



Annual Report 2017-18

TOBSLSC members who passed away in 2017-2018

Michael Crozier

Sue Davis

Darcy Moore

Wally Sneddon

Club History – Steps Leading to the formation of TOBSLSC

The popularity of Farquhar Park and Old Bar by Manning residents would have seen the need for a surf club at Old Bar. Not much is known about the swimming ability of the general population at that time but the lack of rescue and resuscitation techniques was evident by the report in the Manning River Times of the drowning of two girls at Farquhar Park, a decade before where it is reported that a horrified crowd watched as the girls clung to each other and drowned out of their depth.

A later drowning at Old Bar of a young lady (according to Veteran Lifesaver Ralph Plummer) who was a fair swimmer but did not know how to get out of a rip current. People watched not knowing how to rescue her. Mr Ted Badger, caretaker of the pavilion at Old Bar, would have been concerned at happenings such as these and in 1927 he had Harry Diamond, his friend, place an ad in the local paper calling a meeting for the formation of a Surf Lifesaving Club. This meeting was to lapse.

This story is told by Jim Badger, son of Ted Badger, who was thirteen years old at the time. Ted Badger and Harry Diamond were talking in the pavilion one Sunday morning after the failure of the first meeting, wondering whom they could get to start a Surf Club at Old Bar. The Badger children were gathered about the two and heard Harry Diamond say “ I think I know a bloke at Blackhead

who does a bit of instructing that might be interested.” With that he rode a motorbike to Blackhead returning about lunchtime bursting in on the Badger family and shouting, “Ted, I’ve fixed it. I’ve fixed it. I’ve got him. His name is Rushby.”

Vic Rushby met with Ted Badger and Harry Diamond and others the next week and it was arranged to place a further ad in the Manning River times calling another meeting for New Years day at the pavilion at Old Bar From that New Years Day onwards, the energy, enthusiasm and progress from this fledgling club was enormous for within thirteen weeks, two squads had been trained and passed, the first instructor (Vic Rushby) also and the first carnival held (impromptu). A Club House built and opened.

Information obtained from the Taree Old Bar Surf Lifesaving Club Reunion booklet, Our First 60 Years 1928 – 1988.

Letter to our Members

Dear Member,

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to acknowledge those volunteer members of our club, who selflessly contribute their own time and efforts to keeping our beach safe.

I wish to highlight the value of your volunteer service as a Patrolling Surf Life-Savers or as workers supporting them. Having a 'Patrolled Beach' at Old Bar has massive benefits for our local community and economy.

The public get an opportunity to enjoy the safety of a supervised surf beach, that is often difficult to read and therefore potentially dangerous. Local kids get the chance learn about surf safety and develop their own skills through our Nipper program. The immeasurable value of your service is SAVING LIVES be it through education, prevention or rescue.

A patrolled beach is also a significant incentive for potential visitors and tourists, not to mention those considering living or investing here. Without a patrolled beach, our local economy would miss many opportunities as potential spend goes North or South to other similar destinations.

Our commitment to surf club duties can feel onerous at times, and is often further frustrated by trials and tribulations that distract from the core goals of Surf Life-Saving. This is why I would like to highlight the value of your service and say ***THANK YOU!***

The beach going public, wider community and local economy all benefit from your valuable contribution. Take pride in your efforts and achievements in making our community better, and we sincerely hope you are looking forward to sharing the coming season with your fellow members at Taree Old Bar SLSC once again.

On Behalf of the Executive Committee,
Ben Stevenson
Dir. Of Administration 2017-18
TOBSLSC

Presidents Annual Report 2017/2018 Season

What a great privilege it has been to be club President in this the clubs 90th year. Our club has a rich history and I am privileged to be a very small part of that extraordinary legacy.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all past and present members but most of all acknowledge our Life members that over many years built this club to what we see today. Their values and commitment enable us to carry on with the traditions that make us all proud to be apart of the surf life saving organisation.

There have been many highlights for our club this season. Our successful Nippers program and Bronze squad training group ensure we have life savers for the future.

Other major achievements include hosting a surf boat carnival just after Christmas. Our club members pulled together to make this event an amazing success. It was a pleasure to welcome other clubs members to our beach and accentuated what we can achieve when we work together. This event also showcased our new surf boat and IRB, "The Bevan Weiley", "The George Wagner" and our club members efforts that achieved such positive feed back from all that attended.

The clubs new Gym area is progressing well and will be a great boost to fund raising and the attraction of new members over the coming years.

This year we layed a wreath at the Old Bar Beach "Anzac Day" dawn service. Many local lifesavers also fought for our countrys freedom and my hope is that this becomes our clubs annual tradition in memory of these amazing young Aussies.

I am honoured to be able to patrol with the most dedicated group of volunteers in the district. Being one of the smallest clubs in our area means we individually do a lot more patrolling hours then would normally be expected.

Together we have spent over 1370 hours ensuring the safety of many hundreds of people that visit Old Bar for holidays, family gatherings, and many other activities including the Old Bar Beach Festival each October.

Your time spent protecting our beach, its swimmers and saving lives is, without doubt the most honorable thing you can do, not only for our community but for your families, yourself but especially our club. The dedication you have shown to this important part of our club is amazing. Thank you to each one of you for all your efforts.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the families that miss out on spending valuable family time with you because of your passion to be a volunteer life saver. Their efforts are not forgotten or underestimated by our club. Thank you for allowing lifesaving to be part of your families life too.

I am proud of what the clubs executive has been able to achieve this season. I can assure you, all members of this team have worked very hard to enable this club to keep up the standards that are expected of a club like ours. Its certainly takes courage and commitment to take on an executive position but I can assure you the end reward of seeing the club prosper and strong is worth it.

Looking forward I am excited to see how much more we can achieve for ourselves, our club and our greater community. I am proud to be part of this club and Surf life Savings organisation. "See you on the beach"

Judy Muscio
Club President

Vice Presidents Annual Report 2017/2018 Season

As Vice President, except for the bar, it's been a quiet year.

The Bar

I would like to thank everyone for helping out in the bar this year. We seem to have a whole new team step up and help out, Thank you to everyone that has been involved.

We didn't seem to have as many functions on, but the highlights for me was definitely the Halloween Party. It was great to see so many people from the community turn up to our club and enjoy our venue. Also the kids enjoyed having Macca as the DJ. Thank you Koran North and team for organising a top night out.

Other Highlights

Highlight number one seeing Graham dump Angela out of the IRB onto the beach on our last day of patrol.

The Forster Carnival was great this year; although Old Bar entrants were down quite a bit compared to the last few years.

Once again for me the person who outshone everyone is Jane Lynch, I'd like to thank Jane for taking charge of Nippers this year and doing such a great job. We'll think of her every time we see the kids in their branded towels and wind cheaters.

For me the second half of Nippers was the number one highlight of the year, to see so many of the younger members helping out and stepping up to take on the responsibility of taking Nippers into the ocean and providing water safety. I don't think I've had so many Nippers in the age group enjoy the ocean to the extent that they have this year. I hope we can build on our achievements of this year, making next year a greater season.

Summary

It's been a hard year for everyone involved. Everyone in the Committee seem to have huge work commitments and trying to find time to fit in surf club duties has been a challenge for everyone.

Finally, I'd like to thank our patrolling team, especially Andrew and Graham. It's not often that you can disagree with someone and still get on so well.

"Fun, Family, and Social".

Brian Kelleher
Vice President

ps. Most importantly who's doing the bar next year?

Director of Finance Report

Fully Independent Audit Completed for season 2017-18

Report available on request via: finance@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au

Michael Cameron
Dir. Of Finance

Director of Admin Report

As an executive committee, we have continued the responsible management of Taree Old Bar SLSC in 2017-18 season, below are some key points regarding our compliance responsibilities.

- Ongoing affiliations with LNC Branch, SLSNSW and SLSA
- Registration of Incorporation and ABN / ACN
- Registration as Charitable Organisation with ACNC
- Current Constitution, Reviewed 2015
- Independently Audited Financials
- **Full 8 Position - Executive Committee 2017-2018**
 - President: Judy Muscio (Report Attached)
 - Vice-President: Brian Kelleher (*Appointed post AGM, as per Constitution*)
 - Dir. Finance: Michael Cameron (Audited Financial Attached)
 - Dir. Administration: Ben Stevenson
 - Dir. Life-Saving: Andrew Harrison (Report Attached)
 - Dir. Member Services Jane Lynch (Report Attached)
 - Dir. Surf Sports Dean Donovan (*Appointed post AGM, as per Constitution*)
 - Dir. Education Mark Rutledge
- **Minuted Executives Meetings Held as outlined in Clubs Constitution, commencing after AGM in August 2017:**
 - August 2107
 - September 2017
 - October 2017
 - November 2017
 - December 2017
 - January 2018
 - February 2018
 - April (held 1st May) 2018
 - June 2018
- **Utilising technology.** The executive team have continued to use a centralised IT system courtesy of Google's charitable organisation offering (at no cost to our club). This has been used for club emails, but was extended this season and now includes calendar and file storage services. The Executive Minutes, Reports and relevant correspondence are now searchable and readily available to the executive position holders via cloud technology. Financial management has also been enhanced by the ongoing use of xero accounting, which is integrated with our online banking accounts.

At the previous AGM, a motion was passed to remove a section of the constitution regarding non-payment of staff for the provision of alcohol. Unfortunately this process has failed, as the correct form needed to be completed at the time and lodged within 28 days of the decision. To restart this process, required notice must be given prior to a new general meeting and if the motion is again successful the correct form needs to be lodged within the timeframe. I apologise that amongst competing priorities this was not completed successfully, but also note that it has not been as urgent a problem as it had earlier been and will leave it to the discretion of an incoming committee to decide on.

Thank you to the executive team for all their efforts in keeping the club operational and compliant (which mostly go unseen and recognised). Your efforts ensure the rest of our club can continue providing our core surf life-saving services.

Ben Stevenson,
Dir. of Administration

Lifesaving Report 2017/2018 SEASON

Wow what a season. It started off with a bang and never let up. This year my main aim was get current bronze holders to upskill there awards and were successful in getting that to happen we had 4 people gain there silver medallion in beach management 3 people gain there silver medallion irb drivers 3 people gain there first aid certificate and that's not counting the new crew of bronze medallion holders all of this means that we could almost get 2 irb drivers and 2 patrol captains on every patrol which makes it a lot easier to roster people but also gives the other holders of the awards a chance to have a weekend off or just makes it a bit easier to get a substitute for a patrol.

I would also like to thank all the people who have helped me in this roll it made it a lot easier to be able to call someone and get advice.

It is great to be able to say again that no lives were lost at our beach this year and that is down to all the fantastic patrollers that we have had this year.

Andrew Harrison
Dir. Of Life-Saving

Members Services Annual Report

Congratulations to all members of TOBSLSC for another year of service to the community. From the patrollers, to the nipper's helpers, through to the trainers and BBQ helpers, your contribution as a member of TOBSLSC is appreciated and valued.

This year, it has been great to welcome in new patrollers and new nipper families. Hopefully in the upcoming season we can continue to see more members come on board to help and assist.

I'd like to the take this report to congratulate the work of all the executive from this year, and a special mention to those who have steered the club out of the previous administration and set us on a clear path. There is still much to do, but without their hard work we would not be in the position we currently are.

Membership

Category	Total Members	Male Members	Female Members
Probationary	10	4	6
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	79	35	44
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	1	1	0
Active (15-18 yrs)	9	7	2
Active (18yrs and over)	31	22	9
Award Member	5	1	4
Reserve Active	1	0	1
Long Service	2	2	0
Past Active	1	0	1
Associate	39	14	25
Life Member	10	7	3
General	7	6	1
Total	195	99	96

2017-2018
season statistics

Category	Total Members	Male Members	Female Members	2016 Season Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	10	4	6	43	23.26 %
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	79	35	44	57	138.6 %
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	1	1	0	3	33.33 %
Active (15-18 yrs)	9	7	2	5	180 %
Active (18yrs and over)	31	22	9	28	110.71 %
Award Member	5	1	4	3	166.67 %
Reserve Active	1	0	1	0	- %
Long Service	2	2	0	2	100 %
Past Active	1	0	1	1	100 %
Associate	39	14	25	6	650 %
Life Member	10	7	3	6	166.67 %
General	7	6	1	7	100 %
Total	195	99	96	161	121.12 %

Comparison to last season!

- Increase in the Active membership (15-18) category.
- Increase in Award memberships.
- Increase in Junior Activity Membership
- Increase in renewed registration of life members.

My thanks to Jacquie Martin, Carolyn Weiley & Judy Muscio for overseeing registrations. Membership is a difficult area, with many categories, requirements and the difficult but help of an all online process. We will need to continue to iron out this process in 2018.

A final, really encouraging snapshot of our club is below. In 2010, Taree Old Bar surf club was the SLSNSW Club of the Year Award. After a tumultuous few years, it is a testament to the members, and hard-working members of the post administration executive, that we are on par, matching or exceeding membership in a number of areas in comparison to this year.

Category	Total Members	Male Members	Female Members	2010 Season Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	10	4	6	0	- %
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	79	35	44	82	96.34 %
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	1	1	0	11	9.09 %
Active (15-18 yrs)	9	7	2	9	100 %
Active (18yrs and over)	31	22	9	21	147.62 %
Award Member	5	1	4	3	166.67 %
Reserve Active	1	0	1	1	100 %
Long Service	2	2	0	5	40 %
Past Active	1	0	1	0	- %
Associate	39	14	25	85	45.88 %
Life Member	10	7	3	4	250 %
General	7	6	1	1	700 %
Total	195	99	96	222	87.84 %

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Our junior activities had another tumultuous start, with a grand total of 6 people (four of which were also current executives) attended the pre- planning season meeting.

With a total of 80 nippers this year, we worked hard to accommodate various age groups, skill types and interests. Pleasingly, we had favourable conditions and of a planned sixteen Sunday's allocated for junior activities, only three needed to be cancelled due to weather.

The beach was also well behaved, allowing for a range of beach activities, boards and swims. Nippers also enjoyed the weekly BBQ provided, which also helped to raise club funds. My thanks to all those who organised & cooked this every week.

Junior activities have strong regulations involved in its running. For every 20 children a qualified age manager needs to be attached. For every child entering the water, a ratio of 1 lifesaver to 5 children needs to be the minimum standard. In addition to these criteria, for a member to qualify for their Junior Activities award, an age manager needs to provide instructions on areas as broad as ecology to board paddling, CPR to Signals.

This year, we endeavoured to ensure that each group had an age manager and a bronze medallion holder attached to provide activities each Sunday together with a parent helper responsible for signing in & out each nipper. We will continue with this plan in 2018, however we will need more parents and helpers to step up to become qualified. All our current leaders are also juggling patrol & competition commitments and as we grow, so to do our requirements.

At the nipper's presentation we singled out the following members to receive competition encouragement awards. Congratulations to Murrabi Lester, Indah Patten, Cainem King, Jordyn Bird, Gracie Booth, Kai De Bono, Makaya Matthews & Ruby Hillyard who were our 2018 Branch championship team.

Looking towards 2018-2019 season, we want nippers to grow in it capacity to provide quality activities and strong activities. To accomplish this we will need a Nippers Sub Committee, We will need qualified Water Safety, We will need Qualified Age Managers, We will need more parent helpers, We will need qualified coaches and we will need Qualified officials so more of our members can compete. Above all we will need everyone to have a look and see what they can contribute to Junior Activities and step up to make the above happen.

My sincere thanks to these people for their invaluable assistance in 2017-2018 season.

Andrew Harrison, Sarah Little, Brian Kelleher, Joe Dunn, Amber Kelleher and Dean Donovan, together with Kooreil Lester, Ben Stevenson, Andy Sommerville, Liz Lynch, Dan Davis, Judy Muscio, Alex Slade, Charlie Martin, Donna White & Patrick Moses who assisted when available.

Jane Lynch
Dir. of Member Services

Education Awards TOBSLSC

Congratulation to the following members who completed these awards in the season;

Bronze Medallion

Jedd Clarke
Danielle Donnelly
Beau Evans
Charlie Martin
Judith Muscio
Alexander Slade
Andy Snelgar

Bronze Medallion

Assessor

Corinne Stevenson

Bronze Medallion

Training Officer

Jane Lynch
Tate Muscio

ARTC & Spinal

Management

Andy Snelgar

First Aid

Kooreil Lester
Britany Pitt
Ashlee Tate

Silver Medallion Beach

Management

Dean Donovan
Joe Dunn
Andrew Harrison
Jon Richardson

IRB Crew

Angela Kelleher
Brian Kelleher
Jon Richardson

IRB Driver

Michael Cameron
Joe Dunn

Junior Activity Age

Managers

Dean Donovan
Andrew Harrison
Sarah Little
Jane Lynch

Junior Activity Awards

80 Junior Recipients

Acknowledgements

Funding Recognition

Lauders Real Estate	<i>(Surfboat Sponsor, Club Sign & Funding)</i>
Old Bar Tavern	<i>(Surfboat Sponsor & Raffles)</i>
Pacific FMS	<i>(Surfboat Sponsor)</i>
Taree Volkswagen	<i>(Patrol Tent)</i>
Lions Club - Old Bar	<i>(Donation)</i>
Club Old Bar	<i>(Raffle)</i>
Collisons Electrical	<i>(Club Sign)</i>
Kip McGrath	<i>(Club Sign)</i>
Burns Built Construction	<i>(Club Sign)</i>
Saxbys Pharmacy	<i>(Club Sign)</i>
Edsteins Creative Stone	<i>(Club Sign)</i>
Crossinghams Plumbing	<i>(Club Sign)</i>
Eagle Ridge Plumbing	<i>(Club Sign)</i>
Reece Plumbing Supplies	<i>(In-kind Supplies)</i>
Bromhead Legal	<i>(for their valued and extensive assistance to our club)</i>
Leo Foster Pest Services	<i>(In-Kind Services)</i>
North Bondi SLSC	<i>(Donation of set of 4 Surf-rowing Oars)</i>
Federal Government	<i>(Beach Safety Equipment Funding)</i>
NSW Government	<i>(via Local Member Stephen Bromhead - \$16,000 grant for new Gym.)</i>
Midcoast Council	<i>(Annual contribution of \$5,000)</i>

Assistance via SLSNW and SLSA

- DHL as Uniform Sponsors, assisting with a small number of patrol uniforms.
- Westpac for support of the Westpac Helicopter Service.

“We also appreciate the contribution made by the General Public and Donors who wish to assist our club without formal recognition.”