

# salt SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



## ANNUAL REPORT



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## AFFILIATIONS

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Surf Life Saving Australia

## PATRON

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## LIFE MEMBERS

David Hoare  
Gary Raso

## CLUB COMMITTEE

<b>President</b>	Mark Humphries
<b>Vice President</b>	David Rope
<b>Secretary</b>	Kareen Smith
<b>Treasurer</b>	Morris Uttley
<b>Club Captain</b>	Rob Slade
<b>Junior Activities</b>	Ben Clements
<b>General</b>	Bryan Jones Greg Lovett Craig Mandall

## JUNIOR COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman</b>	Ben Clements
<b>Secretary</b>	Jodie Payne
<b>Manager</b>	Greg Lovett
<b>Sports Manager</b>	Craig Mandall
<b>Activities Manager</b>	Jeff Smith
<b>Promotions</b>	Simon Beck
<b>Carnival Manager</b>	Adam Wright
<b>General</b>	Wendy Lovett Mandie Wright

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman</b>	Rob Slade
Mark Humphries	Dave Rope
Kevin Pleace	Richard Adams

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Bryan Jones	Mark Humphries
	Kevin Pleace

## OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Public Officer</b>	Rob Slade
<b>Chief Training</b>	Gary Raso
<b>Training Officers</b>	Dennis Eyre Cherie Raso
<b>IRB Captain</b>	Jason Thrupp
<b>First Aid Officer</b>	Di Geddes
<b>Registrar</b>	Tom Mandall
<b>OH&amp;S Officer</b>	Kareen Smith
<b>IT Admin</b>	Ben Clements
<b>BBQ Manager</b>	Hanna Ed-Rose

## COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

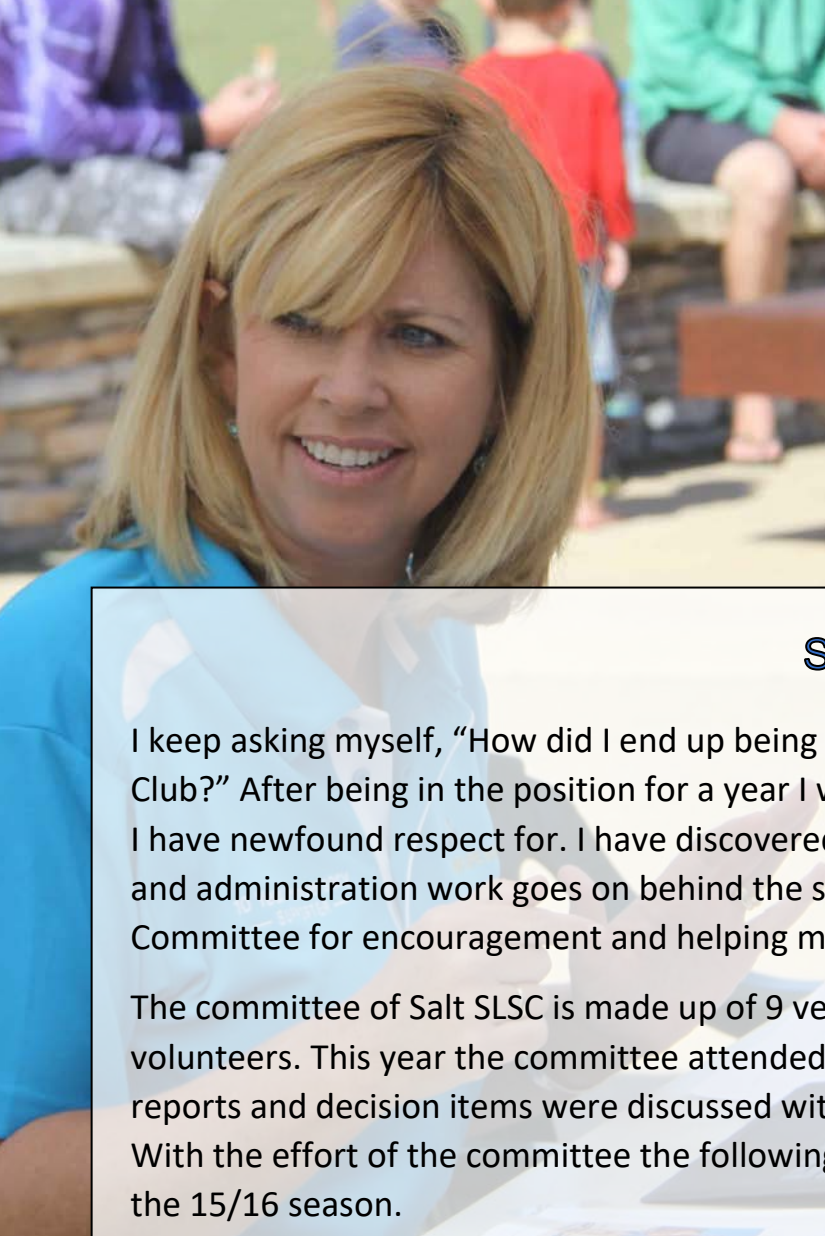
Jeff Smith	Ben Clements
David Rope	Rob Blyth
Craig Mandall	Kareen Smith
	Greg Lovett

## AGE MANAGERS

Chris Barnett	Simon Beck
JP Smith	Maz Curtis
Victor Popov	Christy Clements
Gavin Brooks	James Owen
Matthew Pope	Adam Wright

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<b>Supervisor</b>	Rob Slade
<b>Coordinator</b>	Penny Lovett
<b>General Roster</b>	
Greg Lovett	Rob Blyth
Leanne Blyth	Jason Thrupp
Brett Tetlow	Phil Payne
Zak Payne	Craig Mandall
Brent Lethbridge	Dennis Eyre
Frank Devitt	Angus Blyth
Wilson Curtis	Molly McNamara
Ruby Huitson	Samara Lee
Riley Smith	Jeff Smith
David Rope	Jayden Mandall
Miffy Thomas	Ian Thomas
Kiera Thomas	Evee Thuys
Maddie Ziegler	Michael Ziegler



## SECRETARY – KAREEN SMITH

I keep asking myself, “How did I end up being the Secretary for Salt Surf Life Saving Club?” After being in the position for a year I want to acknowledge my predecessors who I have newfound respect for. I have discovered that an incredible amount of governance and administration work goes on behind the scenes of a surf club. Thanks to the Committee for encouragement and helping me get through the first year.

The committee of Salt SLSC is made up of 9 very enthusiastic and hardworking volunteers. This year the committee attended 9 Salt SLSC committee meetings, where reports and decision items were discussed with the best interest of the club at hand. With the effort of the committee the following governance milestones were achieved in the 15/16 season.

### 1. **SALT SLSC’s Inaugural Strategic Plan – “The Plan Forward”.**

This season the club commenced the process of developing its own SALT SLSC Strategic Plan – “The Plan Forward”.

Thank you to all members that made a contribution either by way of completing a survey or attending the ½ day planning day at Mantra. The beginning of this process has played an integral part in mapping out the first steps of our way forward with future development of the plan to occur in the 15/16 season.

### 2. **Quality Clubs Project – Achievement of Bronze Status in 14/15**

SALT SLSC successfully achieved Bronze Quality Club Accreditation this year.

The Quality Club Program recognises best practice operations within all areas of Surf Life Saving including lifesaving and patrols, training and education, surf sports, member services and a range of Club management areas including administration, finance and marketing. Achieving a Quality Clubs Level is viewed favourably by many government and non-government organisations offering grants and other forms of assistance.

Thank you to David Rope who contributed greatly in gathering evidence and collating most of this information in 13/14 with the completion of evidence being finalized in 14/15.

One of the club's major sources of income comes from Grant funding. This year we were successful in two SLSNSW grants which helps keep our much-needed surf lifesaving equipment up to date.

- \$5,000 - **Beach Safety Equipment Fund** – Life Saving equipment
- \$9,000 - **BRP Powercraft Equipment Grant** – ATV

The balance of the funds to purchase a new ATV worth approximately \$18,000 came via a donation from Tweed Coast Holiday Parks

The beginning of the season is always a busy time signing up new members and making sure the database is up to date, I would like to thank Tom Mandall who was willing to attend Surfguard Training and help out with some database input including member registrations and recording proficiency outcomes. Your accuracy and attention to detail was appreciated.

Our Club is forever growing and it is exciting to be part of a club that is also wanting to improve and look for opportunities to ensure our sustainability. This year Salt SLSC nominated Adam Wright who was selected to represent the Far North Coast Branch in the Beyond my Club development program run by SLSNSW. The key focus of the program is to learn how to promote best practice initiatives in your own club. Adam's learnings out of this weekend will be invaluable for our growing club.

Finally thank you to all our club members and volunteers that make this community a better place. Looking forward to exciting times ahead.

## **PRESIDENT – MARK HUMPHRIES**

The season of 2015/16 has been the most significant in the history of Salt SLSC. Having celebrated the clubs 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in early 2015 the club received extended patrol hours and commenced construction of Stage One of the clubhouse renovation & extension in November 2015.

The management committee conducted a Strategy Planning session preseason to outline the short term & medium term direction of the club and invited all members to participate and have a say. As a young and developing club we are focused on further training to attract new members moving to our South Kingscliff region on the Tweed Coast. As a family friendly club we are now seeing nippers completing SRC & going on to the Bronze Medallion & most importantly doing active patrols.

Salt Beach has remained safe again this season thanks to our 78 active patrolling members being most vigilant and ensuring preventative actions to keep swimmers between the red & yellow flags. The club congratulated the 8 new Bronze members and 3 new SRC members who have joined the patrolling ranks.

Chief Training Officer, Gary Raso and assistant Dennis Eyre have again this season excelled in their roles of training, mentoring and most importantly encouraging members to further advance their awards.

The annual Sports Lunch hosted by Saltbar was an absolute cracker event with a record 370 people in attendance. The event featured the Channel Nine Footy Show team of Paul Fatty Vautin , Big Marn Darryl Brohman & the very lively Erin Molan. The club hosted special guests Phil Vanny, CEO SLSNSW and our very own Branch President Wilson Cregan who has again hailed the event as the 'Best Life Saving event he has attended' . Profits from fund raising activities on the day were in excess of \$30K and the launch of a new building fund attracted 5 Gold Sponsors committing \$25K in total.

Salt Nippers had a great season on the beach, in the creek and even joining ranks with Cudgen one Sunday to experience greater participation. The local Water Sports Guru operators conducted several sessions at Nippers to again offer the young nippers the opportunity to participate in team activities with beach and water activities. The Junior committee have been active with recruitment and innovative with encouragement of family participation at nipper events.

The club was a proud recipient of a new mobile Patrol Tower fully funded by an anonymous donor. The project was managed from design (Gary Raso) to engineering (Steve Hackworth) and installation (Rob Slade & Ben Larkin) by Vice President Dave Rope. The tower is a welcome addition to maintain greater visual safety for local swimmers.

Our fund-raising team has extremely active in 2015/16 with some massive efforts including the annual Sports Lunch, End of month raffles, Bunnings BBQ,

Sunday morning BBQs organized by Hanna Edwards with the help of Craig Donnelly. A special thank you to Bryan Jones and Richard Adams for their relentless efforts to raise funds at such a vital time for our club.

The club would like to acknowledge the time, commitment and professionalism of the Building Committee, led by Club Captain Rob Slade, for managing the clubhouse building project.

The club has been successful in several grants this season with BSEF & BRP with a new ATV and a funding extended to Salt SLSC by Tweed Coast Holiday Parks.

The club would like to acknowledge major sponsors for 2015/16  
Salt Bar; Frizelle Motor Group; LJ Hooker Kingscliff; Jack Spratt Butcher; Tweed Coast Holiday Parks.

The office bearers and committee of 2015/16 have been an extremely hard working and committed group of people and I salute them!





## **VICE PRESIDENT – DAVID ROPE**

It is my pleasure to present the Vice President's Report for the 2015/2016 season.

The 10<sup>th</sup> season of our Club, saw so many milestones and achievements, the most exciting of which was the commencement of Stage 2B of the new clubhouse project. This stage of the project has come about after many years of hard work from a group of dedicated members and at this stage will be fully funded and completed within budget. Thanks to Rob Slade for his management of the project in recent times. A great milestone in the short history of our Club.

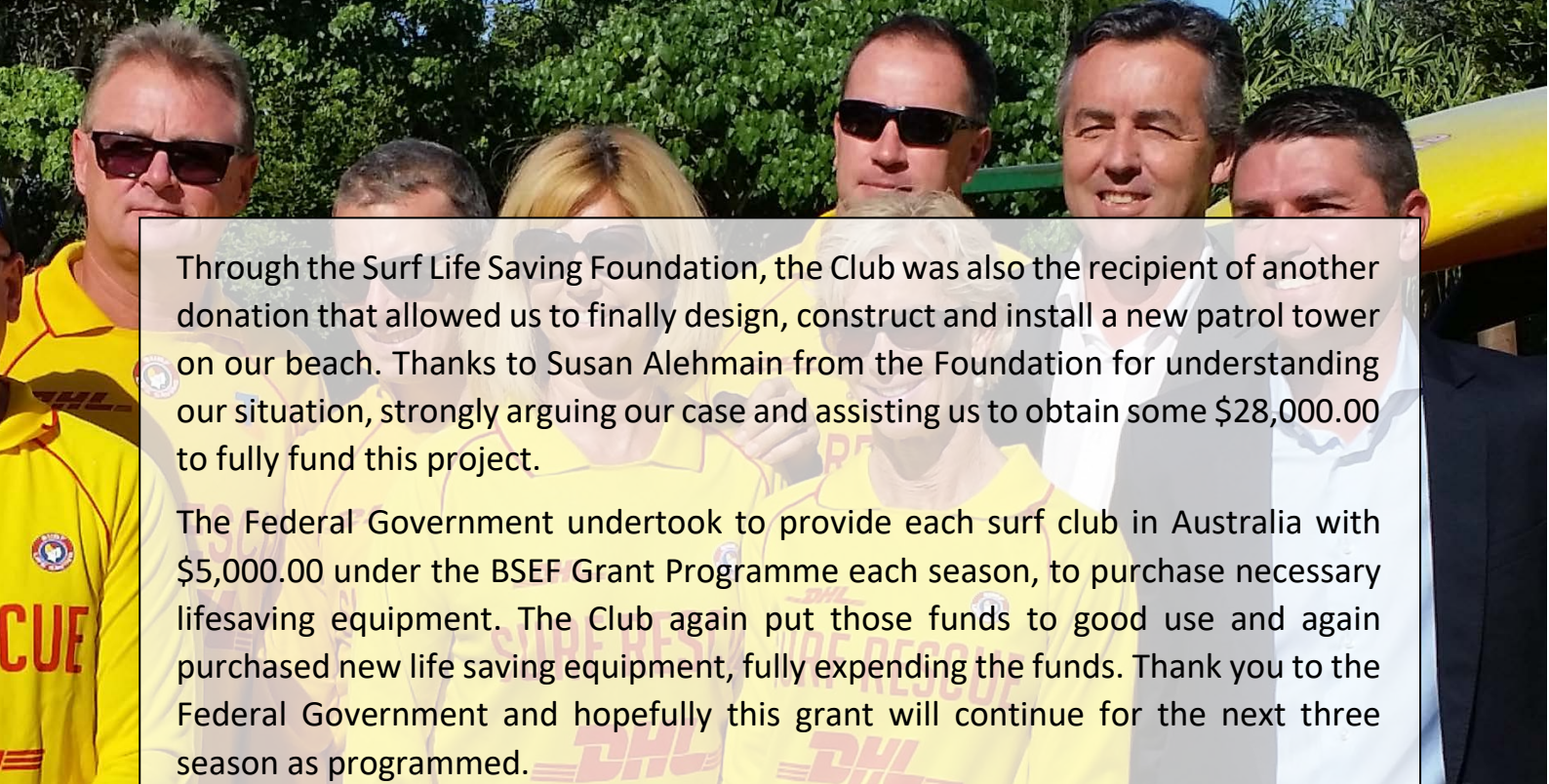
After last season commencing the process of our submission and providing supporting documentation for the bronze status in the Quality Clubs Programme, I am pleased to report that we have successfully completed this Programme after a massive amount of effort and been granted bronze status. We are one of the only Clubs in the Far North Coast Branch to have obtained any status in this programme. Again, another great milestone for our Club.

The Club Fundraising Committee had lots of success again this season with their fundraising activities, in particular their continued perseverance at the Saltbar with in excess of \$12,000.00 being raised throughout the season by the hard work of a few individuals. Thank you, Bryan Jones, Kevin Pleace, Mark Humphries, Richard Adams and the other members that assisted when available. Thank you also to Saltbar for providing us with the opportunity to continue our fundraising in their establishment.

Whilst on the issue of fundraising, thanks to Mark Humphries and the team of volunteers that assisted with our fundraising at the annual sportsmen's lunch in February. Much planning and many hours go into this event annually and I look forward to this event continuing as one of our annual season fundraising strategies into the future.

At the sportsmen's lunch, we launched our new Gold New Clubhouse Development sponsors package for \$5,000.00. I am pleased to report that since the launch in February Mark Humphries has sold three of those packages and I have sold a further four, raising \$35,000.00 in funds towards the clubhouse project.





Through the Surf Life Saving Foundation, the Club was also the recipient of another donation that allowed us to finally design, construct and install a new patrol tower on our beach. Thanks to Susan Alehmain from the Foundation for understanding our situation, strongly arguing our case and assisting us to obtain some \$28,000.00 to fully fund this project.

The Federal Government undertook to provide each surf club in Australia with \$5,000.00 under the BSEF Grant Programme each season, to purchase necessary lifesaving equipment. The Club again put those funds to good use and again purchased new life saving equipment, fully expending the funds. Thank you to the Federal Government and hopefully this grant will continue for the next three seasons as programmed.

The BRP Grant saw the Club successful in the purchase of a new ATV as part of the Aussie titles sponsorship. Most importantly thank you to Tweed Coast Holiday Parks for the \$9,500.00 contribution, which basically fully offset our purchase. Again, through the season Tweed Coast Holiday Parks and member Richard Adams arranged for a new easy up shelter for our patrols. Again, many thanks and appreciation for the continued sponsorship of some \$2,000.00.

On behalf of our members I thank both Mantra and Peppers for their continued support of the Club, in particular continuing to provide meals for our patrolling members, major surf lifesaving events and of course facilities for training and meetings as required.

It has been a very busy season during which I tried to involve myself and assist in as many areas of the Club as possible. This saw me involved from the outset in assisting with memberships at the Club Open and sign on days, undertake in excess of 150 hours of beach patrols, surf swim coaching of our nippers, assist with nipper water safety at carnivals, undertake the Junior Activity Course with the Clubs JAC Ben Clements, process the senior proficiencies and award paper work, assist Di Geddes with the patrol rostering and entering of patrol data in Surfguard, cooking barbecues, continuing to be a member of the Clubs Building Committee, attending Branch Executive meetings for Mark Humphries and Junior Committee in their absence, assisting with the planning and preparations for our annual sportsmen's lunch as well as write the Club's Patrol Operations Manual.

Next season will see me take a step back from being involved on the Club Committee for the last 9 seasons, with the hope that other members are now willing to move forward and assist in the management of our great Club.

Long serving committee member Mark Humphries will also be standing down this season. Mark joined the Club in the 2006 season, gaining his bronze and being awarded the Club Person of the Year award in his first season. Mark has been a long serving committee member and one of four members who were instrumental in holding the Club together in the 2007 season, when there was a high risk that the Club would fail. Mark, although only in his second season of surf lifesaving, agreed to take on the role of Club Captain. I'm sure Mark would agree that he knew little (if anything) about surf lifesaving, but was prepared to step forward and assist in any way that he could. The rest is history. Mark has been an avid and aggressive fundraiser during the last ten years and for many years on his own would wander down to the Saltbar Sunday lunchtime and conduct raffles to assist the Club to raise much needed funds. There is no doubt that the funds raised in the early days of the Club's history have greatly assisted the financial position of the Club over the years and leading us to be able to construct the current stage of the new clubhouse. Besides being Club Captain in the 2007 season, Mark has been the President for the last four seasons, Vice President for two seasons prior to that, held general committee positions, been a member of the building and fundraising committees, whilst also holding down full time employment. On behalf of the Club and its members, thank you Mark for your hard work over the years.

Most importantly through the dedication of our volunteer patrolling members, the Club completed another season without loss of life. You should be proud, thank you for your time and sacrifice.

As a strong part of the local Community, the platform is in place for us to have one of the greatest "Surf Clubs" in Australia.

I wish the new Committee all the best for the new season and hope you have much success in continuing to move this great Club forward.



## TREASURER – MORRIS UTTLEY

YE 30 April 2016

Due to the receipt of grants and donations for stage 1 of our new clubhouse of \$416,215, our club Financial Statements show a large net profit of \$498,146 this year after depreciation of \$19,229. Our net assets have grown as a result to \$904,552.

The club cash operating expenses reduced to \$39,987 from \$51,296 in the previous year and this saving assisted in the funding of our building program.

During the year, the club received \$66,899 in donations of cash and equipment, and together with sponsorships of \$12,682 provided the funding for various equipment acquisitions, the main items being a new patrol tower, Mercury 25 HP motor, BBQ trailer, Custom Double trailer, and BRP Commander DPS ATV.

The construction of our new clubhouse has significantly reduced our funds on hand, but together with promised grants we will be able to meet our contractual obligations on the first stage as they fall due.

Our challenge for the immediate future will be to fund the completion of our new clubhouse and I look forward to the support from all levels of government and from our member fund raising activities.

As in previous year end reports, I thank all the members who have assisted during the year in fundraising, and particularly those involved in collection and banking of money and record keeping.





## CLUB CAPTAIN – ROB SLADE

I took over the Club Captain role from Gary Raso with his blessing. Big shoes to fill. In 2005 my son Alex and I were in the very first bronze squad at Salt and Gary was the trainer. As they have for just about all squads, Gary's wife Cherie helped out as did Cherie's brother Wayne Greenup. Some 10 years later it's a testament to their contribution to this club and surf lifesaving in general that all three of them still do the same. Gary has been an outstanding influence and inspiration to me (and many others) with regard to surf lifesaving. Thanks Gary.

Our patrol hours this season were very different to previous seasons. The lifeguards now only patrol at holiday times (like other beaches in the Tweed Shire) and SLSNSW requested that we patrol similar hours to our neighbouring clubs. It was a challenge for our small club to meet those hours but we did, and once again with no loss of life.

Here are a few other statistics from our 2015/16 season:

- 8 rescues (2 tube, 5 board, 1 no gear);
- 553 preventative actions; and
- 23 first aids (stingers, minor cuts/abrasions, sprains).

Many many thanks to all our patrolling members and supporters that helped us achieve another season of looking after the community at Salt Beach. Many thanks also to our Patrol Captains for their hard work managing each patrol team: Cherie Raso (Patrol 1), Wayne Greenup (Patrol 2), Tim O'Neill & Richard Adams (Patrol 3), David Rope (Patrol 4), Kareen Smith (Patrol 5), Leanne Blyth (Patrol 6),

Beach attendance numbers were lower this year no doubt due to the fairly rough conditions we experienced. The weather didn't really turn good until after the patrol season had finished! The weather stats tell the story:

- 9 patrol days with a closed beach;
- 12 days of strong winds;
- 33 days of moderate winds;
- 15 overcast days; and
- 13 days with rain.

With the increased patrol hours this season there was a greater call for subs, particularly over the xmas period when many families were on holidays. A number of members regularly put their hand up to cover those away, in particular Dave Rope, Wayne Greenup, Jason Thrupp, Gary Raso, Cherie Raso, Richard Adams, and Dennis Eyre. All these members have multiple awards which means they can sub for numerous positions on patrol. We desperately need more members to obtain more awards to ease the load on this group.

Our lifesaving equipment is in great shape, principally because we have continual turnover of gear all of which is supported by various grants as well as club funds. A big ticket item this season was a new patrol tower designed by Gary Raso and installed by Ben Larkin (thanks Gary & Ben). Funding for this tower came from the SLS Foundation. Thanks to Dave Rope for liaising with the Foundation and proposing the idea. Other items secured include:

- A new ATV which arrived at the end of the 2015/16 season (donated by the BRP Grant and Tweed Coast Holiday Parks);
- A new oxy-viva kit (SLSA Beach Safety Equipment Fund);
- A new battery for the defib; and
- Two new Hytera radios (SLSA Beach Safety Equipment Fund).

Many thanks to those involved in obtaining those grant funds (Dave Rope, Kareen Smith, Rob Slade). Maintenance of IRBs, especially the motors, continued to be a challenge. Two motors have been with us for numerous years and its time to turn them over.

I would very much like to thank the people who assisted in keeping lifesaving gear in shape and ready for use, in particular Di Geddes for looking after all the first aid requirements as well as arranging for drop off and pick up of oxy cylinders to be refilled. Di also entered the patrol log data into Surfguard. Many thanks Di. Jason Thrupp and Wayne Greenup looked after not only the IRBs but also made sure the tractor and ATV were always fueled up and ready to go. Thanks guys.

To our active patrolling members please remember that we have a well-equipped gym. I encourage all patrolling members to use the gym to develop and maintain their fitness, strength and stamina. It has a wide variety of modern equipment, ranging from simple hand weights, bar bells, rowing machines, exercise bike, cross trainer, treadmill to the Esprit Expander multi-station weight training machine. Contact the club Secretary if you would like keypad access.

Special thanks to Jason Thrupp and Wayne Greenup for dedicating additional time to ensuring the gym is clean with all equipment maintained and stored correctly.

I am very pleased to hand the role of Club Captain over to Jeff Smith. Jeff was also trained by Gary, is a long-time club and patrolling member, and a former Junior Activities Coordinator. He will bring energy, enthusiasm and new ideas to the role. All organisations need to evolve to survive and it's very pleasing to see new faces take over important club roles both on the committee and outside it



## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Club's Training Officers, Gary Raso and Dennis Eyre, maintained the on-going training of Active as well as new Probationary members of the Salt SLSC during the past season.

A total of 78 Active Patrolling Members received up to date training as part of the annual Skills Maintenance program for their current Awards, including Bronze Medallion, Advanced Resuscitation, First Aid, IRB Driver and Crew.

Additionally, the Club was pleased to advance two (2) Cadet members who previously held the Surf Rescue Certificate through to the full Bronze Medallion via the Recognition of Prior Learning pathway.

An intensive 8 week course was conducted for new members to gain their Surf Rescue Certificate or Certificate II Aquatic Rescue (Bronze Medallion) resulting in Salt Beach now having an additional three (3) SRC and nine (9) Bronze patrolling members.

Another welcome addition to the Club's patrolling ability was this year's IRB Crew Certificate course that added an additional eight (8) IRB Crew awards.

Members of Salt SLSC also successfully enhance their knowledge and skill levels by attending Education and Training courses conducted by FNC Branch at other local Clubs.







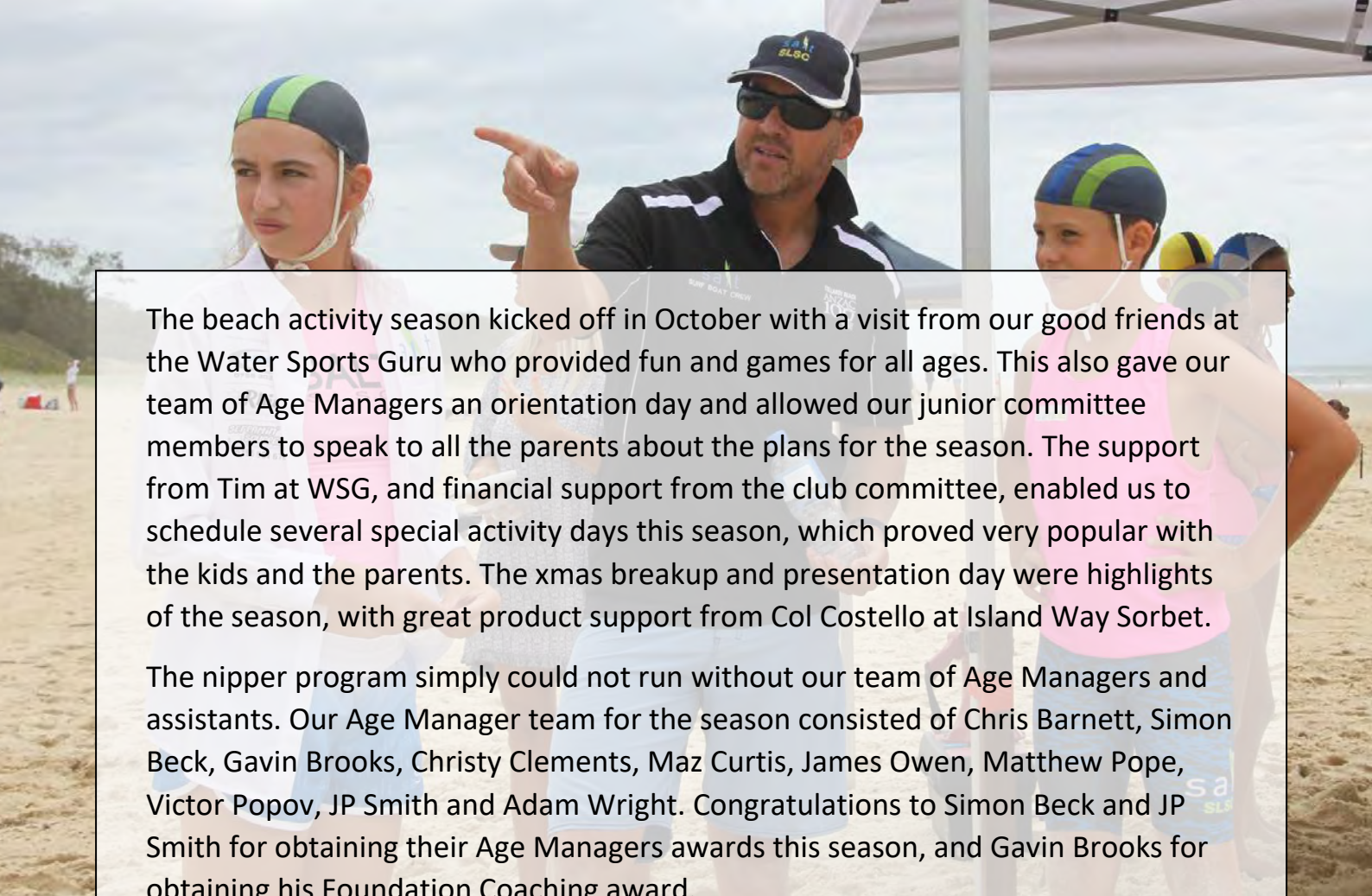
## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES – BEN CLEMENTS

This season has been a new and exciting chapter in the short history of the Salt SLSC nipper program. As we approach our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Salt Juniors, many of the inaugural nippers have moved in to the senior patrol ranks and the families that are new to the Salt and Casuarina area now make up the backbone of the nipper program.

After the management restructure of the nipper program last season, we have expanded the 5-person junior committee with an additional 4 general committee members – Jeff Smith, Simon Beck, Mandie Wright, Adam Wright, Greg Lovett, Wendy Lovett, Jodie Payne and Craig Mandall. The effort that these people put in to ensure the Salt nippers program functions properly is outstanding.

With support from the club executive committee, we have been able to enhance the promotion, coaching, training and administration of the Salt nippers program for season 2015/16. Our promotion started in August with an informational flyer distributed to over 4000 mailboxes, supplemented with advertisements in school newsletters and on Facebook. The club invested in additional signage, equipment and merchandise which created an exciting feel for the start of the season. The influx of new members this season has been fantastic, with overall nipper numbers up 20% on last season, with increased numbers in every age group.





The beach activity season kicked off in October with a visit from our good friends at the Water Sports Guru who provided fun and games for all ages. This also gave our team of Age Managers an orientation day and allowed our junior committee members to speak to all the parents about the plans for the season. The support from Tim at WSG, and financial support from the club committee, enabled us to schedule several special activity days this season, which proved very popular with the kids and the parents. The xmas breakup and presentation day were highlights of the season, with great product support from Col Costello at Island Way Sorbet.

The nipper program simply could not run without our team of Age Managers and assistants. Our Age Manager team for the season consisted of Chris Barnett, Simon Beck, Gavin Brooks, Christy Clements, Maz Curtis, James Owen, Matthew Pope, Victor Popov, JP Smith and Adam Wright. Congratulations to Simon Beck and JP Smith for obtaining their Age Managers awards this season, and Gavin Brooks for obtaining his Foundation Coaching award.

Our extended team of beach helpers is very large, and your contribution is much appreciated - Michelle Thomas, Fiona Allen, Lauren Brooks, Mandy Wright, Kareen Smith, Wendy Lovett, Caz Conway, Darrin Gersbach, Shaun Cardillo, Lionel Capellan, Bella Mor, Brett Curtis, Brent Lethbridge and many others.

The nipper program introduced more regular creek days this season which provided opportunity for our Age Managers to adapt the training for confidence and team building activities. The perfect conditions allowed us to conduct specialist swim training sessions with David Rope, who was kind enough to fund some performance-based free snags for the kids.

These days were only possible due to the awesome people prepared to help load the gear-trailers well before nippers start time, such as Simon Beck, Adam Wright, Jeff Smith and James Owen, plus the IRB driver support from Rob Slade, Rob Blyth and Greg Lovett.



The nipper program also participated in a combined nipper day with the Cudgen Headland SLSC, something which hasn't been done for many years, proving very popular with both clubs and has been penciled in again for next season.

The branch carnival program was heavily influenced by the weather this season, which resulted in several shortened carnivals and some cancellations. The highlight was the Branch Championships at Kingscliff Beach which saw our biggest representation for the year and some outstanding personal achievements. Club participation in carnivals is a core piece of the nipper development program, and is something that we all need to embrace as a learning activity. One goal for the new season will be to increase our numbers at carnivals – remember that a surf carnival is about testing our skills in a meaningful environment.

A special thank you to all the new parents who have embraced the program and undertaken the excellent training courses supplied by the club and branch educators. A number of nipper parents have undertaken their bronze during the season in order to assist nippers and patrols – thank you to Caleb Brewster, Victor Popov, Iain Thomas and Michael Zeigler for completing their bronze and taking such an active role in their children's development, plus supporting our wider community.

The level of water cover this season was fantastic with significant contributions from Jeff Burnes, Rob Blyth, Dennis Eyre, Greg Lovett, Penelope Lovett, James Owen, David Rope, Rob Slade, Jeff Smith, JP Smith, Riley Smith, Brett Tetlow and the new bronzies mentioned earlier. We were also able to call on some of our teenagers to assist at special water events, such as Angus Blyth, Wilson Blyth, Wilson Curtis, Ruby Huitson, Samara Lee, Molly McNamara, Kiera Thomas, Miffy Thomas, Eevee Thuys and Maddie Zielgler.



A significant milestone was achieved during this season which was commencement of work on the new clubhouse. With the growth of the Salt and Casuarina areas, the high number of people wishing to develop their children's life skills at their local beach is understandable. From a nippers perspective, the new clubhouse will provide additional training options and allow the program to expand to meet the increasing level of membership.

The ever-popular bbq was run very efficiently this season by Hanna Edwards-Rose, with regular helpers Craig Donnelly, Kylie Beck, Matt Boyle, Kirstin Boyle, Shaun O'Malley, Linda Sinclair, Iain Thomas, Michelle Thomas and Nicola Angel. Thanks to everyone who helped out in some way.

Thank you to all the dedicated parents and volunteers who have assisted with the Salt nipper program this season, whether that be on the bbq, in administration, education, training or safety. Direct financial support from parents with their own businesses has been very much appreciated – Gavin and Lauren Brooks (Dynamic Pool Designs) and Mandie Wright (Tailored Space Interiors) contributing their own money to support the program.

Well done to Holly Clements for representing Salt as our Junior Lifesaver of the Year nomination, and all the young leaders who attended the Junior Development Camp – Cassandra Barnett, Shantel Gregoraci and Holly Clements. Congratulations to Jimmy Devitt, Will Smith and Holly Clements who graduated to become SRC patrolling members.

Cheers for a great year









## BUILDING COMMITTEE – ROB SLADE

Construction of our new clubhouse began on the 16th November 2015. This was timely as the second and final extension to the \$305,000 Facilities Grant from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation (administered by SLSNSW) required that construction begin by 1st December 2015 (we were originally supposed to begin construction by the 1st September 2014). We made it just in time, whew! A detailed history of the clubhouse development can be found at:

<http://www.saltsurfclub.com.au/the-club/clubhouse-development>.

Our DA is for a two-story structure featuring a large deck. However, that is about a \$2 million build and we don't have sufficient funds - yet. We have enough money at the moment to build the ground floor only. The contracted price for the ground floor (to lockup and no fit-out) was \$717,039.09 (ex GST). Over the past 5 years there have also been many costs outside of the contracted build price. Since 2010 approximately \$90,000 has been spent on these extra costs which include electrical, hydraulic, and engineering consultant fees, Council fees, soil testing, onsite surveys, services location, and even container hire to store lifesaving equipment while we build. Another significant cost was the relocation of a mains electrical pillar. This is a commercial build and the requirements are beyond those normally required for domestic housing. A significant component of the contracted build price resulted from our determination to maximise the footprint of the building and go east as far as allowed – right up to the 2100 erosion line.

Unfortunately, just west of the erosion line is a large underground stormwater pipe which we would need to build over. To do that required a suspended slab design, involving screw piers and a large amount of concrete, which increased the cost.

Apart from the \$305,000 Facilities Grant where has the rest of the money come from? Tweed Shire Council provided \$250,000 from Section 94 developer funds. These funds are payments made by developers to enable Council to provide public amenities and services required for new residents and businesses, so a surf club is a good fit. Other surf clubs in the Shire have also received S94 funds. Apart from the Facilities Grant and the S94 funds, all the monies have come from the club and are the result of running fund raising barbies, end of month raffles at Saltbar, continually applying for small grants for lifesaving equipment, maintaining and repairing equipment ourselves as much as possible, and a great source of annual funds from the Sportsman's Lunch run by Saltbar. It's an outstanding achievement for a small regional club that only started 11 years ago.

The clubhouse development will always remain our biggest project by a long long way and is a large amount of money for a volunteer club to administer. We are thankful that our treasurer Morris Uttley, a retired accountant and Salt resident, kept us on the financial straight and narrow. In addition, Tweed Shire Council (the owners of the land, and the ultimate owners of the clubhouse) have had strong oversight on the development which the club has welcomed.

So, where are we? After a flurry of activity earlier in the year building progress has slowed. This is because we have changed the staging of the build and this required going back to Council for approval, which we have yet to receive. As many of you will know, putting submissions together and awaiting Council approval can take some time. The change is that rather than put a temporary roof directly on the ground level extension, we will put up the final roof as if we were building the complete second level. It will look a little strange until the remainder of the second level is built but will be a substantial cost-saving. The temporary roof would have cost approximately \$40,000 to erect and yet when we come to build the second level it would have been dismantled and discarded. This approach will save us that cost. Apart from the roof, the main remaining items to complete include: the remaining electricals, external rendering & painting, landscaping, concrete path, and completion of the disabled ramp at the member's entrance. The plan is to complete the ground floor stage before the beginning of the 2016/17 patrol season (24th September 2016).

It's possible though that we'll just keep building and add the second level. If the Federal Coalition is re-elected on the 2nd July then they will allocate \$1 million to Salt SLSC to complete the clubhouse. What massive news! The National Party, as part of their commitment to regional areas, approached both the Far North Coast Branch of SLSNSW and the Tweed Shire Council for a shovel-ready surf lifesaving project in this electorate that they could support. Fortunately, our clubhouse development was just such a project and Elton Cummings (FNC Branch) and Stewart Brawley (Tweed Shire Council) put us forward as worthy of support. Once supported, Mark then kept pestering his local contacts in the National Party to reiterate the importance of this development. Fingers crossed!







### CARNIVAL REPORT

#### Salt Carnival U12-Open

The first carnival of the 2015-16 season was held at Salt Beach in October. The format for this carnival was U12-Open which meant that there were plenty of competitors. Salt Beach turned on beautiful conditions for the event and provided our newer members a chance to see what carnivals are all about.

Clay O'Malley, competing in his first carnival produced great results to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the Flags and 6<sup>th</sup> in the sprint. We also had representation from Nilaya Cannon and Shantel Gregoraci.

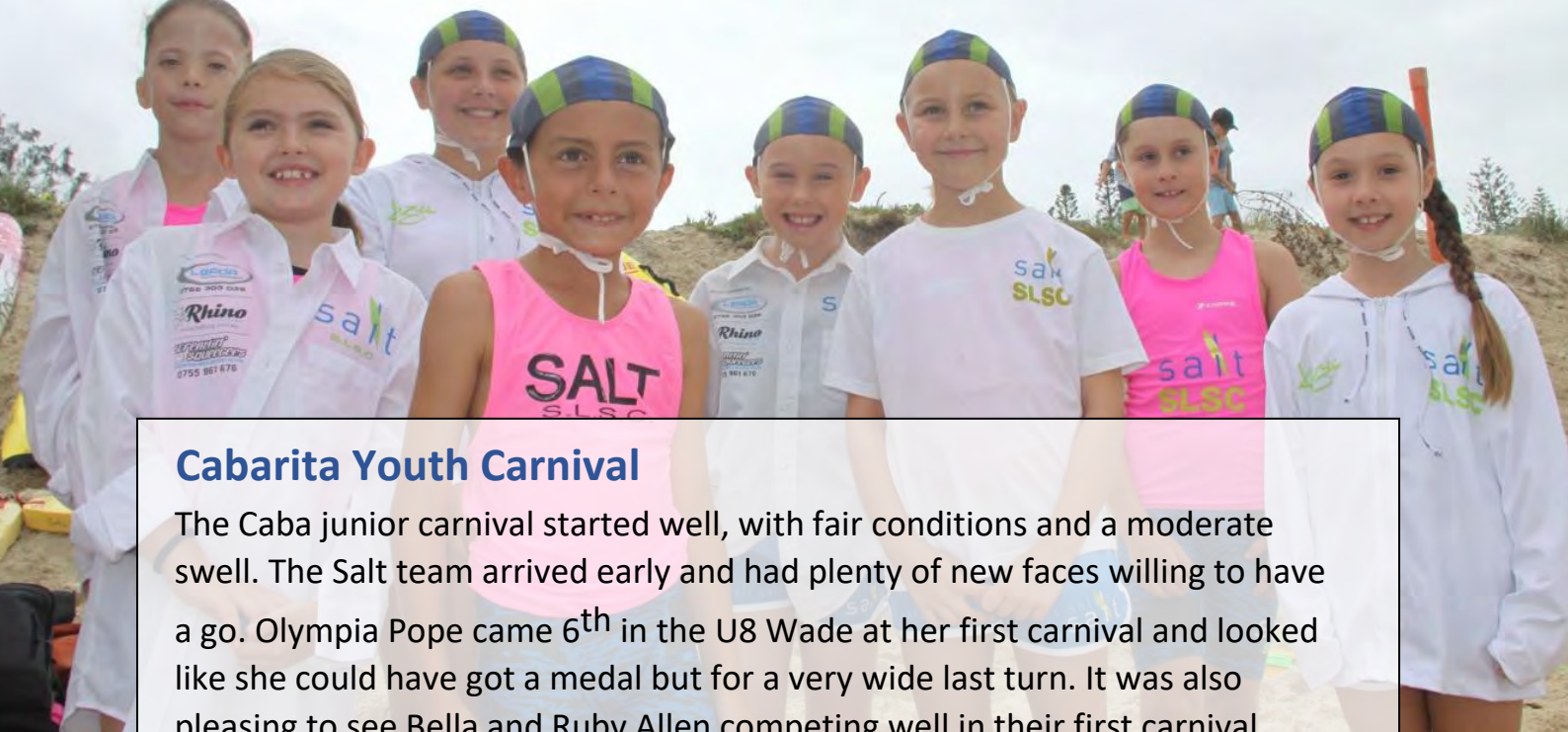
Other good results were obtained by seasoned campaigners Holly Clements, Jemma Clements and JP Smith.

#### Points Results

Clay O'Malley	U12 Male Flags	5 <sup>th</sup>
	U12 Male Sprint	6 <sup>th</sup>
Jemma Clements	U12 Female Flags	1 <sup>st</sup>
	U12 Sprint	4 <sup>th</sup>
Holly Clements	U14 Female Sprint	5 <sup>th</sup>
JP Smith	Open Sprint	1 <sup>st</sup>







## Cabarita Youth Carnival

The Caba junior carnival started well, with fair conditions and a moderate swell. The Salt team arrived early and had plenty of new faces willing to have a go. Olympia Pope came 6<sup>th</sup> in the U8 Wade at her first carnival and looked like she could have got a medal but for a very wide last turn. It was also pleasing to see Bella and Ruby Allen competing well in their first carnival. Mia Brooks was having a go despite a broken wrist and Ella Tedford had a great swim.

Unfortunately, the conditions deteriorated rapidly during the day which resulted in the carnival being called off at 12:30 after persistent suspensions due to lightning. Some of the experienced nippers like Liam Gregoraci and Riley Brooks didn't get to do their favourite events but did whatever they could. The O'Malley boys, Reuben and Clay, were ready for action but only got to do the flags before the cancellation. Millie Wright had a good swim alongside Ella even though the conditions weren't the best by then. Nilaya and Shantel managed to get a swim event in before the lightning started, and Nilaya was also ready for a board paddle.

### Points Results

Olympia Pope      U8 Wade    6th







## Lennox Youth Carnival

Cancelled

## Byron Bay Teams Carnival

Surely after the problems with Caba and Lennox we were due for great conditions. The answer is no. The traditional Byron Bay Teams Carnival started with a nice day but a forecast of storms proved to be accurate.

The day started well with a very competitive representation in the All-age beach sprint relay event. We managed to juggle a few ages around to run a very competitive 6<sup>th</sup> place. The All-age Sprint Relay team was Jeremy Barnett, Liam Gregoraci, James Owen, Lexi Barnett, Rueben O'Malley, Jemma Clements and Holly Clements

The team immediately backed-up for the All-age Board Relay event. Jack Owen, who was competing in his first carnival for Salt stepped up to tackle the Byron waves. The team of Liam Gregoraci, Jack Owen, Piper Smith, Clay O'Malley, Shantel Gregoraci and Holly Clements finished a creditable 7<sup>th</sup> place.

The Byron carnival is where the branch conducts the Junior Lifesaver of the Year interviews. Our club nomination, Holly Clements, attended and made a strong case, as did all the other nominees.

Another to do well in his first carnival was Levi Dangerfield, who teamed up with Piper, Lexi and Jack to do the U11 swim teams event. The team scored some points with a strong 6<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Jemma, Clay, Lexi and Shantel stepped up an age level to go close to a top 6 placing in the U13 swim teams. In the board relay, Clay and Shantel just missed out on a top 6 placing.

As the tide rose, the sprint track was flooded so all the beach events were cancelled. This prevented some of our members from competing in their favourite events, however it was an opportunity for some to try events they don't normally compete in.





## Points Results

Lexi Barnett, Levi Dangerfield, Jack Owen, Piper Smith

U11 Swim Team

6<sup>th</sup>

Jeremy Barnett, Liam Gregoraci, James Owen,  
Lexi Barnett, Rueben O'Malley, Jemma Clements  
and Holly Clements

All Age Relay

6<sup>th</sup>







## Junior Branch Championship – Cudgen

The final branch carnival of the season saw the biggest turnout of Salt juniors, all willing to have a go at every event. The result show just how far many have come along in one short season of surf education.

Even at this stage of the season there were still several first-time competitors, including Sophie Conway who took home 2 silver medals. Another to step up was Rhys Thomas who surprised himself with an excellent 6th place in the flags event.

In the U8 arena, we had Olympia Pope and Mia Brooks joined by first-timer Isabelle Popov. The 3 of them were involved in many events and competed well.

Special mention to Lexi Barnett who continues to dominate her age group with 4 placings in the top 6. Her swim in the surf race was outstanding, where she was on the beach so far in front of the others that some people thought she must have been rescued by the IRB.

The Junior Branch Champs also included the presentation ceremony to the branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year finalists. Salt was represented by Holly Clements







Millie Wright, Ella Tedford, Annalise Cardillo and Liam Gregoraci competed well in the U9 category. Riley Brooks and Jack Owen worked hard all day in U10s. Clay, Jemma, Sophie, Shantel and Holly continued to push through all the events in the U12-14 category.

### Point Results

Isabelle Popov	U8 Flags	4th
Isabelle Popov	U8 Sprint	5th
Olympia Pope	U8 Wade	4th
Alexis Barnett	U10 Flags	4th
Alexis Barnett	U10 Sprint	2nd
Alexis Barnett	U10 Swim	1st
Alexis Barnett	U10 Board	5th
Sophie Conway-Rusk	U12 Flags	2nd
Sophie Conway-Rusk	U12 Sprint	2nd
Jemma Clements	U12 Sprint	4th
Clay O'Malley	U12 Flags	5th
Rhys Thomas	U13 Flags	6th
Holly Clements	U14 Sprint	3rd
Jemma, Sophie, Reuben, Clay	U12 Sprint Relay	5th
	All-Age Sprint Relay	6th







## NSW COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Lexi Barnett, our very talented U10 nipper, represented the Salt SLSC at the NSW Country Championship at South West Rocks.

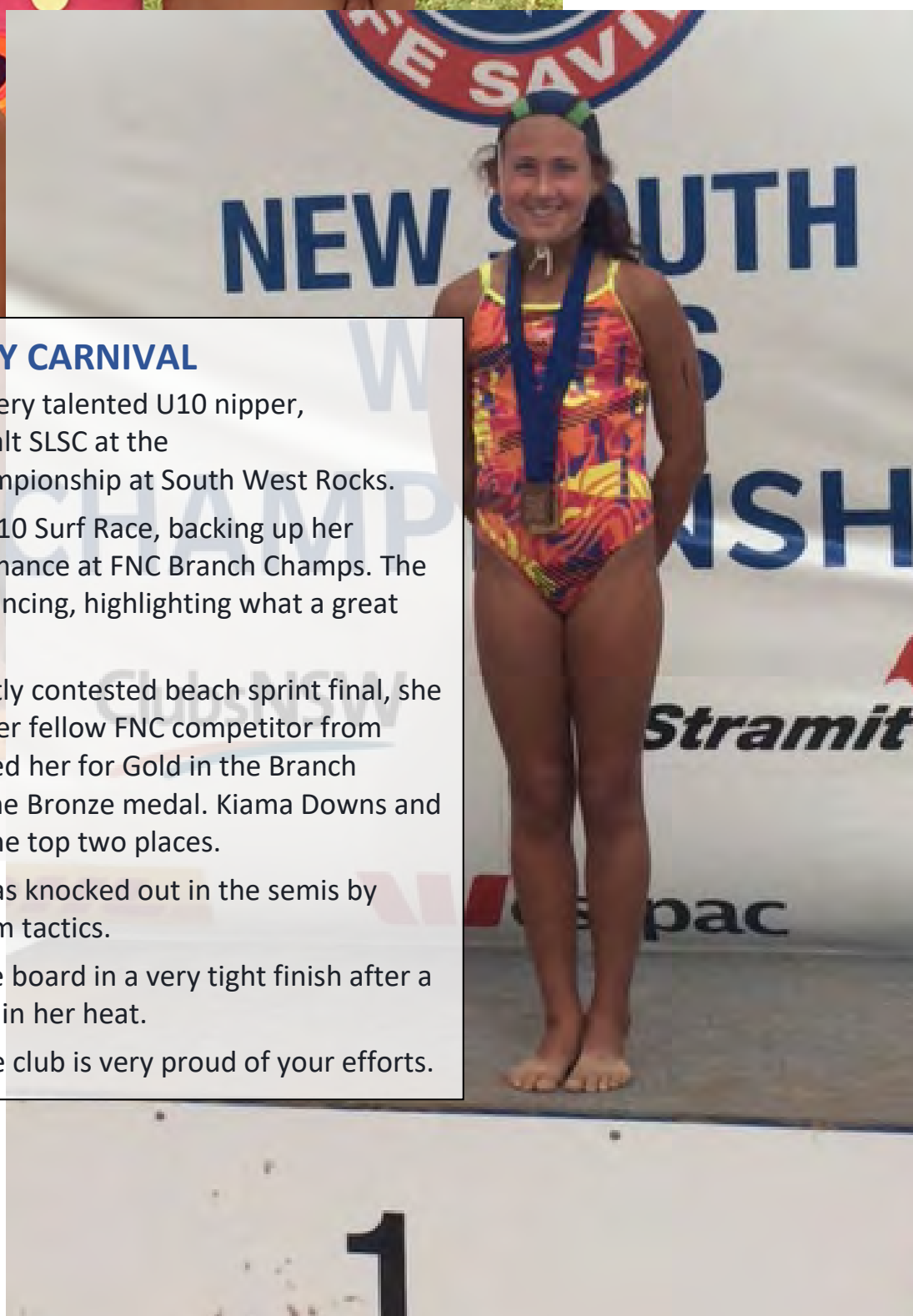
She won Gold in U10 Surf Race, backing up her impressive performance at FNC Branch Champs. The win was very convincing, highlighting what a great swimmer she is.

In what was a tightly contested beach sprint final, she was able to beat her fellow FNC competitor from Lennox (who pipped her for Gold in the Branch Champs) to take the Bronze medal. Kiama Downs and Urunga took out the top two places.

In the flags, she was knocked out in the semis by some planned team tactics.

She was 7th on the board in a very tight finish after a convincing second in her heat.

Well done Lexi, the club is very proud of your efforts.







## BRUNSWICK MASTERS

Annie Lingwood

Gold 30+ Beach Sprint  
Gold 30+ Beach Flags  
Gold 30+ 2km Beach Run  
3<sup>rd</sup> 40+ 2km Beach Run  
5<sup>th</sup> 40+ Beach Sprint  
5<sup>th</sup> 40+ Beach Flags

Julianne Donnelly

## SENIOR BRANCH MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Annie Lingwood

Gold in 30+ Beach Sprint  
Gold in 30+ Beach Flags  
Gold in 30+ 2 km Beach Run.  
4<sup>th</sup> in 40+ 2km Beach Run

Julianne Donnelly



## QLD STATE MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Annie Lingwood

Silver in 30-34 2km Beach Run  
Bronze in 30-34 Beach Sprint  
4<sup>th</sup> 30-34 Beach Flags  
6<sup>th</sup> 45-49 2km Beach Run  
8<sup>th</sup> 45-49 Beach Flags

Julianne Donnelly





# JUNIOR AWARDS

## Age Group Winners

## Female

## Male

Under 8

Isabelle Popov

Jeremy Barnett

Under 9

Millie Wright

Liam Gregoraci

Under 10

Alexis Barnett

Riley Brooks

Under 11

Piper Smith

Jacob Beck

Under 12

Jemma Clements

Clay O'Malley

Under 13

Shantel Gregoraci

Rhys Thomas

Under 14

Holly Clements

Flynn Smith







Nipper of the Year

Alexis Barnett

Rising Star Award

Isabelle Popov

Encouragement Award

Ella Tedford

Encouragement Award

Sarah Boyle

Encouragement Award

Olympia Pope

Salt Spirit Award

Sophie Conway-Rusk

Salt Spirit Award

Clay O'Malley





# SENIOR CLUB AWARDS

Brian Ray Club Person of the Year

Rob Slade

Kathy Ray Junior Club Person of the Year

Hunter Magrath

President's Shield

Adam Wright

Lifesaver of the Year

Riley Smith

Patrol Person of the Year

David Rope

Rookie of the Year

Iain Thomas

Encouragement Award

Keira Thomas

Family of the Year

Smith Family

Rollover Award

Frank Devitt

Patrol of the Year

Patrol 5

Kareen Smith (Patrol Captain), Jeffrey Smith, Riley Smith, Suzanne Carpenter, Ben Clements, Holly Clements, Darren Farrell, Riley Smith, Mareeva Evans, Suzanne Evans, Teva Evans, Hunter Magrath, Adam Wright, Flynn Smith, Victor Popov





# RECOGNITION AWARDS

Services Rendered

Morris Uttley (Treasurer)

Support Services

Hanna Edwards-Rose (BBQ Co-ordinator)

Junior Support

Jack Owen (Bunnings BBQ & Shark Research)

Surf Sports Service Award

Annie Lingwood (competitor)

Family of Year Award

The Smith Family (Kareen, Jeff, Riley, Flynn & Piper)





# FUNDRAISING

## Major Fundraising Event

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportman's Lunch. Feb 2016











# PATROLS

## Patrol 1

Cherie Raso (Patrol Captain), Gary Raso, Sue Christensen, Jan Hamilton, Rhonda Martin, Anthony McNamara, Jan McNamara, Molly McNamara, Eevee Thuys, Jacob McNamara

## Patrol 2

Wayne Greenup (Patrol Captain), Joe Raso, Christopher Raso, Kellie Allen, Paul Allen, Aaron Curtis, Stephanie Curtis, Wilson Curtis, Lisa Huitson, Ruby Huitson, Samara Lee, Chantrell Thrupp, Jason Thrupp

## Patrol 3

Richard Adams (Patrol Captain), Tim O'Neill, Craig Donnelly, Brent Lethbridge, Col Sims, Geoffrey Spetch.

## Patrol 4

David Rope (Patrol Captain), Matt Lynch, Gregory Lovett, Craig Mandall, Alana McBain, Greg Smith, Penelope Lovett, James Owen, Iain Thomas, Kiera Thomas, Brett Tetlow, Will Smith, Caleb Brewster, Michael Ziegler, Maddie Ziegler

## Patrol 5

Kareen Smith (Patrol Captain), Jeffrey Smith, Riley Smith, Suzanne Carpenter, Ben Clements, Holly Clements, Darren Farrell, Riley Smith, Mareeva Evans, Suzanne Evans, Teva Evans, Hunter Magrath, Adam Wright, Flynn Smith, Victor Popov

## Patrol 6

Rob Blyth (Patrol Captain), Leanne Blyth, Bryan Jones, Angus Blyth, Wilson Blyth, Liam Gee, Mark Humphries, Kevin Pleace, John Paul-Smith.

## Patrol 7

Robert Slade (Patrol Captain), Ben Larkin, Wayne Greenup, Jeff Burnes, Sam Colman, Julianne Donnelly, Dianne Geddes, Annie Lingwood, Kyle Roberts.

## Patrol 8

Frank Devitt (Patrol Captain), Judy Devitt, Isabella Mor, Jodie Payne, Ty Payne, Dennis Eyre, Zak Payne, Jimmy Devitt