



Annual Report 2019 -2020





In Memorial

Members we lost in 2019

2018-2019

Greg Cordner

Robert Dun

2019-2020

Brian Ingleton

Robert Lauder

Lindsay Wilkes

Ian Young

John Yarad

Alan Barber

Thelma Nelson

John Lindfield

John Munro

Bill Wood

Bert Chapman

Hilton Dunn



Life Members

Mark Allan *

Bob Annetts *

Ian Everingham

Doug Ferguson *

Dot Gyde *

Cuth Haddan *

Jim Irvine *

Laurie Joplin

Monica Joplin

Reg Love *

Arthur Lunnon *

Alan Meldrum *

Ken Mulligan

Clem Pryor *

John Pryor

Margaret Pryor

Bill Richardson *

Vic Rushby *

Tony Silvia

Brian Single

Ben Stevenson



Kevin Strahan *

Jeff Vandenburg *

George Wagener *

Stan Wallace *

Bevan Weiley

Carolyn Weiley

Malcolm White

Nip Whitelaw *

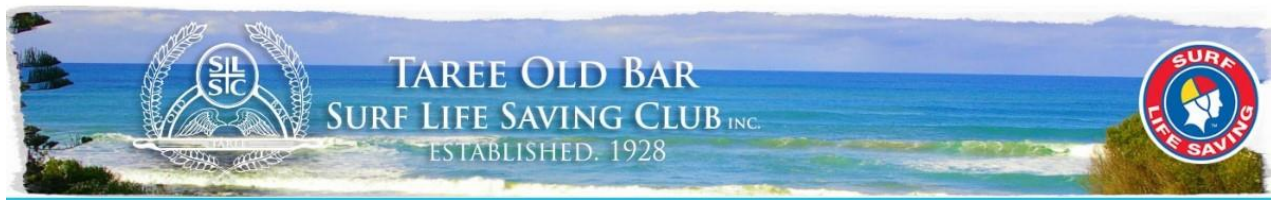
Ken Wrigley *

Ruth Wrigley

Bruce Yarad

**Denotes deceased*





Presentation

2019 Club Awards

Doug Ferguson Memorial Award- Club Member of the year
Andrew Somerville

Jeff Vandenburg Memorial Trophy- Junior Club Member of the Year
Joint- Ryley Burge & Amber Kelleher

Doug Ferguson- Male Club Member of the Year
Michael Cameron

Female Club Member of the Year
Sarah Little

Grant Armstrong- Club Worker of the Year
Joint- Alan Lewis & Carolyn Weiley

Patrol Award
Andy Snelgar





Branch Award Winners -2019 Season

Administrator of the Year

Michael Cameron

Facilitator of the Year

Corinne Stevenson

Branch Award Nominees -2019 Season

Lifesaver of the Year

Murad Alshalalfah

Volunteer of the Year

Dean Donovan

Patrol Captain of the Year

Tate Muscio

Master Lifesaver of the Year

Andy Sommerville

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Ryley Burge

Youth Surf Life Saver of the Year

Amber Kelleher

Surf Sports Team of the Year

Taree Old Bar

Coach of the Year

Ben Stevenson

Age Manager of the Year

Sarah Little

SLSNSW Awards

Michael Cameron- Winner



Andrew Somerville 40 Years Service





Directors Reports

President – Jane Lynch

What a year & season 2019 turned out to be.

As a somewhat experienced executive, we knew the large amount of diverse work that went into running our club and in the offseason, we did the work to set us up including

1. Negotiating with Branch & State for a reduction in patrol hours. Instead of 9-5 patrols in peak times, we were able to move from 10-2pm Saturdays & 10-3pm Sundays. This allowed us to limit the time burden on our small patrol team & increase the ability of members to gain additional qualifications in IRB etc.
2. Set up a works team to help us clean & hire our venue to ensure we fundraise for our club. This works team completed all aspects of a hall hire from cleaning, bar stock & control, event set up and liaison.
3. Updating and regulating our gym equipment & regulations.
4. Setting up a Junior Activities (Nippers) committee who oversaw all aspects of nippers including registrations, beach setup, awards, age managers & all other aspects of the increasing nippers program.

By November, with patrols settling in and all the above in place, we started to make plans for the season. Nobody could have predicted the challenges from November onwards. Bushfire, drought, flood & pandemic.

When the bushfire emergency hit our town, it was apparent, that our club was going to be called upon to support our community. Our executive made an early decision to open our club, for any person wishing to take shelter, on the Friday evening of Nov 8, when various properties were evacuated. Frightened community members, many of who had never set foot in the club house, had arrived as soon as the doors were opened. Many spent the night. On Saturday November 9, when the fires directly impacted the town, in excess of 300 people and a menagerie of animals sought shelter in our club house and surrounding areas. Our members were on hand to co-ordinate first aids and provided support, food and comfort, not to mention assisting a spinal injury on the beach. In the subsequent days, we remained opened for showers and electricity. Despite our club not being an official evacuation centre, when Old Bar people needed somewhere to be- they found it. As a member of the club, it is hard not to feel immensely proud of our surf club and how we supported our community at such a difficult time.

Gratitude can also be passed onto the volunteer members who came together to be stationed at the Taree River Bank on the Tuesday, when catastrophic conditions were on hand. While the day was luckily just a day of eating cake, the uncertainty of being stationed in Taree, of what we might be called onto doing & also being potentially stranded away from home were all very real.



As we moved into December and past the immediate challenges of the bushfire emergency, we essentially restarted our plans. We were ecstatic to put through one of our biggest bronze squad before the peak summer period & also pulled off an immensely successful nippers Christmas party. Our peak patrol period was uneventful, in a great way. We had no fatalities on our beach, all patrols were covered, and to my knowledge, the feeling of patrol & beach fatigue which had been a staple of the long and arduous patrol season of previous seasons, didn't occur.

For the first time in many years, we even had the numbers to run nippers training sessions for branch over the summer holidays.

Unfortunately, both our nipper & patrol season were cut short by the Covid 19 Pandemic, together with a number of plans we still had for the 2019 season.

Personally it has been a very challenging season but one in which we, as a club, can be proud of.

Much of what we have achieved can't happen without the assistance of many. We appreciate the work and effort of all. From those that have put up their hand to patrol, attend a meeting, operate our bar, clean our bathrooms, cook our nippers BBQ, run courses, write a grant application, create a sprint track for nippers, attend courses, organise fundraisers and bring their mates to our Sunday sippers. Additionally to all those who have been water safety to nippers, wrangled kids on the beach, advertised and supported our club online, pushed themselves out of their comfort zone to gain an award and above all give some of your valuable time to our community- We see you and we thank you.

Congratulations to all TOB Members on a successful 2019 season. Hope to see you all in 2020.



Vice President- Brian Kelleher

No report submitted.



Director Of Finance – Michael Cameron

As a club I am extremely proud of the ground we have made this year. Through all the challenges we have grown together as a tighter and more cohesive team. Personally, I would like to thank the executive team (Jane, Brian, Dean, Kurt, Sarah, Damian & Ryley) for being a pleasure to work with. Making the required meeting was not always easy with fires, pandemics and more thrown in to make it just that little more challenging.

Financially I feel our club is in a great position with our regular current assets in excess of \$110,000. Personally I have never desired to have a fortune in the bank and members without the things they need to be safe and comfortable whilst giving their time on the beach to keep the community safe and teach our children crucial skills.

This year our Nippers, Age Managers and Patrollers have all benefitted from the best quality of equipment and uniforms making them safe, noticeable equipped to take on all the tasks required; from Wetsuits and Rash vests to Age Managers Shirts and hats I am proud of the things provided to our members.

I feel the club and the clubhouse are in a strong and stable condition to weather whatever is thrown at us in the years to come. The team works incredibly hard behind the scenes to make this production come together. We are constantly working to obtain grants, managing Old Bar's only commercial gym, a completely volunteer run bar, children's sporting activities, weekly barbeques and of course our core in keeping the beach safe.

Unfortunately, with COVID-19 we didn't finish the year exactly where we had planned with events, bar openings and of course our season cut short.

Thank you to everyone who makes these things possible especially the bar and barbeque teams. There is always room for improvement and with some recommendations from the auditor in mind we will get better again next year and the year after.

This week we were notified of our success in the Surf Club Facilities Grant Program which will see our club able to extend and grow to an entirely new level. This grant is for \$350,000 and our club must contribute approximately \$150,000 to see this plan finished to the highest degree.

This has been my fifth year in the role of Director of Finance and I had not planned on returning for the 2020/2021 season in this role but am loving the direction our club is heading in and the stability growing in our club once again. I plan to see the grant above through to completion and with this in mind have nominated to return next season.

Last but certainly not least I would like to thank our valued club Sponsors and of course my wife and boys for enabling me to put the time into this role.



Director of Lifesaving – Dean Donovan

Like always this small club that overlooks and patrols a big body of water has performed excellent as the 5 patrol teams completed a total of 1533 voluntary hours on a shortened season.

We had 1 board rescue and many preventions. It was also great to see numbers in each patrol now getting up towards to 5-6 per team.

I would like to thank all the patrol captains and their teams for all their efforts this season and also for the extra hours over the holidays.

There is one other member of our patrol team that I, and all the patrol members would like to thank, and that is Carolyn Weiley. Her efforts to keep the energy levels of the patrols up with her bag of treats and morning teas, always brought a smile to every patrol member.

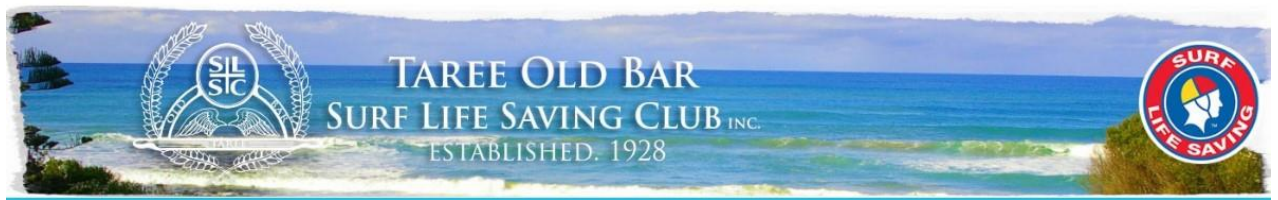
So, thank you to every one for a great year.



Director of Education- Damian Chester

Due to the Fires and COVID this year's Education has been somewhat uneventful so as the new session approaches we will once again have to start with our continual training online sessions and preseason recertification's.

One thing we did manage to get a course of bronze medallion through before the early closure of the season and some people qualified in IRB so congratulations to them.



Janne Moran has explained that due to COVID the new Bronze course they have been trialling will be rolled out through online sessions. These sessions are scheduled between 10am - 11am on weekdays therefore branch have nominated retired Trainers to complete this training and then work with individuals in each Club once they have completed the training.

Taree Old Bar's Branch rep will be Brendan Pieschel from Crowdy who will work with us (supported by Janne) to make sure we receive all the information about the new course.

They expect Brendan to be in touch approximately early as possible with the new updates plus info will be rolled out at the TAE pre-season meeting also.

It is with great disappointment that I will be standing down from my position as Education as I have been given an opportunity within the RFS in a new position as a group officer and Trainer, Assessor and facilitator this has given me more responsibility and time away from family.

I will be staying on with Taree / Old Bar SLS as a member and hopefully be able to finish my Training as a trainer and still be a part of a great club.

Taree Old Bar New Qualifications

Bronze Medallion

Adam Bourke
Kasey Brown
Sandra Davy
Matt Everitt
Amber Kelleher
Bianca Peter
Melynn Rosamond
Ruben Rose

Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed)

Sophie Kelleher
Lucy Kelleher
Jacqui Stevenson
Josh Hughes

Director of Administration – Kurt Schirmer

I would like to thank everybody involved in the Executive for accepting me into the role and for showing patience as I continue to find my feet as director of administration.

I started in August last year with no background in lifesaving and have quickly learnt what a great club we have here which is full of even better people.

The executive for the 2019 – 2020 season includes

- President: Jane Lynch
- Vice-President: Brian Kelleher
- Dir. Finance: Michael Cameron
- Dir. Administration: Kurt Schirmer
- Dir. Life-Saving: Dean Donovan



- Dir. Member Services: Sarah Little
- Dir. Surf Sports: Ryley Burge
- Dir. Education: Damian Chester

Director of Member Services – Sarah Little

No report submitted.

Director of Surf Sports- Ryley Burge

No report submitted.

Junior Activities Coordinator- Kristy Franc

The 2019/2020 season has overwhelmingly been a success.

Numbers have increased significantly year-on-year. The previous season we had 36 Nippers participating, and this season it was 96!

Word of mouth amongst the community has been positive and this may have contributed to the increase in numbers. We saw additional registrations over the weeks after Nippers started and this is partly based on the kids and parents speaking positively amongst themselves and encouraging others to join.

We have focused on being as organised as possible and the commitment of the volunteers has contributed to the smooth running of activities. This has reflected well on the Club and we did not see a large drop-off in numbers over the months.





Parent Contributions

Generally, parents have been eager to help and participate.

We have seen the “parent manager” role introduced this year. This has been a success. It has made the process of signing on and off and supervision easier. This means the Age Managers have been able to concentrate on the activities and produce some educational and fun sessions.

The new outfits (shirt and caps) enable all the volunteers to stand out, be recognised and look professional.

For next season, we will look to lock in our volunteers as early as possible and we are happy that already many have advised of their ability to volunteer again.

Thanks go to the following parent volunteers:

Liz Lynch, Sophia Miller, Renee Henderson, Sally Thompson, Rebecca Sampson, Erin Frost, Sandra O’Brien, Janelle Bidner, Matthew Sams.

Thanks also to Age Managers:

Jane Lynch, Sarah Little, Michael Cameron, Brian Kelleher, Amber Kelleher. Also, our back-up Age Managers who were able to help out at short notice - Donna White, Kasey Brown, Howard Sampson, Lindsay Bidner, Andrew Harrison, Sophie Kelleher, Lucy Kelleher.

Special mention to Howard Sampson and Lindsay Bidner who prepped the beach each week (which was no easy task some weeks as storms wreaked havoc with the state of the sand).

Christmas Party

The Christmas event this year was fun. Our Santa made his arrival on the IRB thanks to a couple of brave crew. The kids had some fun treats and parents and kids all joined in a tug-of-war contest. It was a great end to the year.



BBQ

The bbq has been a good fundraiser with it running most weeks thanks to committee volunteers and coordinator Andrew Esson.



Holiday Training Sessions

Thanks to parent volunteers and patrol members we ran 5 training sessions over the holidays. Both water and beach training. These were well received and were a great way to keep momentum over the holidays and keep the kid's interest and competitive spirit high.

This was seen by us as a bit of a trial – and we will now definitely plan to run them next season.

Thanks to Aaron Summers and Andy Somerville for running the sessions.





Point score

This season we introduced Point score sessions on a trial basis. Feedback from the Nippers and parents was positive and the juniors welcomed the chance to become more competitive. In our planning meeting for the upcoming season we will analyse these point score sessions to decide what worked well, what didn't and what can be improved.



Registrations

We will have an analysis of the registration process and a brainstorm meeting before next season. We need to plan to make the process more streamlined and be even more strict on the cut-off and payment dates.

A season of interruptions!

Unfortunately, the 2019/2020 season has certainly seen its fair share of disruptions.

Bushfires - we had one session cancelled in November due to the bushfire disaster. We were encouraged by branch to cancel a second, however we proved our air quality was OK and we pushed to be allowed to continue as our community and kids needed to get together and get back to some normal activities. This was received well amongst our families.

Weather – unfortunately bad weather saw the Branch Carnival being cancelled. We were all ready to go with a team of 30 competitors (up from 10 in previous years). We thank those volunteers who put their hands up to help with water safety, official duties and transporting the equipment, unfortunately it wasn't meant to be.

Whilst the large numbers were wonderful to see, we note that it did pose logistical issues such as officials and water safety numbers.

A learning for next season is that we will recruit officials earlier in the season and plan the branch entries earlier in December (as once the school holidays arrive it makes the organisation more difficult).

As well as the branch carnival, we had to cancel February 16 and abandon the 15 March session due to the weather.

Covid-19 – the Nippers Committee were devastated that Covid-19 cut our season short. Our final session (22 March) was cancelled. The decision was made that for the safety of the community, the presentation was cancelled also. In our upcoming planning meeting, we will discuss how to present the certificates before the next season begins.



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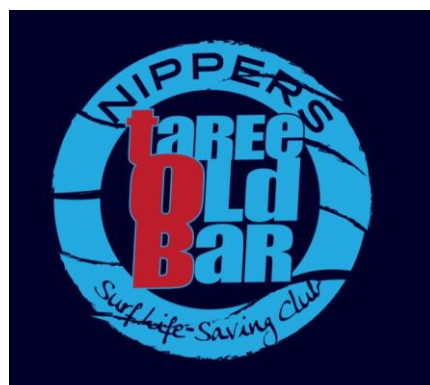
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