

# Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

The path to our future travels through our past





# tamarama slsc objectives

**Standing on Bidjigal land,  
Tamarama Surf Life  
Saving Club, recognises  
and acknowledges  
Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islanders are the  
original peoples and the  
traditional owners and  
custodians of Australian  
lands and waters.**

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.





# office bearers season 2020–2021

<b>PATRON:</b>	William Shires
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Tim Murray
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Matteo Salval
<b>HON. SECRETARY:</b>	Jack Collins
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Georgina Farrell
<b>CLUB CAPTAIN:</b>	Richard Hamilton
<b>CHIEF INSTRUCTOR:</b>	Michelle Cowans
<b>JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:</b>	Jon Hancock
<b>VICE CAPTAIN (COMPETITION):</b>	Benedict Armitage
<b>VICE CAPTAIN (LIFESAVING):</b>	Patrick Connors
<b>REGISTRAR:</b>	unfilled
<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER:</b>	Jack Parker
<b>GEAR STEWARD:</b>	Matteo Salval
<b>RADIO STEWARD:</b>	Matteo Salval
<b>BOAT CAPTAIN:</b>	unfilled
<b>IRB CAPTAIN:</b>	Jack Collins
<b>ASSISTANT CHIEF INSTRUCTOR:</b>	Arnaud de La Chaise
<b>SOCIAL SECRETARY:</b>	Harriet Gillies
<b>PUBLIC OFFICER:</b>	Jack Collins
<b>BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN:</b>	Chris Barrett
<b>COMMUNICATIONS TEAM:</b>	Jemima Waddell, Zoe Scott-King, Lisa Bodrero and Marlin Hoppen
<b>FIRST AID OFFICERS:</b>	Aryan Shahabi-Sirjani and Jonathon Brett
<b>HERITAGE STEWARD:</b>	Guy Waddell
<b>CLUB CARETAKER:</b>	Benedict Armitage
<b>REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIALS:</b>	Shay Deguara and Jack Collins
<b>SLSA DELEGATE:</b>	Tim Murray
<b>HON. LEGAL OFFICERS:</b>	Martin Hadley and Santo Losurdo
<b>HON. MEDICAL OFFICER:</b>	Jonathon Brett

# tamarama committees

<b>management committee</b>				
Tim Murray	Matteo Salval	Jack Collins	Georgina Farrell	Richard Hamilton
Michelle Cowans	Jonathan Hancock			
<b>judiciary committee</b>				
Sue Jackson	Jonathan Hancock	Chris Glover	Tom Bodger	
<b>awards committee</b>				
Lisa Bodrero	Jemima Waddell	Mark Larmour	Lance Brooks	
<b>building committee</b>				
Tim Murray	Ronan MacSweeney	Lance Brooks	Richard Hamilton	Mike Turner
<b>club members who are life members of surf lifesaving australia ltd</b>				
Ron Buist*	Michael Burke*			
<b>club members who are life members of surf lifesaving nsw inc.</b>				
Ron Buist*	Michael Burke*			
<b>club members who are life members of surf lifesaving sydney inc.</b>				
Ron Buist*	Michael Burke*	Kevin Andrews*	John Wardall*	Clive Owens OAM

\*Denotes Member is deceased





# club patron's report



**Lots of virtual drinks, zoom get togethers and not to 2020 was an interesting year, full of challenges, stress, and a virus or two. For the first time in living memory we had the beach shuttered. There was no cutting the barbed wire as in the Wonderland days, to sneak a swim. We were holed up in our houses/units across the country waiting for a chance to dip our toes in the water and hoping the virus would not explode and wreak havoc through our cities. There was a silver lining to all the lockdowns and not all is bad news. For once I won't sound like a broken record promising a new Clubhouse (a friendly wag pointed out an old President's report from 2009 where I first mentioned the prospect of a new Club). The Club renovations have started. There are no if's or maybe's, the current Management Committee has finally got the required funding over the line and the first proverbial sod has been turned. This time next year we will have our new Clubhouse!**

It is with mixed emotions I see the old Clubhouse being gutted. There were many great parties, members' weddings and memorials for members passed held in that building. My kids grew up at Tama and it was very much a second home for them especially during Sculptures by the Sea, where we lived off sausages for three weeks a year every year. But the Club was riddled with concrete cancer, the facilities were very much sub-optimal, if not dangerous. I am excited for the next chapter in the history of the Club. At this point I want to thank all those involved in the renovations, from selling sausages and merchandise out front during SXS, the fantastic MCA Gala to help raise money and awareness, to working on the legal contracts, the design aspects and the actual execution piece. We were lucky to have such a talented and dedicated Building Committee (BC) working on this for over 12 years. Thank you Ronan, Mike, Mick and Christian. Your contribution was outstanding. There is a long list

of many others that have helped get here, but to those on the BC, well done and take a moment to reflect on what you have done.

Back to the day to day running of the Club this season, which has to have been the most challenging time ever to be involved in Surf Life Saving. How do you protect the membership from a highly transmissible and deadly virus and yet still safely save lives? The Club rose to the challenge. A few hiccups when borders were arbitrarily slammed shut by over-zealous Premiers and members getting stranded or forced in isolation. Yet we had another successful season with 'No lives lost' and patrol attendance was outstanding and the overall club spirit was fantastic. We have had multiple people competing at Branch, State and a few at Nationals. We managed to get dozens of new Bronzies trained up and integrated into patrols, which considering the challenges of in person training etc was a real result.



I am also pleased to see so many of our Nippers transition so seamlessly into the senior Club over the past few years, something we have traditionally struggled with.

As patron of the Club I couldn't be happier to see how well things are running. The Management Committee (MC) is obviously doing an outstanding job and the membership is working well together. I think the Club could not be better positioned to grow into its new Clubhouse. I suspect we will see a surge in new members and a reinvigorated interest from the community to share the facilities. Next year will be tough without proper facilities, but we will be able to make do and I am sure all the Waverley Clubs will help us out where and when needed. Please reach out to me or the Committee if you are unsure or need help with anything. I am sure we will be able to help. We have survived a pandemic, being without a Clubhouse for a year should be a doddle.

**BILL SHIRES**  
Club Patron





# club president's report



The Tamarama Clubhouse is being rebuilt after 75 years of service. This new Clubhouse will set us up for the next 100 years. It has been a long journey and I would like to especially thank Bill Shires, Sandra Fox, Troy Longworth, Andrew Farley, Mick Alvisse, Mike Turner, Ronan MacSweeney, Matteo Salvai and Richard Hamilton.

Most of the funding came from Waverley Council (60%), NSW State Government (15%) and the Federal Government (5%). With this funding comes a responsibility to our community to ensure our Club is a community hub.

We have developed a new strategy for a new Club to be voted on by members at the Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank all the members that participated in the consultation process for the new strategy.

We are an inclusive Club, however, we can and should do better. Female patrolling members are only 30% of our total we should be at 50%. We



now have three First Nation SRCs and one Bronze Medallion holder. Expanding our Holly Days program will see that those participation rates continue to climb.

Our membership has doubled over the last four years. We had 167 patrolling members this season. This is due to the hard work of our Chief Training Officer Michelle Cowans and the team of people that support her work. We are immensely proud of her receiving the 'Trainer of the Year' Award from Sydney Branch this season. Richard Hamilton has done an outstanding job as Captain and his member survey and follow-up actions are key to retaining members.

We also hit a record of 167 nippers in this season. Congratulations to the Nipper's Management Team and welcome to all the new families.

One of the best features of our new Club is the central corridor which will enable us to better utilize each part of the building. We can potentially double the amount of time our facilities are available to the public.

With increased activity due to more members and greater community use of the Club it is time for us to consider having a part- or full-time manager to help administer the Club. This is a significant new cost for the Club and will require increased commercial use of the Club to meet those costs.

We have consulted members on their preferences on how we should use the Club in the future. We need to get the balance of commercial, Club and community use right. I encourage all members to attend our Annual General Meeting and vote in favour of the new strategy.

I will continue as Patrol 10 captain and as a member of the building committee and look forward to seeing you on the beach next season.

When the doors to our new Club open in April 2022 will be walking not just into our new building but into the future of our Club.

**TIM MURRAY**  
President





# club vice president’s report



**As we came back to the beach after a locked down winter, the wonderful community at Tamarama SLSC kept showing its awesome enthusiasm and participation.**

## A NEW SURFCLUB FINALLY ON THE HORIZON

Arguably the biggest event of the year: we have now started construction of our new surf club! This is truly an incredible milestone and the result of years of hard work by the Building and Management Committee members, the design and fundraising teams and anyone who donated in cash or in kind to the building fund.

We are also very grateful to Waverley Council for helping the project over the final financial and technical hurdles. We are also thankful to head contractor Lloyd Group and looking forward to working together as construction progresses in the next months.

There were a few setbacks along the way, including cancelled tenders,

fundraising pledges falling through, planning issues; but the tenacity of our members and friends led us forward. Well done everyone involved!

## BSEF AND CLEG GRANTS AND GEAR INSPECTION

Thank you to the NSW Government for providing much needed support in the form of grants to purchase new equipment. Amongst other things, this year we purchased new radios, fins, tubes, binoculars, training mannequins and defib equipment. Thank you to the amazing heroes Arnould, Aryan, Ben, Guy, Jack, Jose, Lance, Michelle, Patrick, Richard and Pepe for helping on gear inspection day.

## NEW HOIST

Thank you to Jack for organising a new electric hoist in the gear shed. A good functionality of our gear shed will be critical in the coming months as storage and operational space will be limited without a surf club.



## ANZAC MEMORIAL

The Anzac Memorial in Sydney Hyde Park has offered to host our monthly Management Committee meeting for the next year, while the club undergoes the renovation. We are so grateful to the Memorial operations team, led by Belinda Mitrovich, for making their boardroom available and assisting us.

## NEXT SEASON

The next surf lifesaving season will no doubt hold some new logistical challenges. While we build our new

home, we will be operating mainly from the gear shed: we will need to adapt and snuggle up a little!

Thank you to our new members for the incredible enthusiasm you bring to the beach and thank you to our existing members and their families for their commitment to our wonderful community and beach safety and education.

See you on the beach!

**MATTEO SALVAL**  
VICE President

THIS PAGE  
Above: Stunning January sunrise  
Middle: Magnificent patrol 2  
Below: This year we also had a cat visiting!

OPPOSITE  
Above: Keeping fit  
Below: Chingu not impressed with the weather





# club secretary's report



**Our Club has had yet another incredibly successful year, with highlights including the largest bronze medallion cohort in the Club's history, taking out a major gong at the annual branch awards of excellence, purchase of a new trailer, the Club rebuild starting, and continuing lifesaving operations during a pandemic.**

Our Club is the strongest it has ever been, with a record number of members and patrol hours. We have 545 members, 178 of our who are Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate qualified and racked up a phenomenal 5794 patrolling hours between them, an average of over 32 hours a piece. These hours do not include the extra time put into being Age Managers or water safety for Nippers or water safety for our social swim team groups, or community swims, or training and proficiency, or the time members put into delivering training.

The surge in patrol hours and membership, both of patrolling members and Nippers, shows the importance of community

organisations like our Club to the Australian social fabric, particularly in challenging times. While the Club has unexpectedly benefited from people's desire to connect to their community in uncertain times, the participation in community activities has benefited both long term and new members. Research by our Club Captain shows that the majority of our patrolling members expect to return to the beach, with the only broad exception being those experiencing major life changes like leaving Sydney or expecting a new family.

Our Club continues to build on its mission to reflect the Australian community, continuing our successful partnerships with Weave for delivering the Holly Days programme, and Lifesavers With Pride's outreach work. Holly Days continues to receive strong community support, as evidenced by generous grants from Waverly Council, and has had numerous participants gain their Surf Rescue Certificates and a Bronze Medallion and start patrolling with us and working with Nippers. The

work done by Jo Miller to run this programme has made Tamarama SLSC the most widely respected Club amongst Sydney's First Nations' communities. Holly Days has outstanding benefits for participants, and has a retention rate that hovers around 100%. Outreach work by members from Tamarama and other surf life saving clubs involved in Lifesavers With Pride has achieved reach all across the state. I have had the great privilege to visit many surf clubs this season, scattered from the Northern Rivers to South Coast, and see the posters that have been produced featuring our members and clubhouse. Members have also attended events, often associated with local pride celebrations, as well as marching in the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. The visibility minorities have at Tamarama helps break down prejudices, not only in our movement but wider Australian society, and empowers members of minorities to realise that they are too are valued members of our society and can achieve great things.

Sadly our proportion of female members remains stubbornly low. Only a quarter of our patrolling members are women, however 55% of nippers are girls which offsets this to a degree. While initiatives such as the 'two-for-one' women's Bronze Medallion deal continues to be extremely successful and brings in some of the most phenomenal people I have met, the club obviously has much more work to do. We are blessed by women in leadership roles such as Michelle Cowans (CTO), Georgie Farrell (Treasurer), Jo Miller (Holly Days Coordinator), and Rachel Feakes (Waverley Area Lifesaving Coordinator), all of whom without the club would grind to a halt.

The fantastic work by our Chief Training Officer, Michelle Cowans, was recognized by Sydney Branch this season. Michelle took home the prestigious Trainer of the Year award, recognizing her huge efforts in training (training over a third of our patrolling members), contributions to training (expanding the bronze medallion training team by more than 300% in two years), contributions to the Club's social life (being an integral member of the Tamarama Gropers social swim team) and contributions to the surf life saving movement (through her participation in Lifesavers With Pride and representing the movement at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras).

My experience on the management committee has shown the huge amount of work done by members. We would not be able to do our job of keeping our community safe and training future life savers without all the work put in by our members on and beyond the sand. I have also had the opportunity to meet many people from the surf lifesaving movement from outside our Club, and can inform members that we have a culture, inclusiveness, and team that other clubs work for decades to achieve. These will carry us into our 116th season and far beyond.

**JACK COLLINS**  
*Honorary Secretary*

These are our patrol statistics for the 2020-21 season:

## patrol attendance

(number of patrolled hours by members)

SEASONS	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Patrol Hours	4,560	5,233	3,368	5,794

## recorded statistics

SEASON	2020-21
Total Preventative Action	493
Beach Users Advised/Warned	68
Swimmers Advised/Warned	196
Craft Users Advised/Warned	32
Shark Alarm	1
Searches	0
Lost Children	0
Preventions	177
Warning Signs Erected	19

## beach attendance

SEASONS	2019-20	2020-21
Total	19,281	17,186

## rescues

SEASONS	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Rescues	140	152	47	81
No Gear	12	14	2	4
Rescue Tube	82	97	29	51
Rescue Board	44	38	7	26
IRB	2	3	6	0
Other	0	0	3	0

## first aid

SEASON	2020-21
Total First Aid Actions	53
Fractures/Dislocations	1
Major Wounds	0
Minor Marine Stings	33
Minor Cuts/Abrasions	15
Other	0
Resuscitation	0
Spinal	4



# club captain's report



**There was a current of energy flowing through Tamarama SLSC this 2020/21 season that was evident from the opening patrols in September 2020 to the final patrols in April 2021, and culminated with the Awards celebration and farewell to our old Club House.**

There was energy pouring out of the Bronzie training and the record number of new members that the Education Team were tutoring. There was energy in the swim squad, board and IRB training sessions and most importantly there was great energy on the beach from our active patrolling members.

While the statistics show our beach traffic and incident count was below average with less foreigners, the energy in our membership enabled us to execute on our core objectives with confidence. We successfully preserved and safeguarded life through the study and practice of surf lifesaving. We maintained 'no lives lost', utilized efficient lifesaving techniques and equipment and competently rendered first aid as required. We delivered our Life Saving Agreement (LSA) responsibilities over all 138 patrols and our members went further making various rescues outside patrol hours. The great surf lifesaving traditions of our Club were delivered

by our eclectic, competent, fit and diverse membership.

Beyond our patrolling responsibilities at Tamarama we sent patrols to Garie Beach, our membership participated in various surf carnivals and swim races, and we promoted inclusion in Surf Lifesaving with our overwhelming representation within Surf Lifesavers with Pride 2021 Mardi Gras entry.

Keeping the beach safe in the 2020/21 Season was only possible due to volunteering of our patrolling membership and the leadership of our Patrol Captains. Special mention also to Michelle Cowans and Arnaud de la Chaise (Education), Jack Collins, Ronny Krite, Will Lenard, Will Forrest (IRB) and Chris Barrett, Ben Armitage, Pedro Saa (Boards) for getting us ready for the water. We also enjoyed strong support from Sydney Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW and the Waverley Lifeguards.

Our members have also been recognised within the SLS Sydney

Branch Awards of Excellence with award nominations going to Jack Collins, Will Lenard, Will Forrest, Guy Waddell and Jo Miller. Our Michelle Cowans was the very worthy winner of Trainer of the Year. I'm sure delivering one-third of our 2020/21 active patrol members as new Bronzies this season was noticed by the judges.

A key factor in the elevated energy within the Club came from the *TamaWaves* engagement and for that we must thank all the Communications Team.

Next season's surf lifesaving operation will be a little different without a Club House, however one season without is an inconvenience worth enduring for all the improved amenity of the new building and big thanks to Tim Murray for coordinating the majority of the fund raising. We are also fortunate to have received a Commonwealth grant to help fund the acquisition of a gear trailer that will be used to store and move our Education, Training and Lifesaving equipment to other beaches.

Thanks to all 106 members who provided feedback within the End of Season Survey. This will help guide us as we prepare for the 2021/22 season and what our patrolling members want and enjoy. It came out clearly that our membership is highly motivated by the opportunity to help the Tama community in the water, that we would like more first aid, board and scenario training and that we really like a BBQ and drink after patrol. I'm also really happy to share that more than 95% of us plan to be back next season!!

Also looking to the season ahead, clearly our responsibilities to beach and water safety remain core, but so too is our drive to increase the representation of women on our patrols; currently 28%, up from 24% at season opening, but along way short of our 50% goal.

See you on the beach again soon.

**RICHARD HAMILTON**  
*Club Captain*

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT PATROLLING?

keep patrol members Work Providing sense hours time members social surf water  
catching patrol members social aspect boards great really  
community spending people help community  
beach public patrol skills enjoy Giving back community  
team friends Love part group Giving something outside helping  
Spend time good really enjoy Everything



## TAMARAMA EDUCATION

## club chief instructor's report



**So heralded the start of the education season in late June last year, with this enthusiastic cry by one of the beloved 'coronabronzies', upon hearing their assessment could finally take place. This enthusiasm was indeed warranted, for it came five months after starting the Bronze Medallion, and four months after the very surreal experience of witnessing our beaches close, on their original assessment day.**

And so it happened that on the first weekend of July, our 'coronabronzies' slipped into wetsuits, braved the cold conditions and were finally able to don the red and yellow to become proud patrolling members of our wonderful little Surf Club, in its final season before we see the crumbling old clubhouse walls torn down. By this time our talented and dearly-missed deputy CTO, Nicola, had already departed for her new life in Adelaide and so I needed to find another willing soul to fill her shoes, as well as prepare for a season with a brand

new curriculum, and ensure member proficiencies ran smoothly, all while keeping in mind COVID-safe measures.

And what a season it was going to be. With the utterance "...due to the pandemic" having become an everyday part of our vernacular, surf life saving was no exception. Awards were reduced, with no SMAR courses and no Gold Medallion proficiencies. Proficiencies were mostly online and our responsibilities as First Aiders diminished to limit physical contact. There was a layer of uncertainty coating everything to do with education and training. No rescue breaths in CPR. No breathing into the mannequins for training. No borrowing of boards or other equipment from other clubs. Practise social distance measures where possible. Wear masks where possible. Don't touch patients if you can help it. All measures appropriate to limit the spread, but difficult if not impossible to implement in Bronze Medallion training, which, by its very nature, involves getting up close and

personal. With each new update from Branch, I must admit to feeling more and more overwhelmed, confused and unsure whether any training should go ahead at all.

However, it seems that becoming a surf life saver at Sydney's trickiest yet friendliest beach was on the forefront of many a keen mind, as more and more people registered interest and 27 new Bronzies signed up, Tamarama's biggest cohort in many a season, if ever... and who was I to turn them away? Despite the niggling whisper and ever present threat of the virus, I was thrilled that we had so many interested people and was determined to make it work. And make it work we did.

By this time I was delighted that the gentle-natured and talented Arnaud de La Chaise had accepted the role of deputy CTO. I also had a strong training team in boards captain Chris Barrett, and TAFS (SLS speak for trainers/assessors/facilitators), TAFS in training or dedicated helpers in Ben Armitage, Rachel Feakes,

**"Dust off yo pinks, bronzies. We on!"**

David Murphy, David Head and of course the amazing Liam McDermott – a man who is a natural teacher and from whom I have learned so much and to whom my gratitude runs deep.

And so it happened, that with such a dream team, Tamarama welcomed 27 Bronzies to begin training. The group was split into three rotating squads of nine – rotating so that they all got to know each other and their trainers. One thing I love about Tama is the strong sense of community, and as a trainer it is so important to build rapport and instil that sense of teamwork and togetherness that makes our club stand out.

At the same time that we were running training for Tamarama's mighty September cohort, we also had to ensure that our current members could still run, swim and run again without collapsing in a heap.

Proficiencies took on a different format this season, with COVID measures moving most of the content online, rendering only a short practical demonstration required. Working closely with our club captain, Richard Hamilton, and our club secretary Jack Collins, we ran proficiencies per patrol rather than providing specific proficiency dates. This ensured that we could be COVID safe while also putting the responsibility of skills maintenance into the hands of the patrol captains, who were able to sign members off via the app. For the most part, this worked very well and will be a format that we will continue in seasons to come, with a few tweaks here and there. I would like to extend my warmest thanks to Richard and Jack, for providing dinners and fine wine while we worked out the



details, ensuring we were capturing as many members as possible, and for keeping me sane. We ended up with 167 proficient members by the end of the year.

Christmas brought with it the threat of more lockdowns as the Avalon cluster reared its ugly head. The decision was made to limit the number for the second Bronze intake to 10, and we got just that, plus 3 SRC girls wanting to upgrade to the Bronze Medallion. And so we went from Tama's biggest ever to one of its smallest groups. Arnaud and I led this group with regular assistance from David Murphy, Chris Barrett and Ben Armitage, and one of Tama's newest and invaluable members – Timothy Stacey, aka Taga, who comes complete with experience teaching First Aid, is a trainee paramedic and a soon-to-be assessor, bringing Tama's current assessors to a healthy two. I am so grateful to him for joining the training team and for all his help this season. I am also grateful to all our medically trained experts who come and impart their knowledge on our Bronzies (and me). In particular I would like to thank Drs Nikki Bart and Jess Davey for their amazing defib and CPR lessons.

But I reserve my deepest gratitude, awe and admiration bordering on veneration for the incredible Guy Waddell. Where would Tamarama SLSC be without him? This season, Guy expertly trained nine new SRC kids at the same time we were

training our huge Bronzie cohort, and then during the second course, guided three SRC girls to attain their Bronze Medallion on a Sunday, as these eager and talented girls had school sport commitments on a Saturday.

Upon the season's end, Tamarama found itself with 55 new Bronze Medallion holders, nine SRC holders, a strong training team with five TAFs and more TAFs in training, 12 SMBM holders, and three Gold Medallion holders; huge congratulations to Stefano Aldini, Brent Solomon and Hugh French (the second) for this incredible achievement.

And so, as we bid farewell to yet another incredible season, and as we also bid farewell to our Clubhouse as we know it, I find myself full of pride to be a member of a Club that is welcoming, community-focused and always rescue ready, as well as humbled by a member cohort that bursts at the seams with talent, generosity and kindness. Next season will be a very different one, with no clubhouse to call home, but I look forward to the challenges it will bring, to welcoming new talent to our family, and, above all, to doing the best I can for the education of its members, new and old.

**MICHELLE COWANS**  
Chief Training Officer

*Opposite page – left: triumph as the 'coronabronzies' finally do and pass their assessment on a wintery day in late June.*



# life saving awards 2020–2021

## gold medallion – 3

Stefano Aldini      Brent Solomon      Hugh French

## silver medallion – beach management – 12

Richard Hamilton	Guy Waddell	Lance Brooks	Stephen Moynihan	Jesse Price
Cameron Berry	Jody Fitchet	Amanda Brooker	Brandon Kiober-Brown	Timothy Stacey
Sidney Russell	Zoe Scott-King			

## silver medallion – irb driver – 3

Reuben Cole      William Forrest      William Lenard

## bronze medallion – 55

Elizabeth-Rose Ahearn	Lisa Bodrero	Riccardo Colucci	Harriet Gillies	Harriet Goudl
Jamie Gould	Andrew Heggie	Brandon Kober-Brown	Ben Lee	Marin Peplinski
Fabien Punin	Emma Williams	Sidney Russell	Pedro Saa	Elliot Farrow
Zoe Scott-King	Fabien Velez	Simon Alperstein	Andrew Brooker	Cameron Caldwell
Hoa Nguyen	Audrey Rollin	Sam Stewart	Theodora Won Arnim	Eleini Watts
Eloise Allen-Bowton	Jack Batchelor	William Charters	Sam Corbett	Riley Fallon
Joshua Gold	Max Hartner	Marlin Hoppen	Thomas Love	Robert McDonald
Stephen Ryan Meyer	Nathan Parris	Matthew Phillips	Lizzie Rae	Paul Ranocchiari
Mark Roe	Lauren Smith	Crissie Zheng	Polly Kirton	Sofia Kooner
Allegra McGivern	Solene Marie Busnardo	Jordan Chimes	Robert Crichton	Katharina Frohs
Claudia Lowe	Zoe Neill	Jarrod Van Veen	Diego Alonso Moller-Hergt	
Alexandra Porter-Hepworth				

## enterprise trainer skill set – 7

Chris Barrett	Arnaud de La Chaise	William Forrest	Richard Hamilton	William Lenard
Jessica Davey	Aryan Shahabi-Sirjani			

## training officer – bronze medallion – 3

Guy Waddell      Chris Barrett      Arnaud de la Chasia

## training officer – irb – 1

Jack Collins



## radio operator – 1

Brett Appleton

## irb crew certificate – 6

Lisa Bodrero	Brandon Kober-Brown	Cameron Caldwell	Michelle Cowans	Theodora Von Arnim
Eleni Watts				

## advanced resuscitation techniques [aid] – 31

Brett Appleton	Michelle Cowans	Richard Hamilton	Benedict Armitage	Chris Barrett
Jack Collins	Guy Waddell	Arnaud de La Chaise	Eloise Allen-Bowton	Brett Appleton
Andrew Brooker	Cameron Caldwell	William Charters	Robert Crichton	Katharina Frohs
Joshua Gold	Marlin Hoppen	Thomas Love	Robert McDonald	Stephen Ryan Meyer
Zoe Neill	Nathan Parris	Lizzie Rae	Paul Ranocchiari	Mark Roe
Audrey Rollin	Lauren Smith	Sam Stewart	Jarrod Van Veen	Crissie Zheng
Diego Alonso Moller-Hergt				

## surf rescue certificate [src] – 9

Jade Brennan	Jamie Carlisle	Annabelle Charters	Annabel Crabb	Liara King
Tanieisha King	Lucas Meldrum	Isabella Middleton	Darcey Wilson	

## nipper surf education –157





TAMARAMA INFLATABLE RESCUE BOAT

# irb captain's report



**The IRB team has again had a blockbuster season, carrying out multiple crew and driver courses and partnering with Bronte SLSC and Bondi SBLSC to continue to deliver excellence in IRB training and practice.**

The capacity of our team continues to grow, gaining three new IRB trainers this season, including Will Forrest and Will Lenard. I am immensely grateful to Ronny Krite

for his mentoring and giving us the wisdom gained through his significant experience, while Will Forrest and Will Lenard have stepped up to become leaders in lifesaving in an extraordinary way. Ronny and the Wills come and run IRB training for the Club at very early hours, frequently before dawn, and I am unable to express my gratitude to them adequately.

The Club continues to invest in the team, having purchased a surf lifesaving trailer that can be shared by the education team, nippers, surf sports, and IRBs. This trailer is custom made for surf lifesaving, and is generously supported by a Federal Government Stronger Communities Grant and sponsorship from Resqume swimwear. It is able to move three motors upright, three fully inflated IRBs, and ancillary equipment. We have also placed an

order for a new motor to replenish lost stock.

We again have members of our team racing with Bondi SBLSC's IRB racing team over the winter surf sports season, with attendance to both states and Aussie's scheduled. We are very appreciative of the opportunities that Bondi have given us and how welcoming they are, and the tireless coaching of Nixy Krite. It is wonderful to be able to participate

in a team with people from Bondi, Tamarama, Coogee, and South Maroubra. The iconic Kirsty Boden IRB hull is again being shared with the racing team, proudly flying the Tamarama flag and celebrating the heroic actions of Kirsty in the London Bridge terror attacks.

Over the next season we will continue to build our long term capacity, particularly through more training sessions and taking advantage of

invaluable opportunities such as the ALBERT training weekend.

**JACK COLLINS**  
IRB Captain

*Above left to right : Daniel Lavery (driving - Coogee SLSC), Will Lenard (crewing - Tamarama SLSC) and Issy Hazelwood (patient - Sth Maroubra SLSC) in the Kirst Boden IRB (Tamarama SLSC)*

*Below left: Ronny Krite (driving - Tamarama SLSC) and Scotty Parker (crewing - Coogee SLSC) in the Kirsty Boden IRB (Tamarama SLSC)*

*Below right: Tamarama 2021 IRB course Photographs courtesy of Alan Freeman*



## treasurer's report



**It's been a huge year for the club with a record number of bronzies, nippers and patrolling members, the long-awaited commencement of the new building construction, and a pandemic thrown in for good measure. As I look back on my first year as Treasurer it has been amazing to watch the dedication of this year's management committee in making sure that – despite all the above – the club still ran like clockwork.**

From team treasury, a couple of special callouts... Jack, for his diligence in making sure we are covered in every aspect from insurance to grants to collection of membership fees, keeping the IRBs and gear shed in tip top shape, and running the management meetings. Ian Hopkins, our star accountant, who for so many years has volunteered countless hours to help coordinate and process our payments every month. Tom Nolan, our auditor, who along with Ian did the heavy lifting for our end of year audit and statements.



The Management Committee and star club members (Guy Waddell, Troy Longworth, Brad Charters, Ben Armitage to name just a few) who are the heart of this club. And to the numerous members and friends of the Club who donated generously to the capital campaign.

The last, but loudest callout, goes to our President Tim Murray. The new building would not have happened without Tim's persistent efforts over a number of years. This year alone Tim's work has included temporary and future operations planning, ensuring state and federal funds were available and processed to fund building construction, locking in a

major sponsorship agreement with Easts Club, ongoing donations from Sculptures by the Sea, and building initiatives to ensure the future financial viability of the club, just to name a few!

With the help of this star group we end the year in a strong financial position with certainty of funds for the clubhouse construction and ongoing operations. Tamarama SLSC is such a fantastic Club to be part of, and it's been a pleasure to serve as Treasurer. Look forward to seeing everyone on the beach next season!

**GEORGINA FARRELL**  
*Treasurer*

## surf sports report



**The hero of our formal surf sports involvement this season was once again Margie Simpson-Lee, who claimed an outstanding swag of medals and results in her age group at the Aussie Masters Champs on the Gold Coast:**

**Bronze – Beach Flags  
Bronze – Beach Sprints  
5th – Surf Race (Swim)**

This double-podium finish represents the best result at Aussie Champs that our Club has seen for over a decade. Of course, Margie also did impressively well at the the NSW Masters Champs:

**NSW Championships**

Gold – Beach flags,  
Gold – Beach Sprints  
Silver – Rescue Tube  
Silver – Surf Race (Swim)

When asked what her season highlights were, Margie reflected on how nice it was to have some Tamarama company at the Branch Champs — shout out to Laura Roff, Natalie Sutton and Lizzie Rae — as well as how excited the officials were to see competitors from Taramama. It seems

that we are an exotic but highly prized species at these carnivals.

For the first time in a while, we even saw more than one Tamaranian on a podium. Lizzie Rae won Bronze in the open-age 2km beach run at the Sydney Branch Masters Championships. This fantastic result came just months after completing her Bronze Medallion. Well done Lizzie!

On top of the official, competitive carnivals (and partly making up for the Covid-cancellation of several) Talbot Henry of North Bondi SLSC initiated a social competition for the local clubs of NoBo, Bondi, Tama and Bronte.

The competitions and post-race drinks took place on a Friday afternoon in February and on Good Friday. Gorgeous conditions greeted participants on both occasions and the races struck a nice balance between inclusive and competitive. Fifteen Tamamranians donned the white and blue for a series of relays involving boards, swimming and wading. Sore but proud by the day after, many have resolved to train a

bit more next summer in pursuit of podium finishes.

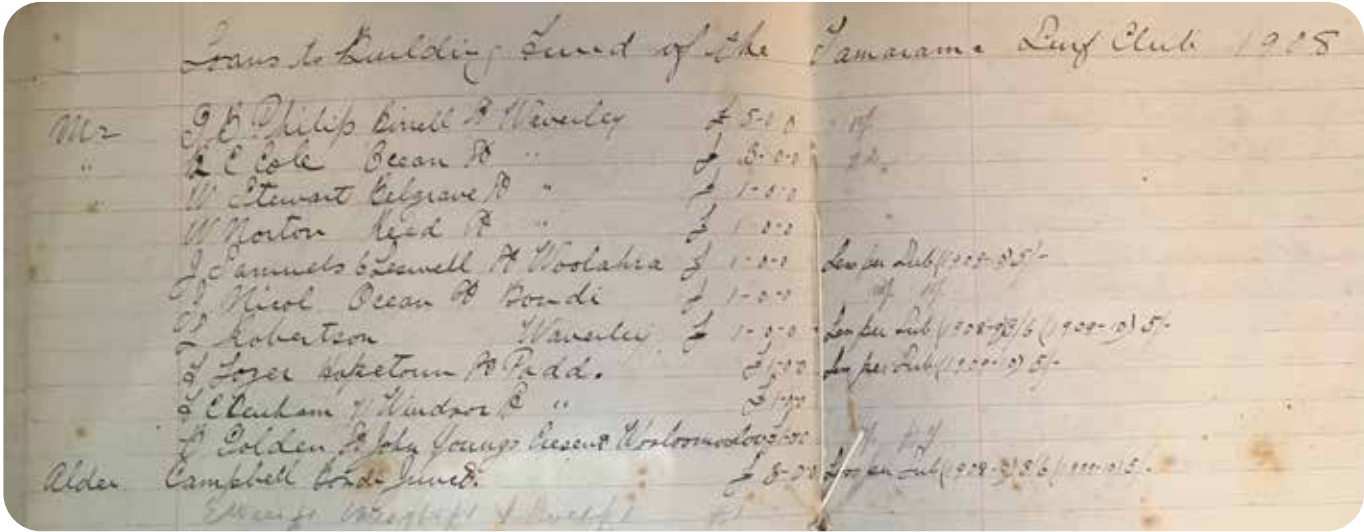
An experimental form of club championship was trialed this season, taking the form of an honesty-system, time trial board race. The route began with a run from the rear promenade to the shoreline, whereupon competitors collected a pre-positioned rescue board or race mal and commenced the return paddle around the Bondi Shark Buoy. The clock was self-stopped when participants returned to the rear promenade of Tamarama, after having deposited their board on dry sand near the shoreline.

The ladies comp was taken out by the French power-duo Audrey Rollin and Hoa Nguyen with a socially supportive shared time time of 28:26. Meanwhile the clear mens winner was Chris Barrett with a time of 19:54.

Congrats to everyone who got involved at all levels of competition this year. Here's hoping our participant count, our skills and our medal tally continues to grow.



# heritage report



Despite the best efforts of this blasted plague we find ourselves caught up in, we have had another year of steady progress on taking the Tamarama Heritage Project forward. I'll outline the key activities of the last 12 months here, but also, given news late in the season that funding had been secured for the Club renovations and a builder selected (thanks el Presidente Murray!) I thought it also timely to collect and share a potted history of Tamarama Clubhouse developments, which stretch all the way back to 1908.

A foundation for progress this year was the work undertaken over the last two years to scan much of the available written information on our great Club, which is stored in the Waverley Council Library archives, making it readily available to those interested in researching Tamarama SLSC. All of this information can be freely accessed by any member, via our website at [www.tamaramaslsc.org](http://www.tamaramaslsc.org)

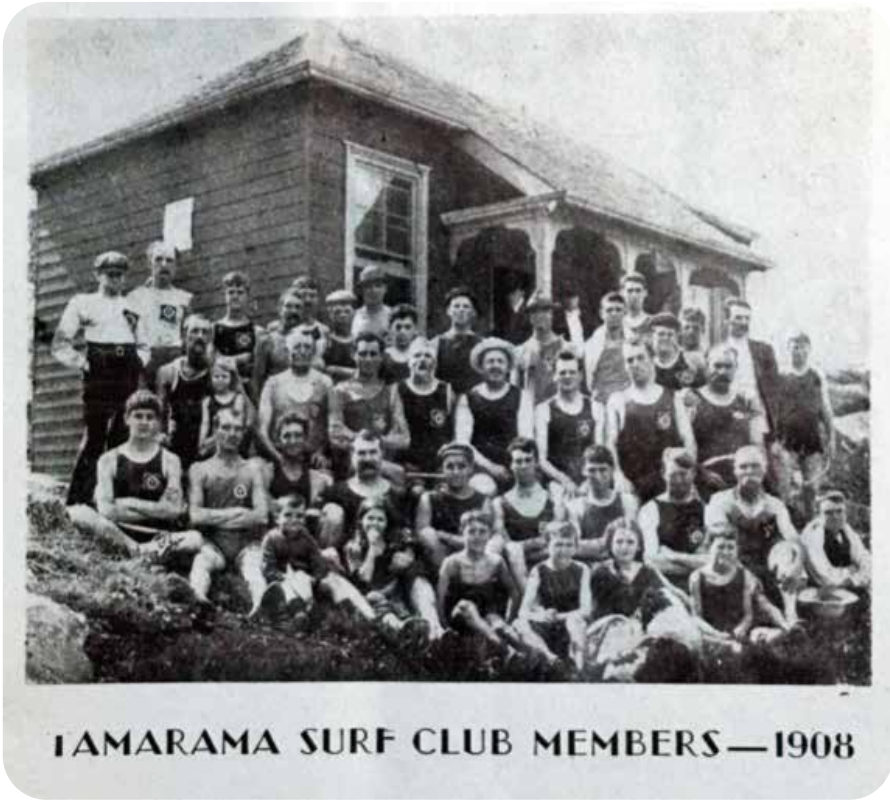
## THOSE WHO SERVED

This season, it was a great pleasure to have my good friend, Legend of Patrol 5 and esteemed Life Member of Tamarama SLSC, Troy Longworth, join our merry Heritage Collective of folk interested in exploring and sharing the history of Tamarama SLSC. Troy initiated a project to document the history of those Tamarama SLSC members who served their country and importantly, those who had paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having died in the service of their country in World War I and World War II.

In March 2020 Troy approached Waverley Historic Society to undertake research on the Tamarama SLSC members who had served their country, with a specific focus on those recorded as having lost their lives in World War I and II as commemorated on the Club Memorial.

The President of the Historic Society, Audrey McCauley, agreed to the collaboration. Audrey and the Society's Researchers Lyn Smith and Peter Armstrong met with Troy to be briefed on the project and agreed to conduct the research, extending the scope to include all Tamarama SLSC Lifesavers who had served.

One year later after the initial meeting, the Historic Society had completed their research and presented their findings at Waverley Library to Troy and myself. The research contains hundreds of documents including photos of war graves, full service records, letters to family and in the case of Gordon Corbould, photos of the house he lived in which is still standing



in Read Street Bronte. Lyn, the Society's Secretary, collated a folder of information on those listed on the Memorial. The folder is being progressively scanned, with ebooks being created for each club member. These will be made available to current club members very soon. For those interested in getting an appreciation of this subject from a Club perspective, I recommend reading through the annual reports from 1939–40 through 1945–46.

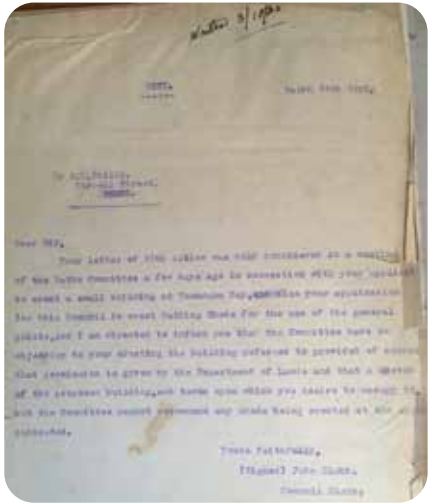
Thanks Troy for initiating this project, in memory and in recognition of the sacrifices made by our members.

## A POTTED HISTORY OF TAMARAMA CLUBHOUSES

As far as I can tell, there have been a total of five material incarnations of the Tamarama SLSC clubhouse.

We are currently in the process of developing the sixth incarnation. There have been many relatively minor alterations also along the way, including installation of the bar in the Reef Lounge, remodelling of the store room and storage shed and so on.

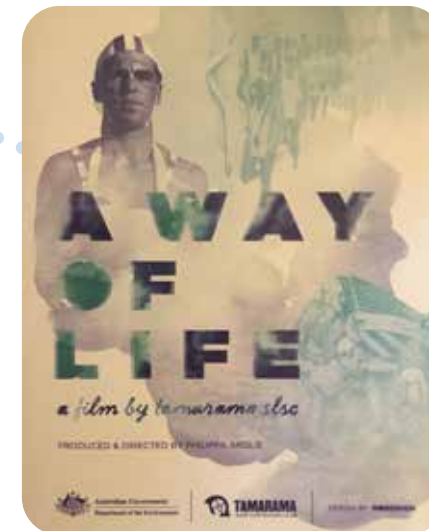
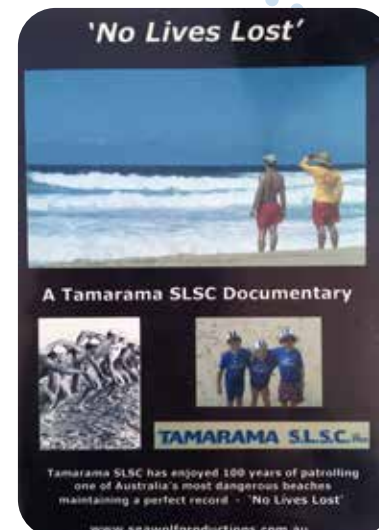
The first Clubhouse was built in 1908. This was clearly a significant development for the embryonic club. The Club records show that the first clubhouse came about following lobbying of Waverley Council who agreed to the building being placed on the present site. A picture of this first Clubhouse is included in this report as is a copy of the letter received from Waverley Council granting permission for building of the structure. Significantly, this first Clubhouse was entirely funded by members. See also the exhibit



recording the loans by members made to the Club for this purpose.

It appears from the Club record that the first clubhouse was well used through the early years, but by the 1930s, the membership was outgrowing it. There are ongoing reports of vandalism to the clubhouse through these years and in his first 50 years history, Ron Buist referred to "unfortunate" circumstances in 1938 when the first clubhouse was lost, possibly due to a fire. Lobbying to Council for assistance to build a new clubhouse during the 1930s is evident. On the 4th of May 1940, the new clubhouse was opened with relief to members and great fanfare. It is my understanding that the building erected at that time forms much of the envelope and some of the





#### OPPOSITE

Left: 1965-66 Clubhouse build

Middle: Tamarama surf club before the 1965-66 build

Right: No Lives Lost Documentary – 2006

#### THIS PAGE

Left: A Way of Life Documentary – 2014

Right: Chris Bromhead – last seen living out of a bus shelter in Paddington once his wife found out he was storing half of Tamarama in their garage

structure of all future clubhouses, including the latest renovations.

Fast forward to the 1960s and the membership are planning major extensions to the existing structure. The improvements included the extension of the main hall and significantly, these renovations also made way for the famous handball court. Take a look at the 'Way of Life' documentary and hear about nude handball from members of the time. There's insufficient space to detail all of the goings on during this build, but once again members pitched in, in a major way, undertaking much of the manual labour for site preparation, the build and sourcing the building materials. The new clubhouse was completed mid way through the 1966-67 season. A comment from a contemporary report of the time noted that had the Committee known what they were getting themselves into when they started, there is some doubt whether they would have embarked on the project. Well – I for sure am glad they did and thank them for their efforts. Further

work was completed in the 1976-77 season that saw the creation of the Reef Lounge and the spaces below – building over the outdoor handball court from what I can piece together from annual reports.

Our members have always had plans and vision and this included thinking beyond the builds of the 1960s and 1970s. During the 1980s this resulted in work with the Council to update the building to the one we are all familiar with in 2021. The works included the building of separate female and male shower and change facilities, the gym as we know it and creation of the kitchen (I'm pretty sure I've missed some items and no doubt will get a reminder from some Life Members to that end!). These renovations were completed in 1987.

Some aspects of the current build are an extension of the vision that prevailed through the 1980s, which included taking advantage of the great vistas we have from the Reef Lounge, specifically to extend the outdoor area on the

second floor. Work on planning for the current build started in earnest in the early 2000s, with multiple rounds of member and community consultation on the project. The Building Committee (Mick Alvisse, Ronan MacSweeney, Mike Turner and Bill Shires) are best placed to regale you of tales of the massive efforts and hard fought campaigns they put into the planning phase. Committee Members at the time, including Sandra Fox, will be able to tell you the stories of the significant fundraising activities undertaken to fund the design and development application process that has ultimately got us to today. Tim Murray is well across the massive effort that has been put into the fundraising effort, for which we are all very grateful for his fine leadership.

## HERITAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Leveraging the previously mentioned work to scan club written history, in the second half of the season, with the help of the Communications

team, I was able to start publishing specific articles to our email database. Two historical articles have been published so far – one originally written in 1956 by Life Member, Ron Buist that documents the facts and timelines of the first 50 years of Tamarama SLSC and the second, also written in 1956 but by Ernie Weir, Foundation and Life Member, that provides a personal account of someone who lived the first 50 years of Tamarama SLSC. If you have not had the chance to read these, I highly recommend you seek these out. There's a pipeline of similar articles in the works that I plan to release progressively over the next 12 months.

Updates to the Club Heritage content on the website have also been made. Tamarama SLSC has had many creative and dedicated members in our ranks over the years. In our Centenary Year (2006) a DVD documentary, entitled 'No Lives Lost' was created to mark the event. Between 2012 and 2014, Philippa Ardie undertook a significant project that created in documentary style,

a DVD that recorded the experiences of many of our Life Members at the time – this documentary is entitled 'A Way of Life'. Both of these documentaries are available for viewing on the Club website, care of the Heritage Project.

## CLUBHOUSE PACK UP AND MOVE OUT

With confirmation in April 2021 that the Club renovations were due to commence in May, with handover to the builder on 3 May, the race was on to prepare for the move out. Troy Longworth came to the rescue to project manage and supervise the exercise. There's a fair amount of 'stuff' that accumulates over the years and the effort to pack up was significant. The store room was filled to the brim with a great deal of Heritage items as well as operational lifesaving gear, club equipment and, well, rubbish.

A huge thanks to Troy but also to Heritage Collective member, Chris Bromhead, who has a passion for Tamarama and club history. Chris helped on a number of fronts

with the pack up and move out – significantly with the heavy lifting to move the Heritage collection from the store room, to safe storage in his garage, along with other Heritage material that Chris is holding for us. Next begins creating an inventory of these items and consultation with the Building and Management Committees regarding what we store on site and exhibit in the renovated clubhouse. Thanks Troy and Chris.

The Heritage Collective are looking forward to continuing to explore and share Club history with members and others interested next season and beyond. Let us know if you would like to be involved.

I'd like to finish by thanking the Management and Awards Committee for the kind award that they saw fit to create and award to me this year.

Guy Waddell, Life Member, Self Appointed Club Busy Body and Serial Pest ([heritage@tamaramaslsc.org](mailto:heritage@tamaramaslsc.org))

**GUY WADDELL**  
Heritage Officer



## TAMARAMA NIPPERS – FUTURE LIFESAVERS IN TRAINING

## junior activities director's report



**COVID-19 produced an unusual set of circumstances for the Tamarama Nippers in the 20/21 season. Whilst the coronavirus-inspired end of the previous 19/20 season was abrupt, COVID-19 limitations on the larger neighbouring Nipper Clubs benefited enrolments in this season's Tamarama Nipper program.**

Surrounding Club Nipper programs were faced with 'COVID Safety Plan' restrictions on the number of people permitted on the beach (500) – leading to split sessions for the larger clubs. Additionally, no parents were allowed on the beach to watch, and the intake of new members was cut to zero (including the Under 6 Age Group).

For Tamarama, this led to a substantial rise in the number of registered Nippers from around 90 in 2019/20 season to 167 in 2020/21.

Whilst logistically this provided a few challenges in terms of the required number of Age Managers

and 'crowd control', extra parent volunteers stepped up to take on the responsibilities of delivering the Nipper Program.

Ordinarily, Nippers are required to pass a proficiency test at the beginning of each season which assists in determining water safety ratios when entering the surf (ratio of Nippers in the water to assigned Water Safety personnel). Due to COVID-19, pre-season proficiencies were suspended by Surf Life Saving Sydney leading to an enhanced focus on water safety by Age Managers, Patrolling Members and assigned Water Safety personnel.

Unkind weather delayed the start of the Nipper season by three weeks which coincided with a slight easing of COVID-19 restrictions. Once Nippers were on the beach and the season had begun, the 'weather' gods allowed a decent amount of time 'in the water'.

Much appreciated sponsorship funding from Network 10 allowed the continuation of the Nippers Swim

Squad training at North Bondi on Friday afternoons. The sessions, led by Jo 'Mermaid' Kyriazakos and her Mermaid Swim Academy, were well supported by Nippers, and provided valuable surf awareness, in addition to swimming and board skills for the participants. The sessions were held in the 1st and 2nd half of the season.

Weather played havoc, leading to the cancellation of the Waverley Shield carnival at North Bondi, and the Clovelly Challenge (a joint Nippers session with Clovelly Nippers), and part of the Branch Championships.

The COVID-19 pandemic created an extra degree of difficulty for our carnival competitors. With various carnivals on the Northern Beaches, and a COVID-19 inspired 'lock-down' in the area over Christmas, many planned 'get-aways' were ruined. The club entered most carnivals with the majority being cancelled at the last minute due to COVID-19 or rough water. Competitors were limited to entries in the Freshwater Water Carnival (Dec), Narrabeen Beach



Carnival (Dec), a delayed Wanda Carnival (water and beach), Sydney Branch Championships, and NSW State Titles.

We fielded a small number of competitive entrants to the carnivals including:

Dwayne Carr  
Eve Crichton  
Aaron Hodge  
Max Ng  
Liliana Capela  
Jude Jungwirth  
Archie Llewellyn  
Guilherme Marinho Guglielmo  
Alex Oakley  
Moana Vueti-Gardiner  
Te'rina Vueti-Gardiner  
Artur Capela  
Finlay Crichton  
Eden Fitzsimmons  
Olliver Johnson  
Grace Woodall  
James Parker  
Thomas Lopez  
Harry Woodall  
Maisie Crichton  
Jamie Tobin

Ava Bova  
Brandon Bova  
Eva Herson  
Isabel Parker  
Jade Deguara  
Oscar Llewellyn

The Bovas and Llewellyns progressed through to the Finals in their respective beach events at the Sydney Branch Titles. Surf events were cancelled for the third year in a row.

We had three entrants in the NSW State Titles with Jade Deguara progressing to the Ocean Swim semi-finals in large surf, and Oscar Llewellyn being pipped in the semi-finals by a dubious decision. Archie Llewellyn's participation was hampered by bio security rules that prevented his ability to attend with his superstar coach (and mother) Margie Simpson-Lee.

We have an excellent group of carnival competitors that with a bit of training should be able to reach the Finals at the Branch and State Titles next season.

COVID-19 killed off the possibility of running a few of the traditional Nipper events including the mid-winter movie night, and Sculptures by the Sea. Historically, Nippers has been conducted amongst the sculpture installations proving to be a great source of excitement and fun. Additionally, the artists and staff of Sculptures by the Sea have previously run a tour and sculpture workshop for Nippers and their parents.

With (COVID-19) reduced numbers, Nippers Sydney Branch was able to hold the Development Camps for U11 and U13 age groups at the Youthworks Port Hacking Conference Centre in the Royal National Park. Thanks to Doug Hawkins who again gave up his time to lead the program.

- **U11's (Dec 2020)** – Chole Crabb, Jade Deguara, Maisie Crichton and Jamie Tobin
- **U13's (Feb 2021)** – Aaron Hodge, Max Ng, Dwayne Carr, Eve Crichton and Eve Prendeville.





At the end of April, Surf Life Saving Sydney was also able to host the 15-17's Young Leaders Program at 'The Tops' conference centre in Stanwell Park. Allegra McGiven and Wil Charters were fortunate to be chosen to participate in this three-day program.

As Santa's sleigh was unable to land on the beach at Tamarama, the Club's ATV offered a useful form of transport to move the 'man in a red suit' and his sack full of presents. A much-anticipated tradition at Tamarama Nippers saw Santa distribute his gifts of sweets to the eager throngs of Nippers. A big thank you to Santa for his years of dedicated appearances at Tamarama Nippers.

Clean-Up Australia Day saw the Tamarama Nippers clean their beach with an interesting twist. Co-ordinated by Nipper parent Nicole Johnson, Nippers put rubbish from their beach in bags before it was taken back to a local pre-school, sorted, and what could be recycled was recycled and what could be used for craft was cleaned and re-purposed into resources for craft materials.

On a fine weather Sunday in February, Bronte Nippers walked over to Tamarama for the start of what is hoped to become an annual event. The Tama to Bronte (T2B) swim for Nippers. A small number of Tamarama Nippers participated in the event with water safety being provided by Bronte.

Nipper Presentation Day at the end of the season saw 81 Nippers receive an award for '100% Attendance' and 157 (out of the 167 Registered Nippers) receive an award for Surf Life Saving after completing the pre-requisite learning modules.

Awards:

- **Nipper of the Year**  
Eve Crichton
- **Best and Fairest Nipper**  
Felix McGivern

'Nipper of the Year' and 'Best and Fairest' Awards were presented by Bondi Lifeguard Jethro James. Apart from being a Network 10 television celebrity, Jethro is a former Clovelly Nipper, and his father Geoff James is a previous Clovelly Surf Club President.

- **Boy's Carnival Competitor of the Year**  
Oscar Llewellyn
- **Girl's Carnival Competitor of the Year**  
Jade Deguara

Competitor of the Year Awards were presented by Frankie Shires (daughter of former Club President, Bill Shires). Frankie is an ex-Tamarama Nipper and was in the running to be selected in the Australian Team for Tokyo 2021 Olympics in the 10km Open Water swim event.

In early June, post the end of the season, Bronte Nippers held a 'Future Leaders' program with representatives from all the Clubs

in Sydney Branch (North Bondi to the Royal National Park). Thanks to Craig Betts (the recently retired head of Bronte Nippers) for putting this together. The Club was represented by U13s Eve Crichton, Eve Prendeville, Aaron Hodge and Max Ng.

An enormous thank you needs to go to:

- Tamarama Surf Club President Tim Murray and the Executive Committee for supporting the Nippers program.
- Age Managers for their dedicated service, turning up each week to lead the Nipper program.

- o **U14 (SRC)** – Jo Miller (SRC and roving age manager)
- o **U13** – Paul McGivern and Michelle Ng
- o **U12** – Jon Hancock, Daniel Leahy, Stuart Crabb and David Jenkins
- o **U10/U11** – Shay Deguara, Steve Oakley and Gina Crabb
- o **U9** – Margie Simpson-Lee and Daniel Covarrubias
- o **U8** – Tim Gow and Tim Murray
- o **U7** – Iain Melhuish and Ryan Meyer
- o **U6** – Joe Parker and Louise Sherrin





- Water Safety personnel who waded and waited in the water when conditions were sometimes not conducive to comfort. Your support is invaluable and allows Nippers to 'get wet' and experience the Tamarama conditions in a controlled environment. Particular thanks goes to recent graduates of the Nipper program (newly awarded Bronze Medallion holders Polly Kirton, Allegra McGivern and Wil Charters; and newly awarded SRC holders Annabelle Charters, Izzy Middleton, Liara and Taniesha King, Annabel Crabb, Darcey Wilson and Jade Brennan) who gave up their time on Sunday mornings.

- The Waverley Lifeguards who provided guidance, back-up for the water safety crew, and tolerated visits by intrigued Nippers. A special thank you also goes to Lifeguard and Bondi Rescue star Jethro James (a product of Clovelly Nippers) who gave an inspiring personal account on the 'Importance of Nippers' in his life and handed out awards at the Nipper Presentation Day.
- Sunday morning patrols who continue to inspire the 'Future Life Savers' of Tamarama with their knowledge, support, and commitment. Taking the time to explain their role, their equipment, the surf conditions and telling

tales of rescue exploits assists in educating Nippers and provides motivation for Nippers to keep coming back 'next week'. The valuable contribution to water safety that Sunday morning patrols provide, does not go unnoticed, and we could not 'get wet' without them.

- The BBQ team who produce a fine 'egg and bacon roll' and 'sausage in a roll'. We have been fortunate to hold many BBQs this season. Thanks to all those who have helped-out on the tools, slaving over a hot BBQ and preparing and serving the food. Also, a special thank you to my two daughters Milly and Bibi DeBelle Hancock

who for many seasons have assisted with the purchase, pick-up and delivery of supplies from butchers to bakers and everything else required for the BBQ events.

- Waverley Council through their Small Grants program assisted in funding the delivery of 'Holly Days'. Their support allows the continued involvement of local Aboriginal kids from the Maroubra and La Perouse areas in our Tamarama Nipper program.
- Sydney Branch Nippers, through the leadership of President Doug Hawkins, have provided enormous support and guidance through what has been a year of tumultuous COVID-19 related rules,

regulation, and more regulation. The 'COVID Safety Plans' changed weekly, and we are hugely indebted to Doug and his team who interpreted the regulations and assisted us with overcoming our planning challenges. It was new to us all. As Doug retires at the end of this season, we sincerely thank him for his many years of championing the Nipper (future lifesavers in training) movement, his organisation and leadership of the Nipper Development Camps, and his legacy of training standards for Age Managers and Nipper Club leaders.

- Network 10 continues to be a major sponsor of the Tamarama Nipper

program, and we thank them for their ongoing commitment to our Club. Their funding allows us to deliver the Nippers Swim and Board Skills program held at North Bondi on Friday afternoons and assists in the purchase of additional Nipper equipment.

- Jo Miller's selfless commitment to the 'Holly Days' program is enormously appreciated. The program partners with Weave Youth Services and allows Aboriginal kids from the La Perouse and Maroubra areas to participate in the Tamarama Nippers program. Named after late club member Holly Robinson who died of cancer at a young age, the





program initially began in 2004/5 with the support of Holly's parents Ted and Ann Robinson. Over the years, the 'Holly Days' program has allowed many participants to graduate through the Tamarama Nippers program and achieve their Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion qualifications and along the way provide valuable surf skills and leadership training.

Jo Miller, with ongoing back up from long-time Club member and friend of Holly, Warwick 'Jabba' Clout, co-ordinates every aspect of the program from consultation with families and registration through to delivery. Jo liaises with families the day before Nippers for

numbers, does the shopping, picks up a minibus early in the morning, drives to each house to pick-up every participant, provides them with breakfast, wrangles them whilst at Nippers and for a swim afterwards, provides snacks for the return trip and then drops them all home safe and sound. All this is done in her own time. It is an enormous contribution, and our thanks go to Jo for ensuring the program continues.

- The enormous amount of unseen work put in by the Nipper Management Committee of Brad Charters (husband of Jo Miller) and Shay Deguara contributes to the success of the Nipper

program. Brad handles all things administrative (from ensuring registrations are entered, monies collected, events booked, uniforms ordered, awards and prizes are collected, and stocktakes are completed). It is a monumental task. Equally Shay's role (ensuring the safety of Nippers on the beach and in the surf, carnivals entries are submitted, and swimming training provided) is paramount. The Nipper program would not proceed without their hard work and dedication to the Club.

- The parents must not be forgotten. We thank you for getting your kids out of bed on Sunday mornings, delivering them to the beach

to participate in the Tamarama Nipper Program and providing them the opportunity to have fun, make new friends and learn life-long skills in the surf and on the sand along their journey to becoming the next generation of surf life savers.

It would be remiss not to mention the advent of the on-line 'Zoom' meeting. Foreign to most of the global population prior to COVID-19, Zoom became the de-facto standard supplanting face-to-face get-togethers. From the Club's Executive Committee Meetings to Nipper Branch Executive meetings, Age Manager Planning sessions, Nipper Leadership training sessions and the

far too frequent 'COVID Safety Plan' meetings, we spent more time on the screen than we would like and appreciated the opportunity to finally hold 'in-person' meetings again towards the latter part of the season.

I look forward to seeing you all on the beach.



**JON HANCOCK**  
Junior Activities Director





local preschool where it was sorted and anything that could be recycled was put into recycling bins and anything that could be reused for craft was cleaned and added to the resources for the preschool. The rest was disposed of properly. What a fantastic effort Nippers.

[www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au)

**NICOLE JOHNSON**  
Nipper Parent



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

The Tamarama Nippers this year participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 7th 2021.

After a huge tide delivered lots of plastic and other debris right up to the back of the beach it was

definitely a great day to clean up. Each age group took a Clean Up Australia Day rubbish bag and headed off to all corners of Tamarama Beach and collected everything from tiny pieces of plastic to balls, shoes, and plastic bottles. The rubbish was taken back to a

## HISTORY REPEATING

With Waverley Council's high fences closing off Tamarama Beach, and the public prevented from swimming or using the beach at the height of the COVID-19 lockdown in April, May, and June 2020, members experienced an eerily comparable set of circumstances to those faced by the founding fathers of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club (without the pandemic).

Wonderland City was an amusement park, similar to Luna Park, which was located in the park behind the beach. It had a barbed wire perimeter fence, built to stop visitors sneaking into the amusement park without paying, by coming in via the beach front. But this fence also cut off access to the beach, making local swimmers angry and caused on-going friction with William Anderson, the owner of Wonderland.

Despite the protests the Wonderland management were unrepentant, the fence was staying. One Sunday the surfers produced bolt cutters and cut

the barbed wire fence and William Anderson, responded by calling the police. The fence was repaired. The following weekend the local swimmers returned, the fence was cut again – and down came the Waverley police. This stand-off continued.

Their fight went all the way to the NSW Parliament where the Minister declared that Tamarama Beach was public land. Some of these victorious locals formed a new club to protect swimmers at the beach, it became the Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club.

**JON HANCOCK**



# the sauna didn't make the cut...

A REFLECTION BY KIM DOHERTY AND BEN DOHERTY



**The mission, and I use the word advisedly, to rebuild Tamarama's much-loved, dare I say iconic, clubhouse has been a travail of extraordinary circuitousness, an epic of Herculean proportions, the story of a small band of dedicated volunteers who had a vision, and made it real.**

Like Odysseus seeking a way home, waylaid by the storms and the lotus-eaters, the Cyclops and the song of the Sirens on the rocks (perhaps they were on the Twins?), the path to a new clubhouse was rarely a straight line, but Tama stayed the course, lashed to dual masts of love for our club, and a building so desperately in need.

For hundreds of Tama clubbies, the old club is (now was) a beloved place of community and communion. Its leaky ceilings, creaking doors, dangerously inconsistent showers, and held-together-with-sand-and-sticky-tape window frames, hold years, even decades, of memories.

Birthday parties, sausage sizzles, nude swims, exuberant conga lines at drunken awards nights, the grand old

dame of the promontory has seen it all. (Your correspondent's wedding reception was held in the clubhouse and he, against much of the betting, remains married – to the same person – so that's a powerful augur.)

But the time had come. Perhaps the most famous surfclub in all of Australia was long overdue for that conversation piece so beloved of the eastern suburbs: the fabled 'reno'.

Thus began the unyielding graft of designing a new building within the tightest of parameters, of convincing some (occasionally precious, betimes hostile) neighbours of its merits, and the Sisyphean task of fundraising.

The tireless Bill Shires, president of our merry band for a dozen years, remembers the drive for a new Clubhouse began in about 2009.

"I've been a member for over 30 years now, and so many members have had important events there. My kids grew up there, my wife's 40th, so many good memories and fun times. It was my introduction into Australian culture as a newly arrived migrant from Essex in the early '90s. I rowed surf boats, Aussie titles,

swims, the old clubhouse had a lot of great memories. It smelt like the old Club. No one cared what you did during the week, you could just hang out, it was a fun thing to do. I hope the new clubhouse will bring just as many happy memories for the new membership.

"I think it was one of the nipper parents who first got me thinking about the Clubhouse. We were talking about the grant we'd got to fix the kitchen when he said, 'don't mess around, you need to go for funding to get the whole Club done'. So he set us on the path of getting a set of plans, getting a war chest of money, and pushing for grants. He set things in motion.

"When I started the project the average membership was pretty old. It was when we opened up a new diverse group that the energy came back into the Club."

Mike Turner brought his construction expertise to the building committee from 2009. He says an initial plan, that had suddenly landed on the members, met with a decidedly cool reception.

"The members felt it didn't reflect their needs or wants. So we set up a workshop and invited the whole Club to come have their say. We had a brainstorm, stuck the ideas on the wall, then gave everyone five post-it-notes and said 'go and stick your votes on what's most important to you'.

"By a country mile the lead thing was the functionality as a surf club. (A sauna fell just outside the top 10 – we'd have loved to do that but it was a matter of space).

"So we used the notes from that Club brainstorm to brief new architects, CHROFI. We got lucky with them: when we engaged them they were a start-up firm, so we got them when they were cheap and cheerful. Since then they've won some big awards and now have huge cred."

Still, there were setbacks and, at times, vociferous opposition. Some in the community were opposed to any redevelopment at all (even after the old building was diagnosed with concrete cancer) and those opposed ran a concerted campaign, not always in good faith, to halt progress

in its tracks. "A bit of life and colour around the community engagement," Troy Longworth remembers, with no small measure of understatement, of the slings and arrows of Tama's outrageous fortune.

At one stage opponents were handing out flyers in local cafes warning of the imminent perils of 'Pokies on the Point'. Such calamities, of course, never were proposed, and will never come to pass.

But this inimical obstructionism reached its nadir at an awful meeting at the Club where objectors descended to dishonesty and ad hominem racist attacks. Fear not, gentle reader: purer hearts and calmer heads carried the day. After all, we had charm, perseverance, and a noble cause on our side.

And throughout, there were, too, staunch backers.

Among them, Adrian Lim was the club's biggest private sponsor. Life member Phil Hogan was tireless in his advocacy. And steadfast supporter Simon Exelton hosted a memorable fundraising night with the inimitable HG Nelson ('Rampaging' Roy

Slaven was likely on the beach in his speedos on a night patrol – they breed their lifesavers tough in Lithgow).

Of the \$6.5m renovation funding Tamarama surfclub has raised for the renovation, broadly 20% has come from state government grants or through Surf Lifesaving NSW. 60% has come from Waverley Council which, through a number of mayors, has been a resolute backer of the Club.

It was our own, utterly irrepressible Tim Murray who was the driving force in this critical collaboration.

In 2017, when he took over as Club President, the Club had raised \$1.1m.

Tim, through a mixture of daggy-dad charm and ruthless indefatigability, oversaw the formation of a public private partnership with Waverley Council and worked alongside then mayor John Wakefield, who commissioned a report detailing the current state and the future needs of the surf club.

"That gave us a better idea of what we needed, and greater leverage in raising funds," Tim says.



Even still, there were times it looked all too much. At one point, the entire approvals process was sent back to square one after an initial contract was signed.

“The first tender, when the council said ‘stop everything’, that was a big blow,” club vice-president and architect Matteo Salval remembers.

“We had a plan but then the council said ‘your plan isn’t going to work’. We had all these funds and commitments, we had a responsibility... it got pretty full on.

“Then in 2018–9 we started the final collaboration with the council. That’s when it started to get real. They had the ability to assist us, knew how to navigate the process, and we raised a good sum of money.”

However, in a somewhat ‘oh-I-forgot-my-wallet’-kinda-way, Tama Surf Club was still a touch short.

Club Captain Richard Hamilton, a fellow with some helpful experience in real estate development, sought the good offices of the new federal member for Wentworth, Dave Sharma.

“Dave Sharma, from the moment I called him, has bent over backwards to make sure he has a connection with Tama,” Richard says. “He has attended our events, he turns up to lifesavers with pride rehearsals, he’s supported the club in large and small ways.

“So, knowing the shortfall we needed was \$350,000 to \$400,000, I fronted up to a meeting at Dave Sharma’s office and told the truth – and he and his team made it happen. The federal government scheme that was available at the time only offered \$300K, and we got \$350K.”

But when the Gods wish to punish us, they merely answer our prayers.

Oscar Wilde may never have said this, but if he did, he might have been imagining a building site something like Tamarama Surf Club. Tama now had the money, the backing, approved plans and the builders, but getting it done... on that site?

A narrow, jutting clifftop space that wears every bit of passing weather, edged onto by (occasionally fractious) neighbours, and accessible

only by a narrow, steep path. Add to that a tourist-attracting footpath visited by hundreds of thousands of peripatetic sightseers on the ocean side.

Negotiations to crane materials in over the neighbour’s homes were swiftly repudiated.

Eventually, like everything in this saga, a way was found.

“Every single professional who looked at the location said ‘this site is hell to get to, from a building point of view’,” Matteo Salval says. “It’s the access that’s the problem. How do you get materials in and out safely?”

“The builder that won the tender in the end chose not to use a crane. They thought about access in a lateral way and came up with a cost effective way to do it. They’re using a hoist.

“They’re bringing everything in and out via the ramp. There are about seven points of pedestrian access they’ll have to cross. There’ll be lollipop people everywhere. It’s like \$900,000 worth of lollipop people.”

Mike says the new building design itself is fairly straightforward, but significant consideration was given to preserving Tama’s beloved facade.

“The old clubhouse didn’t actually have a heritage listing, but we recognised that people love it. The art deco facade is loved and recognised, so we worked within the parameters of that.”

The new Club will not only service Tama’s lifesaving patrols in far greater comfort and style than the old building, it is hoped our new home will become a focal point for the community, a place where everybody belongs and is made to feel welcome.

Bill says there has been a conscious effort in recent years to make Tama SLSC “more than just a surf club”.

“We made sure we were a community hub for all to use – hence Zumba, yoga by the sea, art exhibitions, we got Sculptures by the Sea involved... We had to be more than just a SLSC, we wanted to be more inclusive and welcoming. We just said yes to everything, to make

sure we were part of the fabric of the community – as we should be.”

And Matteo reckons the new club will be the perfect blend of the old and the new.

“What I like about the new design is it keeps the current scale and tone of the old building, but with new functionality and interiors. We’ll have an amazing Reef Lounge, a gym with the best view on the eastern seaboard, and amazing amenities for changing, showers too. It’ll be a great place to be.”

Mike likes the new building’s proposed central walkway, bringing together the community and the Club.

“It does a few things. It gives natural light – there is a skylight above it – but as you walk through on the left there’s all the surf lifesaving equipment visible so it feels like a working surf club. It will make the community feel involved. They won’t walk in and there’ll be one part of the club for the lifesavers and one part for everyone else. We want the community to see the lifesaving stuff going on and feel at home and part of it.

“Another cool thing we did was build up our green credentials. The club is designed so it self-cools. There’s no mechanical cooling. The idea is the building pulls in cooler air from the lower floors off the rock shelf and flows it through to the top floors.”

The new Club is expected to open its doors in May 2022. And memories of the old club, while cherished still, will evaporate heavenward in the steam of a consistently warm shower.

If only they’d had room for the sauna...

The building of Tamarama’s new clubhouse has been an immense team effort over more than a decade. Special thanks must go to Tim Murray, Sandra Fox, Richard Hamilton, Bill Shires, Matteo Salval, Mike Turner, Troy Longworth, Christian Wild, Michael Alvisse, Ronan MacSweeney, Phil Hogan, Adrian Lim, and Simon Exelton.





# club membership 2020–2021

## life members – 103

Michael Alvisse	John Annand*	Brian Beer	Gregory Bell	John Bell
Steven Bell	Rob Brander	Graeme Brewer	George Brooke*	William Brooke*
Tom Brooks*	Ron Buist*	Michael Burke*	Ivan Butterworth*	Alec Cahill*
Des Carroll*	Wally Charles*	Arthur Cole*	Vince Cole*	Christopher Cooper
Paul Cooper	Gordon Corbould*	Ced Davis*	Peter Davis	Shay Deguara
Geoff Dellet*	Fred Denham*	Bob Deverall*	S Dewild*	James Doyle*
Ray Doyle*	Ken Eastment	Col Ferris*	John Fisher	Geoff Fowle*
Sandra Fox	David Fryer*	Edward Gillroy	Robert Gillroy*	Chris Glover
Neville Gray*	John Hall	Sir Eric Hallstrom*	Jon Hancock	J Hann*
Robert Hann*	Brian Henry	Robert Hodgson	Phil Hogan	Ian Hopkins
Wal Horne*	Henry Hourihan	Vince Jackman*	David Jex	Sid Joss*
Don Keech*	Les Lawrence*	Albert Levy*	Troy Longworth	Ronan Macsweeney
Robert Marrott	Max Martin*	Jack Mayes*	Doug McDonell*	Alex McNab*
Geoff Mould	Ron Muller*	Ron Norman	Wal Norton*	Clive Owens OAM
Robert Parton*	Charles Philip*	Ernie G Philip*	George B Philip*	William Philip*
John Proctor	David Radford*	Les Rayne*	Allan Roberts	John Shand
Richard Sheldon	William Shires	Richard Simpson	Margaret Simpson-Lee	Frank Smith
Neil Smith	Ken Stewart*	William Stewart*	Eric Tatnall*	Brian Tutil
Geoffrey Vaughan	Geoffrey Vincent	Guy Waddell	John Wardall*	Peter Wardall*
Neill Warren	B A Weir*	Ernie E Weir*	Dr John Weir*	Wilton Weir*
Bryan Williams*	Robert Wormleaton	Daniel Zafir		

*\* Denotes member is deceased*

## honorary members – 20

Clr George Copeland	Raphaella K Crosby	Simon Exleton	Graham Ford	Martin Hadley
David Handley	Deborah Hutton	Dare Jennings	Clr Tony Kay	Santo Losurdo
Marcus Moufarrige	Clr Marjorie O’Neil MP	Greig Pickhaver	Ann Robinson	Dave Sharma MP
Robert Talbott OAM	Eugene Tan	Malcolm Turnbull	Clr John Wakefield	Joan Wardall

## long service members – 20

George Banfalvy	Peter Bishop	David Blamires	Megan Blamires	Mark Cassidy
Warwick Clout	Bruce Copas	Guy Debelle	Wayne Evans	John Fisher
Rex Hatton	Bob Jones	John Lackey	Paul Martin	Neil McFarlane
Paul Murphy	Steve O’Neill	Denis Paterson	Phillip Serjeant	Nicholas Spencer

## reserve active members – 11

Philippa Ardlie	Steven Batten	Matthew Caine	Robert Foulkes	Sean James
Stephen Kearney	Adrian Lim	Andres Mafla Salgado	Mischee Mardardy	Ian Moate
Mark Wilcox				

## senior active members – 167

Daniel Adams	Stefano Aldini	Ievgen Aleinikov	Eloise Allen-Bowton	Diego Alonso Moller-Hergt
Simon Alperstein	Caio Amaral	Benedict Armitage	Steph Atkinson	Derek Bagatourian
Hayden Bagnall	David Barmettler	Chris Barrett	Jack Batchelor	Cameron Berry
Davide Bini	Thomas Bodger	Lisa Bodrero	Paul Borrud	Bruce Bouchard
Jonathan Brett	Amanda Brooker	Andrew Brooker	Lance Brooks	Chris Burt-Allan
Solene Marie Busnardo	Cameron Caldwell	Philip Capps	Hamish Carlisle	Younghwan Chang
Bradley Charters	Jonathan Chew	Jordan Chimes	Lachlan Clough	Charlotte Cole
Reuben Cole	Jack Collins	Riccardo Colucci	Cameron Colwell	Patrick Connors
Sam Corbett	Michelle Cowans	Jamie Crawford	Robert Crichton	Jessica Davey
Arnaud de La Chaise	Leo Denes	Ric Deverell	Ben Doherty	Kimberley Doherty
Tarek Elgayar	Lauren Eskin	Samantha Eskin	Riley Fallon	Georgina Farrell
Elliot Farrow	Rachel Feakes	Michael Field	Jody Fitchet	Bertille Fouesnant
Michael Frazis	Hugh French	Hugh French	Daniel Fritz	Katharina Frohs
Peter Gallagher	Albert Gillies	Harriet Gillies	Myles Glashier	Joshua Gold
Harriet Gould	Jamie Gould	Timothy Gow	Jose Guedes	Ramon Guimaraes
Richard Hamilton	Max Hartner	David Head	Andrew Heggie	Eytan Herson
Steven Hodge	Marlin Hoppen	Sue Jackson	David Jenkins	David Kim
Eric Kleiman	Brandon Kober-Brown	Ronald Krite	Joshua Lacoste	Alice Lang
Mark Larmour	Ben Lee	David Lee	Thomas Love	Claudia Lowe
Aymeric Maudous	Liam McDermott	Robert McDonald	Paul McGivern	Kassandra McGregor
Jack McMillan	Iain Melhuish	Stephen Ryan Meyer	Lucas Molon	Stephen Moynihan
David Murphy	Timothy Murray	Francesco Musarra	Matthew Napier	Harkiran Narulla
Nanak Narulla	Aaron Neal	Zoe Neill	Hoa Nguyen	David Ogle
Robert Page	Jacob Parker	Nathan Parris	Marin Peplinski	Matthew Phillips
Alexandra Porter-Hepworth	Alice Powell	Jesse Price	Alberto Puls Cruz	Fabien Punin
Daniel Qualischefski	Lizzie Rae	Paul Ranocchiari	Elissa Raptis	AJ Rincón
Mark Roe	Laura Roff	Aleksandar Rokic	Audrey Rollin	Sidney Russell
Pedro Saa	Matteo Salval	Zoe Scott-King	Aryan Shahabi-Sirjani	Kemper Shaw
Michael Signal	Daniel Smith	Lauren Smith	Brent Solomon	Robert Sparshott
David Speck	Emmily Spormann	Timothy Stacey	Sam Stewart	Natalie Sutton
Duncan Taylor	Scott Taylor	Sophie Taylor	Louise Thompson	Jarrold Van Veen
Thomas Veit	Fabian Velez	Adrian Vipond	Theodora Von Arnim	Jemima Waddell
Scott Walker	Eleni Watts	Zoe Whitton	Angus Wilkie	Michael Wilkins
Emma Williams	Crissie Zheng			

## junior members (15–18 years) – 12

William Charters	William Forrest	Orlanda Golfin	Oliver Hunt	Polly Kirton
Sofia Kooner	Lucinda Labi	William Lenard	Allegra McGivern	Oscar McGivern
Allegra Tennant	Lachlan Waddell			



surf rescue certificate – 9

Jade Brennan	Jamie Carlisle	Annabelle Charters	Annabel Crabb	Liara King
Taneisha King	Lucas Meldrum	Isabella Middleton	Darcey Wilson	

future lifesavers in training (nippers) – 167

Etienne Albert	Xavier Albert	Alba Anderson	Camilla Bayard	Louis Bayard
James Bergin	Oliver Bergin	Jemima Blok	Leo Boden	Lily Bourgarel
Ava Bova	Brandon Bova	Patrick Bova	Manoa Broch	Gabrielle Brown
Jacob Brown	Artur Capela	Liliana Capela	Jacqueline Carlisle	Luce Carnevale
Perla Carnevale	Dwayne Carr	Imogen Carroll	Matilda Carroll	Samar Causley
Luca Cavanagh-Downs	Odette Cavanagh-Downs	Alice Chandler	Harriet Chandler	Cooper Conomos
Paz Covarrubias	Chloe Crabb	Lucas Crabb	Eve Crichton	Finlay Crichton
Maisie Crichton	Louis De Beger	Beatrix Debelle Hancock	Millicent Debelle Hancock	Jade Deguara
Marc Denes	Nash Dobbin	Molly Doherty	Aurelie Edwards	Brennon Fahey
Jacqueline Farrow	Jonathon Filipoppoulos	Cooper Fitzsimmons	Eden Fitzsimmons	Parker Fitzsimmons
Spencer Fitzsimmons	Arlo Foote	Flint Foote	Rocco Foy	Ondine Freeman
Otto Freeman	Jasmine Glasgow	Amelia Gow	Louise Gow	Archie Griffin
Hunter Griffin	Rylan Hedley	Eva Herson	Aaron Hodge	Imogen Hopkinson
Sienna Hopkinson	Macy Hull	Lucas Hutton	Lamar Imrich	Harmony Ingram
Dylan Jamal	Vookashin Jankovic	Catherine Jenkins	Sarah Jenkins	Max Johnson
Olliver Johnson	Yuin Johnson	Rose Johnston	Jude Jungwirth	Sophie Kammel
Amelia Khan	Max Khan	Maya Khan	Emma Koethe	Etta Korpi-Ribeiro
Dixie Leahy	Maisie Leahy	Amelie Lindsey-Temple	Archie Llewellyn	Oscar Llewellyn
Thomas Lopez	Dmitrii Losev	Jacob Lui	Finn Lynch	Joseph Malev
Guilherme Marinho Guglielmo		Lily Martin	Taylen Martin	Jessica Mathews
Madeleine Mathews	Harriet McFadyen	Molly McFadyen	Felix McGivern	Dominic Melhuish
Harper Meyer	Matilda Meyer	Giorgio Michalopoulos	Michael Michalopoulos	Thomas Milewski
Chiara Montard Suveran	Barbara Morgan-Silva	Aerin Murphy	Dominic Murphy	Theo Murphy
Martha Murray	Oscar Murray	Max Ng	Alex Oakley	Finnigan O'Reilly
Summer Palermo	Isabel Parker	James Parker	Thomas Parker	Esther Peters
Antonis Pitsis	Valentina Ponzoni	Monet Porter	Eve Prendeville	Kate Prendeville
Hugo Pretto	Arabella Pridgeon	Ameerah Quinlan	Jayda Rehak	Jocelyn Rehak
Stellina Roumanous	Betsy Roworth	Marcello Russo	Mila Schroder	Nieve Sheerin
Chase Simpson	Sienna Siva	Henry Smith	Capri Smollen	Sahara Smollen
Angus Snow	Edmund Snow	Sybilla Snow	Rhea Sotiras	Abby Sparks
Henry Tange	Lyla Tange	Jamie Tobin	Talia Truong	Dashiell Uglow
Felix Uglow	Moana Vueti-Gardiner	Te'rina Vueti-Gardiner	Eden Wallis	Harry Williams
Ariel Wilson	Madeleine Wilson	Gizel Wood	Grace Woodall	Harry Woodall
Andrea Yeo Spanbrook	Archer Yeo Spanbrook	Charlotte Yeo Spanbrook		



associate members –115

Emily Albert	Gary Anderson	Jane Bayard	Renee Berman	Julian Blok
Alexander Boden	Vincent Bourgarel	Kate Brentnall	Romain Broch	Chris Bromhead
Canna Campbell	Clare Campbell	Matthew Causley	Adam Chandler	Michaela Conomos
Daniel Covarrubias	Stuart Crabb	Claire Crichton	Neil De Beger	Rohani De Beger
Wil Dennis Bailey	Nicholas Edwards	Peter Fahey	Irene Filopoppoulos	Ben Fitzsimmons
Roland Flesch	Celine Foote	Philip Freeman	Bianca Gallifuoco	Tim Glasgow
Jessica Glass	James Gray	Andrew Griffin	Yelena Griffin	Alex Hamilton
Ali Handley	Nathan Hedley	Sam Hopkinson	Anthony Hutton	Alexandra Imrich
Nathan Jamal	Phillip Janis	Inna Jankovic	Nicole Johnson	Christopher Johnston
Sean Jungwirth	Paul Kammel	Heidi Karonen	Annette Keay	Christopher Khan
Dagmar Koethe	Daniel Leahy	Matthew Lennon	Nina Lesnanska	Mark Lindsey-Temple
Vivienne Lopez	Sergey Losev	Kevin Lui	Elizabeth Lynch	Michael Lyons
Alcyane Marinho	Skye Marr-Whelan	Geoff Mathews	Hannah McCaughey	Angus McFadyen
Gillian Mckinnon	Melanie Michalopoulos	Jo Miller	James Murphy	Paul Murphy
Philip Murphy	Lizzy Nash	Michelle Ng	Timothy Nicholls	Steve Oakley
Mark O'Reilly	Frank Palermo	Joseph Parker	Andrew Pitsis	Patsie Polly
Helen Ponzoni	Howard Porter	Niall Prendeville	Matthew Prentice	Leticia Pretto
Anthony Pridgeon	Dalma Rehak	Sophie Reid	Celina Ribeiro	Tracy Rockwell
Vanessa Roworth	Frank Russo	Irina Russo	Thomas Schroder	Natalie Shaw
Louise Sheerin	Rowan Sinden	Angela Smith	Christopher Smith	Lucinda Smollen
Rebecca Smollen	Tom Snow	Melissa Solomon	Con Sotiras	Tony Sparks
Anne Suveran	Rebecca Taylor	Phat Truong	Michael Turner	Irene Ulman
William Wolfenden	James Wood	Mark Woodall	Chris Yeo	Marcella Zemanek



# major award winners

season	e. e. weir	john kelly	major ripley
1993–1994	J Lackey	P Hogan	C Smith
1994–1995	W Clout	R Sheldon	M McAfee
1995–1996	M Perry	D Radford	A Vass
1996–1997	M Perry	M Perry	M Walton
1997–1998	N Warren	D Radford	J Lackey
1998–1999	I Hamilton	P Hogan	W Clout
1999–2000	I Hamilton	W Evans	M Walton
2000–2001	R Wade	N Warren	P Walshe
2001–2002	R Wade	R Brander	P Walshe
2002–2003	M Corke	A Stevenson	R Scott
2003–2004	D Bosomworth	S Birch	A Stevenson
2004–2005	S Birch	R Brander	S Deguara
2005–2006	N Warren	P Hogan	S Deguara
2006–2007	D Zafir	P Hogan	M Simpson-Lee
2007–2008	C Glover	C Nisbet	M Simpson-Lee
2008–2009	J Leung	R Hatton	S Jackson
2009–2010	R Hatton	P Plesums	J Turner
2010–2011	T Bodger	J Leung	J Turner
2011–2012	T Longworth	C Nisbet	Not Awarded
2012–2013	G Sharratt	K West	T Goyarzu
2013–2014	M Turner	D Turner	F Lynch
2014–2015	D Adams	P Capps	D Adams
2015–2016	A Blenkinsop	Not Awarded	M Simpson-Lee
2016–2017	M Tamasy	C Glover and Patrol 11	M Simpson-Lee
2017–2018	E Pietsch	H French	M Simpson-Lee
2018–2019	M Tamasy	P Connors	M Simpson-Lee
2019–2020	M Cowans	M Salval	M Simpson-Lee
2020–2021	M Cowans	R Hamilton	M Simpson-Lee

season		president's	george bishop	ted wardall
1996–1997		Not Awarded	N Gallagher	Not Awarded
1997–1998		P Serjeant	T Vernados	Not Awarded
1998–1999		G Debelle	E Fletcher	E Fletcher
1999–2000		R Wade	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2000–2001		M Corke	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2001–2002	Male Female	I Hamilton E Meagher	R Evans	R Evans
2002–2003	Male Female	I Hamilton E Meagher	M Drennan	M Drennan
2003–2004	Male	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2004–2005	Male Female	S Birch S Snow	M Drennan	Not Awarded
2005–2006	Male Female	S Birch S Snow	M Gallagher	M Gallagher
2006–2007	Male Female	C Glover M Simpson-Lee	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2007–2008	Male Female	C Glover M Simpson-Lee	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2008–2009	Male Female	C Glover P Ardlie	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2009–2010	Male Female	C Glover M Tjhin	D Bowring	Not Awarded
2010–2011	Male Female	J Turner D Morley	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2011–2012	Male Female	J Turner J Davies	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2012–2013	Male Female	R Hatton P Ardlie	Not Awarded	A Lawther
2013–2014	Male Female	J Turner D Morley	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2014–2015	Male Female	G Waddell S Fox	L McArthur	Not Awarded
2015–2016	Male	T Longworth	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2016–2017	Male	G Waddell	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2017–2018	Male	I Hopkins	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2018–2019	Female	J Miller	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2019–2020	Male	R Hamilton	O Hunt	Not Awarded
2020–2021	Male	J Collins	W Forest and W Lenard	Not Awarded



# club trophies 2020–2021

**‘EE’ POP WEIR TROPHY FOR CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Michelle Cowans

**JOHN KELLY MEMORIAL TROPHY  
FOR SENIOR CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Richard Hamilton

**GEORGE BISHOP TROPHY  
FOR UNDER 21 CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

The Wills: Will Lenard and Will Forest

**JACK ‘BLUEY’ MAYES ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Hoa Nguyen

**MAJOR RIPLEY TROPHY  
FOR THE MOST VALUABLE CARNIVAL COMPETITOR**

Margaret Simpson-Lee

**DAVID RADFORD TROPHY FOR CADET OF THE YEAR**

Allegra McGivern

**G.B. PHILIP FOUNDATION PRESIDENT’S TROPHY  
FOR SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION**

Not Awarded

**TED WARDALL TROPHY FOR UNDER 18 CLUB CHAMPION**

Not Awarded

**ROLAND TALBOT TROPHY FOR NIPPER OF THE YEAR**

Eve Crichton

**RON BUIST TROPHY FOR CLUB SERVICE**

Tim Murray

**LES LAWRENCE TROPHY FOR CLUB SPIRIT**

The Comms Team: Jemima Waddell, Zoe Scott-King,  
Lisa Bodrero, Marlin Hoppen,  
mention for Sidney Russell, member July–Dec 2020

**JOHN WARDALL TROPHY FOR LIFE SAVING INSTRUCTION**

Arnaud De La Chaise and Chris Barrett

**DAVE FRYER TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING SURF RESCUE**

Will Lenard

**PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE CLUB**

Jack Collins

**CLUB CAPTAIN’S TROPHY**

Ronny Krite

**CHIEF INSTRUCTOR’S AWARD  
FOR BEST BRONZE MEDALLION CANDIDATES**

Spring: Marlin Hoppen, Sam Stewart  
and Nathan Parris  
Summer: Rob Crichton

**TOP GUN AWARD (MOST HOURS IN A SEASON)**

Rachel Feakes

**SANDRA FOX WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Lisa Bodrero

**GUY WADDELL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION  
AND SELFLESS SERVICE – FIVE+ YEARS MEMBER**

Guy Waddell

THE FINANCIAL REPORTS WILL BE TABLED AT THE AGM

# club financial report



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



The path to our future travels through our past.....



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