

PORT MACQUARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020

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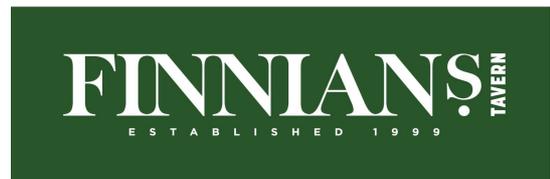
First Aid Officer – Noni Collins

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President's Report

At the close of the season I would like to thank and congratulate:

Steve Heslop for the work he has done as Chief Training Officer. Unfortunately, Steve is not standing for this position next season. He will be missed.

Also, Noni Collins has decided to retire from her role as First Aid Officer unfortunately. Thank you for the years of work Noni, and we wish you well.

Thanks to all the boaties for another very enjoyable season.

Many thanks to everyone who patrolled this year and special thanks to those members involved in rescues.

Congratulations to all competitors who attended the Country Championships at Kingscliff. The club showed that we are not only great competitors as well as being polite and well mannered people. Also, congratulations to the competitors who travelled to Swansea for State Champs with the girls winning medals, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Well done Carolyn, Amanda and Paula.

To Danny Sutor and Leanne Hatherly for the work they have done this year. Danny for his work with the IRB's and ATV purchase making things a lot easier at the beach. Leanne is unfortunately not doing the Registrar's job next year but will still nominate for Competition Manager. Both of them deserved the Special Award for the year for continuing service at this year's presentation.

Sandy Menzies has been assisting Leanne with the Registrar role and is going great guns. Sandy has nominated for this position next season.

Congratulations and thank you to Paula Stone for taking on the Ski and Board Captain job and doing great.

Thanks to Dione Edwards and her awards committee with organising the presentation.

Also, a mention to Jodi Kemp for her work with the cadets this season. You only have to look at our patrols this year to see at least two to three young people in each patrol. Good luck to Jodi's successors next year.

Peter Fox for all the work he has done with sponsors and grants. I hope he will continue next season.

Thank you to all of our sponsors.

To Barry Paff for his work at the bar and club house. All the best for a speedy recovery.

Aram Duffy from CPG Pty Ltd for the recent work they have carried out to stop water leaks and clean out the rear of the downstairs gym and ladies change rooms.

A special thank you to the Committee, with people like all of you making my job easier.

A big thanks to Trevor Franklin who has done a tremendous job as Secretary.

Thanks for the co-operation between all sections within the Club and attendance at various meetings. Hopefully, this team work can be taken into next season and be one club again next year.

Rick Rolff

President

Treasurer's Report

The audited Financial Report for the year ended 31 May 2020 has been circulated to members, and shows that the Club remains in a healthy financial position.

Due to Covid-19, the Bar, Club house, Hall Hire and all competitions have been suspended since late March 2020. The Club Income since this date has been Nil.

Despite the Covid-19 impact the Club has achieved a surplus of \$105,813 in the year under review, and as a result, the Club's nett assets rose from \$721,985 to \$827,798.57 over the year. The cash component of those nett assets at year end, was \$389,300 up from \$295,268 last year.

In addition, our revenue did improve due to receiving a Grant of \$10,010.69 from Surf Life Saving NSW Covid-19 Club/Branch Fund Package and \$10,000 from Govt Cash Flow Boost Stimulus Package. Sponsorship also increased by \$13,680.

Bar turnover was well on the way to showing a very healthy increase this year. The gross profit on bar trading as of March 2020 was \$52,211.66 prior to being closed, and was \$45,598.23 for the year end 31 May 2019.

Hall hire activities, which are intertwined with bar trading, produced revenue of \$19,509.14, down by \$8,529.10 due to Covid-19 social distancing rules.

Thus combined, the hall and the bar produced a gross profit of \$71,720.80 for the year, reflecting the good work of Barry Paff and Kellie Mullan.

My forecast for the present year, based on a budgetary exercise, is another surplus of some \$30,000. Our attention needs to be directed, in the present year, to restoring revenue flow, once we can re-open after Covid-19 shutdowns.

Finally, I would like to thank my Husband Kevin Baldwin who pitched in and kept the finances flowing during the year, in the absence of an Assistant Treasurer.

Michelle Walsh
Treasurer

Training Report

A club is nothing without its volunteers and this year has been no exception, so I'd like to start my report expressing my thanks to all those who helped in the many wet and dry proficiency sessions we had this year. Special thanks to Ken Wilson for helping at the proficiencies as well as taking care of the proficiency paperwork and entering all the data into Surfguard. I'd also like to thank Simon Ross, Kim Rayner, Tony Wright, Lisa Chandler, Sonja Crossingham, James and Hugh Robertson, Louise Hopkins, Danny Suitor, Amanda Higgerson, Geoff Walsh, Rex O'Rourke, Rob McCue and Phil Hua. We are all looking forward to next year's paperless proficiency process, fingers crossed it all works as planned.

We ran a successful bronze course in Oct/Nov 2019 adding many new bronzies to the club, patrols and water safety. As always, it's great to see the progression of knowledge and skills of the cohort during the 6 week course. Thanks again to the trainers who provided their specialist skills and experience, especially to Phil Hua for his guidance and support throughout the course!

Another big year for Amanda Higgerson helping with proficiencies, the bronze course and running an SRC course for high school students.

I'd like to highlight Danny Suitor's contribution as he has tried to run IRB courses this year but due to bush fires and COVID has been prevented from doing so. I have no doubt we will see more of these courses advertised as soon as it is possible to do so.

I'll be passing the CTO role to someone new next year, so I'd like to wish them the very best. The education team is a passionate and dedicated group and a credit to the club, so they will be in good hands.

Steve Heslop
CTO

Youth Engagement Program (Cadet program)

The 2018/2019 surf club season saw the Youth Engagement Program (YEP) introduced to the Port Macquarie SLSC. The first club on the Mid North Coast to adopt this nationally recognized program.

The key aim of adopting the YEP program is to keep our U15 & U17's engaged and involved within the surf lifesaving movement. It was recognised there was no clear pathway between nippers and becoming active and patrolling members, with newly identified cadets left 'floundering' within the club. These cadets are the future volunteers and leaders within our club.

YEP brings about a structured engagement program with tangible outcomes and clear pathways for the Cadet age group within the areas of Lifesaving, Development & Surf Sports.

The program incorporates all three listed areas with the focus being that each cadet is an individual and has individual interests and varying levels of involvement – ensuring each cadet feels valued, included and engaged.

From small beginnings with only a handful of cadets actively engaged at the start of its inaugural season, the program currently has 28 youth actively involved with the majority of those having attained their Bronze Medallion and the remainder ready to obtain their Bronze in the new season.

Although, the primary goal of YEP is to retain the cadets as an integral part of the patrol, the grass roots focus is the creation of friendships, unity, trust, support and belonging so the cadet naturally wants to stay involved.

Numerous activities have been supported by the club and facilitated within the cadet programs first year including:

- Increase in the numbers of youth with their SRC obtaining their Bronze Medallion at their first opportunity;
- Many Cadets wanting to get their IRB Crewperson at the first opportunity. Unfortunately this has been delayed due to the bushfires and the COVID 19 restrictions.
- Social get togethers and events including the Christmas Party being held at Tree Tops in Coffs Harbour;
- Competitions – local, branch, Country and State champs plus a strong contingency of Port Macquarie Cadets competing at Interbranch;
- Raising near \$3200 for the club
- 'Welcome Friday 13th' get together that saw many games of competitive Stax On played, hosted by the current cadets welcoming the next seasons new cadets.

The Cadets successfully fundraised near \$3200 for the PMSLSC with the cadets themselves organizing, running and delivering many fundraising events. Multiple fundraising activities were used to raise these funds including 'Welcome Back to Nippers BBQ' event held on the first Sunday of the nipper season, a number of other Breakfast BBQ's, '100 Clubs' and the biggest contingent of Cadets at the 'Bucket Drive' at the Donut raising over \$2000 in 3 hours.

PMSLSC was represented at all levels of competition including Club, Branch, Interbranch, Country and State champs with more cadets than we have ever had attend in the past. Things are looking bright for the future with the cadets themselves already identifying multiple team events they would like to train and compete in.

Our cadets have also volunteered over 1130 patrol hours and over 150 general volunteer hours to the club in the 2019/2020 season.

Things are looking bright with our current and upcoming cadets being a group to watch out for.

Additional information about YEP is available by following the link:

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/sites/site.test/files/YEP%20Participant%20Handbook.pdf>
including how the program is rewarded.

And on a personal note, a big thank you for allowing this program to get off the ground goes to the current Committee for supporting this initiative, age managers past for getting the cadets to this level within SLS and the parents of the cadets themselves for entrusting me with your children who have been an absolute pleasure to be around.

Until next time I see you

Kind regards

Jodi Kemp
Cadet Co-Ordinator

Competition Report

In an unprecedented year and despite battling fires, floods, cyclones and a global pandemic PMSLSC had a very successful competition season.

STATE – Swansea Belmont SLSC

NSW State titles was held over 2 weeks from the 28th Feb until Sunday 8th March. As a club we had competitors attending all 3 sections, Age (Nippers), Masters and Youth (Cadets/Opens).

Four of our Nippers attended State Age. A little team but a mighty team made up of Andie McGrath, Chloe Caldwell, Jack McGrath and Peter Duffy. A huge effort was put in by all 4 with quite a few semi final placings. Congratulations on a top effort. A huge thank you to Rob McCue for Officiating at the carnival.

State Masters was held on 4th & 5th March. Paula Stone, Carolyn Turnham and Amanda Higgerson are to be congratulated for their hard work placing PMQ in 27th position out of 85 clubs that competed. Not to be forgotten - Daniel Blackman headed to State for the first time and did an amazing job in a very competitive age group.

State Opens was on the following weekend. For the first time I that I know of we had 4 x U17's entered. We should be so very proud of these young adults, Jack Caldwell, Emily Moloney, Kate Field and Sarah Hatherly. The competition was tough but they came away more determined for next season. A huge congratulations to Kate and Sarah. In the final event on the second day, the 1k beach relay, the girls bought home the bronze medal putting PMQ in 38th position out of 86 clubs that competed.

Country – Cudgen Headland SLSC

We are so proud of all 74 of our PMSLSC competitors that travelled to the FNC in February this year. The team was made up of 53 nippers, 11 cadets and 10 Masters. It is wonderful to see our numbers growing each year especially in the Cadet and Masters age groups. Everyone did an amazing job against the larger and stronger clubs to bring us in at 6th place. There were some amazing results across the board with all our Cadets and Masters taking home medals. A special big thank you to the support crew of Officials, IRB Driver and Crew, Team Managers, Age Managers, Water safety and Gear Stewards (and everyone else who jumps in and helps out on the day). Without their help and support our competitors could not race.

Interbranch

PMSLSC were well represented this season with 17 Nippers/Cadets being selected for the MNC Interbranch team.

Branch Carnivals and Branch Champs.

Overall the weather (and other factors) was not been kind to us this season and MNC Branch did the best they could to ensure we had some kind of competition for our members.

On the third attempt, the first Branch carnival was finally held at Bonny Hills. The second carnival was cancelled all together and eventually Branch Champs was held at SWR in February.

The Branch Championships was a condensed carnival due to the lack of officials rather than to the weather we had previously experienced. It was a long day for the very few officials we had on the beach. Thank you to Amanda Higgerson for stepping in and helping along with Rob McCue and myself as the only PMSLSC officials.

In saying that – the morning was perfect for the nippers. Our kids did a great job and their behaviour was wonderful. The Masters started around 1pm and the weather took a turn for the worst but it seemed like everyone had a great time and our 8 cadets and masters kept smiling.

Congratulations to the following PMSLSC members who took out the Branch Age Awards:

<u>U8</u>	Flynn Wehlow	
<u>U9</u>	Ben Oakeshott	Bianca Harrison
<u>U10</u>	Peter Duffy	Ella Oliver
<u>U11</u>	Ben Barlow	
<u>U12</u>	Cleo Schubert	
<u>U13</u>	Will Oliver	Brianna Moloney
<u>U14</u>	Ben Hamel	Andie McGrath
<u>U17</u>	Emily Moloney	
<u>30-39</u>	Daniel Blackman	
<u>60-69</u>	Jeffrey Polverino	Amanda Higgerson

PMSLSC once again took out the JAC 1st place with a resounding win. Our cadets and Masters came in 2nd place in the water events.

CLUB CHAMPS

Noni Collins deserves a massive thank you for once again running fun and inclusive Senior club champ days for our Masters and cadets. We only managed to have 2 club competition days but they were great fun for all involved.

Our club champions for the 2019/2020 season are:

U8 Andi Suitor, Flynn Wehlow

U9 Mabel Strong, Ben Oakeshott

U10 Tilly Sinclair, Peter Duffy

U11 Airlia Matthews, Ben Barlow

U12 Grace Curran, Jarvis Linehan

U13 Brianna Moloney, Will Oliver

U14 Angele Field, Ben Hamel

U15 Camryn Dal Broi, Sam Kobelke

U17 Emily Moloney, Jack Caldwell

U19 James Robertson

30-39 Cassie Trotter, Jasper Pengelly

40-49 Ginette Kobelke, Norm Kobelke

50-59 Carolyn Turnham, James Wootton

60-69 Amanda Higgerson, Jeff Polverino

70+ Hugh McKay

Open Emily Moloney, Tony Lineham

Officials ensure competitions are run in a safe and secure environment while maintaining rules and regulations. Carnivals at all levels cannot be run without these amazing people and they deserve our gratitude. 2019/2020 Officials:

Tim Atherton, Rob McCue, Monique Suitor, Leanne Hatherly, Adam Matthews, Lance Harris, Jodi Kemp and Tony Wright.

Scrutineering also plays a part in ensuring our competition gear is safe and compliant.

Congratulations to Tony Wright, Rob McCue, Heath Askew and Leanne Hatherly who are now qualified scrutineers not only for our club but also MNC Branch.

PMSLSC continues to be a strong force when it comes to competition. Our nippers are always well represented and this season we once again saw an increase in the number of cadets and masters competing. The adversity of this season, courtesy of mother nature, can only make us stronger so bring on 2020/2021!

Leanne Hatherly

PMSLSC Competition Manager

Club Captain's Report

Well what a season it was! With the bushfires in November, and then the COVID-19 pandemic bringing an early end to the season, there came one positive, and that was to see the club pull together to support each other and work together. At the end of the day our job is to keep the beaches safe and save lives.

We continued to put through a number of Bronze courses under the guidance of Steve Heslop, which meant we could top up our patrols. Steve has stepped into this role very successfully under the guidance of Phil Hua and other experienced trainers in the club.

The Club Captain has been a shared role this season, with Dione stepping down part way through the season, and Nikki Stafford and Sonja Crossingham sharing the role. A majority of the patrol administration work was done by Nikki, who put her experience to good use.

Our Christmas and Boxing Day volunteer patrols once again were a huge success, with whole family groups patrolling together. This continues to allow for those who were in town over the Christmas period and available to put up their hand rather than 4 patrol teams all searching for subs. A huge thanks to those who volunteered their time at this particularly busy time of the year, keeping our beaches safe for visitors to our beautiful town.

Unlike previous seasons we haven't been able to report 100% patrol hours, due to the early end to the season. Despite this we would like to thank all those that did their part in putting on their quartered cap and helping keep our beach safe. It was encouraging to see on days when the beach was closed under NSW SLS direction during the bushfires many patrol members still come to the beach to keep them safe.

It's encouraging to see everyone do their part in keeping our club and its members safe during the COVID_19 pandemic by following the safety guidelines to the letter.

Hopefully next season is a much better one and we can once again put on the quartered caps and keep our beaches safe.

Sonja Crossingham
Club Captain

Awards

Club Champs:		MU15	Sam Kobelke	
		FU15	Camryn Dal Broi	
		M17	Jack Caldwell	
		FU17	Emily Maloney	
		M19	James Robertson	
		M Open	Tony Lineham	
		F Open	Emily Maloney	
		M 30s	Jasper Pengelly	
		F 30s	Cassie Mackay	
		M 40s	Norm Kobelke	
		F 40s	Ginette Kobelke	
		M 50s	James Wootton	
		F 50s	Carolyn Turnham	
		M 60s	Jeff Polverino	
		F 60s	Amanda Higgerson	
		M 70+	Hugh Mackay	
Patrol Awards:				
		50 + hours	Tony Wright Rex O'Rourke Anni Yaringa James Wootton Nikki Stafford	
Patrol person of the year:		M 15	Sam Kobelke	
		F 15	Lily Carson	
		M 17	Hugh Robertson	
		F 17	Molly Kemp	
		M 19	James Robertson	
		F U19	Skye Vaughn	
		Male Open	Rex O'Rourke	
		Female Open	Nikki Stafford	
Patrol of the year.	Patrol of the Year	Patrol 6	Philip Hatherly Rob McCue Sonja Crossingham Molly Kemp Sarah Hatherly Jessica Hamel Kylie Rosenbaum	

			Amy Hatherly Emily Moloney Ben Hamel Mason Rosenbaum	
Cadet Club person of the year			M 15 – Jackson O'Rourke F 15 – Camryn Dal Broi M 17 – Thomas Collins F 17 – Sarah Hatherly	
Cadet supervisor thank you award			Jodi Kemp	
Rookie of the Year			Emily Moloney	
Surf Boat Rower			Jon Logie	
Special Award for 10 years continuous service with Nippers and transitioning to roles with senior club.			Leanne Hatherly Danny Sutor	
Club person of the year		Male Female	Danny Sutor Leanne Hatherly	
President's Award			Trevor Franklin	
Special Award	National Service Medal		Rick Rolff	

JASC Nippers Report

Well, the 2019-20 season has come to a close, and the Port Macquarie SLSC Nippers are branch champions once again!!! This has been a continuous effort from all involved in the club and an excellent achievement from all our nippers and age managers.

What a tumultuous season the junior activities members have had. Conditions certainly didn't favour us this season, beginning with the horrendous bushfires and finishing with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon reflection, the year has been filled with laughter, dedication and involvement.

Every Sunday, Flynn's beach was awash with hundreds of nippers and their parents and carers all working towards one goal; developing new skills to ensure everyone's safety on the beach. This season saw a continued focus on surf education as we developed our Age Assistant training and development program which will continue into the upcoming season. We would like to continue to thank Doug Hawkins from Coogee SLSC for his guidance and mentoring in this program, which proved to be highly successful.

The season commenced with registration days and saw a large number of families returning and new families beginning their nippers' journey. Registration numbers were still solid with 240 registered nippers, all of whom are future surf lifesavers, which is great for our club.

Following on from the Junior Activities Committees decision to focus on skill-based training and a board hire program, we have seen firsthand the excellent results that have come in. Our nippers program incorporated skills-based training days featuring dedicated trainers for the different activities; board, swim, flags and sprints as well as a strong focus on surf education, knowledge and skills.

The Board Hire Program will again be available this season. Our club has many new and used boards that were hired out to nippers for the season. This was an overwhelming success and we are striving to improve the program even further into the upcoming season. The revenue raised through this program will be used to update existing equipment and give our nippers the best possible chance to be able to train and compete on new boards.

While the beach conditions were favourable for some of the year, the impact of the bushfires and COVID-19 was significant. We were not able to complete all scheduled events, including the club championships and the branch carnivals. Our last training day farewelled the under 14's, which were once again nearly our biggest group to date. We wish them well in their progression to the senior ranks of the surf club. Club championship events were held over 3 days with some very pleasing results.

In December several nippers were selected to compete in the Interbranch team who travelled to Bulli and competed admirably amongst fierce competition from across the state.

Our Junior Lifesaver of the Year (JLOTY) club winners were Amy Hatherly and Ben Hamel. They represented us well at the Branch level.

A powerful team of over 90 nippers and their families travelled north to Cudgen in February for the NSW Country Championships. Country Champs as they are known was in a similar format to the last few years being held over two days of competition, outside of school holidays. The results from country champs were outstanding! PMSLSC finished 6th overall as a club. This was a great trip away, and there are too many achievements to list. All age groups featured in a large medal haul with the younger age groups certainly showing that this great club has a great future.

The nipper program does not function without a large number of people making a contribution. To list every individual who assists is not possible. However, it would be remiss of us not to acknowledge the efforts of our trainers; Larry Brook and Mel Cockshutt. These coaches give freely of their time to ensure the kids have the chance to develop and hone their skills throughout the season – thank you.

Our presentation day was held using the Zoom meeting application and proved, under the circumstances to be a huge success. The awards presented on this day are an excellent reflection on the achievements of all our nippers. It was great to see our life members in attendance presenting awards to the future legends of our surf club. Our AGM was not able to be held on completion as usual. However, later in the year an AGM was held at PMSLSC where Robert Oakeshott was elected into the Junior Activities Chairperson position and Hayley McGrath in the Vice-Chairperson position. I wish them, and the new committee the best of luck with the upcoming season.

In addition, a big thank you to the following groups of helpers who have made the difficult season tick over without too many hitches: members of the Junior Activities Sub-Committee; the ever-vigilant water safety team and Beach Superintendent, David McGrath, the IRB crews; all the age managers; the competition officials; the gear stewards and their helpers; the parents and carers who assist at the sign-on desk; any parent or carer who has been on the beach early to help set-up; any parent or carer who has helped pack-up the beach; any parent or carer who has helped with the Christmas party or Presentation Day; and finally and most importantly, the nippers - thank you, kids, for your commitment.

Junior activities are the lifeblood of the club. Patrol numbers rely heavily on nippers, cadets who have graduated from the nipper program, and current and former nipper parents. Our club president Rick Rolfe and the senior committee have been great supporters of junior activities, and we thank them for their support.

As we reflect on the highlights of the season, it is essential to look ahead continually. The success of our Nippers program relies simply on the number of parents and carers willing to make a contribution. No matter how big or small that contribution may be, we can all feel involved.

With these changes to our committee and the continued focus on surf education in mind, we continually need to renew and recruit people who are prepared to put their hands up to help out. This is vital as families' progress through the age groups to identify members prepared to take on a role that will ensure the program remains healthy for our nippers.

Karl Morris
Junior Activities Chairperson