

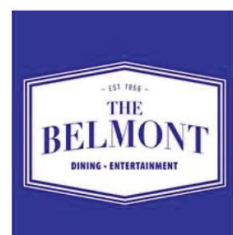


**SWANSEA
BELMONT
SLSC**

ANNUAL REPORT 2026

**SWANSEA BELMONT
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

THANK YOU TO OUR CLUB SUPPORTERS





Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 19 July 2026 | 10am



JOIN US FOR

Mother's Day High Tea

Saturday 2nd May
11am-2pm

*Complimentary bubbles on arrival
& soloist ANAIYA*

All proceeds support our
Surf Sports Team

\$55
per person

SWANSEA BELMONT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

2025/2026 Annual General Meeting 19 July 2026, commencing at 10am

Sunday, 19 July 2026 | 10am

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

The 99th Annual General Meeting of the Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd will be held in the Clubhouse, Blacksmiths Beach on Sunday, 19th July 2026 commencing at 10am.

AGENDA

1. Life Saver's Prayer
2. Acknowledgment to Country
3. Minute Silence for passed members
4. Apologies
5. Confirmation of Minutes of the 98th Annual General Meeting
6. President address
7. Presentation of 99th Annual Report and Financial Statements
8. Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the forthcoming season
 - o 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/National Medals
11. Notice of Motion/s
 - o Investment portfolio / Transfer of funds
12. General Business
 - o 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
discouraged 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

2025/2026 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	D Fleming
Director Of Marketing	A Leadbeatter
Director Club House Activities	P Johnston
Director Of Junior Activities	M Legge
Registrar	C Connolly
Assistant Secretary	
Assistant Treasurer	C Wallis
Beach Captain	A Leadbeatter
Board Captain	K Murphy
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	Peter Scanes, P Mitchell, C Wallis, T Morton, J Mowbray
Finance Committee	D Pringle, C Wallis, N Marshall, P Scanes, G Burge
Gym Co-Ordinator	S Robertson
Rookie Coordinator	J Patterson
Oh's	D Hooey
Gear Steward	M Hoetzer, M Thurlow
Life Membership Committee	G Burge, T Morton, J Mowbray, P Scanes, C Wallis
Building Committee	K Pastourmoglou, C Wallis, J Mowbray, P Johnston, K Turkington
Social Secretary	M Burge
Sports Co-Ordinator	
Sports Secretary	N Doyle
Child Protection	L Johnson, S Lincoln
Auditor	Mark Walmsley Chartered Accountant
Hon. Solicitors	P Mitchell
Hon. Doctors	Dr Gordon

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	Bob Gregory
1957	Bert Chant*	1994	Ken Murray*
1957	Jock Gregory*	1996	Iain Pattie
1960	m 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 MARK STANTON

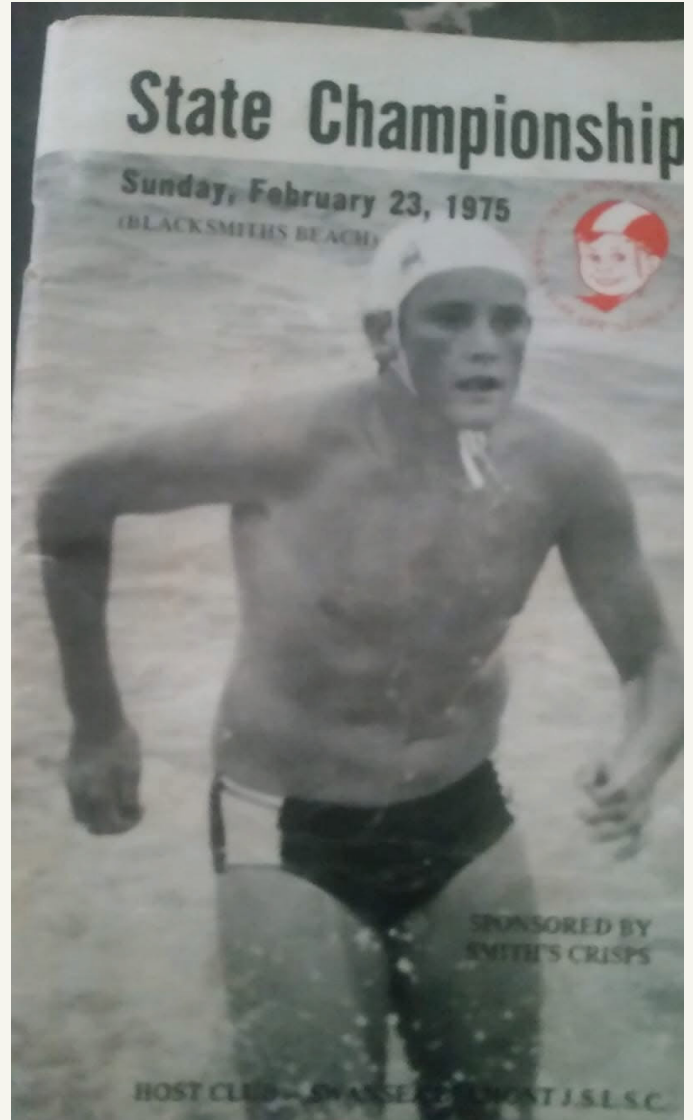
Mark became involved in Surf Life Saving from a early age and stayed with the association for almost 50 years. Mark was a excellent swimmer and excelled in both still water and surf swimming. He had success at state and Australian levels. Mark eventually became involved with the rescue and resuscitation event. Again, he had success as a competitor before becoming involved in judging and coaching. Mark become an essential part of the NSW and Australian R and R panels.

After leaving Sydney Mark settled in Lake Macquarie and joined the Swansea Belmont Club.

Mark assisted with the restoration of several reels, line and belt reels.

Mark eventually got involved with coaching. He trained Nippers 2 person R and R team, two under 9's girls to a gold at the 2025 state titles. The team gained a silver medal at this year's championships under the guidance of Nicole Marsh.

Mark will be greatly missed.



VALE NORM TURNERY

NORM TURNEY – Norm joined SBSLSC when he did his Bronze Medallion award in 1960. His Instructor's Certificate came shortly after, and those achievements marked the beginning of a wonderful career of service and mateship in Swansea-Belmont SLSC.

Norm's forte as far as surf sports go was in the swimming area. Whilst not amongst the 'top notch' competitors, Norm always 'had a go'. He was able to list many, many 'Across The Lake' swims amongst his achievements and made his presence felt at the club's Sunday morning events to the point that, alongside his good mate Arch Salaris, he took over the running of those events.

Norm joined the Newcastle (now Hunter) Branch Board of Examiners and went on to officiate at many NSW and Australian Championship Carnivals. Several awards were to come his way through long service at major championships. Our own Club being a prominent force in the R&R arena, Norm was often found to be assisting with training and preparation, a real "part of the team".

In the early 2000's the Club needed the assistance of a good number of Active Reserve members to boost the number regularly patrolling our beach. A lot of members volunteered, along with other Long Service and Life Members. Norm, of course, volunteered and besides becoming proficient he updated his qualifications by completing several new courses.

The character of Norm Turney within the club, indeed within surf lifesaving and the community in general, was precious, irreplaceable, entertaining. He was a good mate to all and will be sorely missed!

Stories of his travels, as well other good yarns abound! Just one story re this Northern Irishman (and English supporter) will suffice:

Norm occupied the office of club secretary for 11 seasons, 1984/85 to 1994/95. Now it is one of the duties, indeed responsibilities, of the Hon. Sec. to maintain an effective record of the club's minutes.

Not with Hon. Sec. Norman Jack Turney – no minutes ever recorded, no responsibility taken.

*If there is another story to be told, it's about Norm trying to change the Club Song, 'The Nine-Mile Boys', to metric, to 14.5 kilometres! True!
It happened late one Sunday afternoon – top north-east corner of the auditorium!*

Life Membership, Swansea-Belmont Surf Life Saving Club – 1986

Life Membership, Hunter Branch Surf Life Saving – 1999

(Compiled jointly by Ron Liddell and Chris Paul)

NORM. 1940 - 2026

85 YEARS

If it seems sad at our club today
It's because Norman Jack Turney has passed away,
The place will be much poorer now that he is gone
But with a legend like Norm his legacy will live on.
There will be lots of stories, he knew heaps of blokes
You would see that at the Aussies with the laughter and jokes
A friend to many, I'm glad I was one,
He loved a beer and a bit of fun.
To get him to shout was hard to do,
His wallet was closed with super glue,
But with mates it doesn't matter who's turn to buy
As long as we're drinking and telling a few lies.
So many memories Norm me old mate,
Your now on a journey we all must take,
We are here to cheer you and send you on your way
Yes, it does seem sadder at our club today.
Cheers Mate.



VALE DREW LANGFORD

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of former Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club member, Drew Langford.

Drew was a valued member of our Club for many years, progressing through our Nippers program and developing into a talented beach competitor. He achieved much success at State level, earning medals in the beach flags. Drew's commitment, determination, competitive fun spirit left a lasting impression on many who had the privilege of knowing him.

The Langford family has a long and respected connection with our Club. Drew's father, Jon, dedicated many years of service as our Beach Captain and beach coach, contributing enormously to the development of countless SB beach sprinters and flaggers.

On behalf of everyone at Swansea Belmont, we extend our deepest condolences to Jon, Jenny, Kale and the Langford family.

Rest in peace, Drew



2000 Under 16 Mens Beach Flags
Drew Langford



Surf Life Saving Association of Australia

MERITORIOUS AWARD

BRUCE LAUGHTON

Swansea-Belmont SLSC

At the 1974 Australian Championship carnival, held at Dee Why, the Meritorious Award of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia was presented to Bruce Laughton for his exceptional effort and demonstration of bravery in performing a rescue on 17th June, 1973. The citation was as follows:

“About 7.30am on Sunday, June 17, 1973 Bruce featured in a 250-yard rescue attempt in open sea off the breakwater at the southern end of Blacksmiths Beach. He was in the water for half an hour under very dangerous conditions. The sea was turbulent, some waves being 20 feet high, hindering the attempt to save the life off Edward Walter Stallard.

“Mr Stallard and friends had been in a trawler hit by a huge wave on the bar of Swansea Channel smashing the wheelhouse, scattering superstructure into the sea and injuring nearly all the occupants.

“Bruce ran from the club shed to the northern breakwater, passing a member of the party in distress who said that one person was still in the water in the mouth of the channel. He entered the water and made his way to a body floating face down in the water. Since there was no sign of breathing he began mouth to mouth resuscitation, and noticed a gash over the man’s eye and froth coming from his mouth.

“Unable to return to safety to the breakwater rocks because of the state of the sea, he proceeded towards “Granny’s Hole” – the only available landing area. He supported the victim and attempted resuscitation during the 500-yard drag. At “Granny’s Hole” he applied external cardiac massage also, but all in vain.”

Bruce was a fine club member. His forte was competitive surf board riding, where he excelled. Passed away 19th March, 2026.



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
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 - 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
2012/13	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;
2019	Ashby Allen selected in the U16 Kayak Australian Team;
2019	Dan Chisholm selected in the NSW Youth Pathway Team; and
2019	Kye Taylor selected in the SLS Australian Youth Team.
2019/20	NSW State Championships return to Swansea Belmont 2019/20
2019/20	Kye Taylor selected in the NSW State Team
2019/20	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
	Kaitlin Rees was selected in the NSW Youth Interstate team
	ASRL National Team Selection Event/National Short Course Championships
2023/2024	ASRL National Team Selection Event/National Short Course Championships
	Kaitlin Rees - selected SLS Youth Australian Team Reserve
	Kaitlin Rees, Emerson Leadbeatter, Pheobe Dooran selected in the NSW Youth Interstate team
2024/2025	World Ocean Series
	World Nipper Title
	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 and Emerson Leadbeatter selected in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Youth Team for the Battle of Tasman.
	Pheobe Doran selected in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Pathways Team for the Battle of the Tasman.
2025/2026	NSW Flood Taree Emergency Response former president Graham Burge represented our club.
	ASRL National Team Selection Event/National Short Course Championships
	NSW State Titles 2026 Blacksmiths Beach
	NSW IRB SERIES - Round 4 at Swansea Belmont
	Lucinda McNabb & Kaitlin Rees were selected in the NSW Surf Lifesaving Team for the Australian Interstate Championships.
	Emerson Leadbeatter, Greg Tobin & Stephen Carcary were selected in the Hunter Central Coast NSW Orcas Team for the Super Surf Team League.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

2025/2026

I am proud to present my third Annual Report as President of Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club for the 2025/2026 season.

This year has been one of the most productive and significant in our Club's recent history. Together, we have continued to safeguard our beach, develop the next generation of lifesavers, host successful events and competitions, and secure important funding to strengthen our future. These achievements reflect the dedication, professionalism and commitment of our members, volunteers, sponsors and supporters. Every success this year has been built on their collective efforts.

The Club continued to maintain a strong event profile hosting round four of the Sharkskin IRB Championships and NSW Surf Life Saving State Championships. These events reinforce the Club's reputation as a leading surf lifesaving venue and provide significant economic and social benefit to the broader community.

While many of our achievements have been highly visible, some of the most important work has occurred behind the scenes.

Over the past three years, I have made it a priority to address long-standing governance, compliance and strategic issues that had constrained the club's ability to grow. Working closely with Lake Macquarie City Council, government agencies, consultants and volunteers, we have driven a number of complex projects to completion, including the execution of our new lease, securing grant funding for critical infrastructure upgrades, and resolving historical building compliance and certification matters that had remained outstanding for many years.

These outcomes have not been achieved overnight. They are the result of sustained persistence, careful planning and countless hours of collaboration. Together, they have fundamentally changed the club's position, providing the certainty, regulatory compliance and strategic platform needed to confidently invest in the future of Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club.

Foundations for Future Growth

Throughout the season, the Club has continued to make substantial progress across a number of strategic initiatives that will shape its future for decades to come. One of the most important has been the registration of our club lease, including the formal incorporation of additional land to the north of the clubhouse. This process is now nearing completion, with registration expected shortly through NSW Land Registry Services.

Equally significant has been the resolution of longstanding building compliance matters.

When I commenced as President three years ago, it became clear that the club's compliance position required immediate attention. Numerous Construction Certificate matters and other building compliance issues had remained unresolved. Without addressing these, the and broader building compliance requirements. In June, Council formally confirmed that these works had been completed to its satisfaction and that the recommendations arising from its Building Code of Australia audit had been fully addressed.

Across the Club's facilities, a substantial program of renewal was also delivered to improve safety, sustainability and member experience. This included replacement of all carpets, installation of electronic door locks, expansion of security camera coverage, upgrade of the disability toilet amenities, and installation of the solar system to eighty-six panels with battery capacity to support future expansion.

Operational governance was also strengthened through the introduction of payroll arrangements for bar staff, ensuring improved compliance and financial accountability.

While these achievements may not be immediately visible to members, they represent one of the most significant governance, compliance and risk management programs undertaken by the Club in recent years. More importantly, they have removed longstanding barriers to investment and strengthened the Club's ability to plan and progress with confidence into its next phase of development. With these foundations established, the Club is well positioned to pursue a program of growth, delivering modern facilities, improved member experiences and a sustainable future.

What This Means for Our Future

The successful completion of our lease, together with comprehensive governance and compliance reforms, marks a defining moment in the club's history. For the first time in many years, Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club is positioned to confidently plan, invest and grow.

A registered lease will provide long-term security of tenure, clearly define maintenance responsibilities and unlock access to substantial government infrastructure funding that has previously been beyond the club's reach.

For the first time in many years, the club is now in a position to confidently pursue major capital investment, including plans for a café and the modernisation of our clubhouse. These projects have the potential to transform our facilities into a welcoming destination for members and the broader community while strengthening the club's long-term financial sustainability.

The successful completion of these strategic initiatives represents the culmination of work that successive committees, members and volunteers have pursued over many years. I am immensely proud that, during my presidency, we have been able to bring many of these long-standing priorities to fruition and establish a platform upon which future generations can continue to build.

Although this work has required an extraordinary commitment over the past three years, I passionately believe its benefits will be enjoyed by Swansea Belmont members for decades to come.

Throughout all of this, our clubhouse has remained far more than simply a building. It continues to be a place where friendships are formed, families come together, volunteers give generously of their time and our community feels welcome. That sense of belonging remains one of Swansea Belmont's greatest strengths and will continue to guide everything we do as we build for the future.

Patrolling

To our patrolling members, thank you for your dedication, vigilance and selflessness. Your service saves lives and continues the proud legacy of our club and the Surf Life Saving movement.

Each season, our members proudly wear the red and yellow uniform and dedicate countless hours to protecting both local residents and visitors to our beach. I am pleased to report another successful patrol season, with zero patrol breaches and no loss of life between the flags.

Thank you to our Director of Life Saving, Patrol Captains, Vice Captains, patrol members, IRB crews and all water safety personnel for your commitment and professionalism.

Beyond our regular patrol operations, the demand placed upon our emergency response and call-out teams continues to increase. Members regularly leave their workplaces, homes and families to respond to incidents across our coastline and when required, inland waterways. As Surf Life Saving NSW continues to expand its emergency services capability, our members remain at the forefront of community safety.

I also acknowledge and thank the Lake Macquarie City Council Lifeguards, who once again worked alongside our patrol teams and contributed greatly to beach safety throughout the season.

Patrol Statistics 2025/2026

- Rescues: one
- Preventative Actions: seventy-six
- First Aid Cases: eight
- Beach Closures: four
- Beach Attendance: 17,741
- Patrol Hours: 5,372 (increase of two hundred and six hours from last season)
- Patrol Members: Two hundred and five (increase of thirty-one members from last season)

Competition

Our Junior Activities Program enjoyed another outstanding season, highlighted by a remarkable improvement at the NSW State Age Championships. Swansea Belmont finished third overall on 226 points, improving four places from the previous season and finishing behind only Manly and Wanda Surf Life Saving Clubs. Once again, we were the highest-performing club in the Hunter Branch.

The dedication of our Age Managers and coaches continues to ensure a bright future for our club. Thank you to our Junior Activities Chair and the entire Junior Activities Committee for their leadership and commitment throughout the season. Thank you also to our coaches, water safety personnel, officials, and volunteers who support our juniors every week.

Our Senior Competition Team also represented the club with distinction. At the NSW State Championships, Swansea Belmont finished an outstanding seventh overall and remained the highest-ranked Hunter Branch club, competing strongly against much larger metropolitan clubs. This success continued at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, where we finished fourteenth nationally.

These results continue to reinforce Swansea Belmont's position as one of the premier regional surf clubs in Australia and a benchmark for excellence within the Hunter Branch.

Individual achievements were equally impressive.

Kaitlin Rees successfully defended her Australian title, winning back-to-back Gold Medals in the prestigious Under 19 Female Board Race, while also securing a Bronze Medal in the demanding Under 19 Female Ironperson event.

Liam Blair dominated the opening day of the Australian Youth Championships, achieving the rare feat of winning both the Under 13 Male Swim and Under 13 Male Ironperson events.

These achievements reflect the talent, commitment and culture that exist throughout our club.

Congratulations to all competitors, Green Jacket recipients and Club Award winners on their outstanding achievements throughout the season.

Major Club Award Recipients

- Club Person of the Year – Michael Legge
- Junior of the Year 17 / 19– Noah McCallum
- Volunteer of the Year – Peter Johnston
- Cadet of the Year – Riley McKenzie
- Patrol Person of the Year – Matilda Gravenor
- Youth Lifesaver of the Year – Riley McKenzie
- Patrol Captain of the Year – Rowan Turnbull
- Patrolling Family – Probert – Kyle & Khobey
- Lifesaver of the Year – Andrew McCallum

Education and Training

Education and training remain fundamental to the success of our club.

Our Education Team has once again delivered an impressive range of courses and qualifications, ensuring our members continue to develop the skills required to provide the highest standard of lifesaving services.

Throughout the season, members attained qualifications across a wide range of disciplines, including Surf Rescue, Bronze Medallion, UAV Operations, and numerous other awards.

Thank you to Director of Education and all of our trainers, assessors, and facilitators for your commitment to developing our members. Without your dedication, our core purpose of saving lives would not be possible.

In the 2025 / 26 Season Swansea Belmont SLSC had:

- 205 Proficient Bronze Members
- 18 SRC Members

Representing one of the highest numbers of proficient member achieved in recent years.

In addition to the regular training hours these members were retrained in lifesaving CPR, equating to approximately 334.5 additional training hours delivered this season. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our members and their willingness to embrace the changes introduced by Surf Life Saving Australia and Surf Life Saving NSW. Thank you to every one of you.

Our Sponsors and Supporters

The continued support of our sponsors and partners enables us to deliver essential lifesaving services, training, education, and community programs.

On behalf of Swansea Belmont SLSC, I sincerely thank all of our supporters, including our national, state, branch, and local sponsors.

Your support plays a vital role in ensuring our club remains strong, sustainable, and equipped to serve our community.

Financial Position

I am pleased to report that the club remains in a strong financial position.

This outcome reflects the careful guidance of our Finance Committee under the stewardship of our long-serving Treasurer David Pringle, successful fundraising initiatives, increased functions and events, and the generosity of our supporters and donors.

The club's financial strength places us in a sound position to maintain our existing operations while also investing in future infrastructure, equipment, and member development opportunities.

Special thanks to the Swansea Lions Club and other community organisations who continue to contribute towards the purchase and upgrade of vital rescue equipment.

Government and Stakeholder Support

On behalf of the club, I acknowledge the ongoing support provided by the NSW Government through the Emergency Services portfolio and the Office of Sport.

I particularly thank Premier Chris Minns MP and Minister for Sport Steve Kamper MP for their continued commitment to Surf Life Saving through funding programs that improve participation, safety, and facilities.

This season, Swansea Belmont SLSC secured \$176,000 through the Surf Club Facilities Program to upgrade our amenities and replace our ageing shade structure. This represents an increase of \$94,706 compared to the previous season and will significantly enhance accessibility and member amenity.

I also thank Mayor Adam Shultz, Lake Macquarie City Council, and all Councillors for their continued support, including Council's commitment to funding the NSW State Championships for a period of three years.

Our sincere appreciation is also extended to The Hon. Yasmin Catley MP and The Hon. Pat Conroy MP, who continue to advocate for and support our club.

I acknowledge the Executive and staff of Surf Life Saving NSW, including CEO Steven Pearce AFSM, President Elissa Hancock, and their team, for once again entrusting our club with the honour of hosting the NSW State Championships over a three-year period.

My thanks are also extended to Hunter Branch President Henry Scruton ESM, CEO Jenny Hicks and the Hunter Branch Executive for their ongoing assistance and support throughout the season.

Finally, I acknowledge the Australian Government's Beach Safety Equipment Fund, which once again provided \$10,000 to our club for the purchase of essential rescue equipment, first aid supplies and medical resources.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my wife, Leanne, and my children, Oliver, Callum, and Julieanne, for their patience, understanding, and support throughout the year. The role of President requires a significant commitment of time, and I am grateful for their understanding & encouragement.

Leading this club is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I remain deeply appreciative of the trust placed in me. As we look ahead to the 2026/2027 season, we should do so with confidence, pride and optimism for what lies ahead.

Thank you for another remarkable season at Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club.

Respectfully submitted

Brad Fox

President

Swansea Belmont SLSC



TREASURER REPORT

The following two pages summarise the financial performance of Swansea Belmont SLSC for the year ended 30 April 2026 and the financial position as at 30 April 2026.

The club had another very good year financially with total financial assets increasing by \$366k to a balance of \$1,597k as of 30 April 2026.

Highlights of the year's results were:

An operating surplus of \$222k. (\$380k before deducting depreciation). 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. The most significant items were:

- Grant receipts to cover the cost of clubhouse improvements and the purchase of lifesaving equipment - **\$156k**
- Gross Margin from hosting the 2026 NSW Titles - **\$156k**
- Gross Margin from Catering activities (both commercial and club activities, but excluding the state titles) - **\$124k**
- Fifty four percent of Operating Expenses were incurred on beach activities (lifesaving & competition) - **(\$132K)**
- **Investment income of \$141k**
- Capital expenditure of (\$177k), of which \$148k was spent on clubhouse improvements much of which is funded by grants.

D A Pringle CPA
Treasurer



Swansea Belmont S.L.S.C
Year Ended 30 April 2026
Operating Income Statement

	Year ended 30 April 2026			Prior Year	
	Revenue	COGS	Gross Margin	2024/25	Variation
Gross Margin					
Commercial Activities	135,275	64,903	70,372	126,472	(2,321)
Club Catering	179,844	126,065	53,779		
Memberships	63,376		63,376	61,557	1,819
Grants	155,619		155,619	80,821	74,798
Fundraising	69,602	18,182	51,420	42,563	8,857
Sponsorships	31,018		31,018	70,332	(39,314)
State Titles	251,947	96,275	155,672	0	155,672
Hosting Other Carnivals & Events	36,935	14,246	22,689	17,579	5,110
Merchandising	19,649	18,620	1,030	(809)	1,839
Total Other Income	17,864		18,000	58,061	(40,061)
Total Gross Margin	961,129	338,291	622,975	456,576	166,399
Expenses					
Lifesaving & Competition			132,115	144,438	12,323
Facilities			90,713	76,656	(14,057)
Administration			20,608	24,528	3,920
Total Expenses			243,436	245,622	2,186
Operating Surplus Before Depr. (EBID)			379,539	210,954	168,585
Depreciation			157,776	137,764	(20,012)
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)			221,763	73,190	188,597

Capital Expenditure

	year ended	Prior Year	
	April 2026	2024/25	Variation
Buildings	33,032	28,741	(4,291)
Furniture & Fittings	105,004	68,874	(36,130)
Beach Equipment	31,827	12,402	(19,425)
Vehicles	7,100	0	(7,100)
Total Capital Expenditure	176,963	110,017	(66,946)

Investment Gains/(Losses)

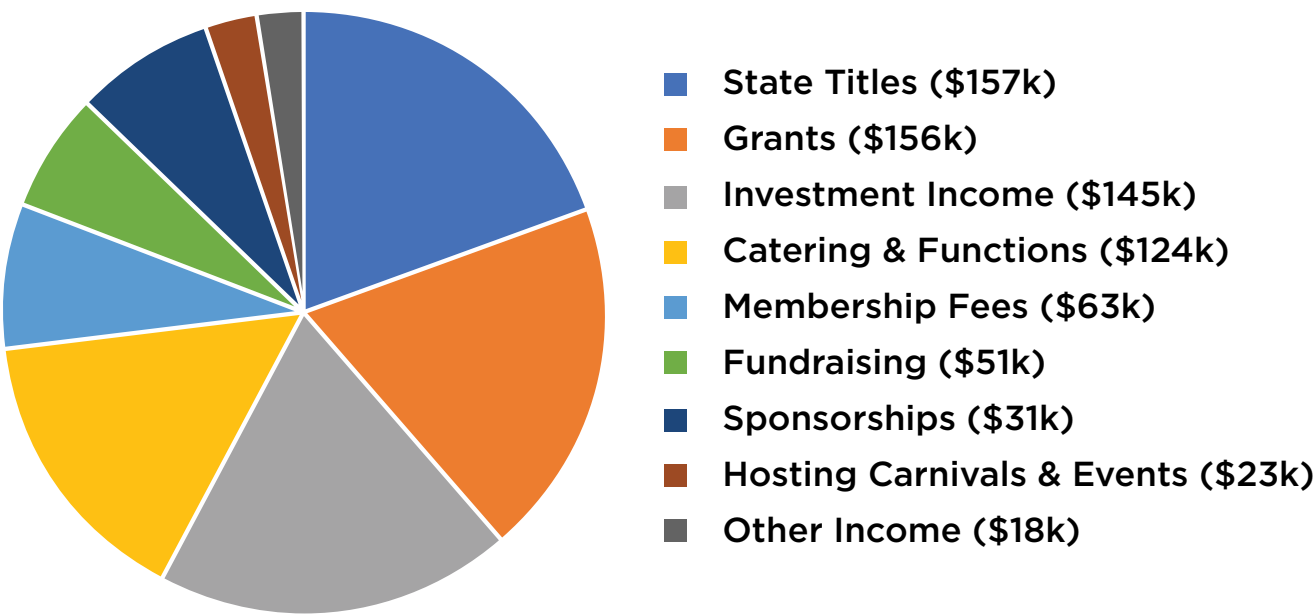
	year ended	Prior Year	
	April 2026	2024/25	Variation
Interest	19,040	14,115	4,925
Dividends	20,725	15,475	5,250
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)	100,944	42,327	58,617
Net Investing Surplus/(Deficit)	140,709	71,917	68,792

Financial Assets

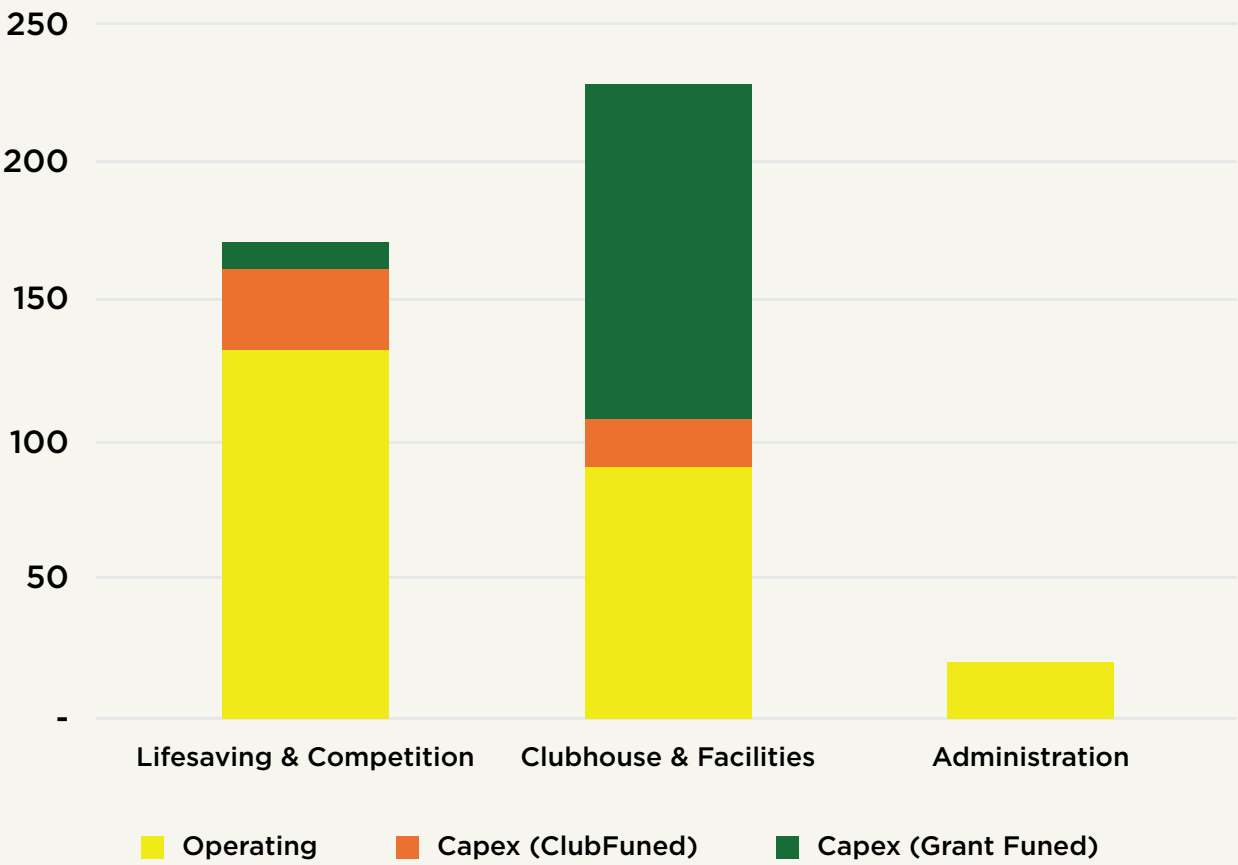
	Financial assets as at:		
	30/4/2026	30/4/2025	Variation
Opening Balance (May 1)	1,240,792	1,080,147	160,645
Closing Balance (April 30)			
Cash	202,991	128,200	74,791
Term Deposits	554,999	374,948	180,051
Exchange Traded Funds	838,588	737,644	100,944
Total Financial Assets	1,596,578	1,240,792	355,786
Financial Assets Surplus	355,786	160,645	195,141

Note: All the above excludes Grant of \$100k received in March 2026 for committed capital works in 2026/27

2025/26 - Gross Margin by Source \$768k



2025/26 - Expenditure - Operating & Capital - \$420k



SWANSEA BELMONT SLSC

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2026/2027

All members must be financial to participate in club activities, patrols, 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
Gym usage Membership (Associate Members only)	\$200
Associate Membership plus 12month Gym Fee	\$260
Access Key	Free Digital Key or \$50 for a Fob Key

Online only via the Surf Life Saving Australia Members Portal:
<https://members.sls.com.au>

Important Notes

- Register and pay via the Members Portal: <https://members.sls.com.au>
- Proof of age is required for all new members.
- Membership is confirmed only after payment is received.

For all questions and enquiries, please contact:
swanseabelmontslsregistrar@gmail.com

SECRETARY REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the Secretary's Report for the 2025-2026 season.

Another busy and successful season has highlighted the strength of Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club and the dedication of our incredible volunteers. Our club continues to grow, providing lifesaving services, training opportunities, competition pathways and a welcoming environment for members of all ages.

Throughout the season, the Board and Management Committee met regularly to ensure the club continued to operate efficiently and in accordance with Surf Life Saving policies and governance requirements. Thank you to all Directors and committee members who generously gave their time to attend meetings, make important decisions and support the day-to-day running of the club.

Our administration responsibilities included maintaining member records, processing registrations, managing Working with Children requirements, coordinating correspondence, preparing meeting agendas and minutes, and ensuring compliance. Communication with members continued through email, social media and our website, helping keep everyone informed of club activities, patrols, carnivals, training and social events.

I would also like to acknowledge our sponsors, supporters, local businesses, Surf Life Saving NSW, Hunter Branch, Lake Macquarie City Council and the many community organisations that continue to support our club.

A special thank you goes to our patrol members, trainers, assessors, age managers, coaches, officials, water safety personnel, bar volunteers, maintenance teams and every member who volunteered throughout the season. Without your commitment, our club simply could not operate.

Events and Fundraising

The club held several successful events, including:

- Presentation Night
- Nippers Presentation Day
- Fundraising BBQs and High Tea competitor fundraiser
- Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation Major Fundraiser which Karen and I raised a huge **\$46500**

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

Last year in 2025 I sold **\$55,856.58** of beanie's and merchandise for the Maek Hughes Foundation which have been doing for 7 years now.

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 (My favourite achievements and passion)

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 trying for lots of new grants and sponsorships.

And we got this year

Belmont Hotel	\$5000 sponsorship
Stronger Communities Programme	\$22,000.00 Disable Toilet Upgrade
One Rail Australia	\$3,945.70 Rescue Boards
LMCC	\$6,000 Kracka carnival
Surf Club Facility Program 2025/26	\$110,000.00 Shade structure
Surf Club Facility Program 2025/26	\$76,622.00 Upgrade Male Amenities

Looking forward to what I can achieve in 2026-2027 season

As we look towards another season, I encourage all members to continue getting involved, supporting one another and welcoming new families into our club. Together we will continue to build on the proud traditions of Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club while ensuring a strong future for generations to come.

Katrina Pastourmoglou

Secretary

Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club



Fundraising powerhouse

Katrina Pastourmoglou nominated for Bunnings Community Legends Award

A mother has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charity after her daughter's brain tumour diagnosis sparked years of tireless community fundraising.

When her teenage daughter Ellie was diagnosed with a brain tumour, Katrina Pastourmoglou took action by raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Mark Hughes Foundation.

She did the same for the Hunter Breast Cancer service when her best friend Karen Starrett was told she had terminal breast cancer.

Her help response is always to take action.

Mrs Pastourmoglou, who hails from Valentine south of Newcastle, has also helped the nearby Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club acquire \$1m in grants while serving as a volunteer director for the past decade.

The irony is, she detests diving into the surf. "I hate swimming in the cold ocean. I've never had my Bronze (medallion). I'm the worse swimmer in the world," she said. "I'll swim at a resort in Bali though."

Mrs Pastourmoglou likes to keep busy and is this week helping her surf club prepare to host the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships.

She provides ongoing care for her daughter Ellie, who was left with limited vision after multiple brain surgeries and two years of chemotherapy.

And every year for the past six years, Mrs Pastourmoglou has raised \$60,000 a year for the Mark Hughes Foundation through the Beanie for Brain Cancer initiative. Katrina Pastourmoglou. Her commitment to helping others has led to Mrs Pastourmoglou being nominated for the Bunnings Community Legends Awards

DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING REPORT

This season at Swansea Belmont SLSC saw us rostered for what was originally 69 patrol days. With the addition of an extra government-declared public holiday, this increased to a total of 70 patrol days across the season.

Across those 70 days, we operated with 12 patrol teams. While some patrols were lighter on numbers than others, we adapted as needed and ensured consistent beach coverage throughout the season.

In terms of patrol statistics, our teams recorded:

- **1 rescue**
- **8 first aid cases**
- **76 preventative actions**
- **4 beach closures**

Our patrol members collectively contributed a total of **516 hours** on the beach, broken down into:

- **308 hours** during the shoulder period
- **208 hours** during the busy period

Participation from our non-patrol members was also encouraging:

- **31 members** completed less than 10 hours
- **31 members** recorded between 10–50 hours
- **8 members** achieved over 50 hours

A standout contribution came from **Riley McKenzie**, who completed an impressive **212 hours**. When you consider this is nearly half of the total allocated hours, it's an incredible effort. Well done, Riley—an outstanding commitment to lifesaving.

This year also presented challenges, particularly due to a shortened competition season which created significant rostering pressures. Many weekends clashed with carnivals or competitions, making it difficult at times to maintain full patrol strength. Additionally, hosting the State Championships meant our patrol teams were often left feeling about as useful as lifeguards at Olympic swim meets.

On the equipment and resources front, it has been a very successful season. We were able to sell our large patrol van to a smaller Queensland club in need, which allowed us to purchase a more practical and usable replacement. The new van will be fully decked out and ready for its “hot girl summer” from day one next season. Our IRB motor will also be ready to rock the waves of Blacksmiths.

We have been incredibly fortunate with sponsorship this year. Support from the **Swansea Lions Club** enabled us to purchase three new radios, while **Rail One sponsorship** provided two new rescue boards. As a result, our equipment, patrol shed, and IRB shed are all looking very healthy.

A big thank you goes to **The Bakers Den** for supplying bread rolls across all 70 patrol days, helping us keep our patrollers fed with fresh salad rolls. We also can't forget the "queen of grants," **Katrina**, who secured funding for our filtered water cooler—another great addition for the team.

Our major ongoing support comes from **Caves Beach Butcher Shop - Greg Perrin**. Through the generous meat vouchers we raffled during nippers, on the deck, and at events, we raised an incredible **\$7,000**. This funding goes a long way toward covering food, snacks, and rewarding our patrollers—especially those who achieve over **85% patrol hours**, sell raffle tickets, help keep the club clean and tidy, and volunteer at special events. And of course, let's not forget the Yeti rewards!

To everyone who has had a red-hot crack this season—thank you. To my team of merry men who helped bring the vision of change in the IRB shed to life—thank you. Overall, despite the challenges, this has been a strong and successful season, and I'm incredibly proud of the effort and commitment shown by our members.

Regards,

Carolyn

Director of Lifesaving
Swansea Belmont SLSC



Lifesaving/Patrol Awards

Junior Lifesaver of the Year - Riley McKenzie

Patrol Person of the Year - Matilda Gravenor

Patrol Captain of the Year - Rowan Turnbull

Patrol of the Year - Patrol 3

Patrol Family of the Year - Kyle & Khobey Probert

Lifesaver of the Year - Andrew McCallum





Education
TEAM



Director of Education Report - Di Fleming
Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club

The 2025–2026 season was an extremely busy and successful one for the Education Team. We hit the ground running at the start of the season and have maintained that momentum throughout the year. Even during the off-season, we have continued delivering training courses to ensure our members remain qualified, continue developing their skills, and are well prepared for the 2026–2027 patrol season.

Congratulations to every member who achieved an award or completed their skilled maintenance this season. You should be proud of your commitment, dedication, and willingness to continually develop your skills. Your achievements have strengthened our club and will play an important role in keeping our beaches and community safer. We are incredibly proud of what you have accomplished and thank you for your commitment to surf lifesaving.

Proficiency and Skills Maintenance

This year's proficiencies were very different to any other season, with a workload beyond our expectations. Surf Life Saving Australia introduced a new lifesaving CPR proficiency requirement for all active and patrolling members. Initially, the scale of this change was daunting, requiring every active and patrolling member to complete Lifesaving CPR retraining within a relatively short timeframe.

While we were unsure how the changes would be received, our members once again rose to the challenge and ensured the task was completed successfully.

As of today, Swansea Belmont SLSC has:

- 205 Proficient Bronze Members
- 18 SRC Members

This gives us a total of 223 proficient members, representing the highest number of proficient members our club has achieved in at least the past 13 years. Every single one of these members has been retrained in lifesaving CPR, equating to approximately 334.5 additional training hours delivered this season.

SRC to Bronze Transition Squad

This season we also ran our first intensive SRC to Bronze Medallion transition squad over a two-day program. The initiative was extremely well received by our U15 members and their parents and proved to be both highly successful and enjoyable for all involved.

The program began with a First Aid course, which resulted in many of our Under 15 members enthusiastically practising bandaging skills from head to toe as they worked through scenarios and practical activities. From there, we progressed into Bronze Medallion theory components and pool-based swim assessments, before moving into spinal management training, revision, and final assessments on day two.

The weekend was a great success, combining high-quality training with a positive and inclusive learning environment. All participants remained engaged throughout and clearly enjoyed the experience. A significant part of the success of the program was also the strong sense of camaraderie, supported by plenty of food along the way, including Subway, hot chips, and Lotties.

Restart a Heart Day

We supported Restart a Heart Day by hosting a community CPR awareness stand at the club. The event gave members, Nippers families, and the wider community the opportunity to learn hands-on CPR and defibrillator skills, reinforcing the importance of community education and helping build confidence to respond in an emergency.

Education Communication

This year we aimed to make education more accessible and inclusive for all members. To support this, we successfully launched the Swansea Belmont Education Facebook Group, which has become a key communication tool for the season, allowing us to:

- Share course information
- Promote upcoming training opportunities
- Publish proficiency dates and times
- Celebrate member achievements
- Promote surf awareness and education

The response has been exceptional, with the group now reaching 335 followers.

Other clubs are now adopting this initiative, recognising its success

Awards Achieved During the Season

Our members completed an incredible **137 awards**, demonstrating the depth of commitment to personal development and lifesaving excellence throughout the club.

This again represents the highest number of awards achieved in a single season in at least the past 13 years, based on a review of previous AGM reports available online.

Award	Number Achieved
Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)	12
Bronze Medallion	26
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC)	15
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC)	8
Resuscitation	26
Radio Operators Certificate (RWC)	1
First Aid	46
IRB Crew	3
Total Awards	137

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)

Ivy Alchin	Bonnie Aldridge
Archie Doyle	Chace Harrison
Elsie Howe	Oskar Love
Sophie McCallum	Tainui Murrell
Sienna Parker	Liam Urbanowicz
Bridget Williamson	Damon Murdoch

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC)

Blake Cousins	Diana Fleming
Benjamin McCloy	Cooper McKenzie
Jack Paterson	Kevin Turkington
Rowen Turnbull	Robert Walker

Bronze Medallion

Andrew Crofts	Owen Dunne
Julie Gatland	Daniel Gregson
Lucie Hybnerova	Dean Newell
David Potter	Alissa Westbrook
Charles Bennett	Maya Alchin
Liam Krysko	Luke Leadbeater
Riley McKenzie	Shae Skippen
Tyler Clark	Pippa Rosano
Hayden Stranger	Grace Paterson
Kaili Williams	Evie Harrison
Charlie Legge	Blair Turkington
Asha Hoetzer	Amelia Palmer
Grace Van Esveld	Josi Jack

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC)

Sidney Burns	Bradley Fox
Emma McCallum	Noah McCallum
Sytske McCallum	Will Munro
Will Paterson	Pippa Rosano
Kevin Turkington	Shannon Turkington
Liam Doyle	Hamish Rae
Andrew McCallum	Rebecca Paterson

Resuscitation

David Haynes	Robert Walker
Anthony Djodan	Peter Scanes
Andrew Hogan	Gregory Perrin
Peter McGee	Trevor Morton
Troy Anderson	Craig Wallis
Kristie Freeman	David Naylor
Nathan Howe	Ivy Alchin
Bonnie Aldridge	Archie Doyle
Chace Harrison	Elsie Howe
Oskar Love	Sophie McCallum
Tainui Murrell	Sienna Parker
Liam Urbanowicz	Bridget Williamson
Damon Murdoch	

Operators Certificate (RWC)

Jack Paterson

First Aid

Rochelle Clark	Andrew Crofts
Marnie Cuy	Owen Dunne
Julie Gatland	Ebba Haeckel
Adam Hudson	Lucie Hybnerova
Cooper McKenzie	Rodd Millington
Dean Newell	David Potter
Martin Prout	Alissa Westbrook
Maya Alchin	Chelsea Archer
David Banks	Charles Bennett
Paul Christensen	Tyler Clark
Jeffrey Considine	Bradley Fox
Catherine Gocher	Kaleah Kingston
Kiani Kingston	Liam Krysko
Luke Leadbeater	Karen Lucas
Andrew McCallum	Riley McKenzie
Megan Palmer	Rebecca Paterson
Lachlan Rae	Pippa Rosano
Hayden Stranger	Kevin Turkington
Shannon Turkington	Grace Paterson
Kaili Williams	Evie Harrison
Charlie Legge	Blair Turkington
Asha Hoetzer	Amelia Palmer
Grace Van Esveld	Josi Jack

Thank You to our Education team

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our Trainers and Assessors.

- Andrew McCallum
- Sytske McCallum
- Karen Lucas
- David Banks
- Rebecca Paterson
- Di Fleming

For those who may not be aware, our trainers and assessors complete formal TAFE-accredited training, in some cases over many months. They are also required to maintain annual CPR recertification, seasonal re-induction, and current First Aid qualifications. The commitment required just to remain qualified is significant, before even considering the additional volunteer hours they give throughout the season.

Their contribution is exceptional, and we thank them sincerely from the bottom of our hearts.

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2025-2026 Education Awards

Trainer of the Year – Rebecca Paterson

Assessor of the Year - Sytske McCallum

As we move into the 2026–2027 season, we would like to wish the incoming Director of Education all the very best. Bec and I will be stepping away from our roles due to a range of personal and professional reasons.

It has been an honour to contribute to the development of our members and to be part of such a committed and capable team. We are proud of what has been achieved and confident the program will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Thank you to every member who participated in training, completed awards, attended proficiencies, and contributed to another successful season.

Di Fleming and Bec Paterson

Director of Education

Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club

DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS REPORT

This season was a different sort of year for the Swansea Belmont competition team. After a couple of very strong seasons, the results probably did not land where we would have liked them to across every area, but that is surf sports. Some years everything goes your way, and other years you get a reminder that conditions, injuries, and a bit of luck all play their part.

What did not change was the effort from the competitors who kept turning up. We still had athletes training, racing, travelling away, filling teams, and representing the club with pride. Those seasons matter just as much as the winning ones.

One of the most encouraging parts of the year has been seeing the younger competitors continuing to come through. There is a good group building underneath the senior team, and they need the older competitors around them. Not just to win races, but to show them how to train, how to race, how to handle the tough days, and how much fun there is in being part of a team. If we want these young ones to stay in the sport, the best thing our older competitors can do is stay involved themselves.

To our senior competitors, even if you are not training like you once did, there is still a place for you. Pick an event, jump in a team, help a younger competitor, go away to a carnival, or just keep yourself connected to the group. The club needs that experience around the next generation, and the truth is that surf sports is a lot more enjoyable when you are doing it with your mates.

This year also showed again how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep the program running. A big thank you to Tim Foran for all the work he does year after year, not only at training and carnivals, but also for the effort he puts into helping our competitors create lifelong memories from their time in the sport. Results are great, but the trips away, the teams, the stories, and the friendships are what keep people connected, and Tim continues to put a huge amount into that side of the program. On the board, Tim also led the way. Burgey continued to do what he has always done for the board paddlers and for the club. Melissa Thurlow was also a great help with the board squad, and she also helped Josie Hall with the young ski paddlers, giving us one of the biggest newbie squads we have had for years. That is a great sign for the future of the club.

Craig Coates again put in a huge number of hours with the swim squad and iron squad, and also made it a bit easier for the people who live in town to get some training done through the off season. In the ski area, Geoff Hall continued to help with the ski paddlers, Josh Murphy took control of the ski squad when we could not get there, and Paul Stone stepped in whenever required. Greg Tobin also provided extra sessions and helped push the pace at training, while Tim Allen continued teaching the next generation how to paddle.

It was also great to see the boat crews continue to compete and train with the support of Perry Sparks, Andrew Hogan, and Mick Rees. On the beach, Ange Leadbeater kept doing what Ange does, winning medals with the runners and continuing to support that area of the club.

Thank you also to all the parents and volunteers who put their hands up for water safety, officiating, carnival entries, making sure our patrol obligations are met, driving trailers, bringing tents, and everything else that needs to happen for competitors to get to the line. Often it is the same people doing multiple jobs, and competitors need to remember that none of us get to race without that work happening in the background. Please make sure you thank them.

I would also like to thank Brad and the committee for continuing to support surf sports and the development of our competition team. It is important that the club keeps backing competitors at every level, from the young ones finding their way into the sport through to the older members who still have plenty to offer. It is also just as important the competitors recognise the support they get from the committee.

To the athletes: in 20 years time, you probably will not remember every placing or every result, but you will remember the trips away, the team events, the hard races, the laughs, and the people you shared it with. Those are the memories that make surf sports worth sticking with, and they are the reason I hope everyone keeps finding a way to be part of it.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the season. It may not have been one of our biggest years on the results sheet, but there is still a lot to be positive about, and plenty to build on in the year ahead.

Thanks

Matt Rees

Director of Surf Sports
Swansea Belmont SLSC



DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

What an incredible season it has been as the Junior Activities at Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club. This season has been one of our biggest and most rewarding. Every Sunday the sand came alive with energy, smiles and the pure joy of getting in the surf. Our Under 6's ran straight to the water with excitement, catching their first little waves, while our Under 14s pushed themselves further each week, taking on the surf with growing confidence. Across every age group, our Nippers were out there catching waves, learning, laughing and backing themselves.

Watching their courage build and their love for the ocean grow has been something really special. Our Nippers continue to demonstrate commitment, passion and resilience. They arrive eager to learn, challenge themselves, support their teammates and, most importantly, have fun. They truly are the future of our club and watching them develop both as lifesavers and as young athletes is incredibly rewarding. None of this would be possible without our amazing volunteers. To our Age Managers, thank you. Your enthusiasm, patience and ability to motivate and encourage our children every single week is nothing short of remarkable. Finding new ways to keep training engaging and enjoyable is no easy task, yet you continue to deliver with passion and dedication. The positive impact you have on our Nippers is immeasurable. To our BBQ legend, Shayne Crake, our very own "Sausage Lord", thank you.

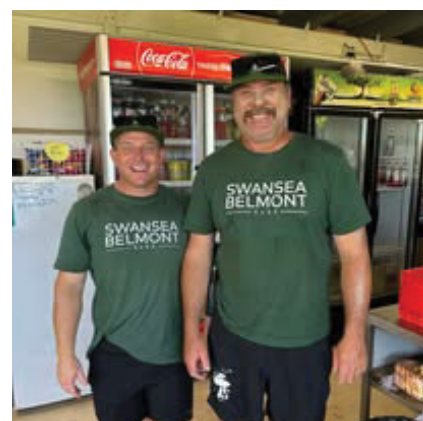
You are the first to arrive every Sunday and often the last to leave. Your commitment ensures our Nipper families are well fed and creates a wonderful social atmosphere around the club. Beyond the BBQ, you are always willing to lend a hand wherever needed, and I am incredibly grateful for everything you do. To everyone who volunteered on the BBQ throughout the season, thank you. While it may seem like a small job, it is an important part of our club culture and helps support the financial success of our nippers. We all lead busy lives, but when everyone contributes a little, the workload becomes lighter for all.

Your support is sincerely appreciated. To our coaches, Josh Blair and Blake Cousins, congratulations on another outstanding season. The improvement and success of our athletes is a direct reflection of the countless hours you invest in planning, coaching, mentoring and encouraging them. Your knowledge, commitment and passion have helped our young athletes achieve some fantastic results, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you both leading the way. To our amazing Nipper Secretary, Mel. Thank you. So much of what you do happens behind the scenes and often goes unseen, yet nippers simply would not function without your organisation, dedication and hard work. Your commitment to our families and our club is invaluable, and I cannot thank you enough. Junior Activities Coordinator Report To Blake Harrison, thank you for the incredible contribution you make in so many roles, as Deputy JAC, Water Safety Coordinator and Team Manager at carnivals. Your willingness to step up whenever needed, your leadership and your commitment to our club is exceptional. Nippers is stronger because of everything you do. This season we were also privileged to host the State Championships.

What an outstanding effort by every part of our club. The dedication shown by our volunteers was simply incredible. Everyone worked tirelessly behind the scenes to deliver an event our club can be extremely proud of. It was a true example of what can be achieved when our club comes together with a shared purpose. Our competition results throughout the season were nothing short of sensational. To finish third overall at State in the Nipper competition against some of the largest and strongest clubs in NSW is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the hard work of our athletes, coaches, officials, water safety personnel, Age Managers and families. Across the season we celebrated numerous outstanding individual and team performances, with our athletes consistently representing Swansea Belmont with pride, sportsmanship and determination.

Our Under 13 and Under 14 athletes capped off the season with an exceptional performance at the Australian Championships in Kirra, returning home with multiple medals. To compete on the national stage and achieve such success is an incredible accomplishment, and one our entire club should be immensely proud of. Huge appreciation goes to our outstanding sponsors; Shanti and Ben from Sold Real Estate, Belmont Hotel, Lions Club, and Sharkskin. Your support has powered our nipper's program and helped us deliver sensational equipment, resources, and experiences all season long. With your continued involvement, we can take next season to an even bigger, bolder, and more impactful level for every young athlete who steps onto the sand. I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to our club this season. Your time, effort, and commitment make an enormous difference, and I truly appreciate it. A special thank you to Hayley Legge (my amazing, supportive wife) and Lauren Harrison for the incredible work you both do with uniforms. It's a big job, often unseen, and you handle it together with so much care and consistency.

Thank you for everything you do behind the scenes to keep us organised. To all those who helped with water safety, training, nippers every Sunday, and carnivals, your dedication ensures our kids are safe, supported, and able to enjoy every opportunity. You show up week after week, and it means more than you know. And to our officials at carnivals, it's one of the toughest roles, but also one of the most rewarding. You are amazing, and I appreciate every hour you give. It would be great to see more parents put their hand up to help in this role. Junior Activities Coordinator Report Thank you, everyone. Your contribution strengthens our club and our community, and I'm genuinely grateful for all you do. As I reflect on the season, I can honestly say it has been an absolute privilege to serve as the JAC. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity and thankful to be part of such a passionate, welcoming and supportive club. Swansea Belmont is built on amazing people who continually give their time for the benefit of others, and that is what makes our club so special. Thank you to every volunteer, parent, coach, official, water safety member and committee member who has contributed throughout the season. Together we continue to provide an environment where our young members can thrive, create lifelong memories and develop a love for surf lifesaving. I look forward to another fantastic season ahead. "When passion meets purpose and teamwork leads the way, extraordinary things happen". Thank You, Michael Legge



DIRECTOR OF CLUB HOUSE

How quickly the season has come and gone with the hard-working bar volunteers again putting in the hours to make the surf club bar run successfully.

The functions continue to be financially successful giving credit to the lead up organising and the bar people helping to make each occasion a memorable and positive outcome.

Sunday music on the deck is always a great afternoon. Thanks to Mel for organising the entertainment.

The State Titles required a massive amount of volunteering hours from our members, and you certainly stepped forward again – on the beach – the bar – the BBQ – the BOG SQUAD and the parking, also lots of other areas that go unnoticed.

Through Katrinas hard work in winning grants for the club there are several projects that will commence and greatly benefit all members, main one being replacing the sail and structure covering the deck on the northern side.

Thankyou to the bar volunteers putting in extra hours over the Xmas period, it went well with holiday makers and members supporting it.

Now the winter months are here the bar is not trading Sunday afternoon and the functions have dropped off, a very quiet period.

So again, to everyone who gave their time willingly to this great club you are the backbone of this very special place and very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Noel Pezely, Warren Davies and Peter Johnston.



DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

The 2025/26 season has been another positive year for marketing and sponsorship at Swansea Belmont SLSC, with continued support from our valued sponsors and significant growth across our social media platforms.

On behalf of the club, I would like to sincerely thank our sponsors for their ongoing generosity and commitment:

- McDonald's Swansea
- Sold Real Estate
- The Belmont Hotel
- Belmont 16 Footers
- Lion
- Kracka Surf Craft
- Swansea Lions Club
- The Orana Hotel
- Caves Beach Butchery
- Race One

The support of our sponsors is vital to the ongoing success of our club. Their contributions assist with the purchase of equipment, support our athletes and volunteers, and help us continue to deliver a high-quality surf lifesaving program. We are extremely grateful for their investment in our club and our members.

A special thank you goes to our Club Secretary, Katrina, and Director of Junior Activities, Michael, for their efforts in securing sponsorship throughout the season. Their commitment to building relationships with local businesses has been invaluable, and we greatly appreciate their work.

We are always looking to expand our sponsorship network and welcome new businesses to partner with the club. Sponsorship opportunities include branding on competition tents, uniforms, club facilities and our digital platforms, providing excellent exposure while supporting a community-focused organisation.

Our social media presence continued to grow strongly throughout the season, allowing us to better engage with our members, supporters and the wider community while also increasing exposure for our sponsors. During the year, our Instagram account gained more than 800 new followers, while our Facebook page recorded an outstanding 9,464,327 views across 448 posts. These results reflect the popularity of our content, including competition updates, member achievements, club news and the promotion of our Sunday music events through local community Facebook pages.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the club throughout the 2025/26 season. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnerships and building on this success in the year ahead.

Angela Leadbeatter

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This season we had 4 crews go around the cans U/23's Women, Open Male, Master's Women & Master's Men with mixed results.

The Master's Men & Women were the only crews to compete at the Branch & rowed away with Gold.

However, the standout crew for the season were the Pipi's U/23 female boat crew of Mae Fletcher, Chloe Huggins, Emma Huggins, Maddy Montgomery and sweep Andrew Hogan had a season of noticeable improvement.

In the Hunter/CC branch rounds, they won all their early carnivals competing in the under 23 division. They then stepped up and rowed in the Open Division - narrowly beaten by the very experienced Avoca crew in their first outing - but then completed the rounds undefeated!

Competition results:

ASRL Short Course: they improved every row but were short on match fitness

Wanda ASRL Open - under 23 female events were cancelled after 2 rounds due to adverse conditions and missed by 1 placing of going thru to Sunday

Collaroy Young Guns: competed very well and were again unlucky to miss out by 1 point on progressing thru to 1/4 final

State Titles: Fairly testing conditions and some poor decisions by the race starter saw the girls only have 4 races

Due to their success in the Hunter/CC series, the crew were selected to represent in the Inter-branch series. They placed 3rd in their individual event and with some excellent rowing, they helped the Hunter/CC place 3rd overall in the relay events.

The girls then headed north to compete in their first ever Aussies.

There were lots of delays and program changes due to the large and powerful surf, but when they were finally allowed to race - they were just so competitive.

Every race they just improved and went harder. They were very unlucky to miss out by 1 placing to progress through to Sundays finals! The girls have now realised that being a boatie is good fun, but there has to be some hard yards done to be competitive! They are locked in and ready to go for season 26/27 and will be competing in the Open Division.

BOAT MALE	Mick Rees
BOAT FEMALE	Emma Huggins
BOAT ENCOURAGEMENT	Sarah Withyman



SKI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Another years gone and it sure was one to remember.

Firstly, a huge thank you to our head ski coaches Matt Rees and Geoff Hall. They've put a lot of time in this season whether it was on the water or coming up with new sessions for the squad. They've done an awesome job and I think it shows with some of the results we achieved this year. A massive thanks to Greg Tobin as well running his morning sessions for the senior guys. I think for some of us who didn't exactly achieve what we wanted this year we sure did have a lot of fun pushing each other every morning.

I'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.

The ski squad is looking really healthy at the moment with plenty of big results throughout the year.

At the Australian titles, we had 4 of our boys in the u/19s single ski final with Sam Murphy coming in the top 6. Katy Rees made the u/19 single ski final finishing in the top 8. Our u/19 boys took the bronze in the Single ski relay final. Katy and Xanthe won the u/19s female double ski in an unreal race. And to top of the Aussies Carnival the Open Male taplin relay placed 8th in a really gutsy effort to stay up the front with the big clubs for 95% of the race.

At state, Sam Murphy and Thomas hall came 2nd in their double ski final. Katy Rees and Thomas Hall half won the 19 mixed double ski. The Open double ski team, Greg Tobin and Josh Murphy, took 2nd in the double ski. The U/17s boys took 3rd in the ski relay final.

And throughout the year at the World ocean series, Katy Rees had some podiums and top 6 results throughout the year. The open boys won a ski relay at Maroochydore and a 2nd in the double ski. Josh took out Shannon Eckstein open male ski race.

There is plenty of potential in this squad, it's very enjoyable to go to training everyday with the crew that we have at the moment. We've got lots of the younger crew currently getting on the water which is good to see. Time to load up for another big season.

See you in the water soon.

Josh Murphy

SKIBOAT FEMALE	Josh Murphy
SKI ENCOURAGEMENT	Hamish Rae



BEACH CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 2025/26 season was another highly successful year for the Swansea Belmont Beach Team, highlighted by outstanding performances at club, State, National and International level.

Although injuries reduced our numbers in the distance events at both the NSW State Championships and the Australian Championships, our athletes continued to achieve excellent results. Mitchell Chalmers and Will Griffiths were crowned Australian Champions in the U17 2 x 1km event, while Thomas Chalmers claimed the silver medal in the U17 2km. At the NSW State Championships, Mitchell was crowned U17 2km State Champion, while Worell and Izaak Boag secured bronze in the Open 2 x 1km.

Our beach sprint and beach flags competitors once again demonstrated the strength of our club, consistently featuring in finals and on the podium throughout the season. A major highlight was our Open Beach Relay Team of Poppy Doran, Lucinda McNabb, Emerson Leadbeatter and Luana DaRocha, winning the NSW Open State Championship before finishing an outstanding fifth in the Open Australian Beach Relay final, an exceptional achievement considering three members of the team are still eligible for youth competition.

Our U19 Women's Beach Relay Team of Phoebe Doran, Emerson Leadbeatter, Luana DaRocha and Lucinda McNabb also enjoyed tremendous success, claiming the Australian silver medal.

The season also saw several athletes earn representative honours. Lucinda was selected in the NSW Youth Team, while Emerson proudly represented Australia at both the Battle of the Tasman and the International Surf Rescue Challenge in New Zealand as a member of the Australian Youth Team. Phoebe was also selected in the Australian Pathways Team for the Battle of the Tasman. Having three athletes selected to represent New South Wales and Australia in a single season is an outstanding achievement for any club but even more so for Swansea Belmont having a small beach team.

Beach Encouragement Award

The Beach Encouragement Award was one of the easiest decisions of the season, although separating the recipients proved impossible. This year's award is jointly presented to Amelia Palmer and Evie Harrison.

Amelia and Evie embraced every opportunity throughout the season, competing in the Beach Stormers Series and showing remarkable improvement from the opening round through to the final event. Despite initially finding the level of competition challenging, both athletes continued to work hard, learn from every race and steadily improve, regularly making sprint and flags finals by the conclusion of the series.

Their commitment and perseverance were rewarded with strong performances at both the NSW State Championships and the Australian Championships. Their development throughout the season has been outstanding, and they have bright futures ahead in our beach program.

Beach Athlete of the Year

Selecting the Beach Athlete of the Year is never easy given the depth of talent within our small squad. This season’s recipient stood out through her exceptional consistency, versatility, and outstanding performances across every major championship, making her a deserving winner of this award.

The 2025/26 Beach Athlete of the Year is Emerson Leadbeatter.

Emi enjoyed another outstanding season, consistently performing at an elite level across both the U19 and Open divisions. At the NSW State Championships she won medals in both the U19 Beach Sprint and U19 Beach Flags before qualifying for the finals of both the Open Sprint and Open Flags.

At the Australian Championships, Emi finished fourth in the U19 Beach Flags and narrowly missed qualifying for the Open Sprint Final. She represented Australia on two occasions during the season as a member of the Australian Youth Team, competing at both the Battle of the Tasman and the International Surf Rescue Challenge in New Zealand. Emi was also named Hunter Surf Lifesaving Open Athlete of Year.

Thank you to all of our athletes, coaches, officials, parents and supporters who have contributed to another successful year for the Swansea Belmont Beach Team. We look forward to building on these achievements in the 2026/27 season.



Angela Leadbeatter

Beach Captain

BEACH	Emerson Leadbeatter
BEACH ENCOURAGEMENT	Evie Harrison & Amelia Palmer

BOARD CAPTAIN'S REPORT



BOARD PADDLER	Jack Johns
BOARD PADDLER ENCOURAGEMENT	Grace Van Esveld

SWIM CAPTAIN'S REPORT



SWIM	Kaitlin Rees
SWIM ENCOURAGEMENT	Blair Turkington

IRON REPORT

It is usual to expect good results from a squad that trains so well. This young squad, led by two 19-year-olds, Alex and Xavier, who are still learning about their abilities and how and when to push, and what it takes to win races.

Speaking of winning races, a highlight as coach was watching Alexis Sutherland claim the NSW U/17 Iron title which was a reward for year-round training, having a race plan, executing it perfectly, and, more importantly, focusing on the areas that needed work to make her strengths count. Congrats, Lexi.

Kaitlin Rees was dominant all year, as we've come to expect, with podiums at both the State and Aussie titles. Kaitlin also capped off the year as the World Ocean Series Open Women's Surf Champion and an Australian team selection.

The future of SB Iron looks bright, with a talented group of youth athletes putting in the hard work when asked. Over the next few years, the young athletes led by the current U/17s will be competing for future Open positions in team events, strengthening both themselves and the club.

Congrats to all.

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HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



A big congratulations to our Lifesaving and Education Nominees for the Hunter Branch Awards of Excellence

Official of the Year - Mal Rae
Lifesaver of the Year - Andrew McCallum
Young Lifesaver of the Year - Riley McKenzie
Trainer of the Year - Rebecca Patterson
Volunteer of the Year - Peter Johnston
Young Volunteer of the Year - Riley McKenzie
Assessor of the Year - Sytske McCallum

Congratulations to our Swansea Belmont Surf Sports nominee's

Team of the Year - U19 Board Rescue - Xavier Coates & Billy Foran
14/15 Athlete of the Year - Grace Van Esveld
Youth Athlete of the Year - Kaitlin Rees
Open Athlete of the Year - Emerson Leadbeatter
Coach of the Year - Tim Foran

HUNTER BRANCH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Mal Rae, named Hunter Surf Life Saving Official of the Year!

Mal has dedicated countless hours to officiating at local, state and national carnivals, making an outstanding contribution to surf lifesaving. Over many years, he has selflessly given his time to support the sport, often sacrificing the opportunity to watch his own children compete so he could fulfil his role as an official.

This award is a thoroughly deserved recognition of Mal's commitment, professionalism and dedication to surf lifesaving. Swansea Belmont is incredibly proud to have Mal as part of our Club and thanks him for his many years of service.

Congratulations, Mal, on this well-earned achievement!





Congratulations to Tim Foran, named Coach of the Year for the 2025/26 season!

As Head Coach and Board Coach at Swansea Belmont SLSC, Tim has been the driving force behind the club's resurgence, building a strong and supportive culture from U14s through to Opens. His dedication goes far beyond coaching mentoring fellow coaches, transporting equipment across the state, and doing whatever is needed to help his athletes succeed.

Tim's passion, leadership and tireless commitment have had a lasting impact on every athlete in our program. This award is a fitting recognition of everything he has contributed to Swansea Belmont SLSC.

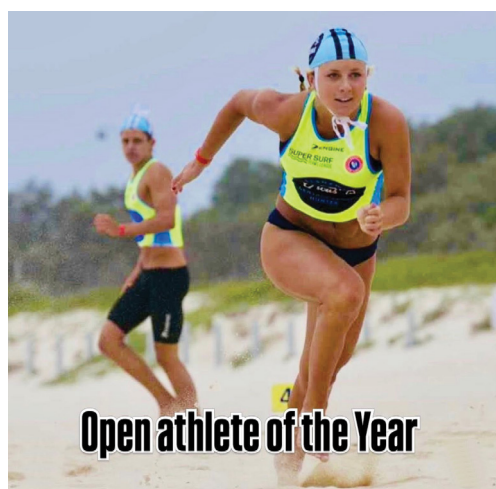
Congratulations Tim - this recognition is well deserved!

We are proud to announce that Kaitlin Rees won for the second year in a row the Youth Athlete of the Year for her outstanding 2025/26 season.

Kaitlin won the U19 Board Race and U19 Double Ski at the Australian Championships; she finished 3rd in the U19 Ironperson and represented NSW at the Australian Interstate Championships as part of the Open Team. She also won the overall MVP Title for the World Ocean Series.

Katy will now move on to the NSW Surf Lifesaving Awards of Excellence in August.

Good luck Katy and congratulations on a wonderful season



We are thrilled to congratulate Emerson Leadbeater on being named Open Athlete of the Year.

Still competing in the U19 age group, Emerson stepped up this season to compete in both the Open and 19s beach events at the NSW State Championships and Australian Titles, making finals across multiple events and winning the open NSW Beach Relay title with her SB teammates and placing 5th in open final at Aussies. She represented the Hunter/Central Coast Super Surf Team on the beach, making all of the Open Beach Sprint finals and finished an outstanding 2nd overall in the Open Beach Sprint and 3rd in Open Flags in the

NSW Beach Stormers Series. Emerson will now move on to the NSW Surf Lifesaving Awards of Excellence as the Hunter's representative.

Congratulations Emi on an incredible 2025/26 season and good luck

HUNTER SURF LIFESAVING AWARDS EXCELLENCE

We are excited to congratulate Grace Vans Esveld on being named our U14/15 Athlete of the Year for the 2025/26 season!

Grace had an outstanding season, winning medals at the NSW State Championships, making finals at Aussies, and playing a valuable role in several Swansea Belmont teams throughout the year.

This award is a fitting recognition of Grace's hard work, dedication and achievements across the season. Congratulations Grace!



14/15 Athlete of the Year

SURF SPORTS RESULTS

Interbranch

A fantastic third-place finish for Hunter Surf Lifesaving at the Surf Life Saving NSW Interbranch Championships!

Congratulations to our 17 incredible competitors who proudly represented the Hunter Branch over the weekend. You all performed brilliantly, and we hope you had an amazing experience, learned lots, and made plenty of new friends. Well done, team!



NSW STATE AND AGE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

- We have finished 7TH OVERALL on the final club point score at the Surf Life Saving NSW 2025 Open State Championships.
- State Age Championship we finished 3rd OVERALL score at the Surf Life Saving NSW 2025 Age State Championships.
- A fantastic achievement from regional Hunter club up against big Sydney clubs.
- Thank you to our officials, parents and supporters for your time.

2026 Age Championships

Athlete	Place	Division
Archie Mackel	1	U11 Mixed Cameron Relay
	2	U11 Male Surf Teams
Atticus Dunn	1	U11 Male Board Relay
	2	U11 Male Surf Teams
	3	U11 Male Board Rescue
Bodhi Cousins	1	U13 Male Board Relay
		U13 Male Board Rescue
		U13 Male Cameron Relay
	2	U13 Male Surf Team
Brax Cousins	3	U10 Male Board Race
Brodey Taylor	2	U13 Male Surf Team
Chace Harrison	1	All Age Board Relay
	2	U14 Male Surf Team
	3	U14 Male Board Rescue
Damon Murdoch	2	U14 Male Surf Team
Freya Crake	1	U11 Female Board Relay
Georgie Withyman	1	U12 Female Board Relay
	2	U12 Female Surf Teams
	3	U12 Female Board Rescue
Indi Hoetzer	1	All Age Board Relay
		U12 Female Board Race
		U12 Female Board Relay
	2	U12 Female Board Rescue
		U12 Female Ironperson
		U12 Female Surf Teams
	3	U12 Female Surf Race
		U12 Mixed Cameron Relay

Athlete	Place	Division
Jacob Chalmers	1	U11 Male Board Race
		U11 Male Board Relay
		U11 Mixed Cameron Relay
	2	U11 Male Surf Teams
	3	U11 Male Board Rescue
Joseph Fuller	1	U11 Male Board Relay
	2	U11 Male Surf Teams
Kai Williams	1	All Age Board Relay
Kyah Fitzsimmons	1	U11 Female Board Relay
		U11 Female Board Rescue
	2	U11 Female Board Race
Lana Murrell	2	U12 Female Surf Teams
	3	U12 Female Board Rescue
Liam Blair	1	All Age Board Relay
		U13 Male Board Race
		U13 Male Board Relay
		U13 Male Board Rescue
		U13 Male Cameron Relay
		U13 Male Ironperson
		U13 Male Surf Race
	2	U13 Male Surf Team
Liam Urbanowicz	2	U14 Male Surf Team
Neve Harrison	1	U12 Female Board Relay
		U12 Female Ironperson
	2	U12 Female Board Rescue
		U12 Female Surf Race
		U12 Female Surf Teams
	3	U12 Mixed Cameron Relay
Oceah Cousins	1	All Age Board Relay
Olivia Sams	2	U10/U11 2 Person R&R
Patrick Blair	1	U13 Male Board Relay
		U13 Male Cameron Relay
	2	U13 Male Surf Team
Quinn Mittmann	1	U11 Female Beach Relay
	2	U10/U11 2 Person R&R
Ry Turkington	1	U12 Male Board Race
	3	U12 Male Ironperson
		U12 Mixed Cameron Relay
Sailor Grintell	1	U11 Female Beach Relay
Sienna Williams	1	U11 Female Beach Relay
Tainui Murrell	2	U14 Male Surf Team
	3	U14 Male Board Rescue

Athlete	Place	Division
Xanthe Murrell	1	All Age Board Relay
		U11 Female Beach Relay
		U11 Female Board Race
		U11 Female Board Relay
		U11 Female Board Rescue
		U11 Mixed Cameron Relay
	3	U11 Female Surf Race

2026 Open Championships

Athlete	Place	Division
Alexander Walker	1	U19 Male Surf Race
Alexis Sutherland	1	U17 Female Ironperson
	2	U19 Female Surf Teams
		U19 Female Taplin Relay
	3	U17 Female Surf Race
Billy Foran	2	U19 Male Board Relay
		U19 Male Board Rescue
Blair Turkington	2	U15 Female Cameron Relay
Emerson Leadbeatter	1	Open Female Beach Relay
	2	U19 Female Beach Sprint
	3	U19 Female Beach Flags
Evie Harrison	2	U15 Female Cameron Relay
Grace Van Esveld	2	U15 Female Cameron Relay
Greg Tobin	2	Open Male Double Ski
Hamish Rae	3	U17 Male Board Relay
Izaac Boag	3	Open Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay
Jack Johns	3	Open Male Board Relay
Josh Murphy	2	Open Male Double Ski
Kaitlin Rees	1	U19 Mixed Double Ski
	2	U19 Female Board Race
		U19 Female Ironperson
		U19 Female Surf Race
		U19 Female Surf Teams
		U19 Female Taplin Relay
Kaleah Kingston	2	U19 Female Surf Teams
		U19 Female Taplin Relay
Kurt Murphy	3	Open Male Board Relay
Luana Da Rocha	1	Open Female Beach Relay
Lucinda McNabb	1	Open Female Beach Relay
	2	U17 Female Beach Flags

Athlete	Place	Division
Mitchell Chalmers	1	U17 Male 2km Beach Run
Poppy Doran	1	Open Female Beach Relay
Samuel Murphy	2	U19 Male Double Ski
Stephen Carcary	2	U19 Male Board Relay
Thomas Hall	1	U19 Mixed Double Ski
	2	U19 Male Double Ski
Tye Worell	3	Open Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay
		Open Male Board Relay
Will Munro	3	U17 Male Board Relay
		U17 Male Single Ski Relay
Will Paterson	3	U17 Male Board Relay
		U17 Male Single Ski Relay
William Griffiths	3	U17 Male Single Ski Relay
Xavier Coates	2	U19 Male Board Relay
		U19 Male Board Rescue
Zara Campbell	2	U19 Female Surf Teams



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AUSTRALIAN TITLES

Gold Medalists

- U13 Iron & Surf Race - Liam Blair
- U19 Board Race - Kaitlin Rees
- U17 2x1km Beach Run - Mitch Chalmers & Will Griffiths
- U13 Board Rescue - Liam Blair & Bodhi Cousins
- U13 Cameron - Liam Blair, Bodhi Cousins, Chase Hawkins & Patrick Blair
- U19 Double Ski - Katy & Xanthe Calov



Silver Medalists

- U19 Beach Relay - Lucinda McNabb, Emi Leadbeatter, Luana DaRocha & Phoebe Doran
- U17 2km Beach Run - Tom Chalmers
- U13 Surf Team - Liam Blair, Bodhi Cousins, Ollie Legge & Patrick Blair

Bronze Medalists

- U19 Beach Rescue - Billy Foran & Xavier Coates
- U19 Ironperson - Kaitlin Rees
- U19 Ski Relay - Tom Hall, Darcy Masia & Sam Murphy
- U14 Board - Chace Harrison



Masters Results

Congratulations to our small Masters team who competed over the past two days, both in the water and on the beach. Some fantastic results all round

- 130yrs Ski Relay - Gold - Greg, Steve & Stephen
- 40-45yrs Double Ski - Silver - Greg Tobin & Stephen Ford
- 45-49yrs Single Ski - Bronze - Stephen Ford
- 45-49yrs 2km Beach Run - Gold - Angela Leadbeatter
- 50-54yrs Double Ski - Silver - Steve Masia & Mark Masia
- 55-59yrs - Beach Sprint Final 8th - Susie Doran
- 55-59yrs - Flags Final - 4th - Susie Doran



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



Xanthe Calov and **Taj Williams** competition at the Asia Pacific Cup in New Zealand!

We're so proud to see you both representing Australia as part of the Australian Kayaking Team



A huge congratulations to **Liam Blair** who recently broke Ian Thorpe's 200m freestyle record that had stood for 30 years

The record time of 2:00.52 was surpassed by Liam with an outstanding swim of 1:59.74 at the NSW CHS Championships.

This achievement caps off an incredible surf season for Liam, who also claimed four Australian Titles at Aussies



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time over the weekend to help make the Sharkskin IRB Carnival such a great success.

The feedback from visiting clubs, competitors, officials and Surf Life Saving NSW has been overwhelmingly positive, with many comments on our fantastic venue, beautiful beach, welcoming atmosphere, hardworking volunteers and great BBQ.

Events like this highlight what makes Swansea Belmont SLSC such a special club. It takes a team effort, and once again our members stepped up and delivered. We are incredibly proud of what was achieved and grateful to everyone who contributed their time and energy.

Thank you all for helping put our club on display in the best possible way

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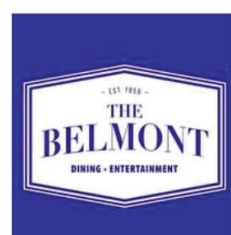
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