



Annual Report 2020 – 2021



In Memorial

Members we lost in 2020-2021

Neil Barber

Robert Baxter

Graham Burns

Joel Dark

Jean Durbridge

Mildred Erickson

Bob Ezzy

Neil Lynch

Shirley Richardson

Joe Vittali





Life Members

Mark Allan *	Vic Rushby *
Bob Annetts *	Tony Silvia
Ian Everingham	Brian Single
Doug Ferguson *	Ben Stevenson
Dot Gyde *	Kevin Strahan *
Cuth Haddan *	Jeff Vandenburg *
Jim Irvine *	George Wagener *
Laurie Joplin	Stan Wallace *
Monica Joplin	Bevan Weiley
Reg Love *	Carolyn Weiley
Arthur Lunnon *	Malcolm White
Alan Meldrum *	Nip Whitelaw *
Ken Mulligan	Ken Wrigley *
Clem Pryor *	Ruth Wrigley
John Pryor	Bruce Yarad
Margaret Pryor	
Bill Richardson *	<i>*Denotes deceased</i>

Presentations ~ 2020 Club Awards

MAJOR CLUB AWARDS

Patroller of the Year
HOWARD SAMPSON

Doug Ferguson Memorial Male Club
Member of the Year
DARREN MOSES

Female Member of the Year
KASEY BROWN

Doug Ferguson Memorial
Club Member of the Year
MICHAEL CAMERON
JANE LYNCH

MAJOR CLUB AWARDS

Grant Armstrong Memorial Club
Worker/Volunteer of the year

SARA EVERITT

KRISTY FRANC

SOPHIA MILLER

BIANCA PETER

RUBEN ROSE

REBECCA SAMPSON

DONNA WHITE

Jeff Vandenburg Memorial- Junior
Member of the Year

LUCY KELLEHER

Male & Female Nipper of the Year

AIDEN KILLELEA

RUBY HILLYARD



NEW AWARDS & QUALIFICATIONS

BRONZE MEDALLIONS **SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE**

MEL BOURKE

RILEY DONOVAN

PIP BUTLER

DAMIEN EVERITT

SARA EVERITT

RUBY HILLYARD

ADAM FRANC

AIDEN KILLELEA

MARTIN GOODCHILD

ISLAND ROSAMOND

LEANNE HEMMINGWAY

BEC HUGHES

SILVER MEDALLIONS

SOPHIE KELLEHER

DAMIEN CHESTER

LIZ LYNCH

NATHAN SOMERVILLE

MERINDA RAMMAGE

KAHLINA STEEL

NIPPER AGE MANAGER AWARDS

UNDER 6'S - GEORGIA BLACKMAN & SOPHIE ESSON

UNDER 7'S- RAKI ROSE & NATE SCHIFFMAN

UNDER 8/9'S- JACK FULLER & OLIVIA MCDONALD

UNDER 10'S- ZANE BROWN & CHARLOTTE MCDONALD

UNDER 11'S - DYLAN FULLER & OLIVER SAMPSON

UNDER 12'S+- JORDYN BIRD & LEEAM GRAHAM

Branch Award Winners

Lifesaver of the Year

Darren Moses

Volunteer of the Year

Kristy Franc

Patrol Captain of the Year

Joe Dunn

Master Lifesaver of the Year

Andy Somerville

5 Years' Service Support Operations

Tate Muscio

Youth Opportunity Maker

Amber Kelleher

Branch Patrol Award

Taree Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club

Branch Award Nominees

Support Operations Member of the Year

Tate Muscio

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Amber Kelleher



VP Jay Steele accepting TOB's Branch Patrol Award



Members end of year celebration

Directors Reports

President.

On behalf of the 2020/2021 executive, our sincere thanks, and congratulations to our TOB members for a successful season. As members, we should be immensely proud of our club, its history, and our plans for the future.

It has been my aim as president, that no member of our club feels overworked and/or underappreciated. To that end I have put considerable work into developing sub committees and making sure our teams of volunteers have self-determination and input. We have a long way to go, but if you look into our core club functions, I see less and less of the same people burning themselves out, and more and more new members putting their hands up and sharing the load. Hopefully we can keep that momentum in the new season.

Personally, for me, in my third year as TOBSLSC president, I wish to express my gratitude to the wonderful team of executive members who have assisted this year. As a group I feel we have struck a great balance of teamwork, reliability & consistency.

Here is a snapshot highlight from 2020/2021

- In October we held an all-female “pink patrol”. This event was attended by a range of current female members, including juniors, SRC’s, New Bronzers, Current bronze holders, associates, and life members. To add to the occasion, the patrol was held to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the assessment of TOBSLSC’s first female bronze squad, which was the second ever in NSW. TOBSLSC is proud of its female members, past present and potential.



Our "Pink Patrol" attendees

- November saw the beginning of training for our newest Bronze & SRC squad. Assessment in December & January saw 5 new SRC’s and 11 new bronze members join our ranks. The squad was also the first (of hopefully many) for our new DOE Darren Moses. This squad was particularly exciting for several reasons. Firstly, many of our SRC’s were long time TOBSLSC Nippers, who are making the step up into patrolling ranks. Secondly, in our squad were a mother & son and mother & daughter, and the vast amount of the squad were family members of current patrollers and executive team. This squad exemplified that TOBSLSC is a family club where we encourage everyone to be involved.

- Our junior activities program, overseen by Director of Member Services Kristy Franc, continues to go from strength to strength. Our program, which was governed strongly, saw a major increase in registrations, members completing age manager qualification and attendance at competitions. Our sincere thanks to all involved, from our BBQ cooks & orderers, to our bronze leaders and age managers and of course our water safety for another fantastic nipper's season.
- With our new Director of Surf Sports, Kasey Brown, at the helm, we have begun to develop and encourage competition. We had our largest branch team in many seasons and sent competitors to each Fast 5 Event. Our Participation Carnival, held in March, was our way to encourage competition and renewed interclub activities. While "Huey" came to play, our contingencies allowed us to run a few other events, such as a 1km run and senior wades, that were well received by our large team of competitors and visiting clubs.
- Our patrolling teams, overseen by the tireless work of Dean Donovan, continued to build in strength. All members of the 5 patrol teams managed to contribute over 3000 hours of voluntary patrols. This number does not include the numerous emergency call outs and assistance provided during the floods. The strength and growth of this area was acknowledged at the recent Branch Awards where we achieved the award for patrol excellence. For those of us who have been members of the club for a number of years- this award is very significant.



Members receiving Premier's Commendations for the 2019 Bushfires

- Two major community fundraising events which included live music & giveaways, spear headed by Donna White, showcased to our community, our club and provided new avenues for people to support us. It has been quite some time since we have had these grand scale fundraisers and they were very well supported.



Community Members at our band fundraiser

- Finally, 2020/2021 has seen us begin the most extensive renovation and restoration in over a decade. Our thanks to our Director of Finance Michael Cameron for all his hard work in overseeing the building committee, who are assisting with this capital works project. This is far from an easy task. Funding bodies, contractors and community members have a vested interest in all we do, and this makes the job, at times almost 7 days a week.

Finally, as I wrap up 2020-2021 season, I want to thank all those members who reached out in support of our family when we lost our dearest Dad, Neil. While reflecting on this season, and my role, I came to a big realisation. There seems to be two types of people. People like me who are happy to stand at the front and accept accolades, and people like my Dad who are more at ease doing the work and helping support those in the limelight. In Life, and equally so in Surf Life Saving, we haven't worked out a way to recognise these people enough. My entire journey in Surf Life Saving was started and supported by my Dad. Dad taught me to run and swim and took me to every nipper's day when we first moved to Old Bar in 1991. In 1992, when Old Bar didn't have anybody to oversee Nippers, it was Dad & Mum who stepped up to join the committee and I like to think this is where my brother, sister & I started to develop our sense of community.

When I was subject to disciplinary proceedings in 2012 and threatened with a lifetime ban from Surf Life Saving, it was my Dad who read the SLSNSW by-laws, crafted my defense and contacted the CEO of SLSNSW. When I decided to step back into the Club, and eventually take on as President, it was my Dad offering support, helping, talking through ideas and decisions and giving me guidance. When we went for grant funding, Dad was instrumental in helping me craft responses and prioritise ideas. He was a "lynchpin" in us gaining over \$800k.

From the largest to the smallest issue, there has not been an action or decision I have made without discussing or debriefing with Dad. In general, he gave me confidence to stand up for what I believed in, patience to accept other ideas and points of view and the support to challenge myself. Dad will never be recognised for patrol hours, or club involvement, but any success that I have had, and in part the success I have been able to achieve as a patroller, executive member and now President of TOBSLSC, is all down to him. Thanks Dad.

Jane Lynch
President
2020-2021 Season.



Last day of Patrol 2021

Vice President

It is with great honor that I present to you the Annual Report as the vice president.

This year I have witnessed many amazing things at our club, from the building extensions currently going on, to the awards that were received at the branch awards night in Tuncurry. The club continues to improve, and our growing community really do have a surf club that they will all be very proud of.

It was my first year in the role and my job description was very basic. To help the executive with any tasks that they could not handle on their own. So, it's safe to say that I have done very little this year as our wonderful team has been all over the tasks that have been put forward. They always go above and beyond to help everyone.

Jay Steele
Vice President
2020 – 2021 Season.



Our 2020 Branch Team at Pacific Palms

Director of Finance

2020-21 has certainly been an interesting year for our club, both financially and with activities undertaken. With things like COVID changing how we operated and what functions could be held through to the flooding having devastating effects locally and throughout the state and beyond. Financially I am extremely proud of where our club is today. Making profit in what was an extremely difficult fiscal environment is a true testament to the huge contribution our members make. After being forced to dispose of much of our stock and closing the hall and gym income was difficult to obtain.



Ruben, Mick, Dean & Andy accepting Donations from the community.

With the approval of our application for funding through the NSW State Government's Surf Club Facilities Grant Program huge effort has been and still is needed to complete the project. Our grant saw us successful in the maximum amount of \$350,000 which in turn requires us to contribute approximately \$158,000 this can be through funds raised, volunteer labour or products or the club's own funds.

We setup a fundraising committee to assist with multiple events now run by this committee and funds raised hugely assisting. Thank you to Donna White, Paula Beetham, Howard Sampson, Rhonda Macadie, Jillian Cameron, Di Mulligan and all of the team that helped in making such great efforts for our club.

I'd also like to thank our building committee of Jane Lynch, Ruben Rose, Tate Muscio, Andy Snelgar, Andrew Harrison and Mark McKeown. Together this committee has issued requests for quotations, worked through a selection process to recommend the most suited builder for the club, lodged requests with council, met consultants to determine the best way forward and so much more.

We meet regularly to make decisions on what and how parts of the extension and broader building are to be done and make recommendations to the executive. We have developed an amazing plan which we hope to deliver over the coming years, including updated and expanded facilities for our female members, a new patrol setup area and washing facilities. A special thanks to Ruben for spending countless hours drawing over 10 different sets of plans, meeting with consultants and being a great sounding board for my ideas.

Our building is needing plenty more work with a recent insurance claim being made for the flooding of our bar. This is ongoing and currently being disputed with our insurer.

As part of the extension process a new lease for the club must be negotiated with Council and hopefully create some enhanced sources of passive income where we can reap the rewards of some planning and work to ensure the longevity of our club and ability for our members to thrive with the best equipment and reduced hours required.



Dean, Mick & Jane accept funding for Stage 1 of our Extensions from State Members Stephen Bromhead

Thank you to all our members for a great year and thank you to the executive for making the year so much easier than it could have been. We have a great team that seems to be going from strength to strength.

Michael Cameron
Director of Finance
2020 – 2021 Season

Director of Education

What a year this has been!

With COVID 19 still causing havoc our talented team of trainers had to continue to adapt their training style and methods to ensure all person's safety whilst still giving the best quality training possible.

Jane and I were able to get a team of 11 Bronze and 5 SRC Candidates through their course in record time yet again. These new members have shown great interest showing up to their newly rostered patrols and getting in and giving it all a go.

Michael and Tate also began an IRB course which had some good interest shown by quite a few members. This will be great to continue into the new season with hopes to organise an assessor to visit our beach.

Multiple other short courses such as First Aid and Advanced rests were run by branch with those wishing to up-skill or refresh attending and gaining the certificates.

I am looking forward to another year at Old Bar Beach and can't wait to see you all for skills maintenance in the new season.

Darren Moses
Director of Education
2020 – 2021 Season



Adam & Kahlina completing their Bronze Assessment



Our 2020 Bronze & SRC Squad at the completion of assessment.

Director of Surf Sports

Congratulations to all competitors who represented Taree Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club for a successful 2020-21 season. The surf sports season was again disrupted by COVID-19 but clubs were allowed to run nippers, compete at branch, State and National carnivals under strict guidelines. Our members attended carnivals as competitors, officials, and water safety personnel. Thank you to our members who officiated and volunteered their time this season. The competitors would not have to opportunity to have these wonderful experiences without you.



Jordyn, Ruby & Amber competing in Flags

The Branch Championships were held at Pacific Palms and we had our largest branch team in many seasons with 28 juniors and seniors participating. Our members collected 25 medals during the event and the club came 4th overall in the junior point score and 2nd overall in the senior point score. Congratulations to all who competed as our team spirit and sportsmanship was outstanding on the day.



All age relays at the Participation Carnival.

Interbranch this season was again affected by Covid-19 and was eventually cancelled.

In our seniors, Gary Smith won a gold medal at the Australian Masters Surf Lifesaving Championships in the double ski event. Martin Goodchild competed

at the SLS State Masters competition and finished one place short of making the final. Congratulations to both members.

Two Fast 5 junior events were held at Black Head, with each competition focusing on boards, swims, and ski. A small group our nippers competed and showed their determination and grit in each event.

Taree Old Bar held their first Participation Carnival in March and was our way to encourage competition and renewed interclub activities. The event program was a good mix of events for experienced and novice competitors, including flags, sprints, long distance running, boards, swims, and wades. It was amazing to see so many of our patrollers and volunteers help on the day and we were complimented by all other clubs regarding the support shown by our volunteers.



Kasey Brown

Director of Surf Sports

2020 – 2021 Season

Director of Member Services

Thank you to all members for making 2020/2021 an incredibly successful year! We have seen great success at a Branch Level, including awards and carnival participation.

General community support for our Club is high due to the excitement surrounding the club building works. We have seen a lot of new members putting their hands up for roles within the club which is great to see.



This season saw a presentation day for all club members combined. It was great to have the Nippers mixing with the patrollers and the rest of the club. It was a fun afternoon.

Congratulations to Jane Lynch and Michael Cameron for taking out Club Members of the Year.

2021 moving forward will see a focus on communication to our membership base.

Total membership currently stands at 299 Active Members.

Category	Members #
Junior Activities (5-13)	117
Community Member	50
Active (18+)	49
General	31
Associate	24
Cadet & Active Members (13-18)	10
Life Member	9
Probationary	8
Long Service	1
Total	299



Junior Activities

The start of the Nippers season saw a streamlining of the registration process, mainly due to Covid restrictions. All registrations had to be completed online and there was a strict cut-off deadline.

The swim testing was simplified also, with Nippers doing their pool proficiencies in the Old Bar pool, instead of the Aquatic Centre. These are procedures we would like to continue with for the coming season.

Nipper numbers have continued to increase. We had 125 Nippers registered for this season, up from 96 the previous season and 36 the season before that. As numbers continue to increase, our challenge will be continuing to recruit Age Managers and Water Safety.

Generally, water safety numbers have been excellent, and the Age Managers did an outstanding job – we appreciate their commitment each week.

Thanks also to our Beach Set Up Leader Howard Sampson, our Gear Steward Sophia Miller, our BBQ managers, and Patrol Captains for great communication.

We trialed a slightly shorter season this year, with Nippers wrapping up early March. This proved popular and successful and we will look to continue with similar timing for the coming season.

Kristy Franc
Director of Member Services
2020 – 2021 Season

Director of Administration

I would like to thank everybody involved in the outgoing Executive for all the hard work they put in year-round as well as the amazing amount of commitment they show to the club and their roles. It is a very exciting time for our club, and our community and it is a great time for anybody thinking about joining to come on board and help in any way possible.

This has been my second year in this role and have thoroughly enjoyed working along side this team and I am very excited to see what the next twelve months has in store.

The executive for the 2020 - 2021 season includes



Our water safety team at the Participation Carnival



- President: Jane Lynch
- Vice-President: Jay Steele
- Dir. Finance: Michael Cameron
- Dir. Administration: Kurt Schirmer
- Dir. Lifesaving: Dean Donovan
- Dir. Member Services: Kristy Franc
- Dir. Surf Sports: Kasey Brown
- Dir. Education: Darren Moses

Kurt Schirmer
Director of Administration
2020 – 2021 Season



Nippers Christmas Party 2020

Director of Lifesaving

Well, what a year Taree Old Bar Lifesaving club has had!

We had a great turn up in all patrols with each patrol having now great team numbers.

In addition to this, great work from the nipper's team, who encouraged many more parents to not only assist at nippers, but also to patrol. This not only pushed up patrolling numbers, but ensured Sunday patrols were not weakened to do water safety & age managing.

The club has purchased a lot of new equipment with more boards for the next season and these type tools make it easier to do our job, so thank you to the club.

Once again on behalf of all the patrollers that have enjoyed the treats that Carolyn brings down, we thank you so much. It is very appreciated.

With the recent branch awards, we have seen the hard work completed by each member and the club as whole, be recognized. As a club, we see that as just plainly "getting the job done".

I personally want to thank you all for your hard work this year and for being there for each other. We are building a fantastic platform for the future.

Dean Donovan
Director of Lifesaving
2020 – 2021 Season

Leading Female Patrol Members

Name	Hours
1. Jane Lynch (ID: 4235573)	86.5
2. Kasey Brown (ID: 5871226)	79.5
3. Amber Kelleher (ID: 5446655)	77.0
4. Lucy Kelleher (ID: 5446674)	67.0
5. Sophie Kelleher (ID: 5446663)	64.0
6. Sandra Davy (ID: 5897381)	50.0
7. Donna White (ID: 3671106)	50.0
8. Bianca Peter (ID: 5753112)	46.0
9. Sarah Little (ID: 3670910)	44.0
10. Merinda Ramage (ID: 5944022)	43.5

Leading Male Patrol Members

Name	Hours
1. Darren Moses (ID: 4422741)	87.0
2. Michael Cameron (ID: 5616457)	78.0
3. Dean Donovan (ID: 5715382)	77.0
4. Tom Riley (ID: 5518485)	70.0
5. Brian Kelleher (ID: 5446645)	69.0
6. Andrew Somerville (ID: 4302208)	65.5
7. Damian Chester (ID: 5617945)	64.0
8. Howard Sampson (ID: 5804396)	63.5
9. Andy Snelgar (ID: 5759588)	61.0
10. Tate Muscio (ID: 3671487)	59.0



Patrollers & the Community assisting during the flood disaster





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Old Bar Beach Festival

And a sincere thank you to all our Volunteers

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