TAMARAMA SLSC INC.
ANNUAL REPORT 2016–2017

TAMARAMA SLSC
Kyokudo no shiawase na tanoshimi no jikan
(Japanese: Extremely happy enjoyable time)
The objectives are an important part of any organisation. The ongoing objectives of TAMARAMA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED are as follows:

- To minimise the loss of life by drowning by providing efficient life saving equipment and rendering first aid.
- To preserve and safeguard life by the study and practice of the methods of Life Saving as taught by Surf Life Saving Australia.
- To promote and arrange demonstration, and arrange classes of instruction to bring about a thorough knowledge of the principles which underline the art of Life Saving.
- To assist the Council’s Lifeguards in their duty and by appointing patrols, render all possible aid to those in distress.
- To provide conveniences for Club Members and obtain the best facilities for surf bathing.
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CLUB PATRON’S REPORT

Here we go again, happy as can be...111 years and still no lives lost.

A big THANK YOU.

One thing I do look forward to is greeting new members on their qualifying day. The groups this year maintained our high standards and are happy to be in a smaller club. Nice to see in the group, actually, not a new member, as she started in the nippers! Well done Isi!

Sorry that Sandra Fox, Club Captain and Life Member, has been lured to Canberra. They better look out or she will take over the place!

Talking of place, it’s good to see Danny Adams take over as Club Captain. Danny started as Club Caretaker. Living on the premises, he showed the initiative to earn the positions he has held during and since. Only recently, he was selected to travel to Japan on a one month exchange program to represent SLSA and share his knowledge of Surf Life Saving.

Which reminds me, how the heck are six new IRB members going to fit in the boat? Only joking. All the best in your new endeavours.

Thank you for having me as your Patron. When I joined the club as an 18 year old it became my second home. After 60 odd years, in some ways, it still is.

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Kind regards

HENRY HOURIHAN
Club Patron
As always I am proud to say we have continued our tradition of ‘No Lives Lost’. I would like to thank all the members of the Club that have made this season a successful one. This can only be attributed to the hard work and dedication of all our members. This comes at a time where NSW and Australia in general suffered far too many needless drownings over the Summer. I can’t remember such a dire year. I want to thank all those who made their patrols on time come rain or shine, and we have had a lot of both this year, to keep our beach safe. I want to thank all the Patrol Captains and the members of the IRB crews that make the extra effort and give up many more weekends than most of us and moreover I want to thank the members of the Management Committee that make the extra commitment each year to help run the Club. We have a long and envied tradition that we can continue only with the effort everyone puts in.

Not only did the training team under Ellie’s guidance add 34 newly bronzed club members, there were also six IRB crew trained up, four SRCs from our Nippers group, five beach management and two ARTCs. We also had successful courses in First Aid for members, a great life skill. We look forward to seeing you all on the beach next year. It is great to see new faces around the Club getting involved. Guy Waddell deserves a special mention for his tireless efforts around the Club and with the Nippers: It was a very successful and fun season for all the kids involved.

The season has had its challenges with patrol and IRB crew numbers not always optimal and our Captain has spent a great deal of time with Branch trying to work out a solution. We have had a busy season with the hot weather bringing many more people to the beach. The Waverley district as a whole has been immensely busy over the summer. I met with all the Waverley Presidents recently and we are not alone. All Clubs are finding it increasingly hard to manage volunteer hours, notably with some IRB drivers clocking up over 150 hours in a season. Many Clubs in Sydney have full time employees to help with the paperwork and administrative tasks. There is talk of trying to cap volunteer hours to avoid membership burn out and aid retention. We have had a series of very successful trainers adding 30-40 new Club members every year for a long time and yet the active membership base stays steady.

I would like everyone to take a moment to reflect on some the Life Members who passed away recently, including Neville Gray, Ivan Butterworth and Ron Muller. It is great that Philippa was able to document many of the lives and experiences of our Life Members and for me in recent times to get know many of them personally and hear their stories first hand. It was good to also have the remembrances at the Club for their families and the Club members alike. I was also very pleased to see the Holly Days programme revived towards the end of the season. Holly Days was named after Holly Robinson, a young Club member, also sadly no longer with us. The programme is a great initiative that gives kids opportunities that they would not otherwise be afforded – a chance to enjoy and learn about the surf. A huge thanks to Jo Miller and Mieka White for working on this important initiative. Any additional help is always welcome.

The renovations continue to make headway. Andrew Farley has been running with the next phase of our Capital campaign and I ask you to refer to Troy’s update in our report. Andrew has got us to a point where we are now focussing on Corporates and Government and any help you can give Andrew to make him successful will help us be successful. I look forward to seeing you all at the beach next year.

BILL SHIRES
President
OVERVIEW
Over the better part of a decade the building committee has done an amazing job to get the building plans designed and the DA approved for the clubhouse redevelopment.

This season I have been working hard with Andrew Farley our capital campaign manager on the generation of the $4.56 million needed to underpin this important project.

CAMPAIGN SETUP
Set up for the capital campaign included:
• A detailed business case articulating the need and benefits of the project, based on broad research, consultation and editing
• A slideshow presentation for use in information sessions and other engagement activity
• An introductory video
• Development of a prospect list of 300+ individual, corporate, government and community prospects that may be able to contribute in some way

INFORMATION SHARING PHASE
In order to educate and inform on the details of the project and motivate support, a series of small information sessions were conducted in the second half of 2016 with more than 80 guests across the eight information session from July to October 2016.

An influential leadership group was recruited from within the club and closely associated with it, to the best of their ability, if support was to be expected from external sources.

The club also needed to build its profile and wider relevance in the community in order to be attractive for philanthropic and government support.

On this basis the projected sources of funding were adjusted as follows:

- General: $600,000
- Members/Membership: $1,000,000
- Corporate: $1,000,000
- Government: $2,300,000

This reflects a decrease in projected support from major benefactors ($1 million instead of $2 million) and an increase in support to be sourced from the corporate sector ($1 million instead of $400,000), given the opportunity to leverage the clubhouse’s iconic status and prominent position.

ADJUSTMENT OF STRATEGIC FOCUS
Based on feedback received through the leadership group it was apparent that:
• The club’s reach, influence and relevance within the community is not as broad as had been anticipated, which had a knock-on effect to those willing to engage
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DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TO DATE
The capital campaign for the new clubhouse has reached $182,204 now committed through donations, pledges and verbal indications from club members, ranging from $390 up to $40,000. The club thanks these club constituents (in alphabetical order) for their leadership donations and pledges:
• Chris Bromhead
• Wayne Butcher
• The Charters-Miller family
• Alexandre Clamen
• The Doherty family
• John Fallon
• Faye Keech
• Martin Hadley
• David Handley
• The Hurley Family
• The Lamoury family
• Mark Larmour
• Adrian Lim
• Troy Longworth
• Holly Love and family
• The Janis family
• Mieka White
• The Wilson family
• Dan Zafir

An adjusted campaign trajectory on acquisition of support, including an extension through to July 2018 in line with the DA expiry, is detailed below:

Corporate and government backing will be the basis of moving from the projected $1.5 million at July 2017 to $4 million by January 2018.

WHAT’S COMING UP?
Primary focus is currently on engagement with the corporate sector. This is predominantly with property developers and builders that may be able to assist in bringing the project to fruition through financial or in-kind support, with some interest across the industry being worked through. Dulux has taken a lead in already committing to cover the paint supply and labour requirements, estimated at more than $50,000.

WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW?
• Government Lobbying
  Initial lobbying has commenced across both Waverley Council and Randwick Council, in light of the upcoming merger, as well as the NSW Government. Lobbying will intensify with the NSW Government and then local council once further benefactor and corporate support is in place with the aim of building on the $1 million already committed from government.

• Community Phase
  The community phase of the campaign is earmarked to commence towards the end of 2017. Concepts for community events designed to raise both money and awareness for the clubhouse project are currently being developed. Further information will be disseminated as this phase approaches.
This will be a case in point as to why a new clubhouse will be an enhanced hub for lifesaving and community use for the next 100 years.

Some highlights to the year’s community engagement include:

- A Science of the Surf (SOS) presentation educating the public on rips was held during Sculpture by the Sea. Dr Rob Brander delivered his SOS presentation to over 50 registered attendees, which was capped off by a dye release. Rio Olympian Matt Abood got wet in the name of science and demonstrated the power of rips.
- A two week trial for the reintroduction of the Holly Days Indigenous program in partnership with Weave Youth Services with participants from the La Perouse area.
- A Beach Safety Day for more than 70 new migrants to Australia from China, Vietnam, Japan, Syria and Iraq. Run in partnership with the City East Community College and Surf Lifesaving NSW it educated participants on swimming between the flags, identifying rips and safety on rock platforms.

Solid media coverage was generated in the Wentworth Courier, Southern Courier, The Beast, Daily Telegraph and Koori Mail across these initiatives.

“It Starts Here” – How you can help bring the new club to fruition?

The capital campaign is the biggest project the club has ever undertaken. To ensure our success in realising the clubhouse redevelopment support is needed from across the club. We encourage you to support to the best of your ability. From a one off donation/workplace giving, or purchasing paver, to a major benefactor contribution, we all have a role to play.

In addition you can also help by:

- Introducing us to a company that may be interested in a partnership with the club
- Referring us to a potential major benefactor that may believe in the role the club plays in the community
- Conducting fundraising activities to help meet the day to day running costs of the club
- Leaving a bequest to the Club

To discuss how you can support via a dedicated paver (starting at $2,500), workplace giving or a general donation please contact Andrew at the club on 9130 3967 or fundraising@tamaramaslsc.org.

CAMPAIGN ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to the following organisations and individuals that provided valued in-kind support as part of the campaign set-up and information sessions:

- Phillipa Ardlie (background research)
- Sue Jackson (editing)
- HopwoodMiller (graphic design)
- Worldwide Printing Solutions Bondi
- William Wolfenden from Seawolf Productions (video editing)
- Embroid Me Bondi
- M-Deli Tamarama
- Deli Fresco Bondi Junction
- Stoliar
- Angove Family Winemakers
- Sydney Brewery

We also wish to recognise the following whose involvement has assisted the capital campaign, public relations and community outreach activities:

- Lachlan Tame for participating in the season launch and official opening of the new gym
- Daniel Kowalski, Matt Abood and the Australian Swimmers Association for their support of the Science of the Surf event
- Lions BLU50 and Kathryn Crosby for their tireless support of the BBQ during Sculpture by the Sea
- Waverley Mayor Sally Betts and Randwick Mayor Noel D’Souza for their attendance and good spirit as part of the 2017 Clovelly-Tamarama Australia Day Nippers Challenge
- Weave Youth Services for their support with the Holly Days reintroduction trial
- Nipper parents Jo Miller and Brad Charters for ongoing support across the capital campaign and Holly Days trial
- Surf Life Saving NSW and City East Community College for their support with the New Migrant Beach Safety Day
- The staff at the Surf Lifesaving Foundation for their personalised support
- The Building Committee Bill Shires, Mike Turner, Ronan MacSweeney and Mick Alvisse for their continued leadership and support for this project.

TROY LONGWORTH
Vice President
There has been much activity across the whole club during the 2016–17 season and it’s been great to have been part of this.

It was really pleasing to be given the opportunity by the members to join the Management Committee in February 2017 and to start to learn the ropes in terms of what the role entails. I’d like to thank the outgoing Secretary, Aaron Neil, for his service to the club over recent years and for services as Secretary during the first half of the season.

The membership ranks of the club have been steady over the 2016–17 season with similar numbers of members in each membership category this season as compared to last. I echo Bill’s comments in regard to member retention – despite the significant efforts of those involved in recruitment and education across the club (see the Ellie’s report) our numbers remain stable. The Management Committee has had several workshops on club strategy and clearly growth in membership numbers and retention of members is high on our priority. I’d love to hear your ideas and get you involved in assisting with this foundation priority for our club.

Our community engagement stepped up several notches this season with the return of Dr Rip’s Science of the Surf Surf Safety education program in the first half of the season, an enthusiastic team led by Jo Miller working with Weave Youth and Community Services to pilot a new evolution of the Holly Days program and an engagement with SLS NSW, City East Community College, The Recreational Fishers Alliance and the NSW Department of Primary Industries to run a migrant Beach Safety and Rock Fishing education day.

I encourage all members to sign up to the club newsletter from the Tamarama home page, sign up to the member Facebook page and keep their details up to date in Surfguard, via the SLSA Member Portal so that they can keep up to date with what’s happening and more importantly – get involved.

The club remains active in the community with great relations with our regular community users – Zumba, Yoga by the Sea and Cheah Tae Kwon Do. These activities are available for members as much as they are for non members, so please take the opportunity to access the services these partners provide. Beyond the regular users of our great club, school and community groups continue to make use of the facilities on an ad hoc for all sorts of purposes, continuing the tradition of Tamarama SLSC being a hub for our community, beyond Surf Life Saving.

Last but not least, this season we welcomed Ellie as our new club caretaker. Thanks to Danny for his tenure as the club caretaker which was fantastic and we look forward to a new era with Ellie at the helm.

Thanks all for your support this season and I look forward to seeing you on the beach soon.

SARAH ROBERTS
Secretary
This season, the Tamarama training team has played a lifesaving tune like a prodigious jazz ensemble. Each of our musicians (trainers) has known our set list of songs, expertly sharing the tempo and the key. The fine details of our performance we have left to each member to bring their own instrument, style, experience and talent. The end result? A truly legendary concert, and a comeback tour planned for September 2017!

The success of this year’s training is due to an ensemble of very talented and dedicated lifesavers. Each of whom has dedicated extraordinary hours of volunteer time and energy across early mornings and late nights to support the training and development of new and existing Tama members. We continued to offer first rate training in lifesaving awards, encouraged members to develop their advanced skills and provided opportunities for new members to join our community through first aid training.

This season the following awards have been achieved by our members:
34 Bronze Medallions (Certificate II in Public Safety) (including 2 in-depth proficiencies):
4 Surf Rescue Certificates
9 Advanced Resuscitation technique certificates
9 First Aid Certificates
6 IRB Crew Certificates
5 Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management
1 Offshore Rescue Boat Crew Certificate

A particular highlight this season has been the commitment of the bronze medallion training team to create a learning environment that is fun, engaging, team building and embodies the welcoming, inclusive culture we enjoy at Tama. The introduction of games, activities and “on the job” learning provided many opportunities for our new recruits to meet new members and enjoy the camaraderie that goes hand in hand with our lifesaving responsibilities.

Importantly, we took a new approach this season with training at our beach, even when it was closed. Our Training team worked hard to provide candidates with as much time in the water as possible, and as much time using boards as possible, to build confidence and familiarity with our unique environment. We are continuing to work with SLS Sydney and SLS NSW to ensure that our lifesavers are able to train at Tamarama as much as possible.

As those of you who have been involved in training will know, there are many elements that must come together to create an environment for learning. From advertising, regular communications, meetings, copious amounts of paperwork, risk assessments and other administration, through to ensuring equipment is serviced and where it needs to be, to on the day logistics like ensuring adequate water safety and instruction, support and advice for candidates, and creating an environment that welcomes and encourages members to contribute and participate – the job description of trainer is diverse and varied.

Thank you to each of the following people who have played a vital role in the successful training program this season. Without your support, it would not have been possible to deliver such a high quality learning experience for candidates.

Ben Doherty
Bill Shires
Blake Anderson
Cameron Colwell
Carlos Sanchez
Dann Adams
David Murphy
Grant Slade
Henry Hourihan
Holly Love
Hugh French
Ian Moate
James Gray
Tom Bodger

Jonathan Brett
Kim Doherty
Liam McDermott
Lulu Thompson
Mark Larmour
Matteo Salval
Melissa Bell
Michael Dixon
Mieka White
Nick Spencer
Phil Capps
Rob Tomlin
Sarah Heldsinger
Sophie Taylor

(as you will know, record keeping is not a core skill of mine, so my sincere apologies if I have mistakenly left you off this list! I owe you a beer)
Your enthusiasm to get in the water no matter the weather or conditions, to roll around in the sand as patient, to watch just one more “hip and shoulder” roll or to share experiences and real life stories has meant that our candidates continue to be recognised by assessors as among the best lifesavers in the state. Leading the training team have been the following key individuals, whose support has meant that we have been able to deliver multiple courses and provide opportunities for learning across the lifesaving spectrum.

Guy Waddell – SRCs
Dan Zafir and Andrew Blenkinsop – IRB Crew
Troy Longworth and Jayme Smith – First Aid and ARTC

It has been my privilege to work closely with Marilee Tamasy this season. Marilee graciously accepted the role of Deputy Chief Instructor and has worked tirelessly this season to ensure that all of the moving parts that contribute to training have come together seamlessly. Marilee developed a weekly swimming fitness training program for bronze candidates, arranged paperwork, assessments, water safety and resources for our regular training.

Marilee also attended Management Committee meetings as my delegate when circumstances prevented me from participating. Perhaps her most challenging task for the season was gently and persistently managing the Chief Instructor with an even and non-judgmental hand. Marilee, the team and I salute you. Thank you for being my rock this season. Your smile, patience and positivity provide the perfect balance to my mania. We couldn’t have got through all this without you!

The role of Chief Training Officer has the privilege of being one of the first points of contact for members at our club. It was my intention to continue the work of my predecessors Phil Capps, Troy Longworth and Tom Bodger to provide the warm, welcoming and inclusive environment that makes our club so special. I look forward to being part of the team that creates this atmosphere throughout our training programs for next season. It is also my ambition to provide more opportunities for members to participate in advanced training programs throughout winter and next season – now it’s in print, you can ask me about it whenever you see me!

ELLIE PIETSCH
Chief Training Officer

LIFE SAVING AWARDS 2016–2017

BRONZE MEDALLION – 32
Ievgen Aleinikov
Michaël Elder
Javier Lopez Gil
Liam McDermott
Alexandre Michelet
Taryn Orkin
Ben Porter
Carlos Sanchez
Duncan Taylor
Sebastian Trevaskis
Adrien Wallace
Cameron Colwell
Lauren Eskin
Holly Love
Tara McKenty
Nanak Narulla
Robert Page
Daniel Qualischefski
Aryan Shahabi-Sirjani
Sophie E. Taylor
Isabella Veals
Sara Watson
Reg Douse
Duncan Kooper
Aymeric Maudous
Benjamin Mcmullin
David Ogle
Yasmene Placer
Laura Roff
Brent Soloman
Robert Tornlin
Thomas Veit

IN DEPTH BRONZE MEDALLION PROFICIENCY – 2
Rohan Frame
Peter Gallagher

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE – 4
William Forrest
Felix Morrison
William Lenard
Oscar McGivern

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE – 9
Ievgen Aleinikov
Robert Foulkes
Troy Longworth
Cameron Colwell
Eric Kleiman
David Murphy
Peter Davis
Mark Larmour
Kurt Shields

IRB CREW CERTIFICATE – 6
Bruce Bouchard
Aymeric Maudous
James Gray
Alexandre Michelet
Holly Love
Daniel Qualischefski

SILVER MEDALLION – BASIC BEACH MANAGEMENT – 5
Derek Bagatourian
Jason Mula
Giulia Collivadino
Eva Muller
Aymeric Maudous

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES AGE MANAGER COURSE – 3
Tim Gow
Tim Murray
Gillian Sharratt

NIPPER SURF EDUCATION – 60

ELLIE PIETSCH
Chief Training Officer
I began my first season as Tamarama SLSC’s Club Captain representing Surf Life Saving Australia in Japan. It was an honour to volunteer in Japan for four weeks from Onjuku beach to Iwai with three other Aussie lifesavers. Since then we've had a great season with lots of changes and new members. We've had a huge number of people step up into new support roles this year, thank you!

During the last seven years that I’ve been patrolling at Tamarama I’ve seen members come and go due to various life changes, so it’s essential that the members that do stay take up some extra responsibilities whenever they can – thank you to all those that have put their hands up this season! Especially Guy Waddell who has kept the club running in more ways than I can mention here.

We began the season with many patrols having low numbers and I needed to replace over half our Aussie lifesavers. Since then we’ve had a great season with lots of changes and new members. We’ve had the expert advice of Louise Thompson, who is a personal trainer, we were able to begin this season with a new gym. My time as caretaker has an incredibly positive impact on my life and I thank Tamarama SLSC for the generosity of the Charing Cross Hotel and with the support from Bronte and Bondi. We've also had a huge number of people step up into new support roles this year, thank you!

We converted our radios to digital, at the beginning of the season along with all the Sydney Branch clubs. All the analog radios now being used for training only. I’ve heard mixed reports on quality and some transmitting issues – please let me know what you think?

Thank you to all the Patrol Captains and Vice-Captains who have kept our beach safe this year! You've supported your patrol members and helped keep the numbers balanced when people were away. If anyone is interested in becoming a Patrol Captain or Vice-Captain please let me know, as we’ll almost certainly have some changes for the next season.

Thank you to the IRB Team and the IRB trainers, Andrew Blenkinsop, Dan Zafir and Matt. The IRB Team has continued to dedicate additional time to the club with training six new crew members and IRB maintenance. At times this season we’ve been short, but we’ve continued working on building the team, with the support from Bronte and Bondi. We’ve also missed Sarah Idziak, who has taken time off to recover after breaking her ankle during her first patrol! We hope she’ll be back soon.

Thank you to the Vice-Captains, Louise Thompson and Kurt Shields who passed the competition torch to Hugh French. Hugh introduced some incredible trophies to encourage training and competition. He managed to rally some troops for club competitions and with Kurt and Margie Simpson-Lee brought home some medals for Tamarama at the Sydney Branch Masters Championships, for sprints. Congratulations go to Margie for picking up a Bronze for Tamarama in Flags at NSW State Masters Championships and going on to represent Tamarama at Aussies this year, finishing in the top ten for her Age Group! Louise Thompson, has done an excellent job helping me manage the patrol rosters, covering low patrols herself and logging all the patrol books.

Hugh French has been amazing encouraging regular board training throughout the season. Surf training is an essential part of the club and building on TOSS and board training is vital to build surf confidence, engage members and to provide true club camaraderie and mateship at competitions. So if you haven’t been for an ocean swim or a board session lately, make sure you wash off the cobwebs regularly – with salt water. As Club Captain I hope to continue to develop the club’s surf skills and regular training sessions, partnering and developing our friendships with our neighboring Sydney clubs. Congrats to Grant Slade who has been rowing with Bondi!

Thank you to all the members who have helped out with the Lifesaving Support roles, training, extra patrols, TOSS and events!

The future of lifesaving looks positive, with new technology, RWC, drones and surveillance. Let’s look forward to continuing our tradition of being a progressive, adaptive Lifesaving Club. See you all on the beach in 17/18!

DANNY ADAMS
Club Captain
IRB CAPTAIN’S REPORT

I would like to open with the most sincere Thank You to outgoing IRB Captain Andrew Blenkinsop. The 2016/17 season marked a major evolution under Andrew’s guidance, and the team is definitely on an upwards trajectory as a result of his efforts in recruiting, training and managing resources. Andrew has done such a great job during recent seasons, his legacy is clearly visible and will make the job so much easier for this incoming IRB Captain.

Continuing the theme of change, we will be saying farewell to Tamarama’s famous ‘shark-toothed’ IRB. We were (if not) the first club in Australia to adopt the catamaran variety several years ago, and now it’s difficult to fathom the time has come for its retirement. If anyone has significant memories of the boat, and would like one last blast, let me know and we’ll head out together for an afternoon of Super Happy Fun Times and Big Waves (Exclusions Apply: 1. anyone who’s fondest memories of the boat are on dry land; 2. Dave Speck.)

Right: Major Ripley Trophy Winner, Margie Simpson-Lee takes at break at the Australian Titles

IRB Crew, Alice Altree and IRB Captain, Dan Zafrir preparing the hard hull IRB for sale. Thanks for over 20 year service!

CLUB VICE-CAPTAIN COMPETITION REPORT

Club Championships ran this year to determine the Surf Club’s best male and female lifesaver across beach sprints, boards and swimming. It was a lot of fun in some pretty rough conditions but the sausage sizzle afterwards made it all worthwhile. The champions were announced at club prize giving and trophies awarded to the male and female champion! Congratulations to Kurt Shields and Sarah Heldinger.

Tamarama was represented at Sydney Branch Masters Championships this year by Kurt Shields, Guy Waddell, Margie Simpson-Lee and myself. Margie, Kurt and I secured medals for Tamarama in the beach sprints. Special congratulations go to Margie for picking up a Bronze for Tamarama in Flags at NSW State Masters Championships and going on to represent Tamarama at Aussies this year, finishing in the top 10 for her Age Group! Well done Margie.

Dawn board training on Friday mornings through January, February and March was a huge amount of fun. Thanks to everyone who came along and those who did water safety. If you would like to keep up with training what is happening over winter please a text to Hugh French on 0404 355 953 with your name and I will add you to the Tamarama Training and Competition Whatsapp group!

I hope everyone is looking forward to a bigger and better season of training and competitions next year! Go Team Tama!

HUGH FRENCH
Vice Captain – Competition
I am grateful to the club’s Executive for approving Sharky’s replacement, a new ThunderCat (making a matched pair with our remaining craft) which will arrive for the beginning of next season. It’s unclear whether this boat will be sponsored by Bendigo Bank Clovelly – but if it happens: you guys rock my world! (And, we’ll all definitely tell our friends to bank there.)

Also, a massive congratulations to: Bruce Bouchard, James Gray, Holly Love, Aymeric Maudous, Alex Michelet, and Dan Qualischefski ... who all completed their IRB Crew certificates this season. As a group it was one of the best performances in an exam I have ever seen. Other beaches’ crews pale in comparison. You’re all awesome! (Honourable mentions to Peter Gallagher who just has to sit the exam; and new/transfer member Mick Dixon who stepped up in a big way to drive for our candidates for the duration of their course).

Many thanks to Sue Jackson and the team at Tingara Challenge who coordinated the donation of $500 to the club, generously paid by East Sydney Doctors after Tamarama provided water safety for the event in March (Honourable mention to James Gray, for his contribution of time and energy).

Last by not least. Most Valuable Person goes to Guy Waddell: who did not receive this credit only because of his incredible assistance to the captain’s administrative role, but for his selfless contributions to managing the team’s weekly operations. He’s pretty good with an iPhone at 300m, too, and has recorded some of the best footage of IRB operations in recent years.

Anyhow, it’s good to be back!

DANIEL ZAFIR
IRB Captain

The 2016–17 season was another action packed season, focusing on continued development of our youngest future lifesavers and having fun in the process. The season was marginally better conditions wise compared to last season – out of a total of 19 Sundays of activities, Tamarama beach was open on five occasions, compared to one Sunday in 2015–16.

The program kicked off in September with registration and proficiencies held at the University of NSW. By the time registrations were concluded, similar to prior seasons, we had close to 80 Nippers registered for the season. First day for Nipper activities for the season was 9 October. The SLSA Surf Education program continues as the foundation of our program, around which all other activities orbit. Sixty of our Nippers achieved their Surf Education certificates in 2016–17 compared to fifty in 2015–16.

In addition to the Surf Education awards, four of our U14 Nippers went on to achieve their Surf Rescue Certificate this season – congratulations to Oscar McGivern, William Lenard, William Forrest and Felix Morrison. I’d like to thank Paul McGivern and Danielle Forrest for assisting with training and riding shotgun throughout the program which stretched from October to December.

I’d like to offer special recognition and a vote of thanks to Danielle Forrest as she completes her final year as Age Manager at Tamarama. Danielle has been an Age Manager for many years, with her two children now having completed their SRC and in the case of Molly, achieved her Bronze Medallion. Thanks Danielle – please keep in touch.

On the competition front, Tamarama Nippers was active, with the annual Australia Day Challenge being held at Tamarama this year – a huge thanks to Bryce and the crew from Clovelly for making the trip north.
to compete at Tamarama. Their efforts were rewarded by the beach being open. Tamarama secured the coveted Tamarama-Clovelly shield this year, which was presented to the winning club by our special guests on the day, Sally Betts, Mayor of Waverley and Noel D’Souza, Mayor of Randwick. Jon “Shotgun” Veals once again attended the Waverley Shield at Bondi as our team manager – thanks Jon and congratulations to all competitors for representing Tamarama.

Post close of season on 30 April, Tamarama Nippers were in action again at the postponed Bondi Nipper Blue Water Challenge. The team of Lucy L, Orlanda G and Tily T did us proud with the team placing in every event and coming second on the overall team points score. Well done!

Tamarama Nippers sent teams to the U11 and U13 Sydney Branch Junior Development Camp and were well represented by our Nippers. Derek Bagatourian and Jon Veals led our representatives who included Honor V, Jack W, Lachlan W, Oliver H in the U13s and Wil C, Lucy L, Jonathan L and Luci H in the U11s. The camp focuses on teamwork, leadership and skills development within and beyond the Surf Life Saving framework.

Friday afternoon board training was again held this year in the first half of the season. We travelled to Coogee so we could guarantee being able to get in the water and get some miles under our collective belts. Thanks to Derek for once again digging deep and assisting with this activity.

The season concluded on 19 March with our presentation day. Major award winners for 2016–17 were:

- Eleanor Labi – Nipper of the Year
- Honor Veals and Justin Volpatti – Best and Fairest

Well done to Eleanor, Honor and Justin.

Thanks to all parents who donated their time, effort and resources throughout the season to make the program work as well as it did and to ensure that all our social functions were well run and provisioned.

I hope in 2017–18 to retain the enthusiasm and participation of our Age Managers, parents and Nippers while at the same time growing parent involvement to strengthen the Tamarama Nipper group and continue to develop the skills and confidence of our youngest members and future Life Savers.

On a final note, I’d like to extend a huge thanks to Doug Hawkins and the team from Sydney Branch Junior Development who keep us all informed, motivated and inspired to work with our Nippers in a safe, inclusive, and informed way.

GUY WADDELL
Junior Activities Director

LIFE MEMBERS – 93


* Deceased


HONORARY MEMBERS – 24

Cir Sally Betts Simon Exleton David Handley Catherine Lawrence Greig Pickhaver Eugene Tan

Ellen Buist Graham Ford Deborah Hutton Santo Losurdo Ann Robinson Malcolm Turnbull

Wayne Butcher Dianne Fryer Dare Jennings Marcus Moufarrige Ted Robinson Shirley Van Dyk

Frank Darvas Martin Hadley Cir Tony Kay Bruce Nolte Smith MP Robert Talbott OAM Joan Wardall

U13 Nippers Lachlan and Jack at the Sydney Branch Development Camp

Age Manager Jon Veals leads a Surf Education session with our U12 and U13 Nippers
HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICERS – 2
Jonathon Brett Claudia Ireland

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS – 24

SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS – 104

RESERVE ACTIVE MEMBERS – 8
Michael Alvisse Andrew Blenkinsop Adrian Lim Ronan MacSweeney John Raymond Kurt Shields Bastien Wallace Mark Wilcox

JUNIOR MEMBERS – 9
Brook Bouchard Molly Forrest Lauren Eskin Lachlan McArthur Daniel Morgan Yasmeen Placer Ben Porter Miranda Rodgers Isabella Veals

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE – 6
Reg Dowse William Forrest William Lenard Oscar McGivern Felix Morrison Kim Porter

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – 47
CLUB TROPHIES

“EE” Pop Weir Trophy for Club Member of the Year – Marilee Tamasy
John Kelly Memorial Trophy for Senior Club Member of the Year – Chris Glover
George Bishop Trophy for Under 21 Club Member of the Year – Not Awarded
Jack Bluey Mayes Rookie of the Year Award – Cameron Cowell
Major Ripley Trophy for the Most Valuable Carnival Competitor – Margaret Simpson-Lee
David Radford Trophy for Cadet of the Year – William Forrest and William Lenard
G.B. Philip Foundation President’s Trophy for Senior Club Champions – Kurt Shields and Sarah Heldsinger
Ted Wardall Trophy for Under 18 Club Champion – Not Awarded
Roland Talbot Trophy for Nipper of the Year – Eleanor Labi
Ron Buist Trophy for Club Service – Sue Jackson
Les Lawrence Trophy for Club Spirit – Matteo Salvai
John Wardall Trophy for Life Saving Instruction – Marilee Tamasy
Dave Fryer Trophy for Outstanding Surf Rescues – Isabella Veals
President’s Award for Service to the Club – Guy Waddell
Club Captain’s Trophy – Michael Dixon
Chief Instructor’s Award for Best Bronze Medallion Candidates – Ben McMullin and Aymeric Maudous
Top Gun Award (most hours in a season) – Danny Adams
Sandra Fox Woman of the Year – Jo Miller

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9. Clovelly Community Bank (Bendigo Bank)

We also thank our many members and members of our community who make donations and/or provide their time to support our fundraising activities.

VALE Life Members Ivan Butterworth, Ron Muller, Neville Gray and past member Kirsty Boden who tragically lost her life while rendering assistance to others during the London Bridge terrorist attack, June 2017.

To all those who have lost family or friends during the past season, the Club offers our sincerest condolences.

Andres Mafla Salgado and Kirsty Boden on patrol.