



Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd

98<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2024/2025





# Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club 2024/2025 Annual General Meeting 20 July 2025, commencing at 10am

#### **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

The 98th Annual General Meeting of the Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd will be held in the Clubhouse, Blacksmiths Beach on Sunday, 20 July 2025 commencing at 10am.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Life Saver's Prayer
- 2. Acknowledgment to Country
- 3. President Address
- 4. Minutes Silence for passed members
- 5. Apologies
- 6. Confirmation of Minutes of the 97th Annual General Meeting
- 7. Presentation of 98th 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. Notice of Motion/s
  - Preparation for club century
- 12. General Business
  - Investment portfolio (Information Attached)
  - Presentation to retiring Directors

For and on behalf of the Committee Katrina Pastourmoglou Secretary

## Australian Surf Lifesavers Prayer

O LORD OF ALL GOOD LIFE, who have given to me and my friends this land of Australia Bathed in sunshine,

Enriched by the bounties of nature,
Encircled by the rolling waves

I ask that you will accept the service I offer as a guardian of the lives of others.

I give thanks for
The joy of living,
The strength of humanity,
The honour of a noble deed.

Teach me to know the value of a single life is of infinite worth in Your sight.

May I ever be alert to the needs of those whose safety is dependent of my vigilance.

Help me at all times never to flinch in the call to duty.

Make me ready to match the moment of testing with the spirit of courage and adventure.

Make me strong and steadfast in the service I have embraced.

Help me to be a good comrade. May I never be disheartened by difficulties or discouraged by discipline.

May the standard of my life be a help to those who look to me as an example.

Help me to offer to You, to my Club, and to those whose safety is dependent on my skill nothing less than the best I can give;

And to ask for no reward save that of knowing

That I do my duty and fulfil your will.

O Lord, My God, accept my prayer.

#### **AMEN**

## 2024/2025 Committee

PRESIDENT B Fox
DEPUTY PRESIDENT C Griffith
TREASURER D Pringle

SECRETARY K Pastourmoglou

DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS M Rees
DIRECTORS OF LIFE SAVING C Connolly
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION B Banks
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING A Leadbeatter

DIRECTOR CLUB HOUSE ACTIVITES P Johnston, W Davies, N Pezely

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES M Legge REGISTRAR C Connolly

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

ASSISTANT TREASURER P Scanes, C Walllis
BEACH CAPTAIN A Leadbeatter
BOARD CAPTAIN B Mc Gregor
BOAT CAPTAIN G Perrin

SKI CAPTAIN J Murphy/E Johnson

**SWIM CAPTAIN** 

R & R CAPTAIN M Stanton
IRB CAPTAIN J Considine
HEAD COACH T Foran

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE C Paul, P Mitchell, C Wallis, T Morton, J Mowbray

DELEGATE TO BRANCH R Liddell

FINANCE COMMITTEE D Pringle, C Wallis, N Marshall, P Scanes, G Burge

GYM CO-ORDINATOR S Robertson FIRST AID OFFICER R Liddell

**ROOKIE COORDINATOR** 

OHS D Hooey

GEAR STEWARD M Hoetzer, M Thurlow

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE G Burge, T Morton, J Mowbray, R Liddell, C Wallis BUILDING COMMITTEE K Pastourmoglou, C Wallis, J Mowbray, T Mowbray,

**M** Chalmers

MOBILE VEHICLE OFFICER M Bint, D Banks

RADIO OFFICER D Banks SOCIAL SECRETARY M Burge

SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

SPORTS SECRETARY N Doyle

CHILD PROTECTION L Byrne, S Lincoln

AUDITOR Mark Walmsley Charted Accountant

HON, SOLICITORS P Mitchell

HON. DOCTORS

## Life Members

| 1936 | Joe Charlton*       | 1984 | Don Gregory*        |  |
|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|--|
| 1940 | Allan Paterson*     | 1984 | John Rees           |  |
| 1944 | Roy Byrnes*         | 1986 | Norm Turney         |  |
| 1944 | Ern Heath*          | 1987 | Brian Drinkwater*   |  |
| 1944 | Herbert McPherson*  | 1988 | Ron Liddell         |  |
| 1953 | Kevin Byrnes*       | 1989 | John Halpin         |  |
| 1956 | Bill Behrends*      | 1989 | Terry Watts         |  |
| 1956 | Ben Behrends*       | 1990 | Chris Paul          |  |
| 1956 | Vic Convery*        | 1993 | <b>Bob Gregory</b>  |  |
| 1957 | Bert Chant*         | 1994 | Ken Murray*         |  |
| 1957 | Jock Gregory*       | 1996 | lain Pattie         |  |
| 1960 | Graham Barrass*     | 1997 | John McDougall*     |  |
| 1960 | Harry Walton*       | 2000 | Jeff Mowbray        |  |
| 1962 | Fred Moodie*        | 2000 | Mark Scully         |  |
| 1967 | Jim Turner*         | 2001 | Gary Brown          |  |
| 1968 | Harold Behrends*    | 2001 | Peter McGregor*     |  |
| 1968 | Jim Charlton*       | 2002 | Tom Gilmore*        |  |
| 1986 | Trevor Ham          | 2002 | Trevor Mowbray      |  |
| 1968 | Cliff Marsh O.A.M.* | 2008 | Robert Burge        |  |
| 1968 | Geoff Murray *      | 2008 | Graham Burge        |  |
| 1968 | John Regan*         | 2009 | Phil Cousins O.A.M. |  |
| 1970 | Gordon Mc Millan*   | 2009 | Martin Ross         |  |
| 1970 | Trevor Morton       | 2010 | Barry Dobb*         |  |
| 1973 | Jim Corkett*        | 2011 | Jim McKenna         |  |
| 1973 | Peter Lee           | 2011 | Brian Summers*      |  |
| 1974 | George Cooper       | 2013 | Barry Freeman       |  |
| 1975 | Barry Moses*        | 2013 | Jon Langford        |  |
| 1976 | Bill Cambridge*     | 2016 | Tim Allen           |  |
| 1977 | Ross Blatchford*    | 2016 | Craig Wallis        |  |
| 1979 | Noel Corkett*       | 2017 | Sid Johnstone       |  |
| 1979 | Paul Kibble*        | 2018 | Peter Scanes        |  |
| 1982 | Wayne Matthews      | 2018 | Anthea Stephens     |  |
| 1982 | Jim Purcell         | 2022 | Rose Parkes         |  |
| 1983 | Archie Salaris      |      |                     |  |
|      |                     |      |                     |  |

## **VALE ARCH SALARIS**





Arch Salaris became a member of Swansea Belmont SLSC in 1948, was awarded Life Membership in 1983, and later honored with Life Membership of Hunter Branch in 2014. He gained his Bronze Medallion in 1950 at Stockton SLSC and went on to earn a remarkable collection of awards and qualifications, including coaching credentials and the 50, 60, and 70 Year Long Service Awards and 30 years of officiating.

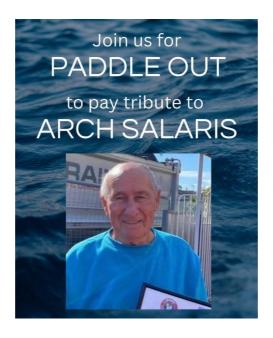
Many will remember Arch from surf carnivals across the years, he was the friendly face overseeing craft scrutineering, ensuring everything was ready for competition. He was also a passionate and patient ski coach, teaching so many to paddle at SBSLSC and always happy to lend a hand or offer advice.

Arch was a true gentleman, respected, admired, and loved by all. His legacy within Surf Life Saving and our club is lasting and profound.

Arch passed away at the age of 91, leaving behind a life of service, camaraderie, and dedication to the surf lifesaving community.

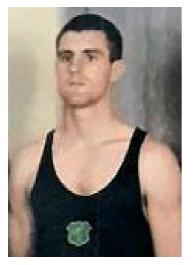
Rest in peace, Arch. You will be deeply missed.











### **VALE NEIL HINCKS**

Neil 'Sammy' Hincks joined Swansea-Belmont SLSC in 1955. He was a dedicated member for many decades and was recognised with 50 years' service in 2005. 'Sammy' played a significant role as part of our workforce during the club's hosting of many NSW State Championships and was a familiar presence on Sunday mornings with the Old Boys.

'Sammy' was an all-round sportsman. His participation and achievements include excelling in beach flags and other beach

events, winning numerous championship medals. He was a key member of the club's first Branch Championship-winning R & R team in 1961; played rugby league for Lakes United RLFC in the '60s and '70s, where "Sportsman of the Year" and "Clubman of the Year" were amongst his achievements; and was also a keen golfer and sailor. The contribution and club spirit of Neil 'Sammy' Hincks will be greatly missed.



## VALE TOM HADFIELD

Tom Hadfield was awarded his Bronze Medallion on the 12 October 1948. He was a member of the Junior Boat Crew who gained fame as one half of the victorious 'Senior-Junior' Australian Championship "double", achieved at Coolangatta in 1949-50. Because of this success SBSLSC was to take out the Australian Championship Aggregate Point Score in that year, a magnificent achievement with the trophies still on display in the clubhouse.

At a special presentation in 2023 Tom was overwhelmed to be present to receive his Australian Championship cap number 17, making him the most senior member of Swansea-Belmont SLSC to be in attendance – a significant occasion because well over 120 Australian Championship "caps" have now been awarded.

## Milestones of Nine Mile

#### Swansea Surf Life Saving Club founded 1927-28 season:

Green, cream and gold colors 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 was 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 the 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 - 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

#### 1921

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

90 Year 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 was selected in the U16 Kayak Australian Team.

Dan Chisholm was selected in the NSW Youth Pathway Team; and

Kye Taylor was selected in the SLS Australian Youth Team.

#### 2019/20

NSW State Championships return to Swansea Belmont 2019/20

Kye Taylor was 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 Championships Open Pointscore

2nd place Australian Championships Youth Pointscore

#### 2021/2022

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

#### 2022/2023

NSW Flood Emergency Response at Singleton/Bulga Graham Burge, Lee Archer, Shane Dowsett, Andrew McCallum, Malcolm Rae

Walgett/Brewarrina – Kyle Probert

Gunnedah – Andrew McCallum

Kaitlin Rees, Phoebe Doran, Kai Cook & Ethan Hamilton were selected in the NSW Pathways and Youth Interstate team

#### N2023/2024

ASRL National Team Selection Event/National Short Course Championships

Kaitlin Rees – selected SLS Youth Australian Team as a Reserve

Kaitlin Rees, Emerson Leadbeatter, Pheobe Doran selected in the NSW Youth Interstate team

#### 2024/2025

World Ocean Series held at Swansea Belmont

World Nipper Championships held at Swansea Belmont

NSW Flood Emergency Response – Taree - Graham Burge represented Swansea Belmont.

Kaitlin Rees, Emerson Leadbeatter & Phoebe Doran and Will Munro selected in NSW Interstate Team.

Emerson Leadbeatter selected in Hunter/Central Coast Orcas Super Surf Team

Katy Rees & Emerson Leadbeatter selected in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Team for Battle of the Tasman.

Pheobe Doran selected in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Pathways Team for Battle of the Tasman.

Emerson Leadbeatter & Kaitlin Rees selected in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Team for the International Surf Rescue Championships to be held in New Zealand.

Swansea Belmont's U17s won the Overall Champion Club Title at Aussies.

Swansea Belmont finished 7th overall Open's point score at Aussies.

Swansea Belmont finished 3rd overall Open's point score at NSW State Championships.



## Presidents Report 2024/2025

It is a great honor to present my second Annual Report for the 2024/2025 surf season on behalf of Swansea Belmont SLSC. Being the President is more than a title to me; it is a great privilege and responsibility. I always lead with integrity, support our members and protect the values that have shaped our club for generations. This role offers a front row seat to the commitments, resilience and passion that define every patrolling member, competitor, nipper, parent, and volunteer who are a part of our great club.

This year, I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. Safeguarding our beach to the community, mentoring our youth, delivering major events, and securing vital funding for the future of the club. None of it would be possible without the tireless efforts of our executives, dedicated members, volunteers and supporters.

To the executive team thank you for your support, collaboration and dedication to our club.

Volunteers are the backbone of our club, our history, and our future. To everyone who volunteered their time this season, I extend my deepest gratitude.

#### **Patrolling**

To our patrolling members: your time, your vigilance, and your selflessness save lives and uphold the legacy of this club and the surf lifesaving movement. You are the heart of what we do.

Every year, our patrolling members don the red and yellow uniform, dedicating their ever-increasingly limited time to protect both their local communities and visiting beachgoers. Our club had yet another successful season with zero breaches over the season and no loss of life between our flags. Thank you to our Patrol Captains, Vice-Captains, IRB crews, and all water safety personnel for your dedicated service.

Outside of the red and yellow flags, the requirement for our call-out teams to respond year-round to emergency situations across the coastline and inland, dropping their daily lives is increasing. Surf Life Saving NSW continues to expand our emergency services function, playing a key role in emergency response outside of our traditional scope of operations. Special thanks to Carolyn Connely, Director of Life Saving, in your inaugural year. A challenging year giving the reduced number of available patrolling members. Under Carolyn's guidance our club experienced its first year under SLSNSW initiative of flexible patrolling, aimed at maintaining safety standards while balancing workload and member engagement. Also, thank you for your initiative of utilizing sponsors to provide heathy, free lunches enjoyed by all.

Finally, thanks to the Lake Macquarie City Council Lifeguards who excelled and served alongside our Patrol teams again this season.

#### Patrol Statistics 2023/24

- Rescues 0
- Preventative Actions 108
- First Aid 143 (an increase of one hundred from last season)
- Beach Closed 59

- Beach Attendances 21,655 (an increase of 7,292 from last season)
- Patrol Hours 5,166 (an increase of 593 from last season)
- Patrol Members 174 (a decline of forty-two members from last season)

#### Competition

Our Junior Activities program had another excellent season with plenty of fantastic results achieved at carnivals with the peak of our achievements a massive seventh overall in club standings at State Championships and again the top club in the Hunter Branch.

The mentoring by our Age Managers ensures our future is in a good place. Thank you to our Director of Junior Activities, Michael Legge, and the Junior Committee for your dedication throughout the season. Thanks also to our junior coaches, Sunday water safety helpers, IRB crews, and those who step up as officials or water safety at our many carnivals.

The Senior Club continues to represent us well at all levels of competition across Australia, thanks to our dedicated voluntary coaching staff. This season's achievements include a successful third place in club standings at State Championships, behind much bigger clubs of Newport and Wanda. We carried that momentum to Aussies, finishing 7th Nationally in the overall points score, a truly incredible result. A standout moment was our Under 17s team winning the highest point score in their age category, a massive achievement considering the depth and size of teams from some of Australia's biggest clubs. These victories speak volumes about our talent, commitment, and team spirit of our club. Congratulations to our latest Green Jacket recipients and all our Club Award winners. We are also incredibly proud to celebrate the selection of Will Monro, Pheobe Doran, Kaitlin Rees, and Emerson Leadbeatter represent the NSW team. Even more impressive, Pheobe, Kaitlin and Emerson have recently been selected to represent Australia.

#### **Major Club Award Recipients**

- Club Person of the Year Jeff Mowbray
- Junior of the Year Cooper McKenzie
- Volunteer of the Year David Pringle
- Cadet of the Year Charlie Legge
- Patrol Person of the Year Charlie Croal
- Youth Lifesaver of the Year Cambell Connolly
- Patrol Captain Sarah Withyman
- Lifesaver of the Year- David Banks

#### **Building our knowledge**

Our Education and Training team has done a remarkable job this season, putting members through an enormous range of courses. This is an important pillar within our Surf Club and one we must continually work at to maintain the quality of patrols we pride ourselves on. This season, we achieved numerous new awards, including Surf Rescue, Bronze Medallion, UAV, and various other qualifications. Thanks to our Director of Education, Brittney Banks for this years' service and all the trainers who assisted in educating our members. Without your dedication, our core activity of lifesaving would be hard to achieve.

#### We could not do it without your help.

To our club sponsors and supporters, your continued support is appreciated. It enables us to provide essential services and equipment for training, education, lifesaving, and patrol duties.

#### Special thanks to:

- SLSA Qantas, DHL, Isuzu Ute, Westpac
- SLSNSW Your Local Club, Ingenia Holiday Parks, Shark Skin, NSW Government
- Hunter Branch Newcastle Permanent

#### Local sponsors:

- McDonalds Swansea and Belmont
- Lake Macquarie City Council
- Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club
- Kracka Surf Craft
- Pelican RSL
- Race One Surf Craft
- Caves Beach Butchery
- Terry's Mobile Mechanics
- Big Mamma's Pizza
- Bakers Delight Belmont
- Swansea Lions Club
- Swansea Caves Senior RLFC
- Swansea Hotel Netball Club
- Swansea Surf Shop
- Origin
- Sold Real Estate
- Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group
- Costrux
- NewSure Insurance Brokers
- Zaffarras Coffee Belmont North
- italktravel Warners Bay
- Bunnings Bennetts Green.

The club remains in a healthy financial position due to increased functions, social events, fundraising efforts, and generous donations for rescue equipment upgrades. We also acknowledge The Surf Life Saving Foundation for their centralised fundraising efforts, which free up our members' time to focus on lifesaving activities.

On behalf of Swansea Belmont SLSC, I would like to acknowledge the NSW Government through the Emergency Services portfolio for ongoing state-wide operations and programs benefiting club members and the community.

Additionally, I would like to thank The NSW Premier The Hon. Chris Minns and Steve Kamper MP – Sports Minister and the Office of Sport, for their support to increase usage, safety and participation in Surf Life Saving through ongoing programs. Specifically, the Surf Clubs facility grants program which provided \$81,294 in funding to our club for the upgrade of carpet to our main auditorium and Solar and battery system aimed at achieving zero net electricity expenditure over the course of years to come.

The relationship with Lake Macquarie City Council has been very productive and supportive over the past season. I formally thank Mayor Adam Schultz and the elected Council for their support in all our activities. We are fortunate to be represented by two members of Parliament, The Hon. Yasmin Catley MP, and The Hon. Pat Conroy MP, who support the club whenever possible. I also extend my thanks to the Hunter Branch Executive for their assistance and advice.

Finally, thank you to the Federal Government for Beach Safety Equipment Funding which again directed \$10,000 to every SLSC for the purchase of vital rescue equipment, first aid and medical supplies.

#### A place to gather and feel welcome

Over the 2024/25 season I have focused on renewing our Club Lease with LMCC, a process that began in the 2015/16 season. Considerable progress was made with collaborative input by many of our members.

I was pleased to deliver the signing of a 21-year lease with Crown Land Managers, Lake Macquarie City Council. Our fire compliance remained a focus over the season with significant additional compliance related works completed. Thanks to the efforts of Vice President - Chad Griffith, after significant works performed in consultation with Lake Macquarie City Council, we are nearing close out all outstanding aged Development applications and receiving fire compliance.

As we look ahead to the 2025/2026 season and beyond our new lease provides security, predictability of club house maintenance, expansion of grant opportunities and ability plan for new growth and opportunities yet to be fully explored. On the horizon are exciting and diverse carnivals and events. It gives me immense pleasure to finally and formally announce that our club has been selected once again to host the State Surf Life Saving Championships. We hosted these events in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Experience of these successful events, our location, predictable surf, and welcoming members has once again afforded our club this opportunity to host such a prestigious event. The club is aways a buzz of activity whereas members we enjoy the comradery and enjoyment an event of this scale brings to our club and the broader local Lake Macquarie community and local businesses.

Finally, I thank my wife Leanne and children, Oliver, Callum and Julieanne, for their patience, understanding as I perform my duties as President of Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club.

Leading this club is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me. As we look ahead to the next season, I do so with confidence and pride in what we have achieved, and excited for what is still to come.

Thank you for another remarkable season at Swansea Belmont SLSC.

**Brad Fox** 

President





## **Treasurer Report**

Swansea Belmont SLSC - 2024/2025 Treasurer's Report

The following two pages summarise the financial performance of Swansea Belmont SLSC for the year ended 30 April 2025 and the financial position as at 30 April 2025. These pages were prepared prior to the finalisation of the annual audit but are unlikely to change in any material way.

More details are reported in the audited Financial Statements which will be available at the AGM, and on the club's website.

The club had another very good year financially with total financial assets increasing by \$174k to a balance of \$1,240k as of 30 April 2025.

Main features of the year's results were:

An operating surplus before depreciation and Investment Income of \$211k. An analysis of the club's revenues and expenses is shown in the following pages, but the club is fortunate to have a variety of sources of income driven by the efforts of multiple club members and the generosity of supporters and sponsors.

Catering and function income of \$126k was an improvement of \$17k over the prior year. Fifty-nine percent of Operating Expenses (\$144k) were incurred on beach activities (lifesaving & competition).

Investment income of \$72k which, despite the market volatility towards the end of the year, represents a return of 7.1% on the opening balance of invested funds. Capital expenditure of \$112k, of which \$99k was spent on clubhouse improvements, much of which is funded by grants.

D A Pringle CPA

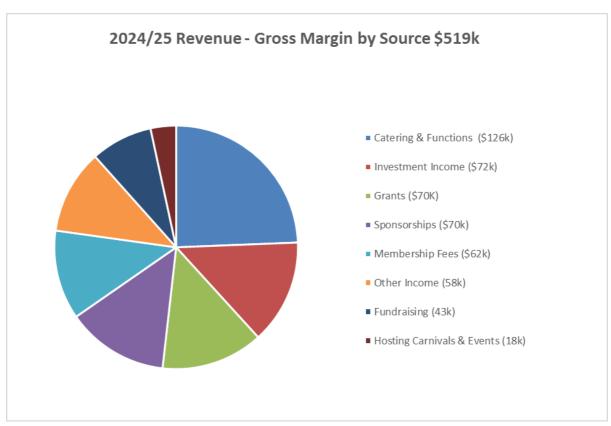
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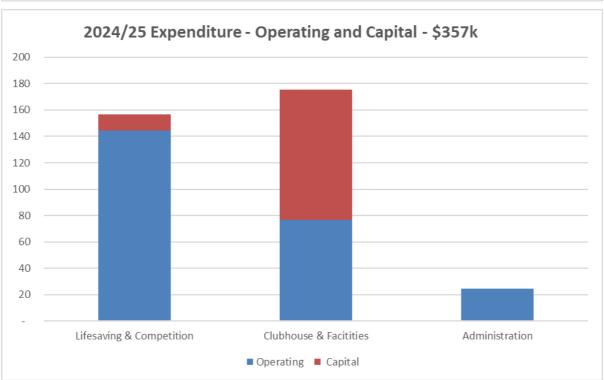
## Swansea Belmont S.L.S.C Full Year May 2024 to April 2025 Income Statement

|                                      | Full Year 2024/25 |                    | Prior Year          |         |           |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|
|                                      | Revenue           | <b>Direct Cost</b> | <b>Gross Margin</b> | 2023/24 | Variation |
| Gross Margin                         |                   |                    |                     |         |           |
| Catering & Function Income           | 249,027           | 122,769            | 126,472             | 109,584 | 16,888    |
| Grants                               | 80,821            |                    | 80,821              | 73,665  | 7,156     |
| Sponsorships                         | 70,332            |                    | 70,332              | 34,727  | 35,605    |
| Memberships                          | 61,557            |                    | 61,557              | 77,030  | (15,473)  |
| Total Other Income                   | 58,061            |                    | 58,061              | 17,937  | 40,124    |
| Fundraising                          | 59,600            | 16,995             | 42,605              | 48,578  | (5,973)   |
| Total Hosting Carnivals & Events     | 62,637            | 45,058             | 17,579              | 27,748  | (10,169)  |
| Merchandising                        | 22,284            | 23,092             | (808)               | 4,191   | (4,999)   |
| Total Gross Margin                   | 664,319           | 207,914            | 456,619             | 393,460 | 63,159    |
| Expenses                             |                   |                    |                     |         |           |
| Lifesaving & Competition             |                   |                    | 144,438             | 131,755 | (12,683)  |
| Facilities                           |                   |                    | 76,656              | 68,559  | (8,097)   |
| Administration                       |                   |                    | 24,528              | 23,577  | (951)     |
| Total Expenses                       |                   |                    | 245,622             | 223,891 | (21,731)  |
| Operating Surplus Before Investments | s & Depr. (EB     | ID)                | 210,997             | 169,569 | 41,428    |
| Total Investment Income              |                   |                    | 71,917              | 99,572  | (27,655)  |
| Surplus Before Depreciation          |                   |                    | 282,914             | 269,141 | 13,773    |
| Depreciation                         |                   |                    | 137,764             | 130,161 | (7,603)   |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit)                |                   |                    | 145,150             | 138,980 | 21,376    |

| Y         | ear to Date           |  |  |  |
|-----------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
|           | u.u                   | Year to Date                               |  |  |
| This Year | Prior Year            | Variation                                  |  |  |
|           |                       |  |  |  |
| 28,752    | 78,780                | 50,028                                     |  |  |
| 70,946    | 26,296                | (44,650)                                   |  |  |
| 12,402    | 36,261                | 23,859                                     |  |  |
| 0         | 41,446                | 41,446                                     |  |  |
| 112,100   | 182,783               | 70,683                                     |  |  |
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| Fina                  | ancial Assets |              |           |  |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--|
|                       | Y             | Year to Date |           |  |
|                       | This Year     | Prior Year   | Variation |  |
| Opening Balance       | 1,066,565     | 958,279      | 108,286   |  |
| Closing Balance       |               |              |           |  |
| Cash                  | 138,200       | 56,516       | 81,684    |  |
| Term Deposits         | 364,948       | 458,130      | (93, 182) |  |
| Exchange Traded Funds | 737,644       | 551,919      | 185,725   |  |
| -                     | 1,240,792     | 1,066,565    | 174,227   |  |
| Annual Surplus        | 174,227       | 108,286      | 65,941    |  |





## Swansea Belmont SLSC Membership Fees 2025/2026

All members must be financial to participate in club activities, patrol, or compete.

## Membership Categories & Fees

| Category                       | Fee (incl. GST) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Nipper (Under 6–14)            | \$100           |
| Cadet Member                   | \$60            |
| Active Member                  | \$60            |
| Active Reserve                 | \$60            |
| Long Service                   | \$60            |
| Associate (Must be 30 or over) | \$60            |
| Nipper Parent                  | \$60            |
| Honorary / Life Member         | \$0             |

- All Active Members must be proficient and complete the club's minimum patrol-hour requirement.
- Every Nipper must have at least one parent registered as a financial member.

## Additional Fees (if applicable)

| Item                                    | Fee                                    |
|---|--|
| Competition Levy (U9-14)                | \$80                                   |
| Competition Levy (Cadet -u15)           | \$80                                   |
| State Championship Fees                 | To Be Determined                       |
| Australian Titles Fee                   | To Be Determined                       |
| Gym Membership (Associate Members only) | \$150                                  |
| Associate plus 12month Gym Fee          |  |
|   | \$210                                  |
| Access Key                              | Free Digital Key or \$50 for a Fob Key |

<sup>🦞</sup> Competition Levy covers entry to 3 local & branch championship carnivals.

Please note there is NO competition levy set for u17 – open. Each competitor will need to pay on entry.IE water , sand , ski & boats.

## Gym Access for Active Patrol Members

All active patrol members over the age of 17 have free access to the gym, provided they have completed at least 85% of their patrols in the past season.

online only via the Surf Life Saving Australia Members Portal: https://members.sls.

## Secretary Report

#### **Welcome and Overview**

It is with great pleasure that I present the Secretary's Report for the 2024/2025 season.

The committee met 8 times throughout the season, maintaining strong governance standards Key administrative achievements this year included:

- Successful completion and submission of all required compliance and reporting documents.
- Updated club policies in line with SLSA and NSW guidelines.
- Smooth running of the Member Protection and Working with Children processes.

#### **Communication and Engagement**

We made significant strides in member communication, with regular updates via email, social media,

#### **Events and Fundraising**

The club held several successful events, including:

- Presentation Night
- Nippers Presentation Day
- Fundraising BBQs and High Tea competitor fundraiser
- Mark Hughes Foundation Fundraiser and Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation Major Fundraiser

Thank you to all volunteers and sponsors who helped make these possible.

#### **Acknowledgements**

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Board of Directors for their leadership and commitment to Swansea Belmont SLSC.
- All volunteers, Bar Volunteers, patrol captains, Coaches and age managers for their tireless dedication.
- Our sponsors and community partners for their generous support.
- The members young and old who embody the true spirit of lifesaving and community.

#### **Grants**

The grants I love the challenge and commitment to try and receive for our club.

This year I worked hard with Surf Lifesaving grant unit

And we got this year

- \$38,077.38 upgrade of salto locks and security cameras
- \$2674.00 AED for boatshed
- \$10,000.00 Club Grants Sixteen Footers upgrade of ATV
- \$500.00 Club grant pelican sub branch upgrade of ATV

- \$2000.00 Lake Macquarie Council kitchen benches
- \$5500.00 NCIG Nipper Foam Boards
- \$81,294.00 Solar system and flooring upgrade

#### **Looking Ahead**

As we look toward the 2025/2026 season, we aim to:

- Increase youth engagement and retention.
- Further upgrade facilities and equipment.
- Strengthen our ties with the local community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your secretary. It has been a privilege to support this exceptional Yours in Surf Life Saving.

Katrina Pastourmoglou Secretary Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club June 2025



## **Director of Life Saving Report**

The 2024–2025 patrol season has been a strong and committed year for [Club Name], marked by high levels of member engagement, effective lifesaving operations, and improved training outcomes. This report provides an overview of our patrol performance, incidents, member development, equipment status, and strategic goals.

This season also marked the **first year of flexible patrolling**, introduced by Surf Life Saving Australia. The season was divided into five distinct periods. Flexible patrolling was successfully invoked on our very first two patrol days of the season. Under the current framework, flexible patrols cannot be utilised during **public holidays** or **school holiday periods**. However, outside of those windows, the system has been **well received** by members and has supported stronger member availability and efficient use of patrol resources. This change allowed for greater flexibility in patrol scheduling, improved volunteer retention, and more efficient coverage of our beach based on local risk and demand patterns. As part of our new Lifesaving Agreement, patrol hours were reduced by one hour on each patrol day during the first and last periods of the season. This meant patrols began at 10:00 AM instead of the traditional 9:00 AM start. The revised times helped better align patrol coverage with peak beach usage times, while also supporting member wellbeing and reducing fatigue.

#### **Patrol Operations**

• Total Patrols Completed: 70

• Active Patrolling Members: 174

Non-Contributing Members: 44

Members with Fewer than 10 Patrol Hours: 25

Members with 10–50 Patrol Hours: 159

Members with Greater Than 50 Patrol Hours: 7

• Average Patrol Hours Required per Member: 42

• Total Member Patrol Hours: 5,166

• Volunteer Patrol Hours: 5,166

#### **Rescues, First Aid & Preventative Actions**

• Total Rescues Performed: 0

• Major Incidents: None

• First Aid Cases: 98% of cases were for stings

• **Preventative Actions**: 108 proactive measures including flags repositioned, swimmer warnings, etc.

#### **Equipment & Facilities**

- IRBs: Operational; need to look at purchasing two new motors for next season
- Rescue Boards/Tubes: Purchased 4 new rescue boards this season
- Radios & Communications: Fully functional, but require a new charging station
- First Aid Kits / Defibrillators: Purchased a new first aid kit; restocked and compliant

#### **Awards and Recognition**

- **Best Patrol Award**: Patrol 2 took out the award this season. They were a new patrol group with many new SRC members. The team kept patrols fun and interesting, creating a positive atmosphere where everyone had a great time.
- Life Saver of the Year: David Banks was awarded Life Saver of the Year. As Patrol Captain, he completed 37 patrol hours this season. Beyond patrolling, David contributed many hours to repair and maintenance, training new Bronze and SRC members, and managing administrative paperwork for CVAs. His dedication spans many years, having served since 2009.
- Junior Life Saver of the Year: Cambell Connolly had an outstanding year, achieving
  his Advanced Resuscitation qualification, UAV license, IRB crew certificate, and ATV
  sign-off. He filled in as Under-6 Age Manager four times during the Nippers season,
  helped coach Nippers at both the club development day and the interbranch
  development day, and served as a mentor through community surf education with
  local primary school kids. Cambell completed 53 patrol hours this season and has
  accumulated a total of 195 hours since earning his Bronze Medallion in 2021.
- Patrol Person of the Year: Charlie Croal earned this award after completing 47 patrol
  hours this season, despite only completing his Bronze Medallion at the end of last
  year. He volunteered on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, demonstrating remarkable
  commitment. Charlie's dedication matched his big smile and willingness to always
  help out.
- Community Patrol Family Recognition: The Chalmers Family—Matt, Mel, Mitch, and Tom—have been a fantastic patrol family this season. With mum, dad, and most of the kids involved so far, they're always together, always willing to pitch in and tackle the odd jobs, or simply entertain the younger members. And it's been said the occasional sugar-free Coke helps keep the energy up! A big thank you to the Chalmers family for their ongoing dedication and positive spirit.

#### **Community and Club Engagement**

 In June, Cambell and Carolyn attended Blacksmith Public School's Thank You to First Responders event. They brought rescue tubes, an IRB, IRB helmets, PFDs, and uniforms for a hands-on experience. The kids thoroughly enjoyed it, and so did Cambell and Carolyn. This event helped foster a welcoming connection between the school community and the club, encouraging more visits and involvement during next season.

#### **Strategic Goals and Recommendations**

- Increase our number of qualified Patrol captains, IRB crew & drivers
- Host an annual inter-club IRB training day
- Plan for long-term equipment upgrades through grants/fundraising

#### **Emergency Call Out Team (ECOT)**

A severe weather event saw Graham Burge deployed to Taree and the surrounding Mid North Coast area for 4 days. He was tasked as team leader, supporting human and animal rescues, conducting welfare checks, and assisting with medical and food drop-offs. Graham was responsible for overseeing an IRB crew and a drone operator during the deployment.

In the middle of June, a Marine Rescue and NSW Search & Rescue exercise was held from Stockton to Redhead. Graham Burge attended as an IRB driver/crew and Brad Fox as the jetski driver. Thank you both for representing our club with professionalism and dedication.

#### **Acknowledgements**

A sincere thank you to all patrolling members, trainers, assessors, and committee members. Your dedication, professionalism, and passion continue to keep our beach safe and welcoming for the public.



Patrol Person of the Year - Charlie Croal



Patrol Captain of the Year - Sarah Withyman



Youth Lifesaver of the Year- Cambell Connolly



Lifesaver of the Year - David Banks

## **Director of Education Report**

The Education section has had a busy and highly productive season this year. From the off-season through to the end of April 2025, our trainers have worked tirelessly to develop and upskill our members, ensuring the future strength and safety of our Club and the wider community.

A special acknowledgment goes to the Swansea Belmont Trainers for their dedication and commitment. Their efforts have been instrumental in maintaining our strong tradition of excellence in lifesaving education and training.

This season, we are proud to report the following achievements through the Swansea Belmont Awards program:

- 1 New Bronze Medallion Trainer
- 1 Facilitator for Advanced Resuscitation Techniques
- 27 Bronze Medallion awards
- 18 Surf Rescue Certificates
- 23 Advanced Resuscitation Technique certificates
- 30 Senior First Aid qualifications
- 3 IRB Crew certificates
- 2 IRB Driver awards
- 3 UAV Operator certifications

Looking ahead, we aim to maintain this momentum, continue to grow our membership, and further develop a highly skilled and capable team of surf lifesavers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful season.

Brittaney Banks
Director of Education

## **Director of Surf Sports Report**

#### Director of Surf Sports Report - 2025

It's been a big year for the Swansea Belmont competition team, and a hugely successful one. Our team achieved some outstanding results, finishing 3rd overall at the NSW State Titles, 7th at the Australian Titles, and topping it off with our U17's taking out the national point score in their age group. These are exceptional results, especially when you consider the size of our team compared to some of the larger clubs around us in the rankings.

That kind of performance is the result of years of effort, and this season is a real credit to the environment that's been built by Tim Foran as Head Coach. Tim's been working hard over the last few years to bring the team together and create a strong culture, and that effort is paying off. It's also thanks to the many experienced coaches who continue to volunteer their time and energy to support our competitors.

On the Board, Tim Foran, Gav Johns, and Burgey continued to drive strong performances. In the Ski area Geoff Hall, myself, Paul Stone and Greg Tobin kept running off the back the hard work done by Tim Allen to get the ski paddlers winning medals (and depending on how you keep score, beating the Board harry's). Craig Coates once again ran a massive program for swimmers and iron athletes, offering swim training five mornings a week, plus iron sessions throughout the week. Ange Leadbeatter helped lead another strong year on the beach, and it was great to see a few boat crews finding their way back into the mix thanks to the efforts of Andrew Hogan, Michael Rees, David Regan, Perry Sparks and Greg Perrin.

It's also important to recognise the work done by previous coaches, whose long-term contribution laid the foundation for what we're achieving now. One of our real strengths as a club is having coaches continually step up and support wherever needed, and that ongoing commitment keeps the momentum going from year to year.

Of course, none of it would be possible without the huge amount of help that goes on behind the scenes. A big thank you to the parents and volunteers who have officiated at carnivals, managed entries, driven trailers, repaired gear, supported competitors with patrol requirements, and done everything else needed to keep the wheels turning. And to the committee, thank you for continuing to back our surf sports program and supporting the development of our team.

This season we welcomed a number of new competitors, and it's been great to see so many seniors stepping into both formal and informal leadership roles. That kind of involvement sets us up well for the future, not just in terms of results, but also in creating a team culture that people want to be part of.

To the athletes: Remember in 20 years' time you won't be talking about the medals you won, you will be talking about the trips you had away, and the team events you went in. So don't worry if you aren't a rock star or if you don't want to train for every discipline. Pick an event, train with your mates, go away on some trips and stay involved. Trust me, it's more fun than being retired.

Thanks again to everyone who made the season what it was. Looking forward to building on this success in the year ahead.

Matt Rees Director of Surf Sports Swansea Belmont SLSC



## **Director of Junior Activities Report**

What a season! Our Swansea Belmont Nippers have reached new heights this year—not just in surf skills, but in fun, confidence, and friendships. It's been incredible to watch our young lifesavers grow every Sunday on the beach, embracing challenges, smiling through the foam, and high fiving their way through milestones.

**To all our wonderful Nippers**, thank you. You turn up with energy, courage, and a great attitude, rain, hail, or shine and make this surf club the vibrant community it is.

**To the parents**, thank you for stepping up time and again. Whether it's water safety, set-up, packing down, or jumping on the BBQ, you've given your time to make our Sundays possible. Your support is what keeps the heartbeat of our program strong.

**To our incredible Age Managers**, you are the backbone of Nippers. Your willingness to guide, encourage, and have fun with our kids creates an experience they'll remember for life. It simply wouldn't happen without you.

**To our coaches**: Josh Blair, Blake Harrison, Blake Cousins, Josh Sams, and Mel Thurlow, you've brought knowledge, energy, and care to every training and carnival. You've inspired our competitors to give their all, and your efforts have made a real difference to our junior program. Thank you.

**The BBQ team**- what can I say? You've fed the masses, raised vital funds, and kept the sausages sizzling. A special mention to our BBQ coordinator Shayne Crake, you've been exceptional. You are the BBQ Lord, King of the Sausage, and Master of the Tongs. I could say you've grilled it this season... but that'd just be a rare joke.

Thank you to Hayley Legge and Lauren Harrison for handling our uniforms with style and grace, ensuring our kids looked the part on the sand.

A big thank you to Shannon Turkington for stepping into the role of Carnival Registrar this season. You've done a fantastic job managing entries and coordination across events.

To everyone who has helped officiate at carnivals, and to those who provided water safety, your efforts were exceptional. These events couldn't run without your time and dedication, and we are truly grateful.

To our absolutely fabulous Junior Secretary, Mel Linde, you are a force of nature. Behind every smooth Sunday, every sign-on sheet, every event plan, there you are, keeping it all together. I honestly can't thank you enough. Your dedication, humor, and endless work makes the season work seamlessly.

This season brought us plenty of testing conditions, but our Nippers showed grit and resilience, gaining real surf skills that will carry them into next season with confidence.

We proudly hosted multiple major carnivals, including: - Rounds of the Hunter Branch Series - Hunter Age Branch Titles - World Ocean Series Every single one was delivered with the Swansea Belmont style, well-run, welcoming, and proudly supported by our amazing junior families. Thank you to those that turned up to set up, pack up and help throughout the days.

At the NSW State Titles in Manly, even with a heavily modified event due to wild weather, our competitors performed brilliantly, doing our club proud. Coming away with multiple high achievements but still having a great time. Then came the Australian Titles, where our U13s and U14s again faced tough surf and further schedule changes. Events were cancelled, waves were wild, but our kids still showed up, gave their best, and wore the club cap with pride.

A huge thank you to the Deputy JAC Blake Harrison, you've been a rock throughout the season, and I've appreciated your support more than I can say.

To my fellow directors and the club committee, thank you. You volunteer countless hours, and your dedication shapes the future of our club.

A special thank you to Katrina Pastourmoglou, you're an incredible person and your support across the season hasn't gone unnoticed.

In all, it's been a wonderful, challenging, and truly rewarding season. As Junior Activities Coordinator, I'm proud of what we've built together. It's more than just beach and boards, it's about building confidence, community, and character in our kids.

I genuinely love this role, and I'd love to see more people get involved next year. Your time, no matter how small, makes a huge difference. So come along, get sandy, and help us create even more amazing Sundays in the seasons to come.

See you on the beach!

Michael Legge

Junior Activities Coordinator Swansea Belmont SLSC



## **Directors of Club Activities Report**

Well, another year has come and gone so fast. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers that put their hand up year in year out to do the bar, you people are the ones that make it a success, especially to the people that do the extra shifts when others can't make it, THANKYOU.

The functions and fundraisers continue to be a main source of income for the club, thank you to Katrina for her organising skills, taking the bookings of the so many varied functions and working with the people to make their day a memorable occasion.

Mel, again another year of organising the summer music on the deck, you are much appreciated by all.

Mark Bint (Pa), you keep doing the small jobs that keeps the club ticking over, cheers mate.

To the boys that turn up on a Monday and other days to help with the continued maintenance of the club, your volunteer input is what the club is all about, plus the bullshit and laughing that goes with it is a bonus.

Thank you,
Pez, Waz and Johno



## **Boat Captain Report**

I'm Greg Perrin and I have taken on the Position of Boat Captain from this season, firstly I would like to thank Perry Sparks for doing a wonderful job for the past 3 plus decades, Perry's contribution to the Club and Boat Section through attention to detail & dedication has been outstanding with numerous State & Australian Titles culminating in his Men's Open crew being selected to represent Australia during his time. Perry just loves the sport & is still involved with advice or a hand whenever needed.

The main focus for myself as Boat Captain for this season was to try and build the section, we held a few learn to row sessions with a good response from people outside of the club however most of the people were turned away by the procedures of acquiring your First Aid Certificate and Bronze Medallion through an 8 to 10 week course.

So the next step is to recruit from within the club and let our junior members know that there is a Surf Boat Section & they are all welcome to come & jump into a boat & try rowing, who knows they might even like it! We would love to have U19's crews.

We have a number of previous & current members of the club to come & join us in the Boat Section this season. Welcome back Sweep Dave Regan and his junior crew from a few years ago of Myles Geddes, Jye Pastourmoglou, Sam Law & Steve Karabetsis who now compete in the Open Men's Division. We have a new U/23 men's crew of Kobi Kingston, Cooper McKenzie, Oliver Fox & Aidan Holey who have come together in the last few months.

So crews we currently have are: U23 Men's & U23 Women's, Open Mens, Master's Men, Master's Women and we are in the process of forming a Reserve Women's Crew.

To compliment our expanding section we have a new member join this season in Andrew Hogan who has moved to the area. Andrew has a wealth of experience as a Sweep & is also an accredited Sweep's coach, if anyone would like to learn how to Sweep then speak to Andrew, he is currently steering our U23 men's and U23 women's crews. We welcome you Andrew to our club.

Competition this year was a bit lite on as only a couple of crews competed at Carnivals the Master's Men Won their 3rd consecutive Branch Title this season, there were changes made for this event with no age Divisions just all in & we were able to just nudge out Caves Beach on there home beach, however the highlight of our Section was the U23 women's crew consisting of Maddie Montgomery, Chloe Huggins, Emma Huggins, Miriam Woof & Swept by Andrew Hogan on their come from behind win in taking out the Open Women's Branch Championships at Caves Beach, Well Done Ladies.



Male Boatie of the Year: Kobi Kingston
Female Boatie of the Year: Miriam Woof
Encouragement Award: Maddie Montgomery

Looking forward to the season ahead Greg Perrin Boat Captain

# Ski Captain Report

Another years gone and it sure was one to remember.

Firstly, a huge thank you and congratulations to our new head ski coaches on their first year, Matt Rees and Geoff Hall. They put so much time in over the last year to help every athlete achieve and reach their potential. We'd also like to thank all the officials, trailer packers and trailer towers and just anyone who helped get the athletes on the line and ready to race this year, it doesn't go unnoticed.

This ski squad is flying at the moment; we had so many huge results over this season and the squad just keep building and building each and every year. Some of our big results this year include Darcy Masia, Katy Rees and Xanthe Calov appearing on u/17s summer of surf podiums all year long. The 17 girls, 17 boys and the 19 boys all got the taking the win in the state ski relay. As well as Darcy Masia, Katy Rees, Xanthe Calov and Tommy Hall all placing in their respective age group single ski races. Coming into Aussies we had Katy Rees take a silver medal in the Aussies U/17 single ski race and Sam Murphy also placing 2nd in the U/19s single ski race. Tommy Hall and Sam Murphy finished 3rd in their U/19 double ski at Aussies with plenty of close podium finishes for all the ski relays. One of the bigger results of the season is the massive effort our young open mixed taplin put in for a 6th in the Aussie final, huge effort. Also a special mention to the open men's taplin team for making our first aussie final in a very long time.

This ski squad is still building, and we have plenty of new paddlers getting on the water this season, we encourage everyone to get down to the boat shed and give it a crack.



**Surf Sports Awards - Ski Section** 

See you in the water soon

Josh Murphy Ski Captain

# **IRB Captain Report**

As a club we have again come together to provide water safety at numerous events.

The season started with The Moon Island classic drawing large competitor numbers.

December had Shaw and Partners World Ocean series come to our beach. This saw our club, along with other hunter branch clubs, band together to provide water safety for the 5-day event

The Lake Mac Games was another successful event with better water conditions this time around. Not a jelly fish to be seen unlike last year!

We also held numerous Hunter branch carnivals and CVA's which again highlighted the club member's ability to step up and jump into a boat to keep our kids safe.

With the new season fast approaching we will be focusing on training our members in IRB proficiencies to build our numbers in this area.

We are also hopeful to see some new motors added to our arsenal.

I want to thank everyone involved at the club for their contribution toward making us what we are.

| Thank You      |
|----------------|
| Jeff Considine |
| IRB Captain    |

## **Beach Captain Report**

#### **Beach Section Season Wrap-Up**

Our season kicked off back in September at the World Championships, where our U17 girls — Phoebe Doran, Emi Leadbeatter, Luana DaRocha and Lucinda McNabb — won the World Youth Beach Relay, beating some incredibly tough, older competition. At the same event, Phoebe and Emi placed 2nd and 4th in Youth Flags and 2nd and 5th in the Youth Beach Sprint final. Luana was also selected to represent Brazil in the prestigious National Teams competition — which was a huge honour and achievement.

Fast forward to Aussies, and all four U17 girls — Luana, Lucinda, Phoebe, and Emi — qualified for the U17 Flags Final. To have four of our girls finish in the top 7 in Australia is truly exceptional — and possibly a first for any club. The girls went on to medal in every event they entered, including the 2x1km distance relay, and finished the season undefeated in the U17 Beach Relay, claiming wins at Branch, State, and Aussies. An incredible sweep!

Our distance runners were just as impressive; at state they racked in a number of points and medals in the individual races and relays.

At Aussies, they won three team medals through the efforts of Harry Hall & Will Paterson, Ty Leadbeatter & Tye Worell, and Phoebe & Emi. Ty L made a comeback to the individual 2km racing place 3rd in the U19 2km.

We also saw some great racing and some club points in the individual 2k races and relays from Harry, Isaac Boag, Tye W, Cambell Connolly and Will Griffiths. Our most competitors yet racing in the distance events.

A very special mention to Tom Chalmers, who convincingly won the U15 2km Beach Run but was unfortunately disqualified due to circumstances beyond his control. The way he handled the situation showed incredible maturity — well beyond his years.

We have welcomed a couple of juniors into the senior beach team this year, which is great to see, and I look forward to continuing to build our numbers on the beach.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who competed in relays this season. I love how our club embraces both water and beach disciplines, and how everyone encourages each other — that's what makes Swansea Belmont such a special club.

#### **Beach Encouragement Award**

This award goes to a fantastic team member who had an outstanding season, she won her first Australian Title, placed 4th in Flags — and she's still bottom age in U17! She also placed 3rd overall in the U17 Beach Stormers pointscore Series. She has a very big future ahead of her and is a wonderful team member.

The Beach Encouragement Award goes to – Lucinda McNabb.

#### Beach Competitor of the Year

This athlete had an extraordinary season. She was initially selected in the NSW Youth State Team but was pulled into the Opens Team just a week out from competition — where she held her own against some of the best in the country.

She won the Overall U17 Beach Stormers Series, the U17 State Flags Title, and topped it off with the Australian U17 Flags Title. At Worlds, she finished 2nd in Flags and Sprint, and recently, she's been named in the Australian Surf Life Saving Pathways Team. Her list of achievements in 2024/25 is truly outstanding and amazing.

• The Beach Competitor of the Year goes to – Phoebe Doran.



Beach Encouragement Award Lucinda McNabb

Beach Competitor of the Year Phoebe Doran

Angela Leadbeatter Beach Captain

# **Board Captain Report**

This year's Board Encouragement Award goes to a new competitor who has had an outstanding first season with Swansea Belmont. His dedication and consistent results have made a real impact right from the start. Congratulations to Stephen Carcary on a fantastic debut season, we look forward to many more successes ahead!

The Board Paddler of the Year is awarded to one of our most experienced and consistent board paddlers. Over the years, he has delivered outstanding results in Open races and continues to be a leader within the board squad. More than just a competitor, he's a role model for our younger members and sets a high standard for excellence and sportsmanship. Well-deserved recognition goes to Kurt Murphy, our Board Paddler of the Year!



**Board Encouragement Award - Stephen Carcary** 

# Swim Captain Report

Surf swim squad took on a life of its own this season. Squad numbers swelled to 27 athletes at its peak.

Competitors ranged from former professional Iron Man Matt Rees to club newcomer Grace Van Esveld and u/15 Will Munroe.

Lane Leaders Xavier, Katy, Kaleah, Liam, Tom Chalmers set the pace and controlled the swim set. You could set your watch by the intervals that Julian Boag maintained 18 x 200;s back-to-back within a second of the expected time. This maturity teaches the younger swimmers about consistency and threshold management.

Swansea Belmont congratulated its first Aussies Swim Champ for some time at Senior Level with Kaitlen Rees claiming Gold in the U/17 surf race.

Alex Walker a strong second at NSW State Titles with Silver in the U/19's Surf race.

The swim legs in all Taplin events were spectacular Kaleah, Liam, Xavier, Alex, Will Munroe in the 15,17,19 and Open events highlighted how far Swansea Belmont has developed in the swim's this year.

Swim Section Awards X

Thanks to every competitor that braved the 5.00 am start in the pool each day.



Swimmer of the Year - Kaitlin Rees
Swim Encouragement Award - Liam Doyle

I am proud of you! Coastesy

# **Iron Report**

A step-up for the younger ironmen and women this year. The u14s – Blair, Grace, Haili, Asha, Charlie, and Lenny joined the senior squad to realise the importance of intensity and threshold management.

Transitions are certainly a priority, becoming as important as the water legs of iron, and many athletes found their legs needed supercharging. The effort by all athletes was superb. Regular tears, a fair amount of vomit, and a constant groan of "I can't do another one" – yet, they did!

Kaitlin Rees demonstrated not only effort, discipline, and fitness, but also smart race management at the highest level. This was rewarded with NSW and Australian Iron titles un the u17's. She constantly performed well in Open races at the Shaw & Partners Series with a number of top 10 finishes.

With so many athletes coming through the ranks on ski's this year, training will be a blast! Finals at State and National levels will be the norm, and the Green and Gold of Swansea Belmont will own the podium once again. I can't wait!



I am proud of you! Coastesy

# **Hunter Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence**



What a fantastic night at the Hunter Surf Lifesaving Newcastle Permanent Awards of Excellence!

It was wonderful to come together and recognise the incredible efforts of the Hunter's lifesaving volunteers and talented surf sports athletes.

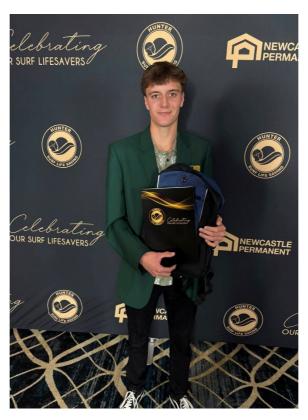
A huge congratulations to:

- Mitchell Chalmers winner of the U14/15 Athlete of the Year
- Katy Rees awarded Youth Athlete of the Year (unfortunately couldn't be in attendance)
- Our U17 Beach Relay Team Luana DaRocha, Phoebe Doran, Lucinda McNabb, and Emi Leadbeatter – taking home Surf Sports Team of the Year

Well done to all our amazing nominees and all the fantastic well-deserving winners across the Hunter Branch.



Surf Sports Team of the Year - U17 Beach Relay Team
Luana DaRocha (absent), Emi Leadbeater, Lucinda McNabb, and Phoebe Doran



U14/15 Athlete of the Year - Mitchell Chalmers



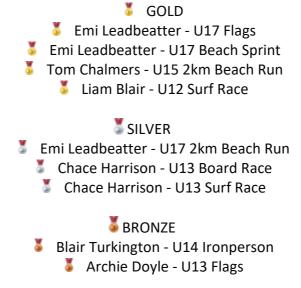
Youth Athlete of the Year - Katy Rees

# **Surf Sports Results**

#### 2024 NSW Interbranch Championships at Cape Hawke.

Congratulations to our 12 Swansea Belmont Representatives who were selected in the Hunter Branch Team – Hamish Rae, Emi Leadbeatter, Liam Doyle, Luca Burge, Tom Chalmers, Mitch Chalmers, Chace Harrison, Blair Turkington, Archie Doyle, Patrick Blair, Liam Blair & Piper Cox. Assistant Beach Coach Poppy Doran and Beach Coach Ange Leadbeatter. They all represented the Hunter so well, placing overall 4th just edged out by the Central Coast Branch by 4pts

Our medalists and top 6 placegetters -



#### 4th Place

Luca Burge - U15 Flags

<u>5th Place</u>

Liam Blair - U12 Board Race

<u>6th Place</u>

Mitch Chalmers - U15 Board Race

Tom Chalmers - U15 Ironperson

Archie Doyle - U13 2km Beach Run

Tom Chalmers - U15 Surf Race



# **NSW State Championship 2025**

We have finished 3rd overall on the final club point score at the Surf Life Saving NSW 2025 Open State Championships.

A fantastic achievement from regional Hunter club up against big Sydney clubs.

Swansea Belmont is so proud of every competitor who gave their best all weekend and contributed to our results. From our U15 board relay gold to the open women's taplin the results were amazing.

Our mighty U17s girls medaled in every event they entered in the water and on the beach racking up a huge number of points for the club.

Our ski and board paddlers did not disappoint bringing home medals in both team events and individually.

And finally, our beachies, dominated the distance events, sprint relays and took home individual medals in flags and sprints.

The results could not be achieved without our wonderful coaching team, who kindly volunteer their time to get everyone race ready.

Thank you to our officials, parents and supporters for your time.

| Club leaderboard |                    |     |  |  |
|------------------|--------------------|-----|--|--|
| Rank             | Points             |     |  |  |
| 1                | N Newport          | 590 |  |  |
| 2                | w Wanda            | 435 |  |  |
| 3                | SB Swansea Belmont | 270 |  |  |
| 4                | SM South Maroubra  | 166 |  |  |
| 5                | CH Cudgen Headland | 131 |  |  |
| 6                | NB North Bondi     | 130 |  |  |
| 7                | NC North Cronulla  | 129 |  |  |
| 8                | C Cronulla         | 127 |  |  |
|                  |                    |     |  |  |

#### **SLSNSW 2025 Open Championships**

Open Female Beach Sprint 6th Lucinda McNabb 3rd **Emerson Leadbeatter** Open Female Beach Flags Open Female Ironperson 4th Kaitlin Rees Open Female Single Ski 5th Eliza Johnson Open Female Taplin Relay 2nd Eliza Johnson, Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston Open Male Board Race 4th **Kurt Murphy** Open Male Board Relay 4th Beau Mcgregor, Kurt Murphy, Nicholas Stoddart 6th Open Male Double Ski Greg Tobin, Josh Murphy Open Male Single Ski Relay 4th Greg Tobin, Josh Murphy, Kurt Murphy Open Male Taplin Relay 5th Alexander Walker, Greg Tobin, Josh Murphy, Kurt Murphy, Nicholas Stoddart, Xavier Coates 4th Open Mixed Double Ski Eliza Johnson, Josh Murphy Open Mixed Taplin Relay 4th Eliza Johnson, Josh Murphy, Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston, Kurt Murphy, Xavier Coates U15 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Mitchell Chalmers, Thomas Chalmers 1st Relav U15 Male 2km Beach Run 1st **Thomas Chalmers** U15 Male 2km Beach Run 2nd Mitchell Chalmers U15 Male 2km Beach Run 4th Will Munro U15 Male Board Race 5th Mitchell Chalmers U15 Male Board Relay 1st Mitchell Chalmers, Thomas Chalmers, Will Munro) U15 Male Cameron Relay 2nd Luke Leadbeatter, Mitchell Chalmers, Thomas Chalmers, Will Munro 6th Will Munro U15 Male Ironperson U15 Mixed 2 x 1km Beach Run 6th Luca Burge, Luke Leadbeatter U17 Female Beach Flags 1st Phoebe Doran 4th U17 Female Beach Flags Lucinda McNabb U17 Female Beach Relay 1st Emerson Leadbeatter, Luana Da Rocha, Lucinda McNabb, Phoebe Doran U17 Female Beach Sprint 2nd **Emerson Leadbeatter** U17 Female Board Race 2nd Kaitlin Rees U17 Female Board Race 6th Xanthe Calov U17 Female Board Relay Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston, Xanthe Calov 1st U17 Female Board Rescue 1st Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston U17 Female Ironperson Kaitlin Rees 1st 1st Kaitlin Rees U17 Female Single Ski U17 Female Single Ski 5th Kaleah Kingston U17 Female Single Ski Relay Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston, Xanthe Calov 1st U17 Female Surf Race 1st Kaitlin Rees U17 Female Taplin Relay 2nd Kaitlin Rees, Kaleah Kingston, Xanthe Calov U17 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Cambell Connolly, William Griffiths 1st Relay U17 Male 2km Beach Run 2nd Harry Hall U17 Male Board Relay 5th Billy Foran, Cambell Connolly, Will Paterson

U17 Male Single Ski

2nd

Darcy Masia

| U17 Male Single Ski         | 6th | Hamish Rae   |
|-----------------------------|-----|--|
| U17 Male Single Ski Relay   | 1st | Billy Foran, Cambell Connolly, Darcy Masia                             |
| U17 Male Taplin Relay       | 5th | Billy Foran, Darcy Masia, Liam Doyle                                   |
| U17 Mixed 2 x 1km Beach Run | 1st | Emerson Leadbeatter, Harry Hall  |
| Relay                       |     |  |
| U17 Mixed Beach Relay       | 6th | Harry Hall, Luana Da Rocha, Lucinda McNabb, Will Paterson              |
| U19 Female Beach Relay      | 2nd | Emerson Leadbeatter, Luana Da Rocha, Lucinda McNabb, Phoebe Doran      |
| U19 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run  | 1st | Isaac Boag, Tye Worell   |
| Relay                       |     |  |
| U19 Male Board Race         | 2nd | Stephen Carcary  |
| U19 Male Board Relay        | 4th | Alexander Walker, Jack Johns, Tye Worell                               |
| U19 Male Board Relay        | 5th | Billy Foran, Samuel Murphy, Stephen Carcary                            |
| U19 Male Board Rescue       | 5th | Samuel Murphy, Xavier Coates   |
| U19 Male Double Ski         | 1st | Samuel Murphy, Thomas Hall   |
| U19 Male Double Ski         | 5th | Aidan Rae, Darcy Masia   |
| U19 Male Ironperson         | 4th | Alexander Walker   |
| U19 Male Rescue Tube        | 2nd | Alexander Walker, Billy Foran, Stephen Carcary, Xavier Coates          |
| Rescue                      |     |  |
| U19 Male Single Ski         | 6th | Aidan Rae  |
| U19 Male Single Ski Relay   | 1st | Aidan Rae, Samuel Murphy, Thomas Hall                                  |
| U19 Male Surf Race          | 2nd | Alexander Walker   |
| U19 Male Surf Teams         | 4th | Alexander Walker, Liam Doyle, Stephen Carcary, Xavier Coates           |
| U19 Male Taplin Relay       | 2nd | Samuel Murphy, Thomas Hall, Xavier Coates                              |
| U19 Mixed Beach Relay       | 2nd | Cambell Connolly, Emerson Leadbeatter, Phoebe Doran, William Griffiths |
| U19 Mixed Beach Relay       | 5th | Isaac Boag, Luana Da Rocha, Lucinda McNabb, Tye Worell                 |
| U19 Mixed Double Ski        | 1st | Kaitlin Rees, Thomas Hall  |
| U19 Mixed Double Ski        | 4th | Darcy Masia, Kaleah Kingston   |
|                             |     |  |

#### **Australian Titles**

Congratulations to our Opens and U19s competitors on your fantastic results at Aussies.

Swansea Belmont is so proud of you all, you are fantastic role models and mentors to our younger competitors as well as great teammates.

Thank you to all the parents, coaches and officials for another great season VV



#### **Finals Results**

- Eliza Johnson Open Mixed Taplin 6th
- Alex Walker U19 Tube Rescue 3rd, U19 Surf Race Final, Open Taplin 10th, U19 Board Relay Final, Ironperson 15th, Open Mixed Taplin 6th
- Josh Murphy Open Ski Final 13th, Open Taplin 10th, Open Mixed Taplin 6th
- Beau McGregor Open Board Relay Final
- Sam Murphy U19 Single Ski 2nd, Double Ski 3rd, Ski Relay 4th, U19 Board Relay 5th
- Jack Johns U19 Board Relay 5th
- Tye Worell U19 Board Relay Final, 2x1km Relay 2nd, 2km Beach Run 9th
- Ty Leadbeatter U19 2km Beach Run 3rd, 2x1km Relay 2nd
- Stephen Carcary U19 Board Relay 5th
- Izaac Boag U19 Board Relay Final, U19 2km Beach Run 6th

- Greg Tobin Open Double Ski Final, Open Taplin 10th
- Nick Stoddart Open Taplin 10th, Open Board Relay 9th
- Kurt Muphy Open Taplin 10th, Open Board Relay 9th, Open Mixed Taplin 6th
- Xavier Coates U19 Tube Rescue 3rd, Open Taplin 10th, U19 Board Relay Final
- Thomas Hall U19 Double Ski 3rd, Single Ski 8th, Ski Relay 4th, Tube Rescue 3rd
- Aidan Rae U19 Tube Rescue 3rd, U19 Double Ski Final, Ski Relay 4th, U19 Board Relay

We are very proud of all our U17s who had fantastic results in both the water and on the beach.

Our U17 girls medalled in all the individual events they entered with Katy Rees bringing home 3 individual golds. All seven of the girls are now Australian Champions, earning Swansea Belmont green jackets.

The U17 boys had fantastic results with two in the individual board final and two teams in Board Relay Final.

#### **U17 Finals results**

- Kaitlin Rees U17 Surf Race 1st, Board Race 1st, Ski Relay Final, Single Ski 2nd, U17 Taplin 1st, Board Rescue 4th, Board Relay 3rd, Ironperson 1st, Open Mixed Taplin 6th
- Emerson Leadbeatter U17 Beach Sprint 2nd, U17 Beach Relay 1st, U19 Beach Relay 3rd, U17 Mixed Relay 5th, U19 2x1km 2nd, Beach Flags 7th
- Phoebe Doran U17 Beach Relay 1st, U19 Beach Relay 3rd, U17 Mixed Relay 5th, U19 2x1km 2nd, Beach Flags 1st
- Xanthe Calov U17 Ski Relay Final, Single Ski 6th, U17 Taplin 1st, Board Relay 3rd
- Lucinda McNabb U17 Beach Relay 1st, Beach Flags 4th, U19 Beach Relay 3rd
- Kaleah Kingston U17 Surf Race Final, Ski Relay Final, Single Ski 4th, U17 Taplin 1st, Board Rescue 4th, Board Relay 3rd, Open Mixed Taplin 6th
- Luana DaRocha U17 Beach Relay 1st, Beach Flags 6th, U19 Beach Relay 3rd
- Will Griffiths U19 Board Relay Final, U17 Mixed Relay 5th, Board Relay 11th, U17 2x1km 5th
- Darcy Masia U19 Double Ski Final, U17 Ski Relay 6th, U17 Ski Final, U17 Taplin 7th
- Cambell Connelly U17 Ski Relay 6th, U17 Mixed Relay 5th, Board Relay 9th, U17 2x1km 5th
- Billy Foran U17 Board Race 8th, Ski Relay 6th, U17 Taplin 7th, Board Relay 9th
- Harry Hall U17 2km Beach Run 7th, U17 2x1km 2nd
- Will Paterson U17 Board Race 9th, Board Relay 9th, U17 2x1km 2nd
- Hamish Rae Board Relay 11th
- Liam Doyle U17 Taplin 7th, Board Relay 11th



#### **Masters**

Congratulations to our small masters team who competed at Aussies, by all report's hamstrings are still intact and calf muscles not torn 🙏

Our Australian Champions X



- 150yrs Taplin Matt Rees, Graham Burge & Sean Davis
  - 35-39yrs Double Ski Stephen Ford & Greg Tobin
  - 45-49yrs Double Ski Stew O'Regan & Nathan Croal
    - 45-49yrs 2km Beach Run Angela Leadbeatter
- 130yrs Ski Relay Matt Rees, Stephen Ford and Greg Tobin

**SILVER** 

Silver Medalist - 55-59yrs Board - Graham Burge

#### Aussies 2025 Youth Championships...

Our U15 boys have won our first medal in the last race of the day in the U15 Cameron



Congratulations Will Munro, Tom Chalmers, Mitch Chalmers and Luke Leadbeatter 🏅



#### Australian Life Saving Team – Battle of the Tasman

We are thrilled and proud to have three of our girls selected in the Australian Life Saving Team to compete in the Battle of the Tasman on the Gold Coast in August. Congratulations...

- Phoebe Doran selected in the Pathways Team;
- Emi Leadbeatter selected in the Youth Team; and
- Katy Rees selected in the Youth Team,





# Australian Life Saving Team (Youth Team) for the International Surf Rescue Championships – Mt Maunganui, New Zealand

Congratulations Emi Leadbeatter and Katy Rees selected in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Team (Youth Team) for the International Surf Rescue Championships to be held in New Zealand in November.



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