

# SURF LIFE SAVING FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH 2021 ANNUAL REPORT





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**FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH**



Here for good.  **NEWCASTLE PERMANENT**

## VALE LARRY PLATT

It has been said that each and everyone of us, living in a populated area could possibly meet and Interact with up to 80,000 people in our lifetime. But out of that number, those who will really make an impact and you will have a meaningful relationship with could be as little as only 150, Larry was certainly one of that 150 for most of us.



Larry Platt was no ordinary lifesaver.

Larry joined the Lennox Head Alstonville Club in the 1988 / 1989 season.

Gained his bronze medallion in 1989 and remained proficient and patrolled continuously until the time of his passing.

Officiated at surf carnivals.

Raced IRBs.

Was Club Chief Instructor for ten years.

District Supervisor 2, 2003 to 2015 when position made redundant

Made a life member of the Club in 2007.

Larry then moved into a position in Far North Coast Branch assisting in the Education and Training area from 2012 until the time of his passing.

National Surf Lifesaving medal in 2010.

SLSA Assessor of the Year 2010.

SLNSW Assessor of the Year 2010 and 2012.

FNC Branch Assessor of the Year 2006 / 2007, 2009 / 2010, 2012 / 2013 seasons.

25 year National Patrol Service Award

25 year Long Service Award

A qualified facilitator, assessor and trainer.

Larry Platt was simply A DAMN GOOD LIFESAVER who will be sorely missed.

## VALE CHARLIE COX OAM

Charlie gained his Bronze Medallion in 1956 ahead of a life dedicated to the Surf Life Saving movement.

With a great understanding of the needs of lifesavers and clubs, Charlie was respected for his wealth of knowledge and store of historical information about Surf Life Saving in the area.

“Charlie was always willing to help, never looking for recognition, he was always available and had a big smile on his face,” said Far North Coast President Wilson Cregan, reflecting on the incredible contribution Charlie made to his branch. “He was the kind of person who knew everyone and he was just so friendly.”

Charlie had the respect of his peers not only within his club, but the wider community and throughout the branch and state. He was an integral part of committees and panels for over three decades where he helped lead and create development opportunities, particularly for his neighbouring clubs and those in the Far North Coast Branch.

A strong competitor in March Past, beach sprint and relays and coach of R&R, Charlie won several titles at both branch and Country championships.

He played a major role in the organisation of the NSW Championships as an official, team manager and organising secretary, particularly in the 1980s. He motivated and managed the NSW country athletes and teams and was pivotal in creating development and touring opportunities.

Within his club, Charlie lead Evans Head Casino SLSC as president between 1974-76 as well as held almost every other committee position including vice president, secretary, club captain, chief instructor, registrar, patrol captain and training camp director and represented the club as delegate to the branch.

“He was a great listener and a true volunteer,” said Wilson Cregan. “He will be dearly missed.”

Charlie was passionate, selfless and truly community-minded. The time and energy he put into helping educate and develop others will be his enduring legacy. He was involved with Evans Head Casino SLSC until his passing on Thursday 14 August 2020, aged 80.



**SURF LIFE SAVING FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH COMBINES  
TEN SURF LIFESAVING CLUBS, A JET RESCUE BOAT  
SERVICE AND THE NORTH COAST BOAT SERIES  
EXTENDING FROM FINGAL HEAD IN THE NORTH TO YAMBA  
IN THE SOUTH**

**FINGAL ROVERS SLSC** 

**CUDGEN HEADLAND SLSC** 

**SALT SLSC** 

**CABARITA BEACH SLSC** 

**BRUNSWICK SLSC** 

**BYRON BAY SLSC** 



 **LENNOX HEAD ALSTONVILLE  
SLSC**

 **BALLINA LIGHTHOUSE AND  
LISMORE SLSC**

 **EVANS HEAD CASINO SLSC**

 **YAMBA SLSC**



## 2020-2021 SEASON

### Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Affiliated with Surf Life Saving Australia Affiliated with Surf Life Saving New South Wales

#### Patrons for 2020 / 2021 Season – Local Politicians

Justine Elliott MP, Federal Member for Richmond  
Kevin Hogan MP, Federal Member for Page  
Geoff Provest MP, State Member for Tweed  
Tamara Smith MP, State Member for Ballina  
Janelle Safin MP, State Member for Lismore  
Christopher Gulaptis MP, State Member for Clarence

#### OFFICE BEARERS

President  
Director of Administration  
Director of Finance  
Director of Lifesaving  
Director of Surf Sports  
Director of Education  
Director of Member Services  
Public Officer  
Registrar  
Auditor  
Honorary Medical  
Honorary Legal  
Emergency Services  
/ Support Operations Coordinator  
First Aid Advisor  
Chief Scrutineer  
Gear Steward  
Coaching Advisor  
JAC Co-ordinator  
Trauma Officer  
Awards Processor  
Coaching Advisor  
Team Manager  
Team Coach  
Media Officer  
COVID-19 Coordinator

Wilson Cregan  
David Rope  
Andrew Dougherty  
Ben Redman  
Debbie Pawsey  
Geoffrey Horsey  
David Field  
James Dougherty  
Debbie Pawsey  
On Track Accountants  
Doctor Brian Witt  
Dan McOmish, Ballina  
Jimmy Keough  
  
Maryanne Sewell  
Kim Holdom  
Gavin Marshall  
Harry Klouzal  
Kirsty Pockley  
Reverend Graeme Davis  
Larry Platt (till March 2021)  
Glenn Lawrence  
Adam Mills  
Scott McCartney  
Jimmy Keough  
David Rope

Not filled this season  
YAC Secretary  
Grievance Officer  
Occupational Health and Safety Advisor

#### COMMITTEES

##### Constitution Committee

John Beasley  
Geoff Harris  
Kim Holdom  
John Watson

##### Honours & Life Membership Committee

John Beasley  
Kim Holdom  
Keith Kennedy  
John Watson

##### Finance Committee

Andrew Dougherty  
Richard Adams  
John Beasley  
Mark Humphries  
Braeden McHugh-Easy

##### Meritorious Awards Committee

Keith Kennedy  
John Watson  
Bill Onslow  
John Beasley

##### Support Operations Committee

Jimmy Keough  
Ben Redman  
Jet Rescue Boat representative  
Two Branch Duty Officers.

##### Competition Committee

Bryan Lyndon  
Harry Klouzal  
Scott McCartney  
Paul Irwin

##### Selection Committee

Adam Mills  
Scott McCartney  
Harry Klouzal  
Bryan Lyndon

## PREVIOUS OFFICE BEARERS

### Presidents

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch		Member
Year		
1934	1960	A. G. Denison*
1960	1981	N. J. Flanagan BEM*
1981	1987	R. J. Watson AM
1987	1990	N.M. Godbee OAM*
1990	1995	C. Johnston
1995	2006	W. D. Cregan
2006	2008	J. B. Beasley OAM
2008		W. D. Cregan

### Director of Administration

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch		Member
Year		
1934	1936	J. O'Grady*
1936	1943	D. C. Murray*
1943	1945	D. P. Jones*
1945	1946	A. Mudge*
1946	1950	P. Rice*
1950	1956	G. A. Coulter*
1956	1962	K. W. Sharpe*
1962	1981	R. J. Watson AM
1981	1982	S. F. Watson
1982	1992	C. J. Cox OAM*
1992	1995	S. Anderson
1995	2003	M. Tutt
2003	2006	P. R. Albertini
2006	2015	D. Pawsey
2015	2017	L. Moore
2017	2018	D. Pawsey
2018		D. Rope

### Director of Lifesaving

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch		Member
Year		
1934	1943	A. Kennedy*
1943	1946	F. Emms*
1946	1948	A. Hockey*
1948	1960	N. J. Flanagan BEM*
1960	1965	C. J. Goddard*
1965	1968	R. G. Mapp OAM*
1968	1969	B. Pearce*
1969	1975	N. M. Godbee OAM*
1975	1979	W. J. Onslow
1979	1984	G. Horsey
1984	1994	R. Shepherd
1994	1995	J. McDonald
1995	1996	G. Rodgers
1996	2003	G. Horsey
2003	2006	P. Baird
2006	2009	G. Horsey
2009	2011	J. Keane
2011	2015	B. Redman
2015	2018	C. J. Samuels
2018	2019	D. Field
2019		B. Redman

### Director of Education

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch		Member
Year		
2009	2012	B. Lewis
2012		G. Horsey

### Director of Finance

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch		Member
Year		
1934	1943	A. Rummery*
1943	1945	S. J. Denning*
1945	1946	S. Chilcott*
1946	1949	K. W. Sharpe*
1949	1950	J. Suffolk*
1950	1953	J. Tippett*
1953	1956	K. W. Sharpe*
1956	1959	J. D. Savage*
1959	1962	K. W. Sharpe*
1962	1965	A. J. Clarke
1965	1966	G. B Carlill
1966	1981	D. H. Gibson*
1981	1982	G. Cox
1982	1987	C. Mallam
1987	1989	G. Horsey
1989	1990	L. Cox
1990	2006	J. B. Beasley OAM
2006	2008	A. Fletcher
2008	2010	T. Berry
2010	2016	G. Clarke
2016		A. Dougherty

### Director of Surf Sports

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch		Member
Year		
1995	2003	K. J. Holdom
2003	2015	R. J. Watson AM
2015		D Pawsey

### Director Member Services

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch		Member
Year		
2003	2006	C. Cain
2006	2009	J. Keane
2009	2016	P. Smith
2016	2019	D. Pawsey
2019		D. Field

### Public Officer

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch		Member
Year		
1988	1992	C. Cox*
1992	1995	S. Anderson
1995	2003	M. Tutt
2003	2004	J. B. Beasley OAM
2004	2005	P. Ninness
2005	2006	P. R. Albertini
2006	2010	D. Pawsey
2010	2011	G. Harris
2011	2019	E. Cummings
2019		J.W. Dougherty OAM

\* Denotes Deceased

# LIFE MEMBERS

## LIFE MEMBERS SURF LIFE SAVING FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH

1952 A. G. Denison*	1966 A. McGeary*	1985 C. J. Cox OAM*	2006 J.B Beasley OAM
1952 W. Haskew*	1971 R.J. Watson AM	1992 G. Horsey	2007 D. Lee
1952 F.J Emms*	1971 N.M. Godbee OAM*	1998 C. Johnston	2007 J. Baird
1956 E.D Healy*	1972 B. Maughan*	1999 D. T. McAteer	2007 M. Harris
1957 N. J. Flanagan BEM*	1974 K.W. Smith*	2002 W. Onslow	2010 W.D. Cregan
1959 L. Maria*	1974 K.A. Kennedy OAM	2002 J.W. Dougherty OAM	2010 D. Morrow
1959 C.J. Goddard*	1975 R.Plunkett*	2002 K. J Holdom	
1960 K.W. Sharpe*	1976 R.G. Mapp OAM*	2003 K. Sutton*	
1962 R. Byrnes*	1978 W.G Cox*	2003 E. Cummings	
1963 G. McNaughton OAM*	1983 B. Pearce*	2006 M. Tutt	
1964 J. Graham*	1983 R. Shepherd	2006 G. Hickey	
1964 F.J. Hall BEM*	1983 M. J. Sidney	2006 C. Buchanan	

## LIFE MEMBERS SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES

1949 F.J Emms*	1967 W. Haskew*	1983 G.McNaughton OAM*	2005 K.J. Holdom
1953 A.G. Denison*	1973 L.Maria*	1985 N.M. Godbee OAM*	2006 A. Chubb
1958 N.J Flanagan BEM*	1976 R.J. Watson AM	1991 C. J. Cox OAM*	2007 W.D. Cregan
1963 C.K. Asmussen MBE*	1978 J.B. Beasley OAM	1994 R. Shepherd	2009 E.Cummings
1966 J.Switzer OAM*	1981 K.A Kennedy OAM	2003 K. Sutton*	

## LIFE MEMBERS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

1946 F.J. Emms*	1966 C.K. Asmussen MBE*	1989 G.McNaughton OAM*	2005 N.M. Godbee OAM*
1954 A. G. Denison*	1971 J.Switzer OAM*	1999 J.B. Beasley OAM	2017 P. Connell
1965 N.J.Flanagan BEM*	1987 R.J. Watson AM	2004 K.A Kennedy OAM	2018 P. J Kenny
			2019 J. A. Kenny

## LIFE MEMBERS FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Mr. J.Clark	Mr.E.Buchanan.+	Mr.B.Muggleton.
Mr.E.Layton.+	Mrs.J.Buchanan.+	Mr.R.Hutchinson.+



## LIFE MEMBERS, SERVICE and HONOURS

### 75 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mr G McNaughton OAM+      Mr B Cribb

### 70 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mr C Asmussen MBE+      Mr N J Flanagan BEM+      Mr J Trevan

### 60 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mr R Shepherd      Mr W Lynch      Mr J Beasley OAM      Mr M Ryan      Mr K Kennedy OAM  
Mr R J Watson AM      Mr K Lazenby+      Mr J Saunders      Mr G Horsey      Mr R Moran

### 55 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mr D Morrow

### 50 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mr F J Hall BEM+	Mr R G Mapp OAM+	Mr C Prendergast	Mr G Harris	Mr M Smith
Mr J O Palmer+	Mr M Godbee OAM+	Mr R Moran	Mr T Sahlqvist	Mr B Stewart
Mr W G Cox+	Mr A J Clark	Mr D Lee	Mr G Sanders	MR R Eady
Mr E Cussen	Mr C Lowien	Mr M Jones	Mr R McKeon	Mr N O'Connor
Mr H R Small+	Mr B Sidney	Mr K Gooley+	Mr P Kenny	Mr S Andrews
Mr C Wraight+	Mr M Sidney	Mr B Hutchings	Mr D Marsh	Mr G Holloway
Mr C W Schaeffer+	Mr R Bymes+	Mr D Moss	Mr C Buchanan	Mr K Ryan
Mr J Aked+	Mr C McGrath	Mr J Gray	Mr G Pile	Mr T Healy
Mr J Switzer OAM+	Mr A Maxwell	Mr F Moss	Mr M Tutt	
Mr L W Dickson+	Mr W Dougherty OAM	Mr A Cole+	Mr A Vidgen	
Mr E Buchanan+	Mr J Graham+	Mr P Gielis	Mr M Abbott	
Mr L Webster+	Mr B Hammond	Mr W D Cregan	Mr P Gleeson	

### 40 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mr G Hickey	Mr R Jackson+	Mr J Stainlay	Mr B Collis	Mr C Spears
Mr J Dougherty OAM	Mr H Small	Mr G Stainlay	Mr G Hill	Mr D Thuys
Mr D McAteer	Mr R Moore	Mr S Merrick+	Mr T Sheridan	Mr R Zahn
Mr K Morgans	Mr K Holdom	Mr G Zietsch	Mr G Crether	Mr K Small
Mr K Sutton+	Mr H Klouzal	Mr G Smith	Mr W Onslow	Mr J Fisher
Mr A Russell	Mr R Burridge+	Mr D Cahill	Mr C Marshall	

## SERVICE and HONOURS

### 35 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mr M Harris                      Mr M Pontefract                      Mr D Field

### 30 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mr G Gordon	Mr J Baird	Mr C Bond	Mr S Wilson	Mr L Burtonwood+
Mr W Lusted	Mr M Roney	Mr G Fettell	Mr P Shepherd	Mr T Rushton
Mr G Marshall	Mrs V Connell	Mr L Wilson	Mr M Nelson	Mr A Curtis
Mr E Cummings	Ms S Eke	Mr B Lyndon	Ms L Horton	Mr R McSkimming
Mr B Bullock	Mr R McCartney	Mr P Fahey	Mr M Buckman	Mr F James
Mrs M Hickey	Mr A Mills	Mr D Hutton	Mr M Player	Mr S Small
Mr M Quinn	Mr G Meredith	Mr W Ball	Mr J Fahey	
Mr A Tarrant+	Mr J Harbison	Mr A McGeary+	Mr R O'Brien	
Mr M Robson	Mrs S Watson	Mr A Clark	Mr T Gielis	
Mr A Schofield	Mr G Arthur+	Mr R Plunkett+	Ms C Nelson	
Mr P Sweetman	Mr J Fleming	Mr P Hickey	Mr J Holey	
Mr S Herbert	Mr R Batson	Mr W Haskew+	Mr K Beavis	

### 25 YEARS SERVICE AWARDS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Mrs B Cahill	Mr D J Maughan	Mr J Julius+	Mr M Buckman	Mr RT Brownell+
Mrs D Pawsey	Mr D Menger+	Mr J O'Mara	Mr M Edwards	Mr S Hogben
Mrs J Kenny	Mr D Spicer	Mr J Pearson	Mr M O'Brien	Mr S Tanner
Mrs R Bradley	Mr D Taylor	Mr J Quirk+	Mr N Campbell	Mr S Vickery
Ms C Dagworthy	Mr D Wraight+	Mr J Wheeler	Mr P Albertini	Mr S White
Mr A Brodrick	Mr E Donovan	Mr J Wright	Mr P Batson	Mr T Bell
Mr A Downes	Mr F O'Laughlin+	Mr Jo Fahey	Mr P Connell	Mr T Boland+
Mr B Maughan+	Mr G Cooper	Mr K Batson	Mr P Donnelly	Mr T Eady
Mr B Misson	Mr G Davis	Mr K Scutts+	Mr P Mirls	Mr T J Tanner
Mr B Pearce+	Mr G Flynn	Mr K W Smith+	Mr P Sobels	Mr W James
Mr B Sutton	Mr G Humphreys	Mr L Burtonwood	Mr P Yager	Mr W Miller
Mr C De Vlieger	Mr G Raso	Mr L Cooper+	Mr P Julian	Mr W Woods
Mr C J Goddard+	Mr G Stubbs	Mr L Donald	Mr R Batson	Mr W Wynter+
Mr C Johnston	Mr G Wraight	Mr L Maria+	Mr R Budd	Mr J Graham+
Mr C Mallam	Mr J Budd+	Mr L Platt+	Mr R Fulwood	
Mr C Sanders+	Mr J Emslie	Mr L Wall+	Mr R Killen	
Mr D Forsyth	Mr J Fuller	Mr L Wraight	Mr R Meijer	
Mr D Gray	Mr J Goodin	Mr M Abbott	Mr R Moran	

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020-21

And again, a most challenging Season, with cancellations, postponements, fires, floods, and the Pandemic. We were strongly tested, but Surf Life Saving Far North Coast is strong and resilient – for the second Season in a row, under difficult circumstances, our Lifesavers and our Team in general, stood tall – no challenge could dim their resolve and the combined effort and service to the Region's Communities was first class.

Regardless of those difficulties and pressures, a lot was achieved throughout the Season 2020/21 – the following are only some of the highlights:

- o N.S.W. Member for Clarence, Chris Gulaptis, announces funding of \$100,000.00 for Evans Head Casino Surf Club to upgrade change rooms, toilets and disabled amenities.
- o Yamba Surf Club to receive more than \$30,000.00 to carry out electrical works and install new roller doors.
- o The Anonymous Donor once again confirmed a commitment of \$150,000.00 to support Surf Life Saving Clubs on the Far North Coast.
- o Aidan Yourell of the Evans Head Surf Club was recognised in the N.S.W. Volunteer of the Year Awards for service to Surf Life Saving on the Northern Rivers.
- o The prestigious Raising of the Flags Ceremony was held at and capably hosted by the Cudgen Headland Surf Club, as the 2019/20 Club of the Year in the Far North Coast Branch.
- o Lennox Head Surf Club achieve a special milestone in achieving their highest Membership total – a great result in difficult times.
- o Our Surf Life Savers and Lifeguards performed more than 30 Rescues on Christmas Day, at one stage 5 people were rescued at once. This is an amazing effort by our Members, when most people are at home with their families.
- o The Branch under 13/14 Development Camp was held at and hosted by Salt Surf Club with a tremendous response from the youth in our area and big numbers in attendance
- o John Beasley and Geoff Harris (both from the Lennox Head Surf Club) were rightfully recognised as the Senior Citizens of the year for Ballina Shire.
- o The Branch, in general, and the Byron Bay Surf Club, in particular, suffer a huge loss with the passing of Olympian, Cliff Burvill, in tragic circumstances.
- o The 2020/21 Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year Female Award went to Phoebe Link of Byron Bay Surf Club.
- o And the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Male Award winner was Ethan Bayly from Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Club.
- o The Combined Branch Championships were held at Cudgen, with the Host Club taking out the overall Competition (1165 points), followed by Lennox Head-Alstonville (667 points), and 3rd Place to Cabarita Beach (466 points). All 10 Clubs participated and it was simply a great weekend.
- o Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Club name and christen their new Rescue Boat in memory of their late Member Lyn "Raz" Burtonwood.
- o Cudgen Headland Surf Club produces a magnificent effort in hosting 6 Rounds of the highly regarded Nutri-Grain Series over 2 weekends without a hitch.
- o Congratulations to all the Branch Competitors who attended the N.S.W. Championships. Notable Open Results were Gold to Cudgen's Hayley Smith in the Under 19 Surf Swim, Gold to Hayley Smith and Chloe Jones in the Open Board Rescue, and Gold to Kalani Ives of Yamba in the Under 17 Ironwomen.
- o The Leadership Team and Participants for the N.S.W. inaugural Lifesaving Development Program were selected and included Andrew Chubb (Leadership), Sven Loemker of Cudgen Headland (Participant), and Lara Wegemund from Cabarita Beach (Participant).

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020-21 cont.

- o During the March floods, some of our Members gave unselfish and valuable support to Flood affected Communities at Port Macquarie, Grafton and Maclean. Our Members were also active locally on the Tweed in similar circumstances during December 2020.
- o Towards the end of the Season, with support from Surf Life Saving N.S.W., the Tweed Beach Safety Liaison Committee was resurrected, with good potential benefits for the four Northern Clubs.
- o The 2021 Australian Titles were run and won with Gold Medals for Far North Coast Competitors Sofie Boyd (Cudgen Headland) - Open Female Board Riding, Olissa Onley (Cudgen Headland) - Under 17 Female 2 km Beach Run, and Suki Alford (Byron Bay) - Under 15 Female Surf Board Riding.

Unfortunately we also experienced some low points across the season with the passing of some of our volunteer members including;

- o The entire Surf Life Saving Community was in shock with the loss of Amber Christie, the wife of popular Evans Head S.L.S.C. President, Avan. Both Amber and Avan had been long term Members and highly respected.
- o Another tragic accident and Surf Life Saving lost a truly great Lifesaver in Larry Platt - simply a tireless worker for Lennox Head and the Branch.
- o Far North Coast Surf Life Saving and the Community generally lost another outstanding Member in Charlie Cox - a celebrated Life Saver, who had been awarded an O.A.M., amongst many other Awards and achievements in a special history in Surf Life Saving of more than 60 years.

Surf Life Saving has proven time and time again that it can handle most challenges, the last Season was no different, together we served our Communities and provided that safe aquatic environment that Australia has come to expect.

We are a Team on the Far North Coast and we acknowledge the combined and total effort of our Members, Clubs and Entities who make the Organisation strong and valued in today's Society - our frontline Lifesavers (who are No.1 in our Team), their Families and Supporters, the Clubs / Ballina Jet Rescue Boat / North Coast Boat Series - particularly their Presidents (and Delegates), who make up the Branch Council, our long term Major Sponsors who provide the necessary support to keep our Movement functioning effectively - particularly Newcastle Permanent and Tursa, Government at all three Levels with special emphasis to our local Councils, all our local Politicians, the Police, the Rescue Helicopter, the Ballina Jet Rescue Boat, our partner Emergency Services, the highly successful and energetic Junior Organisation within our Ranks, our Support Services and call-out Teams, the E.S.O. - Jimmy Keough, every Member of the Branch Executive, and the Public at large who continue to support local Surf Life Saving with passion and belief.

We are Far North Coast Surf Life Saving - proud, committed, and responsive - now preparing to do it all again next Season as Community Volunteers.

Wilson Cregan  
President

## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION 2020-21

It is with pleasure that I submit my third Annual Report to the Branch Council for consideration.

Wow, what a season it has been with the COVID restrictions seeing the early finish to the 2019 season continuing on throughout the entire 2020 season, with various Public Health orders as well as other restrictions being imposed by the NSW State Government as the need arose.

As a result of the restrictions, we turned to the use of the ZOOM platform to hold a considerable number of the Branch Council meetings, which saw the attendance of the Club Presidents and Delegates increase, with only a small number of absences across nine Branch Council meetings this season.

Technology has assisted our Clubs across the season with all Clubs now embracing the patrol operations application, although not yet perfect, saving Clubs considerable data entry hours.

Similarly all Clubs across the Branch are now using the Members Portal to facilitate their memberships for both renewing and new members. Again a saving of considerable data entry hours for our volunteers.

Across the season it looked like our Constitution Committee would be able to provide their final draft of the new Branch Constitution, but with the introduction of the new SLSNSW Constitution in September 2020, that went to ten draft documents, as well as the SLSNSW Regulations in late February 2021, further work is required to align to the new SLSNSW Rules, which have presented their own challenges since being adopted.

It has been an immensely busy season for all portfolios with reporting and data flow between Branch and SLSNSW occurring on an almost daily basis, together with a significant increase in the number of meetings being convened at a SLSNSW level for Branch Presidents and Directors. Thank you to the other members of the Branch Executive this season, Wilson, Andrew, Ben, Debbie, Geoffrey, David and Jim, who all make my job a lot easier.

Thank you once again to our major sponsor Newcastle Permanent Building Society for the ongoing association with surf lifesaving and in particular Far North Coast Branch.

Tursa have again sponsored the Branch across the season and are committed again coming into the new season.

Thank you also to our other sponsors who continue to back up year after year.

A big thank you to Sam Clutterbuck, our Administration Officer provided by SLSNSW who has now been on board for about 18 months. Sam has provided an additional layer of support to our clubs across the Branch and has assisted the relevant portfolio directors with the large burden of administrative work that comes with each of the Branch Executive positions.

Thank you to all the Clubs for their support across the season. I look forward to the coming season which is fast approaching.

David Rope  
Director of Administration

## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION 2020-21

### Meeting Attendance Branch Executive

	Executive Meetings		Branch Council	
	Possible	Attended	Possible	Attended
President	3	3	9	9
Director of Administration	3	3	9	9
Director of Finance	3	3	9	6
Director of Lifesaving	3	3	9	9
Public Officer	3	3	9	9
Director of Surf Sports	3	2	9	8
Director of Education	3	3	9	9
Director of Member Services	3	1	9	6



## DIRECTOR OF FINANCE 2020/21

A season of ups and downs across all facets of lifesaving operations with the management of Covid impacting member clubs and Branch operations. During the year we have received support from all levels of Surf Life Saving, Government, our sponsors and executive team which has been key to our successfully continuing operations.

At SLS FNC Branch we have maintained a large inventory of Lifesaving, Surf Sports and Education equipment with our 4WD fleet a particular focus in season 2020/21. We have had the use of a new Holden dual cab during their sponsorship and during the year had the opportunity to purchase the vehicle outright on the conclusion of their arrangements (the focus next season will be the remaining duty office 4Wd's).

A large part of Branch funding comes from our Government and sponsor partners which has been more important than ever with the increasing costs of Branch operations. The Branch continues to support member development, surf sports and Lifesaving activities and while costs have been contained during the year we remain 'rescue ready' with an amazing team of duty officers.

A number of large Surf Sports (e.g Interbranch) and Member Development activities were not able to be held during the season so Branch operating expenditure is correspondingly less than previous years. We had budgeted for a cash flow neutral position with the end of the financial year finding us very much cash flow positive and ready to meet the challenges of the upcoming season.

We finish the year in an excellent financial position and ready to deal with the challenges that season 2021/22 will present.

Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters who have donated not just funds but the amount of in kind support we have received continues to provide the Branch with a strong foundation.

All departments within the Branch have delivered great outcomes for the public and member clubs with the funds we raised supporting education, member development, providing surf sports participation opportunities and providing our primary Lifesaving responsibilities an appropriate level of resources.

Yours in Lifesaving  
Andrew Dougherty





## DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING 2020/21

It has been another turbulent year.

With COVID border closures and floods. The clubs on the FNC have been kept on their toes. Just as we thought that it would be a quiet season we were swarmed with domestic travellers that all wanted to be at the beach.

With unprecedented beach attendance all year, some areas were as busy in the off peak season than they were at Christmas.

Within the branch we had 101 Requests for assistance through 13SURF, the highest figure outside of the Metropolitan Branches and the highest of any of the Country Branches. Across the season saw collectively 27433.10 Patrol Hours, 6934 preventative actions, 363 First aid cases and 161 rescues being performed.

Once again we stepped outside of our normal Patrol duties to assist with the flood emergencies, in December 2020 around the Tweed Shire and subsequently in March 2021 in the Port Macquarie area, Grafton and McLean. Our volunteers that attended these events showed that we are not just looking out for swimmers at the beach but we are there for our communities and our neighbours.

The last few years have certainly been out of the ordinary and at times stressful.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers and their families for always going above and beyond. A big thank you to all of the club committees and the members behind the scenes that make sure that clubs run smoothly and that ensure that our front line lifesavers are well prepared and looked after as without you we could not provide the level of service that the public expect. You are the backbone of the organisation and I can't thank you enough.

Yours in Lifesaving.

Ben Redman.



## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION 2020/21

The 2020/2021 Season has been a continuation of last season with Covid-19 been the major player in how we were able to participate in the majority of all the aspects of the Education field within the Far North Coast Branch. I am pleased to be able to report that the Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators working under adverse conditions were able to carry out all their necessary duties in conducting both Skills Maintenance and the various Award Assessments within the requirements of our Standard Operating Procedures.

There were many new and old requirements that effected the way in that we operate within the Training and Assessment field and all of these had an effect on our ability to carry out our duties to 100% efficiency. I will cover majority of these to the best of my ability in the following sections.

Branch Facilitated Courses. These continue to be conducted at the Branch Facilities at Ballina and Kingscliff, however due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the content of the course's was modified as required and the Facilitators were still able to complete the process with a satisfactory result that complied with the course content. During the season the following were conducted,

- First Aid 12 Courses with 128 candidates.

- Advanced Resuscitation Techniques 4 courses 37 candidates

- Silver Medallion Beach Management 2 courses 19 candidates

- Rescue Water Craft Operator 1 course 3 candidates {it should be noted that there are still a number of candidates that have not yet completed their training}

Training Officers Course. This is now a SLSNSW Facilitated course and conducted under a completely new system were majority of the Theory component carried out via Zoom and the Canvas online system. The first of these was conducted in February 2021 and included candidates from all Branch's within the State. The Far North Coast was fortunate to have 5 candidates included, 3 completing the course and one obtaining Recognition of Prior Learning, all of these are now Probationary Training Officers and in the process of gaining the Training Officers Certificate in their chosen award at their respective club.

The second course commenced in May 2021 and the Branch was again fortunate to have 7 candidates accepted, these should complete the course by the end of May 2021 and start their practical training at their club.

HLTAID new resources upskilling. As of the 1st July 2021 all awards that include the HLTAID units of competency will have to in some way have the holders upskilled to the Units of Competency content. This process is at present been finalised and all effected will be advised accordingly. This upgrade will be conducted either by SLSNSW or Branch personnel.

Assessing App. We were led to believe that that this could be utilised for both Skills Maintenance and Award Assessing, this was not the case and caused unnecessary major problems within all of our club's. The Branch supported SLSNSW in the non-use of the App for Award Assessment until such time as suitable adjustments were made so that it complied with the SLSNSW Training and Education Standard Operating Procedures.

The App was utilised in some cases for Skills Maintenance however majority of clubs still utilised the manual system. There has been a working group set up to oversee the upgrade of this App and it will not be in use within NSW until such time as its use is compliant with the Education Standard Operating Procedures.

SLSNSW Education Committee. Following the newly approved SLSNSW Constitution the SLSNSW Education Committee has been formed and all of the State Directors of Education are part of this committee, they are required to meet at least 4 times per year either face to face or via Zoom, I will be including information from these meetings in my Education updates which will be re- introduced on a regular basis after the Branch Annual General Meeting.

In conclusion I would like to sincerely thank all the Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators for the dedicated work you have carried out over the last season, I would love to have some system to record the number of hours that you put into your training and assessment, I feel a lot of people would be surprised, thank you for a job well done.

To my fellow Executive Members, Wilson, David, Debbie, Andrew, Ben, David and Jim thank you for your support over the last season its greatly appreciated.

As I have been in the Position of Director of Education since 2012, if re-elected I will be making the 2021/2022 Season my final year.

I could not complete my report without mention of "Larry Platt" we could not have had a more dedicated officer than Larry, he went far beyond what most of us would do to complete his duties as Branch Awards Processing Officer. His dedication to the position and the accuracy in completing the process was beyond approach, Larry was a true friend and workmate, you will be sorely missed, "May you rest in Peace"

Geoff Horsey  
Director of Education

## DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORT 2020/21

Once again it gives me great pleasure to submit this annual report. What a season!

This season has been like none other. Even though we have not had a surf sports meeting this season, the competition committee along with Sam Clutterbuck have been busy meeting regularly to deal with the issues of holding carnivals and COVID-19. I hope to hold regular meetings next season. Or at least pre-season and post season again with a proactive competition committee.

Once we were able to hold carnivals, the attendance was above average, I think due to people wanting to get out and about and have regular competition again. Using the QR Code for FNCSB, we were able to control numbers on the beach, with the 2 days of Branch Titles, we averaged 1900 people in our comp area each day. A big thank you to everyone for their patience. With working around all the COVID-19 regulations this saw the carnival season start a few weeks later than usual which meant we had one less JAC carnival than previous years.

To our dedicated officials, Water Safety Personal and helpers that have remained dedicated to the Branch. Branch spirit of work hard and pull together has made our carnivals created a very successful. Yamba, Lennox Head, Cabarita Beach, Evans Head and Cudgen Headland hosted the Club Carnivals this season. All clubs did a great job making sure the carnivals ran smoothly.

Lennox Head & Alstonville SLSC hosted the first Youth – Open Carnival, the club worked hard to set up a great competition area and we had great conditions for a carnival in some time, surf conditions at Lennox this weekend could not get any better for our young lifesavers to kick off the season.

Once again, the natural amphitheatre at Yamba proves to have the best atmosphere for carnivals and this season was no different, with the number restricted to 500 this saw us take the Under 9s and Under 10s around to Convent Beach to keep our number in line with COVID-19. Thanks, to the Yamba club for once again pulling together for a wonderful carnival.

Once again, Evans Head-Casino hosted a round of the North Coast Boats, it is great to see boats back on the Far North Coast, an event we hope to keep each season.

Due to conditions on the Northern Rivers we had to postpone the junior carnival set for Cabarita Beach from November to the 14th February 2021. This was a good runup to those going to state or a carnival at the end of the season for those not attending state this season with the restriction put on by SLSNSW and COVID-19. We look forward to being back at Cabarita Beach.

Clubs are still working on encouraging new officials but we still need a lot more to go through the process of completing this course as we usually have a 41% drop off of new officials.

With the beach erosion at Byron Bay, I would like to thank Cudgen Headland for hosting the Branch titles this year, with changes almost weekly it has put a lot of extra work on a number of people. Special thanks to Harry Klouzal, Bryan Lyndon, Paul Irwin, and Sam Clutterbuck. With the new format combining the Juniors and Seniors, I look forward to feedback.

To all those superb group of Officials, First Aid, Water Safety and Scrutineers throughout this Branch – thank you.

## DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORT 2020/21

One disappointment this season was the postponement of the NSW Interbranch Championships, moving it to March came with many clashes, this caused 5 out of the 11 Branches deciding to not attend, FNC being one of them. In the end the event was cancelled due to a major flooding event.

A country working group was put together looking at the future of the titles, this group have sent through to state how we would like to move forward. Work jointly with SLSNSW. The carnival is too big to be run by volunteer, a list of what we would like them to do is being compiled. First choice for dates is the 1st weekend in Feb.

We have asked that an expressions of interest to host go out ASAP.

In May I travelled to Sydney for the combined director's portfolio meeting.

Once again thanks to everyone for another great season.

Yours in Surf Life Saving,  
Debbie Pawsey  
Director of Surf Sports





## SURF SPORTS RESULTS

### Surf Lifesaving New South Wales State Champs 25th February to 11th April 2021 Swansea Belmont SLSC, Blacksmiths Beach NSW

65-69 Male Beach Sprints	3rd	Alan Lawrence	Yamba
30-34 Female Ironwoman	3rd	Elyse Comerford	Brunswick
60-64 Female Beach Flags	3rd	Therese Crollick	Ballina
U/15 Male Beach Flags	3rd	Noah Waldock	Ballina
Open Male Board Recue	2nd	Luke Chaffer	Cudgen
		Scott McCartney	
Open Male Board Relay	3rd	Rory Matthews	Cudgen
		Luke Chaffer, Scott McCartney	
U/15 Male Board Relay	3rd	Patrick Carey	Cudgen
		Zayne Chisholm, Sylas Phillips	
U/19 Female Surf Race	1st	Hayley Smith	Cudgen
U/17 Ironwoman	1st	Kalani Ives	Yamba
Open Female Board Race	1st	Chloe Jones	Cudgen
		Hayley Smith	
U/19 Female Board Rescue	3rd	Olissa Onley	Cudgen
		Hayley Smith	
U/19 Female Board Race	3rd	Maisie Miller	Lennox Head
U/17 Female Board Race	3rd	Kalani Ives	Yamba

### Surf Lifesaving Australia Championships 16 April – 24 April 2021 Maroochydore SLSC, Alexandra Headland SLSC and Mooloolaba SLSC

U/14 Male Beach Flags	3rd	Deacon Streader	Cudgen
U/14 Female Surf Board Riding	1st	Niamh Sharpe	Lennox
U/14 Female Board Riding	3rd	Niamh Sharpe	Lennox
U/14 Female Board Race	3rd	Niamh Sharpe	Lennox
U/15 Female Board Riding	1st	Suki Alford	Byron Bay
U/17 2km Beach Run	1st	Olissa Onley	Cudgen
Open Female Board Riding	1st	Sofie Boyd	Cudgen
35-39 Female Beach Flags	2nd	Odette Blacklock	Salt
45-49 Male Double Ski	3rd	A Team	Byron Bay
50-54 Female Single Ski	2nd	Joanne Kay	Byron Bay
50-54 Female Double Ski	1st	Team A	Byron Bay
50-54 Male Sprint Race	3rd	John-Paul Smith	Salt
50-54 Male Beach Flags	2nd	Adam Mills	Cudgen
55-59 Female Single Ski	2nd	Karen Irwin	Byron Bay
60-69 Male Short Board Riding	3rd	Mark Callahan	Byron Bay
60-64 Male Board Rescue	2nd	Byron Bay	Byron Bay
60-64 Male 1km Beach Run	3rd	Paul Pattison	Byron Bay
60-64 Male Ironperson	2nd	Glen Lawrence	Byron Bay
60-64 Male Board Race	3rd	Colin Mustoe	Byron Bay
65-69 Male 1km Beach Run	2nd	David Quemard	Brunswick
70-74 Male Surf Race	2nd	Derek Goodchild	Cudgen
70-74 Male Board Race	3rd	Derek Goodchild	Cudgen
170yrs Male Taplin	3rd	Byron Bay	Byron Bay

## Life Saving/Patrol Equipment

Scrutineering of Patrol gear presented some interesting logistics and taxing issues due to Covid-19. The Scrutineers based in the Tweed Shire were forced to live in a bubble for several months and completed the inspections on club's within Tweed Shire. The southern scrutineers carried out inspections at Lennox Head, Ballina and Evans Head. The remaining club's namely Brunswick, Byron Bay and Yamba were inspected by appointed club members by the Chief Scrutineer assisted by electronic means such as mobile phones and laptops.

Inspections and re inspections were carried out commencing in August. All lifesaving gear was checked for safety and currency and this included IRB's, trailers, vehicles, rescue boards and tubes ,1st Aid rooms and kits, patrol and signal flags etc. In the main the gear was of a reasonable to good standard and re inspections was needed in some instances. The main issues were rescue boards and tubes. Club's need to have an asset replacement program for all Life Saving gear. I would suggest that Club's and Club Gear Steward's familiarise themselves with SLSNSW Circular, "SLSNSW Annual Gear and Equipment Inspection Program"

## Competition Equipment

Competition scrutineering was undertaken at Branch conducted carnivals for both Juniors and Seniors by Max Harris Kim Holdom and John Watson Competition Scrutineering was also carried out at club requests however there were several instances where scrutineering was left till the last minute.

Random scrutineering was also conducted during the Nutri-Grain Series by the Branch Chief Scrutineer.

The FNC Branch was represented by Max Harris and Kim Holdom as Scrutineers at the Australian Championships held on the Sunshine Coast. The standard of competition craft in this Branch is top shelf in comparison to other Branches in NSW and Queensland and this is due to the scheduling and diligence of our Branch scrutineers.

Kim Holdom

Chief Scrutineer, FNC Branch.



## 2019 / 2020 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The Annual Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Awards of Excellence presentation and dinner in the 2019 / 20 season was unfortunately affected by COVID-19 restrictions. At that time all mass gathering events were restricted under Public Health orders in NSW.

The Organising Committee had to get their thinking caps on and utilise their skills to deliver the presentation virtually, with the video being streamed through social media on the Saturday evening announcing the winners across the Branch.

Well done and thank-you to Shantel Gregoraci, David Field and Sam Clutterbuck for working hard to deliver the video and go LIVE on Saturday 20th June 2020.

Overall the video was a success with over 3800 views reaching up to 10,000 people. It was great to still acknowledge all members of the Far North Coast who excelled in a number of areas.

### **Lifesaver of the Year**

Paul Ransom

### **Youth Lifesaver of the Year**

Bede Curnow

### **Patrol Captain of the Year**

Beau Monks

### **Administrator of the Year**

David Rope

### **Coach of the Year**

Samantha Miller

### **Youth Surf Sports Athlete of the Year**

Lily O'Sullivan

### **Surf Sports Athlete of the Year**

Bailey Copeland

### **Master Athlete**

Joe Dougherty

### **Sports Team of the Year**

Cudgen Headland Pool Rescue Team

### **Trainer of the Year**

Matthew Bell

### **Assessor of the Year**

Kris Beavis

### **Facilitator of the Year**

Michael Pontefract

### **Patrol of the Year**

Patrol 4 - Fingal Rovers

### **Overall Club of the Year**

Cudgen Headland SLSC

### **Competition Point Score**

Cudgen Headland SLSC

### **Junior Club of the Year**

Salt SLSC

### **Education Club of the Year**

Cudgen Headland SLSC

### **Administration Club of the Year**

Cudgen Headland SLSC

### **Surf Sports Club of the Year**

Cudgen Headland SLSC

### **Life Saving Club of the Year**

Byron Bay SLSC

### **Jacob Lollback Encouragement Trophy**

Luke Chaffer

### **Official of the Year**

Debbie Pawsey

### **Presidents Trophy**

Lily O'Sullivan

### **Volunteer of the Year**

David Field

### **Services Team of the Year**

Cudgen Headland Event Organising Team

### **Youth Volunteer of the Year**

Sven Loemker





## MEMBER SERVICES

There has been a lot of activity in this area this season, some highlights follow.

### **Member Retention and Engagement**

This has been a focus of discussion this year from State, to Branch Club level. It is a complex issue. The JAC has this year done a lot towards member retention and has plans to hold a combined Clubs SRC course in the July school holidays. Some activities held in the Branch this year targeting junior engagement were the junior search and rescue and the junior development camp.

### **Junior Search and Rescue.**

This was a series of modified search and rescue activities trialled at Cudgen and then rolled out to Tweed Coast Clubs and then to Brunswick and Byron Bay. Time constraints prevented the program being rolled out to the whole Branch but those under 15 members who attended the Junior Development Camp in January did get to experience some aspects. In all 85 participants experienced the modified search and rescue activities and received a certificate of participation. "Dare to Lead in Lifesaving" U13/U14 Development Camp 73 junior lifesavers attended the weekend on 9th and 10th January.

Eight clubs sent participants – Evans Head sent no participants but their JAC, Lucy Ellis presented at the camp. Fingal had no members in these age groups.

The speakers were Senator Jenny McAllister, Dr Rachael Robinson, Pamela Simon, Mikala Campbell, Kirsty Pockley, Sven Loemker, Shantell Gregoraci, Anthea Warne, Wilson Cregan, Ernie Williams, Sven Loemker, and Scott McCartney.

Salt SLSC was an excellent venue and costs were able to be minimized with participants paying \$20.

The highlights of the Camp, according to the participants were the Survivor Adventure Challenge including the Bridge jump and the Night Search. The activities were:

Survivor Adventure; Challenge; Respect - the key to Leadership; Remote First Aid; Junior Search and Rescue; Dare to Lead in Lifesaving Keynote Speakers; If I ruled the World; Welcome to Country; So you Wanna Be A Lifeguard? Night Search; Morning Yoga or Morning Surf; UAV Demonstration and talk; Dare to Lead keynote speakers. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and the JACs should take a bow for the way they facilitated the Camp.

### **Community Engagement**

CEO Steven Pearce said recently that Clubs should turn their buildings around meaning that instead of always facing out to sea we should look inland towards our communities. SLSNSW has identified greater engagement with our communities as a focus. Within our Branch clubs have a history of community engagement. Using Brunswick and Evans as examples, Brunswick has been very active over many years with community special events and regularly partners with other volunteer rescue groups to hold these iconic events such as the Mullum to Bruns paddle. Evans this year had their planned Lifesaving for Year 7 Sport thwarted by Covid but maintained their successful school-based member training and recruitment at Kyogle High School.

The challenge, however, is for Clubs is to be able to convert their community profile into member recruitment. This is one area where Branch can assist Clubs to enhance their community activities into recruitment opportunities.

The state sponsored Club Open Days may have ceased but open days still provide a valuable way for Clubs to open their doors to their communities to recruit and encourage support. The Raising of the Flags could be re-imagined into a recruitment activity rather than simply a public relations event and be held across Clubs rather than as a single Branch activity. Brunswick has discussed an Open Day using the appeal of the UAV program and a chance to experience drones in action as a way to raise interest in and recruitment for lifesaving activities.

Club's that have major renovations or, in the case of Ballina and Brunswick, new builds often find a boost in membership. Clean, well maintained and functional spaces and equipment also serve as recruitment and retention assets.

As we know there is no such thing as an off season these days and preparations are already underway for the 2022 season.

David Field

Director Member Services

## DARE TO LEAD IN LIFESAVING – U13 + U14 DEVELOPMENT CAMP

73 junior lifesavers attended the Under 13 Under 14 Development Camp on the weekend of 9th and 10th January 2021.

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Thanks to Salt SLSC and their team for creating such a great venue.

Kirsty Pockley  
Branch JAC Chair

Sam Clutterbuck  
Branch Admin

David Field  
Member Services





A very busy and rewarding time for UAV training and development in the Branch.

Decoding the jargon. UAVOIP Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operators Induction Program.

REPL Remote Pilots Licence.

ARN Aviation Reference Number (all our drone operators must have this) Pilot – someone with an REPL.

Operator someone with a UAVOIP

### A timeline:

December 2020 four people Mark Atkins, Simon Nimmo, Kristian Clear and David Field were trained as UAV trainers.

Courses conducted:

20/21 February Cabarita Beach

27/28 February Ballina

27/28 February Fingal

20/21 March – Ballina

10/11 April Cudgen.

The demand for training remains strong. Our 3 available trainers are under considerable pressure to conduct training. Additional training weekends will be scheduled over Winter.

We have many skilled pilots – some from an aviation background – we need to have more trainers before next season

Fly -Ins are being held to bring pilots together and develop skills. The first of these was at Brunswick in early April. The second, in late April at Cudgen with 11 pilots attending, 7 of whom were women.

The third is planned for Ballina on Saturday June 5th this will also be combined with a meeting of all UAV operators and pilots at Ballina Lismore Lighthouse SLSC.

Brunswick is planning an open day with drone operations a feature.

Compared with the other Branches FNC is going well as stated by the State Public Safety Manager recently.

### Priorities

UAV at all our Clubs. Brunswick is still without a UAV despite now having 7 operators.

More operators trained with the goal that each patrol can have a UAV and operator in much the same way as we have an IRB.

Continue to develop the UAVOIP program to recruit new members into our clubs.

Continue the supervised flying with new pilots required to undertake 5 hours of supervised operations before being signed off by their Club UAV coordinator.

Special thanks to Simon Nimmo, Mark Atkins, Lachlan Field, Terry Mortimer, David Dempsey our club UAV co-ordinators as well as Sam Clutterbuck.

David Field

Branch UAV Coordinator



## COVID-19 UPDATE

The 2020/21 Surf Life Saving season has been hugely impacted by the global pandemic, COVID-19. During the 2019/20 season it halted patrols one month earlier than scheduled, continued for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021.

It began with a nation-wide lockdown at the end of March 2020, lasting several months, resulting in several major competitions and events being postponed or cancelled throughout SLS New South Wales. The 2020 SLS State Championships had just completed before everything else came to a halt. Australian Champs, Interbranch 2020, World Champs, and the Olympics were all postponed or cancelled.

It was a year that brought much uncertainty like the world had pressed the 'reset' button.

Luckily, the 2020/21 volunteer lifesaving season managed to finish as scheduled and a new reformatted SLSNSW State Champs and Aussies 2021 were delivered.

Several restrictions were in force for all competitions and lifesaving from day one of the 2020/21 Season. At the beginning it was uncertain whether the QLD/NSW 'bubble' restrictions would ease to allow those Tweed Members who lived in QLD access to their clubs to deliver their duties. Lucky enough the premier reduced the restrictions for the first weekend of patrols.

Well done to all the Far North Coast Members who have continued to put in 100% effort across all areas and adjusting to the "new norm". Not even a global pandemic can stop our volunteers!

Here's hoping the rest of 2021 and beyond allows us all to continue functioning successfully as an organisation and return to some pre-COVID normality.





## SUPPORT OPERATIONS GROUP

Once again, a stellar performance from Far North Coast Support Operations Group. Good results have been achieved by our hard-working members all of whom have performed far beyond what is expected of volunteers.

To all RWC Operators, Duty Officers and UAV members I thank you for your hard work over season 2020 / 2021.

Support Operations is an ever-evolving aspect of Surf Lifesaving now that we are legislated as an “Emergency Service”.

Far North Coast Branch is well respected and looked upon as leading the way with Operations, Equipment, Incident Control Management & Resource allocation. Further development in the Emergency Service space is still under consideration with exciting times ahead.

Over the season Far North Coast Surf Lifesaving was stood up on several occasions in response to local and regional weather events.

Far North Coast branch provided liaison officer to Emergency Operations Centre on two occasions (Local Flood Events) and deployed two strike teams to assist in the Mid North Coast & North Coast area after significant flooding was experienced after severe weather event. Big thankyou to the following personnel: -

Rob Slade – Team Leader (Cudgen)  
Jason Pearsen (Cudgen)  
Greg Brown (Cudgen)  
Duncan Hope (Ballina)  
Todd Muller (Ballina)  
Jamie Tanner (Ballina)  
Liam Worling (Ballina)  
Michael Cudgeon (Byron)  
Aven Christie (Evans)  
James Forbes (Yamba)  
Ray Wiblen (Yamba)

Numerous other Far North Coast members attended these events in a paid capacity attached to Australian Lifeguard Service.

Jimmy Keough  
Support Operations Officer





## Stats Overview

### Far North Coast RWC s

- 1570hrs Patrolling  
- 12 Rescue

### Duty Officers

- 3903hrs Patrolling  
- 8 Rescues

### FNC Branch Appointed Duty Officers 2020 / 2021 Season

Tweed Coast  
Chris Samuels  
David Dempsey  
Andrew Mills

Brunswick / Byron  
Jimmy Keough  
Roger Beadman  
Dan Andrew

Ballina / Richmond  
Garry Meredith  
Ben Redman

Clarence Valley  
Peter Sweetman  
Matthew Saunders

### FNC Branch Appointed RWC Area Captains 2020 / 2021 Season

Tweed Coast  
Gary Raso

Brunswick / Byron  
Dave Griffiths

Ballina / Richmond  
Al Noble

Clarence Valley  
Matthew Saunders

### Duty Officer Patrol Hours

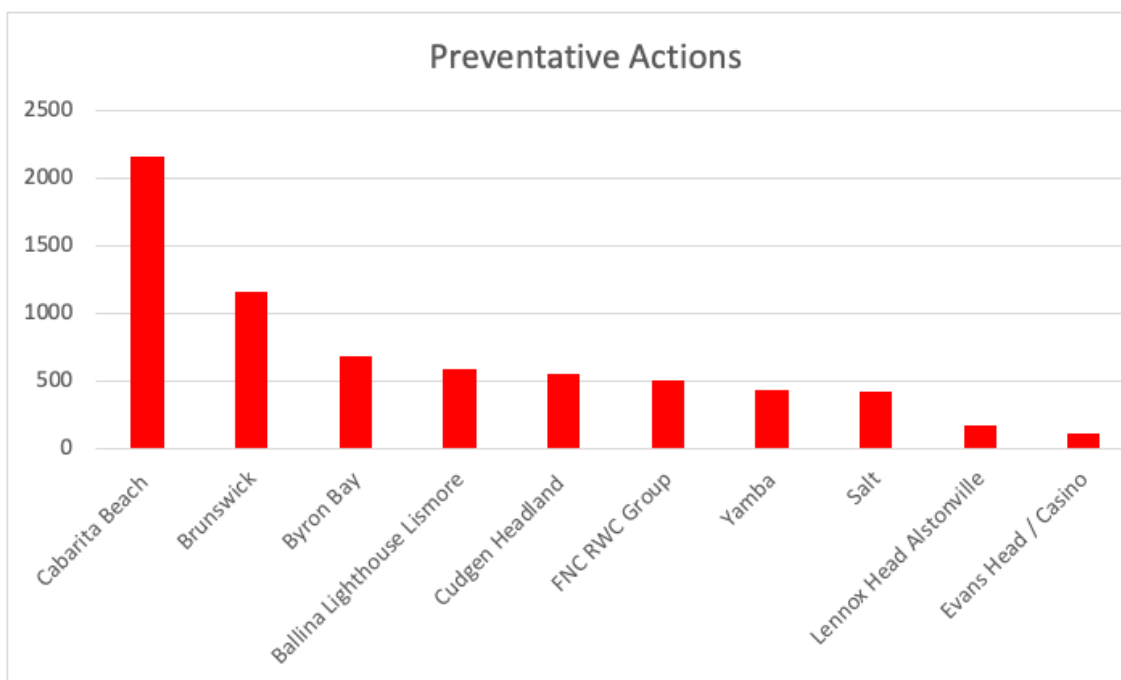
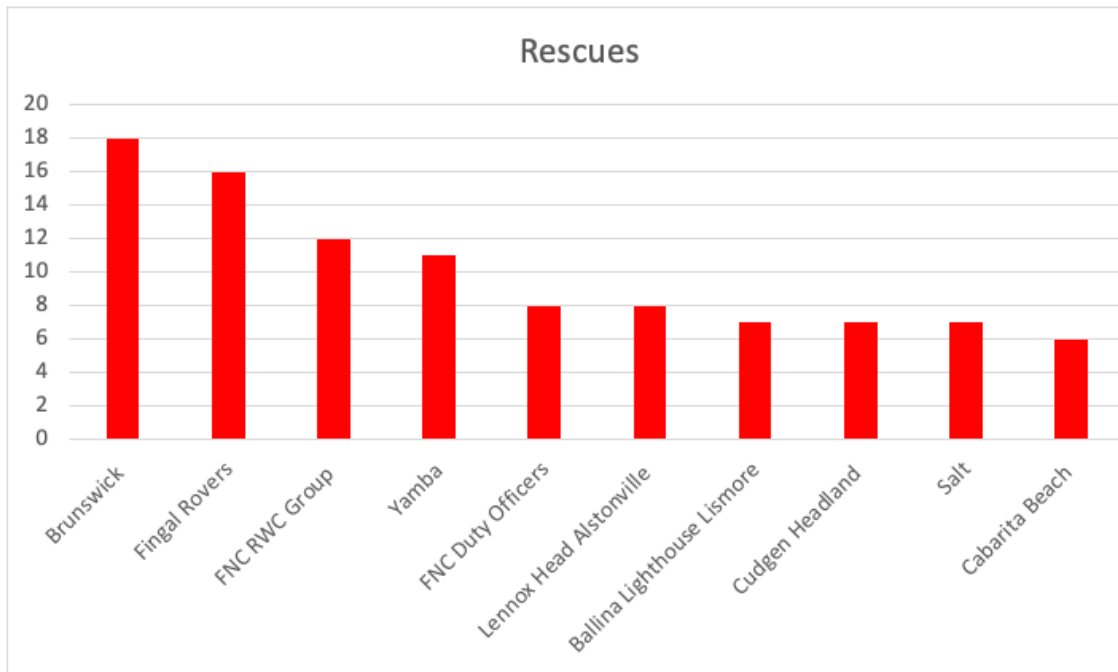
Christopher Samuels	739
Matthew Saunders	496
Garry Meredith	456.5
Roger Beadman	422
Andrew Mills	396
John Keough	384
Dan Andrew	360
Peter Sweetman	336
David Dempsey	237
Ben Redman	76

## FNC RWC OPERATORS SEASON PATROL HOURS

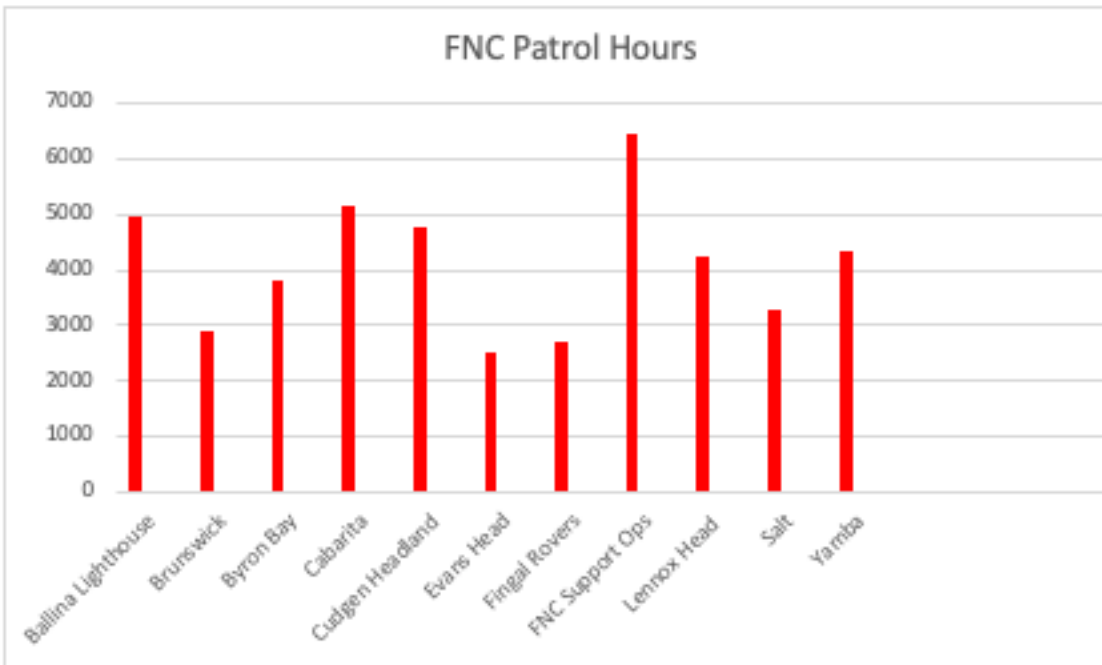
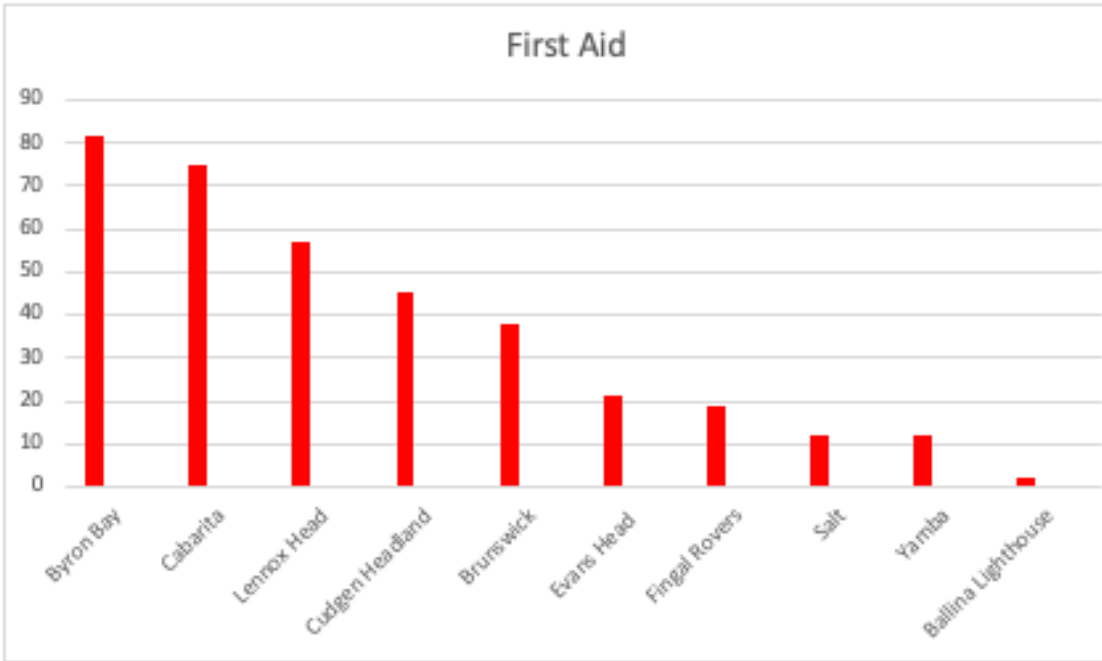
Matthew Bell	37.5	Duncan Hope	38.25	Harrison Murphy	30	Matthew Saunders	30
Michael Berti Mendez	65.5	Richard Hughes	23	Allan Noble	45.75	Timothy Sharman	18
Peter Boyd	25	Brian Lewis	42	Joseph O'Connor	32.5	Robert Slade	76
Robert Brown	18	David Lyons	8	Stuart O'Neill 1	2	Gavin Smith	10
Scott Callaghan	26.5	Tony McFarlane	30	Cherie Raso	49	Brett Tetlow	87.75
David Carter	18	Luke Mewing	32	Gary Raso	88.5	Chris van der Waal	42
John Costigan	65.25	Beau Monks	5	Joseph Raso	10	Adam Van Zuylen	11.5
Andrew Dougherty	20	Ben Mortimer	7.5	Robert Readman	48	Roger Varcoe	20
David Field	43	David Mortimer	31	Craig Reid	8	Simon Worboys	20
Dougal Forsyth	24	Terry Mortimer	37.5	Grant Rogers	37.5		
David Griffiths	52.5	Todd Muller	42	David Rope	99		
Matthew Holmes	25	Cooper Murphy	22	James Ryan	24		



## FNC BRANCH STATISTICS



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FNC RWC team completed 1,632 patrol hours and recorded 14 rescues, 507 preventative actions.

13SURF	level 1	level 2	level 3
175	18	139	18
133	9	96	13
FNC 103	9	FNC 80	13
66	7	58	9
66	6	54	8
50	5	37	6
45	5	37	5
38	4	26	5
35	4	24	4
33	4	21	3
30	3	21	2

## 2020/2021 13SURF Incidents by time of day

Row Labels	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Grand Total
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	18
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	11
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	9
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	13
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	4	0	5	10	12	8	6	13	5	8	7	6	1	1	2	1	101	

## 2020/2021 13SURF Incidents by activity

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Boating	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Diving/Snorkelling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Other	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Other - land based observation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rock/Climf related	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Suicide/Self Harm	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Surf craft - Kayak	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Surf craft - SUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Surf craft - surfing	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
Surf craft - Windsurfer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Swimming	2	2	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	13
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Grand Total	7	5	3	3	2	0	4	6	1	0	4	3	38



## FINGAL ROVERS SLSC

Fingal Rovers SLSC had a challenging 2020 patrol season due to the Coronavirus. Rovers is situated on the Qld / NSW border and many (~30%) of our active volunteers reside in Qld including a number of Rovers' regular and highly experienced Patrol Captains.

In setting this season's roster, we needed to consider the impact a hard border between NSW and Qld would have on our patrols and patrol numbers. A hard border meant that it was highly unlikely our Qld members would be available to attend patrols. To solve this problem, Rovers could set a maximum of only 6 patrols in order to meet our obligations.

The result of the smaller number of patrol teams was that most of our volunteers were rostered to attend 12 full day patrol over the 7-month season. Needless to say, our patrolling members were tired by the end of the season. I thank them all and cannot praise them enough for their unselfish dedication to being volunteer surf life savers.

Rovers logged over 2,700 hours on the beach and thankfully all rescues were soft rescues. For COVID safety, we gave each patroller a stocked waistbag which was upgraded to include additional PPE. Thank you to all the members who accepted the additional responsibility of being a Delegate for the purposes of proficiency during this COVID impacted season.

Off the beach, Rovers focused on training. New members to Rovers undertook Bronze Medallion, Radio, First Aid and many existing members continued to upskill, participating in IRB Crew, IRB Driver and ARTC courses. The result is that we welcomed 10 rookie members to our patrols this season and many of our existing members' additional Awards will allow further flexibility when setting patrols next season. Thank you to Rovers' CTO Michael Kenny, the trainers and assessors who all gave up their time to assist our members to develop their surf lifesaving skills.

A UAV patrol was integrated into our beach patrols at the end of the season. This technology enhances a patrol's ability to maintain visuals on the visitors to our beach and has been a welcome addition to the patrols. Thank you to the Tweed Shire Council for supporting this initiative.

During the season Rovers acquired a UAV, IRB motor, a set of Little Annie Smart Training Mannequins, Rescue Boards, additional first aid, training gear and replacement patrol gear and equipment. Thank you to the Qld Surf Life Saving Foundation for its management in passing through the anonymous donation, the Tweed Shire Council, Laerdal, SLSA and SLSNSW and their partners and the Kingscliff Lions Club for their generosity and support this season. All this new and reliable gear and equipment results in our patrols being better prepared to patrol our beaches and respond when called upon.

Rovers' Director of Life Saving, Paul Ransom was the recipient of the FNC Branch Lifesaver of the Year for the 2019 Season and Rovers' is proud to have him as part of our club. Well done Paul.

Thank you to Rovers' Board of Management (Richard Roberts, Leisa Bolton, John Colvin, Paul Ransom, Robyn Wonson, Mark Flavell and Ash Blake) for another successful year. It's a pleasure working with you.

I look forward to next season and continuing to be part of a small, effective and growing volunteer surf life saving club.

Jane Colvin  
President – Fingal Rovers SLSC





## CUDGEN HEADLAND SLSC

Cudgen Headland SLSC's 99th season has been filled with many unique challenges and incredible achievements, culminating in deserving members being recognised at all levels, in an Awards evening like no other. A remarkable evening, highlighting our prolific surf sports and lifesavings successes in spite of the restrictive Covid conditions. I'd like to thank the members involved in the night's preparations and volunteers who helped set up.

Thank you to our lifesavers, for quickly adapting to COVID restrictions, and contributing their time to meet our patrolling obligations throughout this season. I'd like to also acknowledge those who were involved in the floods and rescue teams. We are grateful to those who volunteered their time to take up a position on the Board as well as our many sub-committees. Your time and commitment to our Club is appreciated.

Cudgen continues to contribute to other levels of surf lifesaving including Club members holding Executive positions at a Branch level, the Branch Team Manager, the Branch Coach, Chief Scrutineer, many positions on other Branch committees and sub committees, Branch Support Operations personnel including duty officers, RWC Operators, UAV personnel and facilitators who conduct Branch courses.

We also have members that contribute at a SLSNSW level including Mike Crawley as the Chair of the ALBERT Committee as well as Kim Holdom who is a member of the State Constitution Committee as well as the Life Membership and Honours Committee. It was pleasing to see the Covid19 contracted season still afforded a National precedent with the Clubs successful delivery of the entire Nutri Grain Series. In partnership with SLS Australia, all qualifier and the six competition rounds were held on our own Kingscliff Beach from November 2020 through February 2021. We continue to showcase our strong club dedication rising to the occasion of hosting major events. Thank you to the Major events group. Mike, Matt and our dedicated workforce volunteers, volunteers that prepared the food and refreshments, power craft crews and operators, their long hours and tireless efforts delivered a successful Nutri Grain series and FNC branch championships.

Finally, congratulations to our competitors on their results for the season. We are proud of you all.

On behalf of our members, I wish to extend our appreciation to the local community and all our sponsors who have steadfastly supported the Club even through the COVID period. Of note our Diamond sponsors, the McIntosh Family, MR "R", SCCU, Murwillumbah Truck Centre, Tweed Shire Council and our wonderful Cudgen Old Boys who are always willing to help. With your continued support, together with the Club's volunteer membership base, we can continually improve our facilities and range of lifesaving services.

### Club Management

It was through the determination of the Board, F&B Managers Emma and now Mick, our new General Manager Greg and staff that we saw the Club emerge stronger and more united from the challenges that we faced during Covid19.

We appreciate their dedication and drive in making our Club a great place to visit, providing high quality of service and delighting our members and guests with some tasty local produce and great coffee experiences.

### Surf Lifesaving

Another solid effort this year thanks to our Surf Lifesaving Director Mike Crawley, Patrol Manager David Field, all our Patrol Captains and our patrolling members who, without their support and commitment, we would not be able to continue to support our community.

With over 4,790 patrol hours clocked up and only 7 rescues across the entire patrol season, 4 of those more than one kilometre from our main patrol area, equating to all of our patrols doing a very good job across the season, especially with the increased beach user numbers due to Covid19.

Congratulations to the Barracudas and Old Salts as our Champion Patrol Teams for season.

We were again delighted to see the start of 2020/21 patrolling season celebrated with the raising of the flags ceremony, recognising Cudgen Headland SLSC as FNC branch "Club of the Year" for the third year in a row. We achieved this through consistent hard work and devotion of all our members, who continue to make a difference within our local community.

We are incredibly lucky to again have our training team led by Sue Eke who continues to deliver a wide range of surf lifesaving courses throughout the year and also supports training at a number of branch courses. We look forward to another season of learning and upskilling through her guidance together with.

Many thanks go to Gavin Smith, Sven Loemker, Bede Curnow and our IRB team for their efforts in maintaining the compliance of our IRB's this season and the number of events they have been involved in.

A special mention for Barry Synot who again continues to contribute an enormous amount of his time as our gear steward, in ensuring our equipment is maintained and in working order.

I'd like to recognise our Cudgen members who have passed away in 2020/2021; John Wise-(Bronze 3/12/1966), Kevin McAndrew (Bronze 17/11/1972) and Bill Lynch, Life Member (Bronze 4/11/1951).





## Surf Sports

With the season again disrupted due to Covid19, our junior and senior competitors' hard work and training was put to the test at limited events. However, those we attended, we achieved remarkable results. Congratulations to all our competitors. It was also great to see our masters boat crews take to waves and attend ?? I would like to congratulate all our members who were nominated for the Far North Coast Branch Awards of Excellence. A great effort and recognition for all your hard work, hours of training, competition and dedication to the Club.

It goes without saying that without the coordination and support of Adam Mills, Director of Surf Sports, his committee, our coaching staff together with the members who volunteer as officials, IRB drivers, crew and water safety, our competitors could not compete at events including State and Aussies. We thank you and appreciate your support for our competitors.

A very big thank you to our JAC Coordinator, Paul Burdekin and his committee, who have again this year continued to deliver a well-coordinated training and activity program to 277 registered nippers. We have experienced strong engagement across the season, with excellent numbers on Sundays, and an ongoing strong turnout to training. Pleasing to see new arrivals and U14s completing their SRC in September and patrolling the beaches during the season as well as seeing them grow and join the ranks of our senior active members.

The season has started well competitively, with great thanks to Lennox & Yamba for hosting 2 great days of carnivals. Although many events were cancelled due to Covid, we competed well State Championships with a strong contingent of Nippers in attendance. I congratulate all our nippers who did an outstanding job and achieved some great results, including making many finals.

Thank you to all the parents and supporters who graciously volunteer their time to help with water safety and assist continually assisting on Sunday morning activity days. This makes the experience more enjoyable for the kids.

Our approach to Sunday Nippers has changed considerably from last year – Sundays are about building lifesavers of the future. Our AGM this year saw an increased interest, as members responded to this inclusive participation-focussed culture building in Nippers. Competition remains at the forefront but developing our Nippers into confident competent lifesavers has been appreciated by many.

## Supporters

I would like to sincerely thank our sponsors and everyone who volunteer their time supporting our club through fundraising activities. I'd also like to acknowledge our dedicated group of club supporters who are continually involved in many activities across the club.

One Club CHSLSC become 100

Congratulations to all award recipients at Club Awards and nominees for FNC Branch. We eagerly await the outcome of Branch awards on the 19 June 2021. CHSLSC has grown this year with the opening of Zinc Café to provide a great coffee experience for members and the community. Thank you to the Construction Committee for undertaking the significant works at the southern end of the club. This building project will deliver much needed equipment storage space and free up room for a dedicated members area downstairs.

Despite the adversity we are all dealing with, this has been a successful season for our Club.

CHSLSC are now looking forward to entering our centenary season!

Grant Rogers  
President



I feel privileged to have been a part of the Salt SLSC team especially during the uncertain times of Covid-19. I really want to thank all our patrolling members, volunteers, supporters and sponsors of the club. With another strong season and great nipper program the club is evolving and thriving in all areas.

The shark attack in June 2020 shook our community, and we held a community information night, with local police and our resident Chaplain, to reassure our members we would be implementing new strategies and remain vigilant.

Thankfully, we have again seen a welcome increase in our membership and now have a record of 639 members with many new active female members along with families signing up in both senior and junior categories. Many new junior members signed up with over 200 Nippers on the beach for the first time in the history of our club. Our Nipper program offers a point of difference with it being held on a Saturday afternoon, with overwhelming positive feedback including the care, fun, structure, training and culture of our program. With strong representation at the FNCSB carnival with over 40 competitors, which is also a first for our club. Illustrating the resilience and strength of this community throughout this tumultuous period. We had many instrumental members contribute weekly from water safety, competition, training, education and patrols, building on our community and volunteering spirit.

SLNSW and FNCSB instigated and conducted investigations and a financial audit into the club with the Committee and individuals, being cleared of all matters in every case.

The club is very self-sufficient and continues to achieve through a large group of high motivated and skilled local individuals. Despite the challenges presented, the club was able to train and educate in all categories, proudly compete and perform in many competitions and carnivals from Aussies through to local carnivals.

The dedication, knowledge and commitment shown amongst our members has been outstanding. We have made some serious progress with funding and the utilisation of the building, increased sponsorship, increased membership, increased nippers and along with record fundraising. We have introduced new initiatives and established cohesion with local businesses and sporting bodies.

Our club grows stronger and brings our community together to achieve a collective goal, our goal to maintain a safe beach for all.

Our Nippers presentation day followed by our Senior presentation evening were huge successes. Our Nippers enjoyed a Disco with balloons, prizes, BBQ, Santa Claus and loads of fun, with many Mums' and Dad's joining in. The Senior Presentation evening was one of the best thus far, recognizing our high achievers and dedicated volunteers.

On behalf of the Salt SLSC Committee, thank you to all active patrolling members, who have maintained yet another patrol season with no loss of life or serious injury at our beach. Fundamentally this is our core function, purpose and goal!

### Achievements

- Acquiring the NSW Liquor license.
- Surf Club car park study and positive community feed back
- New Bronze, SRC and IRB training squads qualifying.
- Salt SLSC Strategic Plan and SWOT Analysis.
- Golf Challenge Day.
- Successful Open Day and Nippers sign-on.
- Website upgrade, social media, newsletter and communications improved.

Thank you also to the volunteers who have assisted with nippers - age managers, BBQ's, water safety, social functions, raffles, training, building and maintenance, working bees, patrols and carnivals. We are always so grateful for the help and support and without you it simply would not work. I also must acknowledge our sponsors, without their vital funds and contributions the club would not be able to operate at such a high standard. Special thanks goes out to our anonymous donor!

The club has achieved so many great things this year and it would not be possible without the tireless efforts from those on the committee. Our committee is driven and focused on making Salt SLSC a place that embraces our community. So much work goes on behind the scenes to ensure our club provides, participates, encourages, nurtures and improves. To the amazing and talented people that make up our committee, Ben, Jodie, Rob, Mike, Chris, Michael, Craig, Sam and Alison thank you for your dedication, support and friendship and for doing a great job with some challenging issues and situations.

Greg Lovett  
President – Salt SLSC





## CABARITA BEACH SLSC

COVID-19 has thrown a season at us like no other. Putting this aside, I would like to personally thank all Captains and Patrolling members for doing a fantastic job during this period.

This year we have seen a few new faces joining the Board. I would have to say the enthusiasm and effort they have put in has been second-to-none. A big thank you to all the Board, your efforts in helping the Club move forward in such a special way I have not seen for many years.

Lifesaving led by Murray Neal has had a whole new lease of life. Izzy Topper, our JAC, I cannot praise her and her team enough. These two are shaping and developing surf life saving within the club. Congratulations.

They have been strongly supported by Ian Hamilton, our IRB captain, and Sharnah Bowen, our CTO. Keith Wilson, thank you for keeping our radios working, not an easy task but well done.

UAV (Drones) have been introduced into the club this season. They have proven to be of great value to the surf life saving movement.

Julie Cummings who is in charge of our fundraising has put in a tremendous effort. I would have to say Julie and her team put in more hours than anyone can account for. I cannot thank you enough. THANK YOU!

Sharnee and Michaela, our two Admin staff. Together they run the bar, pay the bills, source grants, the list goes on and on and on. Their efforts have helped tremendously in putting the funds together, to get us into a position where we can start our renovations. These renovations are due to start in the next couple of weeks. Lots of work ahead.

I would also like to thank Sam Clutterbuck and FNC Branch for being there when we need them. Let's hope next year is COVID free and we all get back to living the life that we enjoy so much.

Andrew Baker

President

Cabarita Beach SLSC





## BRUSWICK HEADS SLSC

I would like to congratulate all of our volunteering patrol and non patrol members for a great season under our new COVID safe regulations. Your efforts and commitment to Brunswick SLSC is valued and appreciated.

Brunswick SLSC has had another successful year in training members in the Bronze Medallion and in new members joining patrols. We have a total of 8 Patrols and 63 actively Patrolling Members. All our patrolling members have been as enthusiastic as ever throughout the patrol season. This season 18 rescues were performed by our patrolling Members, 48 First Aid actions and 1159 preventive actions.

The club would like to thank the QLD Surf Lifesaving Foundation for offering to support us which we had to decline due to the expected surf club rebuild as there is no room to store any additional equipment. The Club purchased new equipment for our training program such as new mannequins through the CLEG grant and two new defibrillators through the BSEF Federal grant. The Community Volunteers Grant supported us in purchasing a new projector for training.

Once again the Building Committee has been busy with plans to progress our new clubhouse development. There have been many challenges but at present a Project Manager is working towards securing the lease in order to obtain the Construction Certificate with a view to commence building in the near future. The continued hard work of this committee is to be acknowledged and is always appreciated by the Club.

The Brunswick Surf Club was not able to hold any of our fundraising events this year due to COVID but we are in the process of planning our first event, the Mullum to Brunz Paddle. This is in conjunction with Marine Rescue and the Brunswick Visitors Center. The Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club financial donation was gratefully received and will be utilised in future training endeavours.

The RWC was utilised over the season and had a great visual impact on our beaches. The new RWC has been a great resource in helping to train new recruits, tasking to emergencies and patrolling through the busy holiday periods. The RWC was called out numerous times for this season and is a valuable resource for the Club and our community. This has assisted with our increased visitor numbers due to the increase in domestic travel and the beach erosion at Byron Bay. I would thank the RWC operators for going above and beyond their regular patrolling duties in providing this valuable service to the community on behalf of the Surf Lifesaving Far North Coast.

During the on and off seasons our passionate training crew under the watchful eye of our training officer, Simon Ceglinski, has seen an increase of members developing their skills to successfully gain their qualifications in Bronze, SRC, IRBC and IRBD courses. Simon has further developed his training portfolio by attending a UAV course with David Field as the Training Officer.

The annual Brunswick Masters carnival was not held this season due to COVID. This season our female competitors have led the way with some great results in our Masters Carnivals held earlier in the seasons. The Brunswick Masters team managed to bring home a few medals at Country Titles, the QLD State Titles and the Aussies.

Congratulations and thank you to our Nippers Executive 2020/2021 committee Warren Burgess, Phil Parker, Matt Simmonds and Julia Coulter for their commitment on looking after our up and coming life savers. Thanks to everyone involved in these activities particularly given the challenging nature of a post COVID season. We look forward to working with the new committee for the 2021/2022 season.

The Club would like to send out condolences to any Club Members who have lost any dear friends or loved ones during the season.

Thanks to all the Branch Officials and executives who always ensure once again the Far North Coast Branch runs smoothly and efficiently and are always there to help our club when needed.

Finally, I would like to thank Mark, Warwick, Elyse and Vanessa of the executive committee and all other Club Members that have contributed above and beyond to help make this club what it is today.

Craig Reid

President

Brunswick Surf Club





## BYRON BAY SLSC

It gives me great pleasure to present the Byron Bay SLSC report.

Once again this year has seen the ongoing presence of COVID and the significant beach erosion at Byron Bay as having a major impact on our community.

The 2020/21 season has required some creative thinking by our club position holders, their assistants and members to ensure we continue to provide lifesaving services.

Further erosion to our beach has resulted in exposed rocks, loss of beach and beach access and unsafe water conditions. I thank the members for their vigilance and adaptiveness during these challenging conditions. There is still little return of sand to the beach and extensive damage to the dunes at Byron Bay.

Our ability to provide a safe flagged patrol area and to launch powered rescue craft has been difficult. Thank you to our emergency response team who have continued to support and respond during these difficult times. Thanks to our Club Captains who ensured patrols were manned and prepared during this challenging season – our every present Joey Lampe and our surf rescue knowledge-base Jimmy Keogh. Also thanks again to Woody Vidgen, Roger Beadman, Mark Sewell and team for continued preparation and maintenance of equipment.

Unfortunately the Byron Bay Ocean Swim was cancelled again for a second year but the Byron Bay Triathlon was able to be held. The challenging beach and surf conditions due to the erosion is making the running of community events difficult.

Byron Shire Council has worked to try to secure beach access but with ongoing erosion this has been a difficult task. We have met with council and Steve Pearce from SLSNSW to look at the erosion issue and impacts. We look forward to working with the NSW government, our community, the council and SLSNSW to obtain a foreshore that is once again safe, accessible and beautiful.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing work done by Kirsty Pockley who is not only our Nipper Coordinator but also one of our main go-to people to get jobs done. The Nipper moto for the 2020/21 season was – flexible, fluid and adaptable. It held us in good stead to negotiate the 2020/21 season. The COVID planning was a minor challenge in comparison to the challenge of ensuring that 250 nippers were provided with safe and fun beach experiences at Byron Bay Main Beach. The erosion created significant hazardous debris including trees in the wave zone and rocks on the beach and in the water. Our water safety team which is led by Jan Safranek and was well supported by Kirsty Pockley, Michio McMullen, Mike McCabe, Jared Monti and Rob Siebert, and the Club Captains Joey Lampe and Jimmy Keough ensured that safe beach and water areas were available each weekend.

The lifesaving club community spirit was demonstrated with support for our nipper activities from other Far North Coast Clubs in particular Brunswick Heads who hosted out older nippers on a few occasions. It was wonderful to welcome over 100 new nippers to our club this year and begin what we hope will be a long association with surf lifesaving. Michael Berti led an enthusiastic and community minded group of U14s, fourteen nippers complete the Surf Rescue Certificate and actively engage in patrols this season. Phoebe Link and Jack Safranek represented our club at the Branch Junior lifesaver of the Year, and Phoebe was fortunate to be chosen to represent Far North Coast Branch at the NSW Junior Development Camp.

Once again the surf sports program was impacted by COVID. Opportunity for regular events was limited but we had a keen core of senior and master's competitors. I would like to acknowledge our group of competitors, and their families as well as our other members for their dedication and sportsmanship. Aussies this year saw a great win by Suki Alford in the U15 Surfing but also a standout performance with 5TH for U15 Board Race. Jo Kay and Karen Irwin worked hard again and had a wonderful win in the Masters Double Ski and both getting second in their single ski events. Also I would like to acknowledge and thank our experienced and always helpful First Aid team of Maryanne and Mark Sewell who are present at every major surf sport and community water event. A big commitment by both.





Eighty nippers chose to compete in the Far North Coast competitions this year and the depth of our skills was demonstrated with achievements across all age groups. Our teams were particularly strong in the water arena. Our largest nippers state team for some years travelled to Swansea Belmont to compete in the NSW championships, many of these athletes qualifying for the semi-finals and finals for their respective events. The consistent teamwork of the Age Managers, water safety, surf patrols, lifeguards, COVID marshals and parents deserves considerable praise this year, with a flexible, fluid and adaptable approach the nippers gained water safety skills and confidence in a safe beach environment. Work on our clubhouse this year has continued at a smaller scale. It was great to see the addition of solar panels. Again this work was led by a dedicated Paul Irwin who found time amongst his other club supporting and representing activities.

The club would like to thank the wonderful support by sponsors: the Beach Hotel, Winter Whales Ocean Swim, the Roofing Craftsman, Beach Suites, Farmers Market, Rotary, In the Pink, Dash Security, McGrath Real Estate, First Light Health Care and Sun Protection. It is much appreciated.

Congratulations and well deserved to our newest life member, Jimmy Keogh.

Thank you once again to the FNC branch executive and officials and associated clubs for their assistance and support during the past season.

Thank you to the Byron Bay SLSC members, their families and local community who generously volunteer their time and skills. We look forward to 2021-22.

Paul Pattison  
BBSLSC President.



## LENNOX HEAD ALSTONVILLE SLSC

This season has seen remarkable growth in membership with the club recording record numbers of new members. This can be put down to a number of things firstly the growth in population of the area secondly our junior activities programme with a dedicated group of age managers and qualified coaches providing our junior members with the skills they need to remain safe in the surf and have fun. This season for the first time in a number of years we were able to fill all positions on our management committee and I thank all those who took on positions without you the club could not operate.

I would like to especially thank .

Justin Ingram who took on the role of Club Captain this year and organised all our patrols and ensured that we fulfilled our obligations to Surf lifesaving.

All our patrolling members for your assistance and commitment in ensuring we met our obligations in maintaining our patrols on the beach .

Amanda Berry our Chief Training Officer who with her usual passion and enthusiasm increased our patrol numbers with a number of bronze squads and maintained or upgraded the skills of our members. Brendan Mathews and his dedicated team of age managers for ensuring our junior members learn new skills and have fun.

This year for the first time in many years we had small band of senior competitors ably led by Sam Miller this group had a very successful season.

As did our team of junior competitors ably assisted by our dedicated team of coaches .

Our officials and water safety personnel without whom we could not compete.

To all our members who work tirelessly behind the scenes to help keep the club running.

Finally thanks to the members of the Management Committee and Advisors for your assistance and support during the year.

Geoff Harris  
President





# BALLINA LIGHTHOUSE AND LISMORE SLSC

The Board of the Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore SLSC sincerely thanks all the members of our Club for all that you do as volunteers.

- Patrolling Members – Conducted a total of 4,598.24 hours patrolling Lighthouse Beach, where no lives were lost, something we are immensely proud of.
- Junior Members, Parents and Caregivers - who come to the beach each week and participate in our JAC program.
- The JAC team - who coordinate, set up, do water safety, pack up and feed our juniors.
- Age Managers - who instruct, teach and encourage our Nippers
- Education Team - who ran Bronze Medallion, SRC, IRB Crew, Skills Maintenance courses, resulting in over 170 awards for the season.
- Surf Sports competitors - who competed in several carnivals and achieved a number of placings and medals. The Trainers who give up their time weekly to improve our competitors skills.
- SLSNSW Support Operations – four of our members assisted the SLSNSW Support Operations team in the floods that impacted our region in March 2021. They travelled to Grafton with club assets to work with the local SES.
- Office Holders - who process hundreds of registrations, keep our First Aid supplies up to date, look after all our building, gear and equipment, organize events, complete grant applications, keep us in the correct uniforms, conduct gym inductions and most importantly kept us safe and compliant with all the COVID regulations.

Thank you to the Board Members and Executive Team who commit to a 12-month term of meetings, decision making, planning and preparing not only weekly but for a whole season and beyond.

The Club is yet again grateful for the support of the anonymous Donor through the Surf Lifesaving Foundation as well as the state and federal organisations, whose grants and donations help us maintain a modern stock of lifesaving and education equipment.

Thanks also to our valuable sponsors for your continued support in a year of uncertainty.

Membership numbers are slightly lower than last season but higher than the previous year. It is a challenge to maintain our older Junior Club members and see them transition through to senior roles.

We like to see our junior numbers grow, as this provides our Lifesavers of the future. To this end the Club has participated in the following school education programs:

- Emanuel Anglican College; Year 8-9 Students who participated in a Surf Awareness program over 10 weeks in Term 1 2021. Sixteen students came to Lighthouse Beach or Shaws Bay to learn rescue techniques, surf education, board skills, first aid.
- Leeville Primary School; A small school of 60 children from west of Casino visited our beach for a day of surf education and some beach activities. For some of the children it was their first visit to a beach.

Thank you to Sam Clutterbuck Branch Administration Officer FNC Branch and our Vice President Jamie Tanner for taking the lead with these education visits. Also, to the group of club members who assisted with the program each week.

A new Club Website will soon be finalised and should provide all necessary information about our club for current and future members.

UAV Operator/Pilot Course was conducted by the Branch and a number of our members are now proficient, giving the club another resource to assist with keeping members and the beachgoers safe.

Stephen Perris will step down from his role as Director of Education at the next AGM. He has held this role for 7 years and has given exemplary service, ensuring our club has maintained a highly skilled group of Trainers & Assessors while maintaining the skills of our Patrolling members.

Thank you to the FNC branch executive, administration and clubs for your assistance and support.

Joanne McIntosh  
President





## EVANS HEAD CASINO SLSC

It is with great pleasure that I present the Presidents Report for the Evans Head Casino SLSC for the 2020/2021 season.

Once again it was another challenging season, with both Covid 19 and localised floods impacting the region. A special thanks to our interstate members Craig Ellis, Nick Pierce and Steve Cantrill, who juggled Covid restrictions and travelled long distances to patrol on our beaches. Thanks also to the Ballina Jet boat team for assisting us with patrols this season.

To Gae Masters and her Kyogle crew, many of who finally transitioned from SRC to Bronze, we thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working and training with your new team of recruits next season.

Our after hours team were once again tasked to various incidents last year including various boat rollovers on the bar and missing swimmers. Thanks to the members for their off season coverage.

The club sent representatives with an IRB down to the Port Macquarie region for 4 days to assist with the flood disaster in March, thank you to all involved.

Our nippers had another successful season again, thanks to Lucy Ellis and the Age Managers for continuing to develop our Nipper program. The overnight camp was a resounding success.

Congratulations to Debbie Pawsey on her FNC Branch and Surf Lifesaving NSW Award for Official of the year, to Michael Pontefract on his FNC Branch award for Facilitator of the year, and to Aidan Yourell for receiving the 2020 NSW young volunteer of the year award for the Northern rivers.

This year we hosted a North Coast Surf Boat Series carnival which by all accounts was a very successful day. Congratulations also to all our competitors that competed in events this season.

Renovations continued with grants from NSW Office of Sport supporting us in bettering the facilities for club members and the general public. We commenced the upgrade of the men's member changerooms, adding a unisex disabled changeroom and reconfigured the upper disabled toilet creating desperately needed storage for the kitchen. We also completed the fit out of the female members changeroom and increased the kiosk floorplan.

Thank you to Roger, Brett, Genevieve, Kim and Lee for another successful year of operations in the SandBar and Sandpit. We look forward to working with you again next year.

EHCSLSC unfortunately lost a number of members this year. Charlie Cox (LM), Brian Madden (LM), Lesley McGearey (LM) and Amber Christie all unfortunately passed away throughout last season, thank you for your service to the club. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution both Larry Platt and Peter Gardiner gave in supporting our club throughout many years.

Once again the club was generously supported by our major sponsors: Sly Brothers Frames and Trusses, McGeary Bros Engineering, Richmond Valley Council, Konnect Lismore and David & Melissa McDonald Building, your continued support of the club is greatly appreciated.

Finally, to our valued members and committee representatives, thank you once again for your ongoing dedication and commitment towards making the beaches of Evans Head safe.

Avan Christie

President





## YAMBA SLSC

The 2020/21 season has been an outstanding season for Yamba SLSC. The COVID pandemic brought with it an increased administrative burden early in the season as we did our best to get up to speed with changes and the varying requirements. As the season went on though, it became evident that this was shaping as a really great year for the club.

Our membership numbers increased on the previous season with numbers added across both the Nippers and senior club.

On the lifesaving front, patrol numbers were at the highest levels seen in some time. An influx of younger patrolling members was pleasing to see, influenced in part by the number of people working and studying remotely. Patrol attendance was also a highlight, with large numbers of highly visible members active on the beach. Hopefully we can build on this again in the coming season.

Education and training saw a significant uptick, with over 30 members attaining their Bronze Medallion among many other awards. This was the highest number of Bronze's for the club in over 5 years. The education and training team must be congratulated on their hard work and dedication. Thanks also to the assessor's, both club and Branch, for their support in putting members through these awards.

Significant capital works were undertaken throughout the season. The first job was the updating of our electrical systems throughout the club. This was a major job and was funded in large part by a Surf Club Facilities Grant from the NSW government. There was also some other minor maintenance works completed as part of this grant. More recently, we have completed a renovation of our caretaker flat, with a change in caretakers providing us with the opportunity to update things.

On the competition scene it has been a great year. We have had large numbers at training, both for nippers and seniors and this translated into strong numbers at the local carnivals. We had our best result at a Branch Titles in many years. We only had a small number of competitors compete at State and Aussies but they performed well. The highlight was the performance of Kalani Ives at the State Titles where she took out gold in the u/17 Ironwoman, third in the board and 4th in the ski. This was the club's first medals at senior State level since 2007. The club also hosted a successful Nipper Carnival in November. The success of days like this are a credit to the large group of volunteers who chip in to help get things done.

Our annual Ocean Swim event on January 3 was once again very successful. This event continues to draw large numbers of visitors and locals. It is a big job for the club to take on, but when you have in the order of 100 members assisting, it makes it a lot easier. It is very rewarding to see so many people coming together to ensure a successful event.

The club has been impacted over the last 12 months by weather events. Heavy rainfall has led to the closure of the road down to the beach on several occasions due to the risk of landslides. It is something that is disruptive to our operations but we are engaging with Council to ensure we can continue to perform our role during these times.

The club is grateful for the support of the anonymous donor through the Surf Lifesaving Foundation.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge my fellow Board members and our many volunteers whose efforts go largely unnoticed by the public. I thank our sponsors and supporters whose contribution ensures the ongoing viability of our club. Thanks also to the Far North Coast Branch executive for their support.

Joe Dougherty

President







## 2020/21 Surf Rescue 40

Our 2020/21 season began with the acknowledgement that 2021 would be the 50th year that the Ballina Jet Boat had been in operation. This was a significant milestone that recognized the hard work that had been done by our predecessors to get us to the point. We are only custodians of this boat for a relatively short period of time and it is with a sense of pride that we continue the hard work done by those who came before us.

Towards the end of the previous season discussions had been occurring regarding re-developing our shed. It was 40 years old and presented several W, H & S risks. It was decided to proceed with the re-development as part of our 50-year celebrations. Plans were kindly prepared and drawn up by Craig Worling for a modern contemporary building which would allow us to operate out of with the facilities required to operate as a modern rescue unit.

We have commenced the approvals process with Crown Lands and Ballina Council as well as discussing different funding options to cover the costs of the works.

On Australia Day we were proudly awarded the Ballina Council Volunteer Organization of the Year award. An award graciously accepted by our Captain Mark Puglisi. We also received an award from Far North Coast Branch recognizing our 50 years of service and we thank them for their ongoing support.

As usual, our members responded to several callouts, particularly over the busy Christmas period. Jet Boat Santa was a particularly memorable day and it was very nice to see the support from our local community. We also conducted patrols of our area and continued with our training program. We were able to assist Evans Head by covering two patrols this year with the second one culminating with an impromptu training exercise with the local Marine Rescue unit which was beneficial to both organizations.

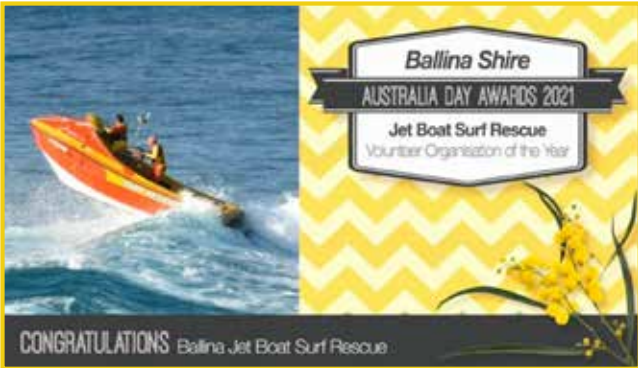
Towards the latter part of the season mechanical issues with the jet unit kept us off the water for longer than we would have liked. We kept on pushing and persevering though and eventually we were able to happily get back out on the water. With the mechanical issues that we have had over the last eighteen months and the age of the boat it is important that we begin to look to the future and start researching and planning for the boat to be replaced at some point in the future. This conversation has started and will be ongoing.

Even with the boat off the water our members showed their ability to respond though when the occupants of a yacht were washed into the water whilst crossing the Ballina Bar in April. Whilst one member responded on the RWC we had seven other members responding in support roles as the incident unfolded. Whilst ultimately a sad occasion with the loss of a great seafarer, the teamwork shown by our members demonstrated that they are our ultimate asset in this unit, and we would not be able to function without them.

I would like to thank our members for the time and support that they have provided over the last year. I look forward to the season ahead as we continue to develop our unit to proudly represent Surf Lifesaving and the good people of Ballina.

Thanks  
Dave Carter  
President  
Ballina Jet Boat





## North Coast Surf Boat Series Season Report 2020/2021

With the North Coast Surf Boat Series (NCSBS) second season under the banner of the Far North Coast (FNC) Branch coming to a close, the Management Group would like to extend our thanks to the FNC Committee for the continued support and opportunity to run Surf Boat competition on the North Coast. This Season required COVID measures to be put in place at our carnivals for the safety of competitors, officials, and the public; these procedures were happily adopted and will remain in place next season if the pandemic restrictions continue into the 21/22 Season. Despite the pandemic this Season was able to be run with little incident (with two carnivals requiring rescheduling and a buoy needing to be replaced), the events run by the NCSBS were attended by twenty-seven clubs spanning from Sydney-Northern Beaches to the Sunshine Coast with a total of 85 crews competing. This number is greater than twice that of last season's crews (40 total crews - clubs), due to the increasing popularity of the NCSBS carnivals among QLD crews we are anticipating a greater level of participation in the coming season.

During the off-season the Management Group will be hosting our first BGM (Biennial General Meeting) to determine the locations & dates of next season's carnivals and to select the members of the Management Group for the next two seasons. The results of the meeting and information about the upcoming season will be circulated via email (if you would like to be added to the email list, please send an email to [ncsbs1993@gmail.com](mailto:ncsbs1993@gmail.com)), posted to our Facebook and Instagram pages.

The Management Committee would like to thank each of the Officials by name as the Series would not have been able to be run without their dedication; Dave Challis, Mick Smith, John Emslie, Toni Bell, Gary Bell, Warren Whitten, John Wake, Terry Maher, and Richard Leesom. Apologies to any officials that have been left off this list and know that we appreciate your support.

Geyne Feeney

NCSBS Management Group



## ASEAN Lifesaving Development

A very quiet time in this area these past 15 months. Being so dependent on tourism the various lifesaving entities we assist have had a difficult time.

Thailand - Phuket Lifeguard Club. Maintaining two lifeguard contracts throughout the pandemic, one at Naiharn Beach and the other on Racha Island PLC has continued to provide junior lifesaving activities using the gear we donated with help from ADF in 2019. Many would have seen their posts to the Branch FB page showing the equipment in use.

Myanmar – In partnership with Phuket Lifeguard Club we began a project with a training company in Myanmar in 2018. This company was looking to set up a foundation to further lifesaving in Myanmar. Progress was being made through SLSNSW but this appears to have stopped after the coup. These pics show one of the men, who gained a Bronze equivalent, protesting the coup from underwater and posting on FB. He also represented Myanmar in the Beijing Olympics in swimming.

Philippines SANGA – appears to be going well with their community lifesaving though in a scaled back version.

Sabah – with no international tourists many lifeguards and trainers have had to find other work. We would be looking to assist again once the situation changes.

Brunei – Beach Bunch continues their activities in beach patrols and community education.

Vietnam – We are sending a shipment of rescue equipment to Danang in June for distribution to Surf Life Saving Vietnam, Danang City Lifeguards, Swim Vietnam and other public lifeguard bodies. We have over 40 rescue boards to send as well as 30 rescue tubes and other nipper and competition boards. A big thanks to Yamba Lennox and Cabarita Beach in particular for their generosity.

2022 – Once the borders open we are planning another lifesaving tour probably to Vietnam – all clubs are welcome to be involved. Stay tuned.

David Field



# FNC OPEN BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Under 17 1/3 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Female Surf	Olissa Onley Cudgen	Ginger Allen Cudgen	Bria Lennox	Stenna Lee Cudgen		
Male Surf	Max Anderson Byron Bay					
Female Board Race	Olissa Onley Cudgen	Suki Alford Byron Bay	Kalani Ives Yamba	Ginger Allen Cudgen	Stenna Lee Cudgen	Lellian Carter Byron Bay
Male Board Race	Oliver Sharpe Lennox	Jackson Bond Lennox	Lachlan Mahon Lennox			
Male Board Relay U19						
Male Board Relay Lennox						
Iron Woman	Olissa Onley Cudgen					
Iron Man	Oliver Sharpe Lennox	Jackson Bond Lennox	Lachlan Mahon Lennox			

**Under 17 2/3 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Female Board Rescue U17/U19						
Male Board Rescue U17/U19						
Female Single Ski U17/U19	Stenna Lee Cudgen	Ginger Allen Cudgen	Kalani Ives Yamba			
Male Single Ski U17/U19	Jackson Bond Lennox	Oliver Sharpe Lennox	Max Anderson Byron Bay	Lachlan Mahon Lennox		
Male Ski Relay U17/U19						
Female Double Ski U17/U19						
Male Double Ski U17/U19						

**Under 17 3/3 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Female Sprints	Lara Westwood Cabarita	Lalani Carter Byron Bay	Stenna Lee Cudgen			
Male Sprints	Sebh Walters Cabarita	Kyle Milroy Cabarita				
Female Flags	Stenna Lee Cabarita	Lalani Carter Byron Bay	Lara Westwood Cabarita			
Male Flags	Sebh Walters Cabarita	Kyle Milroy Cabarita				
Female Surfing	Stenna Lee Cudgen	Penelope Davis Cabarita				

**Under 19 1/2 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male Surf	Isaac Thompson Lennox	Jackson Bond Lennox	Beau Carter Byron Bay	Jacob Yourell Evanston	Lachlan Mahon Lennox	
Iron Man	Isaac Thompson Lennox	Beau Carter Byron Bay				
Male Board Race	Liam Willoughby Cudgen	Beau Carter Byron Bay	Jordan Elabbasi Yamba	Patrick Thompson Evanston	James Forbes Yamba	Joel Imerson Yamba
Female Board Race	Hayley Smith Cudgen					
Male Single Ski	Beau Carter Byron Bay	Patrick Thompson Evanston				
Female Single Ski						

**Under 19 2/2 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Female Single Ski	Grace Eady Byron Bay	Hayley Smith Cudgen				
Male Sprints	Beau Carter Byron Bay	Joel Imerson Yamba	Jacob Yourell Evanston	Jordan Elabbasi Yamba		
Female Sprints	Hayley Smith Cudgen					
Male Flags	Beau Carter Brunswick	Joel Imerson Yamba	Jacob Yourell Evanston			
Female Flags	Hayley Smith Cudgen					

**Opens 1/4 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male Surf	Scott McCartney Cudgen	Patrick Thompson Lennox	Bailey Copeland Cudgen	Kai Onley Cudgen	Joseph Dougherty Yamba	Jackson Chapman Cudgen
Female Surf	Hayley Smith Cudgen	Kalani Ives Yamba	Frances Ald Yamba	Morgan Parlin Yamba	George Smith Yamba	Bronie Beauford Yamba
Male Board Race	Kai Onley Cudgen	Rory Matthews Cudgen	Scott McCartney Cudgen	Liam McPhill Cudgen	Oliver Sharpe Lennox	Max Gilbert Yamba
Female Board Race	Olissa Onley Cudgen	Kalani Ives Yamba	Frances Ald Yamba	Hayley Smith Cudgen	Stephen Boyd Cudgen	Leah Charlton Yamba
Male Board Relay						
Female Board Relay						
Male Single Ski	Scott McCartney Cudgen	Kai Onley Cudgen	Jackson Chapman Cudgen	Colly Bell Cudgen	Joseph Fahy Yamba	Rory Matthews Cudgen

**Opens 2/4 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Female Single Ski	Stenna Lee Cudgen	Chloe Jones Cudgen	Sophie Boyd Cudgen	Grace Eady Byron Bay	Ginger Allen Cudgen	Jo Kay Byron Bay
Male Ski Relay						
Female Ski Relay						
Male Double Ski						
Mixed Double Ski						
Male Board Relay						
Female Board Relay						
Iron Man	Kai Onley Cudgen	Bailey Copeland Cudgen	Rory Matthews Cudgen	Jackson Chapman Cudgen		

**Opens 3/4 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Iron Woman	Kalani Ives Yamba					
Men's Triathlon 3 Person						
Women's Triathlon 3 Person						
Male Sprints	Leah Charlton Yamba	Morgan Parlin Yamba	Bella Gilbert Yamba	Bronie Beauford Yamba	George Smith Yamba	Frances Ald Yamba
Female Sprints	Leah Charlton Yamba	Morgan Parlin Yamba	Bella Gilbert Yamba	Bronie Beauford Yamba	George Smith Yamba	Frances Ald Yamba
Male Flags	Rory Matthews Cudgen	Jordan Elabbasi Yamba				
Female Flags	Leah Charlton Yamba	Morgan Parlin Yamba	Bella Gilbert Yamba	Bronie Beauford Yamba	George Smith Yamba	Frances Ald Yamba
Beach Relay						
12m F Beach Run	Olissa Onley Cudgen					

**Opens 4/4 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
12m M Beach Run	James Forbes Yamba	Joel Imerson Yamba	Patrick Thompson Lennox	Oliver Sharpe Lennox	Kyle Milroy Cabarita	

**30-39 Masters 1/2 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male Surf	Scott McCartney Cabarita	Jacob Don Yamba	Mitchell Imeson Yamba			
Female Surf	Clare Morton Yamba	Leah Charlton Yamba				
Male Surf Teams Mixed age	Yamba	Byron Bay	Yamba	Lennox		
Female Surf Teams Mixed age	Yamba					
Male Board Race	Scott McCartney Cabarita	Jacob Don Yamba	Mitchell Imeson Yamba			
Female Board Race	Leah Charlton Salt	Clare Morton Yamba	Once Cornerford Brunswick			
Male Single Ski	Scott McCartney Cudgen					
Female Single Ski	Once Cornerford Brunswick					

**30-39 Masters 2/2 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male Sprints	Erin Hill Cudgen					
Female Sprints	Patricia Bryce Salt	Leah Charlton Yamba	Lucinda Fagan Cabarita	Sharnah Bowen Cabarita		
Female Flags	Leah Charlton Yamba	Clare Morton Yamba	Ollette Blacklock Salt	Sharnah Bowen Cabarita		
Beach Relay mixed age	Byron Bay	Salt	Cabarita			
12m F Beach Run	Sabel Topper Cabarita	Lucinda Fagan Cabarita	Sharnah Bowen Cabarita			
12m M Beach Run	Michael Imeson Yamba	Erin Hill Cudgen				
Ski Relay mixed age	Byron Bay	Yamba				

**40-49 Masters 1/2 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male Surf	Joseph Dougherty Yamba	Joe Fahy Yamba	Brendo Mathew Lennox	Tim Kent Cabarita	James Fobes Yamba	Gary Rosewarne Cabarita
Female Surf	Kai Onley Brunswick	Terisa Wagner Salt				
Male Board Race	Joseph Dougherty Yamba	Tim Kent Cabarita	Scott Roberts Lennox	Justin Ingram Lennox		
Female Board Race	Kai Onley Brunswick	Alison Hedger Salt				
Male Single Ski	Joe Fahy Yamba					
Female Single Ski	Justine O'Brien Salt					

**40-49 Masters 2/2 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male Sprints	Tim Cohen Byron Bay	Tim Kent Cabarita	Lared Monti Cabarita	Justin Ingram Lennox	Scott Roberts Lennox	Gary Rosewarne Cabarita
Female Sprints	Julie Roberts Lennox	Theresa Davis Cabarita	Diane Cross Salt	Alison Hedger Salt	Deb Bryce Cabarita	
Male Flags	Lared Monti Byron Bay	Tim Cohen Byron Bay	Michala Bertr Byron Bay	Joel Mashford Byron Bay		
Female Flags	Alison Hedger Salt	Julie Roberts Lennox	Deo Beazroft Cabarita	Theresa Davis Cabarita	Julie Roberts Lennox	
12m F Beach Run	Julie Roberts Lennox	Deborah Beazroft Cabarita	Theresa Davis Cabarita			
12m M Beach Run	Paul Thompson Salt	Tim Cohen Byron Bay	Justin Ingram Lennox	Simon George Cudgen		

**50+ Masters 1/2 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male Surf	Peter Reinburg Brunswick	Paul Davis Brunswick	Scott Sewell Byron Bay	Rod Anderson Byron Bay	Sam Coleman Salt	
Female Surf	Jo Kay Byron Bay					
Male Board Race	Peter Reinburg Brunswick	Paul Davis Brunswick	Rod Anderson Byron Bay	Scott Sewell Byron Bay	Peter Madden Brunswick	
Female Board Race	Jo Kay Byron Bay					
Male Single Ski	Scott Sewell Byron Bay	Peter Madden Brunswick	Rod Anderson Brunswick			
Female Single Ski	Jo Kay Byron Bay					
Iron Man	Paul Davis Brunswick	Scott Sewell Byron Bay				

**50 Masters 2/2 FNC Branch Carnival Score Sheet 31-Jan-21**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male Sprints	JP Smith Salt	Michael Thompson Lennox				
Female Sprints	Petria Bryce Cabarita					
Female Flags	Petria Bryce Cabarita					
12m F Beach Run	Craig Cowan Salt					
Male Board Relay	Yamba	Brunswick				



## FNC MEMBERSHIPS

### Ballina Lighthouse

Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	142
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	9
Active (15-18 yrs)	20
Active (18yrs and over)	73
Award Member	4
Long Service	2
Associate	5
Life Member	11
General	53
Probationary	35

### Brunswick

Probationary	21
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	166
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	10
Active (15-18 yrs)	10
Active (18yrs and over)	69
Award Member	3
Reserve Active	1
Long Service	4
Associate	113
Life Member	11
Community Member	1

### Byron Bay

Probationary	120
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	229
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	23
Active (15-18 yrs)	26
Active (18yrs and over)	131
Reserve Active	1
Long Service	12
Associate	197
Life Member	18
Honorary	1
Non Member Participants	1

### Cabarita Beach

Probationary	8
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	192
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	9
Active (15-18 yrs)	10
Active (18yrs and over)	88
Award Member	4
Reserve Active	6
Long Service	3
Associate	234
Life Member	11
General	53

### Cudgen Headland

Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	270
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	29
Active (15-18 yrs)	18
Active (18yrs and over)	149
Award Member	7
Reserve Active	6
Long Service	41
Past Active	12
Associate	244
Life Member	28
Honorary	13

### Evans Head / Casino

Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	74
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	23
Active (15-18 yrs)	14
Active (18yrs and over)	40
Long Service	3
Associate	17
Life Member	9
General	35
Non Member Participants	1

### Fingal Rovers

Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	2
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	2
Active (15-18 yrs)	5
Active (18yrs and over)	65
Award Member	4
Long Service	3
Associate	40
Life Member	12

### Lennox Head Alstonville

Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	265
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	26
Active (15-18 yrs)	18
Active (18yrs and over)	134
Reserve Active	2
Long Service	6
Associate	210
Life Member	5
General	1
Honorary	1
Non Member Participants	1

### Salt

Probationary	4
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	209
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	9
Active (15-18 yrs)	10
Active (18yrs and over)	78
Award Member	7
Long Service	13
Associate	14
Life Member	2
General	223
Honorary	1
Non Member Participants	45

### Yamba

Probationary	8
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	106
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	15
Active (15-18 yrs)	19
Active (18yrs and over)	77
Award Member	14
Reserve Active	1
Long Service	24
Associate	204
Life Member	19

### FNC Branch Totals

Probationary	88
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	1655
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	155
Active (15-18 yrs)	154
Active (18yrs and over)	996
Award Member	44
Reserve Active	17
Long Service	119
Past Active	12
Associate	1278
Life Member	133
General	365
Honorary	17
Non Member Participants	48
Community Member	4

# FNC AWARDS

## Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	6
Bronze Medallion	11
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	11
First Aid [AID]	3
IRB Crew Certificate	4
Junior Activity Management Course	1
Radio Operator Certificate	1
Silver Medallion Beach Management	4
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	9
UAV Operator (non RePL)	4
UAV Pilot (RePL)	2

## Brunswick

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	6
Bronze Medallion	16
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	10
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA21012)	5
First Aid [AID]	8
IRB Crew Certificate	3
Junior Activity Management Course	2
Radio Operator Certificate	7
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	2
Silver Medallion Beach Management	6
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	2
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	4
Training Officer Bronze Medallion	2
UAV Operator (non RePL)	1

## Byron Bay

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	12
Bronze Medallion	16
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	16
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA21012)	1
First Aid [AID]	12
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	3
Junior Activity Management Course	7
Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate	1
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	5
Silver Medallion Beach Management	5
Spinal Management	4
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	23
UAV Operator (non RePL)	1
UAV Pilot (RePL)	10

## Cabarita Beach

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	8
Assessor Bronze Medallion	1
Bronze Medallion	18
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	19
Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue) (PUA30319)	1
First Aid [AID]	17
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	1
IRB Crew Certificate	7
Junior Activity Management Course	2
Radio Operator Certificate	8
Silver Medallion Beach Management	2
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	4
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	5
Training Officer Bronze Medallion	1
UAV Pilot (RePL)	5

## Cudgen Headland

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	9
Age Manager Course	1
Bronze Medallion	22
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	22
Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue) (PUA30319)	2
Facilitator Bronze Medallion	1
Facilitator First Aid [AID]	1
Facilitator Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	1
First Aid [AID]	15
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	21
IRB Crew Certificate	2
Junior Activity Management Course	2
Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate	2
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	6
Silver Medallion Beach Management	7
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	5
Spinal Management	4
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	17
Training Officer IRB	1
UAV Operator (non RePL)	10
UAV Pilot (RePL)	5

## Evans Head/Casino

Bronze Medallion	4
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	5
First Aid [AID]	3
IRB Crew Certificate 6	6
Junior Activity Management Course	1
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	1
Silver Medallion Beach Management	1
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	3
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	1
UAV Pilot (RePL)	2



## Fingal Rovers

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	5
Bronze Medallion	9
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	8
First Aid [AID]	9
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	3
IRB Crew Certificate	3
Junior Activity Management Course	2
Radio Operator Certificate	14
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	3
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	1
Training Officer IRB	1
UAV Operator (non RePL)	8

## Lennox Head Alstonville

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	13
Bronze Medallion	29
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	31
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA21012)	4
Endorsed Assessor - Bronze Medallion	1
First Aid [AID]	23
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	6
IRB Crew Certificate	1
Junior Activity Management Course	1
Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate	1
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	4
Silver Medallion Beach Management	10
Spinal Management	4
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	12
UAV Pilot (RePL)	3

## Salt

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	1
Bronze Medallion	7
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	8
First Aid [AID]	7
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	2
IRB Crew Certificate	8
Junior Activity Management Course	6
Radio Operator Certificate	2
Silver Medallion Beach Management	2
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	8
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	5
Training Officer IRB	2
UAV Operator (non RePL)	9

## Yamba

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	5
Bronze Medallion	27
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	31
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA21012)	1
Endorsed Assessor - Bronze Medallion	1
First Aid [AID]	9
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	6
Junior Activity Management Course	1
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	5
Silver Medallion Beach Management	5
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	11
UAV Operator (non RePL)	3
UAV Pilot (RePL)	2

## FNC Branch Totals

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	67
Assessor Bronze Medallion	1
Assessor IRB	2
Bronze Medallion	159
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	159
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA21012)	1
Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue) (PUA30319)	3
Endorsed Assessor - Bronze Medallion	2
Facilitator Bronze Medallion	1
Facilitator First Aid [AID]	2
Facilitator Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	2
First Aid [AID]	106
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	42
IRB Crew Certificate	34
Junior Activity Management Course	25
Radio Operator Certificate	32
Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate	7
Resuscitation [AID]	21
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	27
Silver Medallion Beach Management	42
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	25
Spinal Management	13
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	88
Training Officer Bronze Medallion	3
Training Officer IRB	3
UAV Operator (non RePL)	36
UAV Pilot (RePL)	26

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