Walgett, Brewarrina and Gunnedah. My heartfelt thanks go out to Lee Archer, Mal Rae, Shane Dowsett, Kyle Probert and Graham Burge who were all deployed across the state, also to Lachlan Rae, Peter Scanes and Troy Snowden who were all ready and willing to assist.



Andrew McCallum

IRB Captain

Beach Captain's Report

What a fantastic season our small Swansea Belmont Beach Team has had. We came away from Aussies with four gold medals, two silver, one bronze, two 4th places and many more top eight performances from only eight athletes who competed on the beach. At the State Senior Championships, we came away with two newly crowned individual State Champions.

Our dominance in the distance events continued at Aussies winning two team gold medals in the 2x1km Beach Relay, with Tye Worell & Ty Leadbeatter making it three years in a row and remaining undefeated at Aussies for the event. Thomas & Mitchell Chalmers won individual gold & silver in the U13 2km Beach Run and then backed up to win the U13 2x1km at their first Aussies. Phoebe Doran and Emerson Leadbeatter medalled again in the U15 2x1km taking the bronze medal in a very close race that came down to the final 100m.

The distance events at Aussies continue to draw very high-quality fields, being an event where there is zero luck involved and it comes down to who is the fastest and fittest competitor on the day. Almost all of the medallists at Aussies this year are current members of state cross country or track teams, so the results our club is achieving in these events is exceptional good and should be highlighted.

Our U15 girls had another great year with Phoebe Doran again winning Aussie silver in the U15 Beach Sprint and Emerson Leadbeatter finishing in 4th place. For the second year in a row we were still the only club in Australia to have two girls in both the sprint and flags finals. Phoebe went on to finish an excellent 4th in Flags with Emerson in 8th and 5th in the 2km Beach Run. Emerson won the U15 Beach Sprint & Flags events at the State Championships and the girls combined to win the 2x1km Relay and place 2nd in the U15 Beach Relay with Kaitlin Rees & Daisy Breasley.

Poppy Doran had another great year winning the NSW U17 Beach Sprint Title & finished a close 2nd in the U17 Flags. At Aussies, she placed 6th in the Beach Sprint final and 10th in Flags.

Erin Hamilton joined our club this year and won her first state medal placing 3rd in the U19 Beach Flags and 6th in the U19 Sprint Final.

Tom Chalmers won the U13 2km Beach Run and combined with brother Mitch to win 2x1km at the State Nipper Championships.

We also had other very strong performances from our nippers on the beach at the State Championships. Archie Doyle placed 2nd in the U11 1km Beach Run and Elise Howe finished 3rd in the girl's race. Archie teamed with Hamish Dunne to place 2nd in the U11 2x500m Relay and Luca Burge and Grace Mueller finished 2nd in the U13 2x1km Relay.



I am still on the lookout for a specialised flags and sprint coach to help develop our nippers in these events, we have a lot of natural talent coming through the younger age groups and lots of keen nippers expressing an interest to do some specialised training.

2022/23 Beach Encouragement Award – Poppy Doran

2022/23 Beach Competitor of the Year – Emerson Leadbeatter

Great season Team SB!

Angela Leadbeatter

Beach Captain

Board Captain's Report

The board squad again had another big year of training and competition. The kids posted some great results at NSW titles in challenging swell conditions which was good to see go ahead and the kids able to finally race in some waves. The board relay teams showed their skill winning 3 NSW titles and two silver medals across the age groups which was a great achievement. With only 2 weeks turnaround between State and Aussies it was then off to Perth to compete in completely the opposite conditions with it being dead flat in WA. Luckily for them the coaches again persisted with the flat-water sessions and the kids raced exceptionally well all round at The Australian Titles. Again, no individual board race winners but the Board Relay Team efforts produced 1x Aussie Gold Medal with the U17 Boys, Silver in the U15 Girls, Silver in the U19 Boys and Bronze in the U13/14 Boys Board Relays which was a great showing of depth in the squad and some real talent coming through the younger kids. The U15 Girls board rescue team of Katy Rees and Kaleah Kingston claimed Gold in an exciting race and an awesome team paddle home from the cans to take the win.

Presentation night this year saw the Encouragement award go to Katy Rees for her outstanding efforts and results throughout the season. Katy's approach and effort at training is second to none and is the reason why she can compete at the level she does and achieve the results she deserves. She is a polite and well-mannered young lady and she has been an absolute pleasure to coach. Katy has finished second in the last two individual Australian Board races and the first thing I noticed was her big smile and no sign of disappointment at all (as there shouldn't be), which shows her great sportsmanship which is something that Gav and I have worked hard to instil into the squad. Congratulations Katy.

This year's Board Paddler Of The year and the winner of the Aaron Blatchford Memorial Trophy was Xavier Coates. The X man as he is known to us had an exception year. He arrives to training each week with a huge smile and is always up for a laugh and a joke but when training starts, he always gives 100% effort and concentration. Like Katy, Xavier is always polite and respectful towards the Coaches and again a pleasure to Coach. At the Australian titles as a first year U17 Xavier was the standout board paddler every time he entered the water. With the X man paddling 3rd in the U17 board relay myself and Gav knew he was capable of a fantastic paddle if the team was near a medal. As it turned out X man entered the water in equal first place with Burleigh Heads last leg of the board relay. Xavier never gave up and went stroke for stroke with Burleigh all the way in a perfectly controlled paddle, then timed his get off perfectly and outran the Burleigh competitor to take the win for the team. And as I later found out all with a fractured vertebrae which makes it even more incredible. Well done Xavier and well-deserved mate.

Again to all the Board Squad well done throughout the year I hope you have all enjoyed yourselves and been able to learn a few things along the way.

Cheers Cookie

Registrar's Report

The 2022-2023 season had registration numbers back to the high numbers before Covid. We had no number restrictions this year which was exciting. The active nipper registrations were at 398 which was a major increase from 2 years ago, which was 260. We had a lot of transfers into our nippers from other local clubs, and one of the highest numbers of nippers we have had in a very long time.

Our total amount of financial members this season was 944 which has also increased mainly due to the nipper increases. We had a total of 737 members in 2019, an increase from the 728 in 2018-2019 and 667 in 2017-2018.

We have 78 members in the u-15- Open category of which approximately 45 compete and patrol for the club.

Over the last few years this number has been rising in this senior age group and we are now a very competitive club at branch, state, and Australian levels. Hoping most of our U/14 age group continue into the senior ranks.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the members who paid their fees early in the season, it spreads out a very big workload.

I have enjoyed the Registrar role for the past few years but will be passing this on. Thank you to Carolyn and Katrina for all their help with registrations this year.

Kind Regards

Sheree Murphy

over and out!

Surf Sports

Interbranch

With 22 SBSLSC members competing for the Hunter Branch at Shelly Beach in some very challenging conditions. Some very tough racing all round. The Hunter team finish 3rd overall. Congratulation to you all.

U12 Female Chloe Rees

U13 Female Grace Mueller

U14 Female Skyla Pool

U15 Female Phoebe Doran

U15 Female Emerson Leadbeatter

U15 Female Kaitlin Rees

U15 Female Kaleah Kingston

U17/Youth Female Poppy Doran

U17/Youth Female Lola Russell

U17/Youth Female Zara Foran

Open Female Erin Hamilton

U13 Male Thomas Chalmers

U13 Male Taj Williams

U14 Male Kai Cook

U14 Male Ollie Russell

U15 Male Noah Gibbs

U15 Male Cambell Connelly

U15 Male Billy Foran

U17/Youth Male Jack Johns

Open Male Blake Cook

Open Male Nicholas Stoddart

Open Male Beau McGregor

From the Hunter team we had 4 Swansea Belmont members represent NSW:

Kai Cook, Kaitlin Rees, Phoebe Doran, and Ethan Hamilton.



Branch Championships

Swansea Belmont came first at branch with 57 Medals.

Once again SBSLC has shown its power in the branch.

NSW State Championships

NSW State Championships were held at Manly once again this year with some very challenging conditions for all age groups. A fantastic result coming 3rd overall this year with the club finishing on 195 points (11 Gold, 8 silver and 7 Bronze)

Some highlights from state were U15 female bringing home 11 medals with 6 of those being gold. U19 males with 8 medals, U17 male ski relay winning gold. U19 Female Board rescue team finally winning gold.

Gold

U15 Female Beach Flags	Emerson Leadbeatter
U15 Female Beach Sprint	Emerson Leadbeatter
U15 Female Board Relay	Daisy Breasley, Kaitlin Rees, Xanthe Calov
U15 Female Cameron Relay	Emerson Leadbeatter, Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston, Phoebe Doran
U15 Female Surf Race	Kaitlin Rees
U15 Female Surf Team	Daisy Breasley, Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston, Xanthe Calov
U17 Female Beach Sprint	Poppy Doran
U17 Male Single Ski Relay	Aidan Rae, Ethan Hamilton, Thomas Hall
U19 Female Board Rescue	Isabella Campbell, Kaylee Dowsett
U19 Male Board Relay	Blake Cook, Flynn Hamilton, Kurt Murphy
U19 Male Taplin	Beau McGregor, Flynn Hamilton, Kurt Murphy

Silver

Open Male Board Relay	Flynn Hamilton, Kurt Murphy, Nicholas Stoddart
Open Male Board Rescue	Ethan Coates, Nicholas Stoddart
U15 Female Beach Relay	Daisy Breasley, Emerson Leadbeatter, Kaitlin Rees, Phoebe Doran
U15 Female Board Race	Kaitlin Rees
U15 Female Ironperson	Kaitlin Rees
U17 Female Beach Flags	Poppy Doran
U19 Male Board Race	Kurt Murphy
U19 Male Board Relay	Beau McGregor, Samuel Murphy, Tye Worell

Bronze

U15 Female Beach Sprint	Phoebe Doran
U15 Female Board Resuce	Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston
U15 Male Surf Team	Billy Foran, Cambell Connolly, Jeremy Gocher, Noah Gibbs
U19 Female Beach Flags	Erin Hamilton
U19 Male Board Rescue	Beau McGregor, Kurt Murphy
U19 Male Single Ski	Kurt Murphy
U19 Male Surf Team	Beau McGregor, Blake Cook, Flynn Hamilton, Kurt Murphy

Australian Titles

With 17 junior Competitors U13 to U15 and 19 Senior competitors making the trip over to Perth. The was very excited and looking forward to the trip.

Some tough racing in flat conditions. There was a lot of congestion at the 1st can and this could make or break some of the racing. All the competitors gave their all and was obvious at the finish line.

Juniors were racing first and set the bar high once again for the seniors to follow. Highlights from the juniors were.

U13 Tom and Mitch Chalmers first time Australian Champs 2x1km Beach Relay.

U14/15 Female Board Rescue – GOLD - Kaitlin Rees and Kaleah Kingston

U13 Male Board – BRONZE - Taj Williams

All U15 Females - Daisy Breasley, Kaleah Kingston, Kaitlin Rees, Xanthe Calov, Emerson Leadbetter, Phoebe Doran have all now won a gold medal at Aussies.

Senior highlights.

3 times Australian Champ Ty Leadbetter and Tye Worrell in 2x1 km Beach Relay.

Sam Murphy and Xavier Coates becoming first time Australian Champions.

U17 Male Board Relay – GOLD – Tye Worell, Sam Murphy & Xavier Coates

Congratulations to all the club's athletes for the session. Enjoy your time off and get ready for the upcoming season.

Aussies Results

Gold

U17 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	1st	Ty Leadbeatter, Tye Worell
U17 Male Board Relay	1st	Tye Worell, Samuel Murphy, Xavier Coates
U13 Male 2KmX1 Beach Run	1st	Thomas Chalmers Mitchell Chalmers
U14 & U15 Female Board Rescue	1st	Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston
U13 Male 2Km Beach Run	1st	Thomas Chalmers

Silver

U19 Male Board Relay	2nd	Beau McGregor, Blake Cook, Kurt Murphy
U13 Male 2Km Beach Run	2nd	Mitchell Chalmers
U13 Male Board Race	2nd	Thomas Chalmers
U13 Male Ironperson	2nd	Thomas Chalmers
U14 & U15 Female Board Relay	2nd	Daisy Breasley, Kaitlin Rees, Xanthe Calov
U14 & U15 Male Board Rescue	2nd	Cambell Connolly, Billy Foran
U15 Female Beach Sprint	2nd	Phoebe Doran
U15 Female Board Race	2nd	Kaitlin Rees

Bronze

U19 Male Board Rescue	3rd	Beau McGregor, Kurt Murphy
U19 Male Double Ski	3rd	Kurt Murphy, Beau McGregor
U13 Male Board Race	3rd	Taj Williams
U14 & U15 Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	3rd	Emerson Leadbeatter, Phoebe Doran
U14 & U15 Female Cameron Relay	3rd	Emerson Leadbeatter, Phoebe Doran, Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston
U14 Male board	3rd	Will Patterson.
U13/14 Board Relay	3rd	Will Patterson, Ollie Russel, Kai Cook

4th Place

U17 Male Single Ski Relay	4th	Thomas Hall, Samuel Murphy, Jack Johns
U13 & U14 Male Cameron Relay	4th	Liam Doyle, Will Paterson, Thomas Chalmers, Mitchell Chalmers
U13 & U14 Male Surf Teams	4th	Kai Cook, Liam Doyle, Bodi Bone, Will Paterson

U15 Female Beach Flags	4th	Phoebe Doran
U15 Female Beach Sprint	4th	Emerson Leadbeatter
U15 Female Ironperson	4th	Kaitlin Rees

5th Place

U17 Male Board Rescue	5th	Xavier Coates, Samuel Murphy
U19 Male Single Ski	5th	Beau McGregor
U15 Female 2Km Beach Run	5th	Emerson Leadbeatter
U14 & U15 Female Surf Teams	5th	Daisy Breasley, Kaleah Kingston, Kaitlin Rees, Xanthe Calov
U13 Male Ironperson	5th	Taj Williams
U13 Female Board Race	5th	Luca Burge

6th Place

U19 Male Ironperson	6th	Beau McGregor
U17 Male Taplin	6th	Samuel Murphy, Thomas Hall, Xavier Coates
U17 Male Board Rescue	6th	Tye Worell, Jack Johns
U17 Female Beach Sprint	6th	Poppy Doran
U15 Female Surf Race	6th	Kaitlin Rees

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