

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, there is a vast expanse of deep blue water with gentle ripples. A sandy beach runs horizontally across the middle ground. Behind the beach, there is a line of tall, dark green pine trees. In the center of this tree line, a large, light-colored building with a flat roof and several windows is visible. The sky above is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy white clouds.

75th Annual Report
2020-2021

NORTH PALM BEACH
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

North Palm Beach SLSC Vision

As volunteers we work continuously to provide best practice surf lifesaving services, advice and education for our members and the community.

North Palm Beach SLSC Mission

Since 1946....

Our club exists for the benefit of the members and to protect the community visiting North Palm Beach, Barrenjoey and Pittwater.

Our club operates as part of a larger cooperative of surf clubs that provide surf lifesaving services at beaches and other locations throughout Australia. Our club recognises that the strength of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia is built upon the volunteer club structure supported by the various branch, state and national sections of the organisation.

The club is committed to maintaining the professional ethos of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia and to enhancing the valuable, trusted and respected role that surf lifesaving plays in the community. The club is also committed to looking after the best interests of its members.

Appreciation

A big thank you to the members who have provided us with photos, memories and stories for the annual report, it is much appreciated.

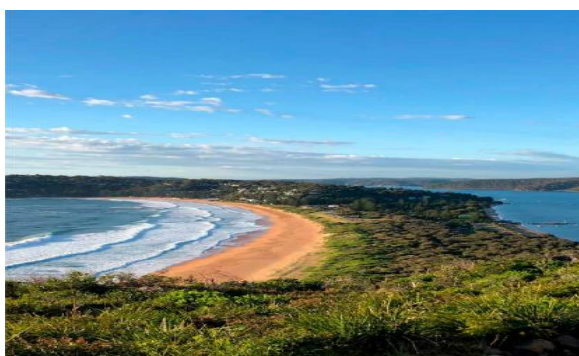
Acknowledgment of the Traditional Custodians of the Country of Our Surf Club

We acknowledge all First Peoples of this land and celebrate their enduring connections to country and we recognise that they have never ceded sovereignty. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land where our surf club is located and where we gather to provide lifesaving services - the Garigal clan of Guringai speaking people. We recognise their continued connection to the land and waters of this beautiful place.



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Notice of the 75th Annual General Meeting in the 2020-2021 Season

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting to report on the club's activities this season and to prepare for the start of the 2021/2022 season will take place at 11am, Sunday 1st August, 2021 at North Palm Beach SLSC.

Due to health and safety concerns and current restrictions relating to COVID19 there will be some changes to arrangements for this year's AGM:

1) The 2021 AGM will be conducted at the surf club and members can also join in by Zoom conferencing. We need to know if members eligible to vote and wanting to participate in the 2021 AGM intend on coming to the surf so we can ensure we comply with the social distancing guidelines. If there are more people wanting to attend in person than we can accommodate due to the social distancing guidelines then there will be option to join by Zoom. Zoom log-in information will be sent out to members by email.

2) To allow the committee to organize the AGM we need members to notify the club by email if they intend to either come to the club or participate by Zoom by 5pm Wednesday 28 July, 2021. The email address is - office@northpalmbeach.com.au

3) This will also be the close off date for those members eligible to vote and wanting to participate in the 2021 AGM need to renew their membership for the upcoming 2021-22 season. There will not be any money collected by cash or eftpos on the morning of the AGM. This notice contains information about renewing your membership for the 2021/2022 season.

4) Please note, that due to concerns about the economic impact of COVID19 for some families and the disruption for all members towards the end of the season, the committee have set the membership fee for all members for the 2020-21 season at \$5.00 per person. When renewing online please ignore the fee schedule on the website – all member renewals are \$5.00 per member for the 2020-21 season.

5) The date 5pm Wednesday 29 July, 2021 will also be the close of date for nominations for positions on the Management Committee/ Board of Directors and for proxy voting forms. Nomination and proxy voting forms are also attached to this notice.

6) For those members intending to participate in the AGM by Zoom the committee recommends that you also submit a completed proxy form directed to the Chair in case of any internet or technological difficulties that may disrupt connection to the meeting. The proxy forms will not be used if everything works and zoom participants are able to join and maintain connection throughout the meeting.

Please note that current SLS policy defines members eligible to vote at the AGM as Life Members and current Long Service Members, Active Reserve Members, Active Members and Associate Members elected to a Management Committee position. All surf

lifesaving club memberships expire on April 30 each year and all members need to renew their memberships after that date. Details for renewal are below.

The Committee encourages all members to use the online facility to renew and pay their membership. North Palm Beach Surf Lifesaving Club has now been using online sign-up, renewal and payment system for many years.

The website address is: <https://members.sls.com.au>

This website allows all members of surf lifesaving clubs to register and has easy to follow instructions to register and set up a password. Once registered, members are able to access and update all of their own personal information as well as access their awards and patrol roster. The registration procedure needs to be repeated separately for each family member but the system does allow you to share the same password for each person. Payments can also be made using a credit card through this portal and a receipt will be sent to your registered email address.

Please feel free to contact us at the club for any assistance you may need.

office@northpalmbeach.com.au

If you do not wish to use the online payment facility you can direct transfer the funds to the Surf Club account:

Account Name: North Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club BSB: 032-095 Account: 16-0897

Bank: Westpac Please record your name and initials when in the "Reference" box when processing the transaction if you choose this option to pay your membership. Please contact me via email at

office@northpalmbeach.com.au

should you have any enquiries regarding this package.

Yours faithfully,

Terry Kirkpatrick
Director of Administration
North Palm Beach SLSC Inc



Agenda for the 75th Annual General Meeting of North Palm Beach SLSC

The 75th Annual General Meeting of North Palm Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Incorporated will be held on Sunday 1st August, 2021 commencing at 11.00 am in the Club Rooms at North Palm Beach SLSC Inc. and members can participate by Zoom Conferencing

Agenda Items:

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Proxies
- 3) Adoption of the minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting held on 2nd August 2020

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd August, 2020 of NPB SLSC be accepted as a true and accurate record.

- 4) Presentation and adoption of the 75th Annual Report and Financial Statements

Recommendation: That the 75th Annual Report of North Palm Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Inc. be accepted.

- 5) Election of Office Bearers for the season 2021-2022

- 6) Affiliation with Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches

Recommendation: That North Palm Beach SLSC affiliate with Sydney Northern Beaches Branch for the 2020/21 season.

- 7) Affirm the Auditors for 2021-22 Season

Recommendation: That North Palm Beach SLSC continue with K H Perry & Co Mayfield) Chartered Accountants for the 2021/22 season

- 8) Issues of an urgent nature

- 9) Meeting close



A Brief History of 75 Years of Surf lifesaving at North Palm Beach SLSC

North Palm Beach Surf Lifesaving Club was founded in 1946. The club was started by local northern beaches families and regular holiday makers at the northern end of Palm Beach. In those days the area near the base of Barrenjoey Headland was a public camping ground and it was popular destination for people living on the northern beaches and families and tourists traveling from the Sydney each weekend.



The first clubhouse was very small and was located where the public amenities block now stands. A little further north in the hollow of the dunes was the boatshed and the bunkhouse. An accidental fire partially destroyed the bunkhouse and lead to the club being rebuilt in its present location in 1973. The club was renovated in the 1980's when women became full members of Surf Life Saving and another renovation was carried out by members in 2005. The most recent renovation made substantial changes to the building adding a second storey with a large club room, larger male and female bunkhouses, new bathrooms including a disabled bathroom and disabled access lift. The kiosk was increased in size and equipped with a full commercial kitchen and a laundry was installed behind the kiosk.





Palm Beach is over 2.8 km long stretching from Barrenjoey headland in the north to the headland between Whale Beach and Palm Beach in the south. Our surf club is located within Governor Phillip Reserve on the peninsula between Pittwater and Palm Beach. For over 75 years we have actively patrolled almost two kilometers of the beach from Barrenjoey Headland to 'black rock' as well as providing rescue and first aid services to the northern part of Pittwater.



The members of North Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club have always been at the forefront of lifesaving innovation. Many of the patrolling procedures, techniques and items of equipment that have become the standard ways of doing things these days, were pioneered at North Palm Beach. In large part this was due to necessity. We have the longest area of beach in Sydney to patrol with only a relatively small number of active members. Not only that, but the nearest ambulance usually has to come from Narrabeen or Belrose as the station at Avalon is not often staffed and on busy weekends it could take up to two hours for medical assistance to be available. In many cases medical emergencies required the response of the helicopter medical team.

In the 1980's, Dr Yeo, the spinal surgeon from Royal North Shore Hospital, worked with the us at North Palm Beach to develop the techniques and equipment for dealing with spinal injuries in the surf. He spent hours in the surf while the club members experimented on him using various neck supports and trialling different techniques for moving the patient out of the water. Many of these techniques have been adopted by Surf Life Saving and are used on beaches throughout Australia.





In the days before the radio repeater network the club was the first to use UHF radios to cover the vast distance patrolled. North Palm Beach SLSC was one of the first clubs to introduce “roving patrols”, where members walked the length of the beach, away from the traditional flagged area and it was the first Surf Club to own a four-wheel drive vehicle and to use

it as an integral part of patrolling the beach. The members purchased a red Suzuki 4-wheel drive and used it to transport gear and equipment along the beach. The club then was the first to use the Polaris All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). At that time most clubs were using quad bikes but the lifesavers at North Palm Beach SLSC found the ATV was much more versatile for patrols as it could carry 3 lifesavers as well as rescue and first



aid equipment. The Club then upgraded to the Bobcat ATV that has an aluminium chassis, tray and equipment box. More recently the club has purchased a Kubota vehicle fitted with radios, flashing lights and reversing warning beeper. This vehicle easily transports 2 lifesavers with rescue boards, spinal boards, rescue tubes and fins as well as first-aid equipment including a shock pack, defibrillator, oxy-viva and pulse-oxymeter.

In the late 1970's North Palm Beach SLSC joined with Palm Beach and Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club's to operate a jet-boat service for the northern part of the peninsula. The jet boat known as Barrenjoey 1 was donated by Chopper Squad which was filmed at North Palm Beach. Barrenjoey 1 was involved in many off-shore rescues in the Hawksbury River and Pittwater. The lifesavers at North Palm Beach were also among the first clubs to use IRB's (rubber ducks) as integral patrol equipment in the 1980's. The use of IRB's and jet boats made it much easier to patrol the large water area covered by the club and provide assistance to the many swimmers, windsurfers and kite surfers that use the stretch of beach at the base of Barrenjoey Headland. Also, during the 1980's many members of North Palm Beach were among the first volunteer crew on the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. As part of the Sydney 2000 Olympics, lifesavers, from North Palm Beach SLSC, provided specialist water safety in Sydney Harbor for the triathlon events.





In the mid-2000's the club ran an innovative junior surf education program with large numbers of young people joining the club to participate in the program. While the cadets were undergoing their training many of their parents decided to join up and do their bronze medallions. During that time, we were in the enviable position of having many patrols containing whole families, where parents and kids patrolled the beach together.

From 2008 – 2014 we ran the Outback Meets the Beach Program that was recognized in State Parliament as a great example of practical reconciliation. Outback Meets the Beach was featured on ABC TV and was Pittwater Council's Outstanding Community Event in 2012.



This program was a partnership between the surf club and the Jawoyn

Communities from the remote desert area of Arnhem Land. A group of young people from the communities and some traditional owners would come and stay for at the surf club for 2-3 weeks each summer. While with us they were provided with mentoring from



Aboriginal sportspeople including Adam Goodes, Michael O'Loughlin and George Rose as well as the Bangara Dance Group, the Tribal Warrior Program and the Opera House Indigenous Training Program. Club members introduced the group to our country and the

surf and taught them basic first aid as well as enjoying lots of activities together. Later in the year some of our members would travel to the Northern Territory and stay at the communities of Barunga, Manyallaluk and Wugularr to experience life in remote



communities and to really understand what life is like for many of our first nations peoples. Outback Meets the Beach was supported financially by the Ian Thorpe Fountain for Youth Foundation, Joe Skrzynski and the Sky Foundation and our members who ran the BBQ at the Palm Beach Markets to raise money for the program.



Today, the club tradition of patrolling excellence and the pioneering of new and more efficient ways of patrolling the beach continues. The club was at the forefront of the introduction of rescue jet ski services within the Branch. The club has partnered with Palm Beach SLSC to form a jet ski group to train drivers, provide patrols along Palm Beach and Pittwater and maintain what is fast becoming a vital piece of rescue equipment. Our club has always prioritized lifesaving and patrolling the beach over all other surf lifesaving activities and through the hard work of all the volunteers who give their time to work in the canteen and Home and Away that we are able to purchase and maintain the best available lifesaving equipment and provide all members with training to keep their skills at the highest level.



The club has always had an inclusive family atmosphere. The Howard's have been the backbone of the club for many decades. Graham Howard and his brothers Warren and Steven and their families have patrolled the beach, worked on the committee and trained people for lifesaving awards for over 30 years. Their mother, Joan Howard, was the long serving canteen manager and was affectionately known by all club members as "Ma". Graham and Warren are still actively involved in the club.

The club has enjoyed a long association with the film and television industry. This association has provided the financial stability that has allowed club members to focus on gaining and maintaining best practice lifesaving and first aid skills with the best gear and equipment without having to worry about the fund-raising activities that many other clubs have to do. In



the 1970's we were involved with the filming of the Spyforce and Chopper Squad television programs. Our club has also provided water safety as well as the location for many television advertisements.





For over 25 years North Palm Beach SLSC has been known to hundreds of millions of television viewers throughout the world as “Summer Bay Surf Club.” The club and facilities are featured in the popular Channel 7 show “Home and Away” that is shown in prime time four nights a week in Australia and it is currently also shown in 51 other countries. The club’s association with Channel Seven and the Home and Away production team

began back in 1988 and the first episode of the show went to air on January 17 that year. As a result of this exposure from the 34 seasons of the show, North Palm Beach is visited by thousands of local, national and international tourists every week hoping to get a glimpse of the stars of the show and to take photographs of the club and the beautiful pristine beach and surrounding area. Many of the visitors to ‘Summer Bay’ are not familiar with the dangers of the ocean and this keeps our patrols busy on weekends and public holidays.



As an example of how well our members can cope with emergency situations other than those involved with surf lifesaving our patrol on Sunday 29 September, 2013 spotted a fire on Barrenjoey headland around 2pm in the afternoon. The blaze soon became a major incident and the plume of smoke could be seen for miles. A convoy of fire appliances and police vehicles responded to the incident and a helicopter was required to dump water onto the fire and protect the cottages adjacent to the lighthouse. The Rural Fire Service reported that over 99% of the bushland on the headland was burned during the intense fire. Our patrol responded to the emergency helping to evacuate over 20 people from the headland track





and guiding the firefighters up the headland and to the lighthouse cottages helping them save the structures. They got a number of portable pumps working to assist the firefighting as well as launching the IRB to get a number of fishers stranded on a rock platform below the headland while other members of the patrol door knocked nearby houses to make sure everyone was safe. It was an amazing effort from our patrol and all the responding emergency services.

Our club has been at the forefront of environmental initiatives. Many of our environmental projects have been funded by the members and we have a small group of members who look out for possible grants to allow us to extend our environmental footprint.

As part of the most recent renovation and extensive building work the club sunk some huge rainwater tanks under the ground. The rainwater water saved in these tanks is used to wash gear and equipment as well as for watering the gardens and grass. This is particularly helpful during times of water shortages and water restrictions as often occurs with the changing climate.



We have also installed two solar electricity systems – 8Kw and 6Kw. The power generated by the panels has greatly reduced our power bills across all the activities of the club including running the freezers and fridges in the canteen.

We now generate all out hot water needs using the most efficient heat pump systems. We now have all the hot water for the running of the club at the most cost-effective rates available.

The surf club undertook a large project to renovate and stabilise the dune bays in the front of the clubhouse. This involved an extensive weeding program and removing all non-native species and replacing them with suitable natives for this area. This has enhanced the natural ecosystem and stabilised the dunes reducing the erosion during the recent storms and large seas.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

– Graham Howard

In this our 75th year we enjoyed another successful season of lifesaving and club activity at NPB SLSC despite all the difficulties confronting us throughout the 2020-2021 season. We were able to overcome the challenges of the COVID restrictions coming and going and our small active membership because the camaraderie, sociability and sense of community among our members drew us all together and we rose to the occasion. Our number one priority over 75 years has been patrolling our beach and I can proudly say it's been another year where our patrols made many rescues and there were no lives lost while we were on patrol. We continue to serve the community with professionalism and enthusiasm, no matter what challenging circumstances we face.



I have to make special mention of Mark Tilley, our Director of Lifesaving. Mark has been a tower of strength providing support to me, the other members of the Board and all our members. His amazing effort spending hours recruiting former and new members doubled our active membership at the beginning of the season and meant we had a sustainable number of patrols with a manageable roster. Many of Mark's initiatives reduced the number of patrols each member would be required to do. Mark reintroduced the active reserve patrol that accommodated many of our experienced former members providing them with greater flexibility and reduced patrol hours. He also set up a patrol partnership with Palm Beach SLSC. This initiative required us to provide an experienced patrol captain to mentor the lifesavers coming from Palm Beach to make up the patrol. This worked really well and thanks to Wally Dobrow for taking on this role.

Despite this being a tough year for patrols our members stuck together and supported one another. I would like to acknowledge how well the club worked this season; it was a real team effort. I would also like to acknowledge the Board for the support they provided to me and their efforts to make sure the club was well governed for all members. I have already acknowledged the efforts of Mark Tilley. In addition, Matt Gambold did a great job as Director of Education and his commitment to training and education along with his great enthusiasm meant we continued to maintain the high standard of lifesaving that our club is known for. Will Morell keeps our finances in good

order and he provides me with great advice and help with book-keeping, documenting all our transactions and tracking our strategic plan and budget. It is pleasing to know that Will is now back to good health and I appreciate the way he maintained his role on the Board during a period of illness. Terry Kirkpatrick, our Director of Administration who provides me with support and sound advice as well as overseeing all the administration required of surf clubs these days. The efforts of Will and Terry over many years were rewarded at the last AGM when the members voted to give them Life Membership. Luke Symond was again this season our Director of Membership and he shows great enthusiasm when at the club to increase our membership.

Like all volunteer organisations, North Palm Beach SLSC are fortunate to have many committed people who give up their time to keep the club running. Many of the activities are carried out quietly behind the scenes. Robert Cox, Kerry Traynor, Brian De Bono, Matt Gambold, Mack Apps-Tulip and many more are prepared to assist with Home & Away often at short notice and at times starting at 5:00am and finishing late at night. Sarah Adorjany, Warren and Michelle Howard along with other club members continue to work in the canteen and this helps us to keep it open all year round. Despite the COVID restrictions reducing the number of people coming to the beach the canteen was still profitable and the club has maintained a sound financial position overall.

Again, this season I would like to thank our Patron, Jeff Conen, for the support and wise advice he provides to me and for all the support he offers the club. Jeff oversees all the maintenance of the building and we are working together to finalise the certificate of occupation with the Council.

I would also like to thank the staff at the Branch and State Centre for the support they provide to the club throughout the season. Finally, I would like to thank those companies and organisations that support the club and surf lifesaving through their sponsorships and donations.



DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING REPORT

- Mark Tilley

Even with all the issues we had this season with Covid-19, like members who reside outside the Northern Beach, being locked out due to hot spots etc., it is great to report “No Lives Lost” again at North Palm Beach in our clubs 75th season. This means so much as we have one of the smallest patrolling memberships in Sydney covering one of the largest patrolling areas. I believe this is due to our vigilant and experienced patrol members combined with the quality and variety of the equipment used on patrol. A big thank you to all members who patrolled at North Palm Beach.



This season saw Matt Gambold take over the role of Director of Education (Chief Instructor) from Warren Howard. Matt had big shoes to fill but managed to do a great job. Warren didn't take a break though, he was always busy at the club preparing equipment for Gear Inspection, helping on patrols, helping with training, fixing equipment and helping in the canteen. Warren never stops. This season also opened my eyes to the amount of work Graham Howard (President) does behind the scenes 7 days a week. Graham left his job a long time ago to manage our club, where it be managing and working in our canteen, coordinating people and equipment for Home & Away, organising and purchasing Home & Away and NPB merchandise to sell, organising cleaning & maintenance of the building and chairing & overseeing the club's committees just to name a few.

MEMBERSHIP

As you are probably aware, at the end of the 19/20 season we had just over 20 patrolling members. We needed to boost these numbers quickly to kick off the new season. We went through archived members in SurfGuard, and we sent the following SMS to any member that had a mobile phone number in the records “HELP NEEDED AT NPB SLSC, come back to help with patrols, we are flexible”, the response was great. We also asked members that do not have a current Bronze Medallion if they could help on patrol with other awards. So, prior to the start of the season, we organized two St Johns First Aid courses for the returning members and members that the award was expiring at no expense to the members. We ended up with 46 on the roster. The club also received a Covid grant that we put towards membership fees, so we were able to reduce

these fees down to \$5.00 for the season. To show our appreciation to the patrolling members, the club put on diner after each patrol, thanks to the efforts of Graham Howard and his team (Michelle H, Michelle R, Sarah, Wendy and Warren), they even introduced vegetarian and vegan options.

Towards the end of the season, we formed a positive subcommittee to look at member retention and new membership. This is a work in progress, and I would like to thank Sharon Green, Chloe Lovell, Megan Brown, Michael Millar, Jon Erickson, Matt Gambold for joining me on this committee. In addition to this, I would like to thank Matt Gambold for looking after the North Palm Beach web page and Sharon Green who looks after the Instagram and Facebook sites, which are looking great. Sharon is always keen for more photos to add, so keep them coming in.

EQUIPMENT

Last season we were informed that our near new Zodiac Milpro IRB was made 40 mm shorter than the SLSA specifications. We accepted an offer from SLSA to receive a full refund of the purchase price where the insurance company would take the IRB and we would purchase a new IRB. After receiving the refund, we purchased a new Zodiac Milpro IRB that met SLSA specifications. We were then informed we could keep and still use the original IRB.

At the end of the season, we also tested and purchased a new Kubota diesel SSV that was delivered in the off season. This will replace the old green Cam Am SSV that was on its last legs. The yellow Can Am SSV is still in great condition and these both will be operational for the upcoming season.

The Sea Do Spark RWC was used on patrol this season by our members that also operate the branch Support Ski 1 that is located at North Palm Beach. Due to the age of the Spark, the club is looking at updating it for next season. For over 12 months we have had a handful of North Palm Beach members in training to operate the Spark on patrol. They have been ready for their assessment for some time now, it will be great to have these members operating the club RWC on patrol when the branch finds the time to assess them.

We also purchased a secondhand boat trailer that we have been modifying to carry the new IRB and, when need be, the SSV. Modifying the trailer, preparing the new SSV for the beach and preparing the green SSV for sale has kept us busy over the last few months. A big thank you to Warren Howard, Robert Cox, Graham Howard and Kerry Traynor who helped with these projects.

PATROLS

Prior to the season, I met with Ben Neighbour, Club Captain of Palm Beach SLSC, to see what we could do for each other and to continue the bond both clubs have. We agreed that Palm Beach SLSC would supply 2 Bronze Members for every patrol when asked and

they also agreed to have all their 60 freshers do a patrol at North Palm Beach. This consisted of 4 patrols with 15 freshers in each patrol. We reached out to Wally and Kelly Dobrow to run and mentor these patrols. We had nothing but positive feedback from all that were involved. In return, while the Palm Beach freshers were on patrol, Matt Gambold, Warren Howard and I trained all the freshers to operate the SSV and gain their award, this included many hours of reversing trailers along the beach. I can still hear the reverse beeper.

North Palm Beach started the season with 8 patrols on the roster consisting of 6 regular patrols, an Active Reserve patrol and Wally's Palm Beach Fresher patrol. At the start of the Christmas school holidays we had to reduce the roster to 7 patrols as we needed more Bronze Medallion members on patrol for the peak holiday period. Throughout the 2020/2021 season North Palm Beach members logged 3145.08 hours on patrol and with assistance from visitors we totaled 3480.08 hours. At this time can I just thank all those who put in extra time on patrol, especially Matt Gambold with 333 hours on patrol and Warren Howard with 251 hours on patrol.

During the season we conducted 34 rescues, 18 of these were with a rescue board followed by 6 with no gear and 4 with the jet ski. The bulk of the rescues were conducted between 1pm and 4pm.

In addition to entering the numbers of swimmers, craft and people on the beach every hour into Surfguard, this season saw the extra role of monitoring crowds, reporting the number of people in our primary patrol area (approximately 200 metres each side of the flags) and notifying Surfcom every two hours so Police and Council could track numbers due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Thanks to all those members that patrolled this season, especially those who did the extra voluntary patrols to help on Christmas Day, New Year's Day and when we were a little short on patrol throughout the season. Hopefully, you all enjoyed yourselves in 2020/2021 and are keen to return for another successful season in 2021/2022.

Rescues for Season 2021

Type/Times	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	TOTAL
No Gear	2		1		2	1		6
Rescue Tube		1		1				2
Rescue Board		1	1	4	8	4		18
IRB						1		1
RWC				2		1	1	4
Other				1		1	1	3
TOTAL	2	2	2	8	10	8	2	34



Patrol Hours Season 2021-2021

First Name	Last Name	Patrols Completed	Hours on Patrol	First Name	Last Name	Patrols Completed	Hours on Patrol
Adam	Abboud	4	32	Darren	Jones	2.5	20.5
Helen	Adams	4	32	Jacqueline	Karim	9	72
Mackenzie	Apps-Tulip	10	89.5	Terence	Kirkpatrick	10	88
David	Bambridge	3.5	37	Chloe	Lovell	12	103
Megan	Brown	10	79	Daniel	Mancini	9	149
Robert	Cox	10	146	Yannick	Marot	4	35
Adam	Crowley	8	65	Jeff	Maurer	12	103
Bruce	Daley	9	85.5	Julie	Maurer	6	50
Brian	De Bono	8	78.5	Michael	Miller	10	114
Walter	Dobrow	4	32	Nicholas	Morris	9	81
Darryl	Dunbar	3.5	41	Peter	Mossel	3	24
Jon	Erickson	11	149	Paul	Nelson	9	87
Andrew	Fox	8	48.5	Michelle	Rae	10	122
David	Fox	7	40.5	Helen	Richards	5	42
Matthew	Gambold	8.5	333	Geordie	Spenceley	9	71
Sharon	Green	13	105	Luke	Symond	10	80
Deborah	Greenwood	1	8	Mark	Tilley	11	241.5
Marcus	Gyngell	6	57	Wendy	Tulip	11	149
Michelle	Howard	10	90	Mark	Ullman	3.5	28
Warren	Howard	10	251	Rebecca	Ullman	3.5	28



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

- **William Morell**

It gives me great pleasure to present the North Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club's financial report for the 2020-2021 year.

I have summarised the major financial data below with comparison to prior year below:



	2019 – 2020	2020 - 2021
Total Income	\$ 192,873	\$ 276,196
Total Expenditure	\$ 252,348	\$ 399,520
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (59,475)	\$ (123,324)
Total Members Funds	\$1,047,439	\$1,173,198
Total Cash	\$ 311,194	\$ 204,949

As shown above, the Club incurred a loss for the 2020-2021 financial year amounting to \$123,324. This is compared to a loss in the 2019-2020 year of 59,475.

I draw the members attention to the Auditors note on page 1 of the financial statements which states, in part:

"...North Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. paid legal fees totalling \$161,718. On 4 May 2021 a Subsequent Event Damages Award was received by the Club totalling \$133,594"

If the Club not paid the legal fees, the Club would have returned a profit of \$38,394. Additionally, the financial result for the upcoming financial year (2021-2022) will include the \$133,594 received in May 2021.

As a result, in part, due to the payment of legal fees, the Club's cash position reduced by \$107,000. (on 23 July 2021, the Club had cash of \$316,164).

The Club has claimed all applicable benefits offered by the Commonwealth Government throughout the year as a result of the impact of Covid-19. These benefits include JobKeeper and the Business stimulus packages based on a reduction in income.

A special thank you to the Board as well as to our auditors, KH Perry & Co for once again, undertaking the audit of our financials this year.

The full audited financial report prepared by KH Perry & Co is at the end of the Annual Report from page 31 for the following 13 pages.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT

– Terry Kirkpatrick

The 2020/21 season was, thanks to the efforts of all our members, another successful season for NPB SLSC.

Working together we overcame all the difficulties of a small active membership, the continuing disruption of COVID restrictions and the poor weather for much of the summer.

Once again, there were no lives lost during our patrol hours and our patrolling members carried out a number of rescues, often well outside the flagged area of the beach. Our patrols are proactive in managing the beach and monitoring how the public are using the beach. Our roving patrols let the swimmers know the safest areas to swim even towards the



northern end of the car park well away from the flagged area where the main patrol is situated. Without doubt, managing the beach well is preventive, reducing the number of rescues that we have to perform each season. This season most patrols had members without a bronze medallion but with senior first aid qualifications. This proved to be very successful and our first aiders provided many members of the public with first aid for both major and minor injuries. Having first aiders on patrol was great on the days with bluebottles invading the beach as it freed up the bronze holders to continue monitoring the beach.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all our patrolling members who spent many extra hours on patrol this season. Once again, our patrol captains and patrols maintained the high standards that NPB SLSC is known for. Members of the public swim and surf at North Palm Beach with confidence that their safety is the focus of all our members.

As the season was approaching it looked like we might struggle to have many patrols as we only had about 20 active members renewing their membership. Then 'Captain NPB' – Mark Tilley stepped in - like a superhero wearing a cape and with his undies on the outside, our Director of Lifesaving went on a recruitment drive of former members. By the time the season started we had over 40 patrolling members, an active reserve patrol and an arrangement with our sister club, Palm Beach SLSC to support our patrols – thanks Till, we appreciate all you did this season.

It was great to have Graham Howard back as President of the club. Graham provides a steady hand on the tiller overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Club and working with Home and Away and running the kiosk. It is largely through Graham's efforts that the club is in such a sound financial position and that we have such a fantastic facility to enjoy. Graham's long history with the club and as a lifesaver allows him to provide leadership in practical lifesaving and he ensures that the high standards of our patrols and administration is maintained. It is easy to take for granted all the work Graham does for the club and its members.

This season Matt Gambold was our Director of Education. After over 30 years training and assessing our members, Warren Howard stepped down as Director of Education. Even though Warren stepped down from a formal role on the Board of Directors he was at the club every weekend filling on patrols and mentoring and supporting all our members. Matt stepped straight into the role of Director of Education putting in many hours training and arranging assessments for our members. Matt did a great job ensuring all proficiencies were completed and our members kept their awards up to date. Matt also completed over 300 hours on patrol – what an effort – thanks Matt.

Our Director of Finance, Will Morell, despite some health issues this season, has maintained his usual high standard of managing the club's finances and making sure we comply with all the regulatory standards and requirements of an incorporated entity and registered charity. Will keeps a close eye on all our income and expenditure making sure we keep to our budget. Will's efforts for the club over many years were recognized at the last AGM when the members awarded him Life Membership – congratulations Will.

It is important that I acknowledge the role and work carried out by our other Director – Luke Symonds our Director of Membership. As well as carrying out his role on the Board, Luke was also a patrol captain and spent many hours on the beach during the season.

Our club continued the very good working relationship with our sister club at the southern end of the beach. We also continued to support a range of community support initiatives this season including:

- Use of club facilities by Council Lifeguards
- Use of club facilities by SNB Branch RWC for training, proficiencies and assessments
- Assisting other surf clubs with Assessment of Awards
- Dunes Regeneration, every third Saturday of the month
- SLSA Rip Campaign
- Corrective Services community service program

Finally, I would like to thank our all our members, both active and associate for their efforts this season as part of our 75th year. In particular I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of Robert Cox, Jon Erickson, Sharon Green, Chloe Lovell, Daniel Mancini, Jeff Maurer, Michael Miller, Michelle Rae and Wendy Tulip who all did over 100 hours on patrol as well as Warren Howard and Mark Tilley who spent over 200 hours on the beach and finally Matt Gambold with over 300 hours on patrol.



Although COVID restrictions have interrupted our opportunities to celebrate 75 years of lifesaving at North Palm Beach we continue to maintain the high standards we have set for this club. When COVID permits we will have a 75th Anniversary Celebration for all current and former members.



100% Patrol Attendance 2020-2021 Season

Mackenzie Apps-Tulip
David Bambridge
Megan Brown
Robert Cox
Bruce Daley
Wally Dobrow
Darryl Dunbar
Jon Erickson

Matt Gambold
Sharon Green
Michelle Howard
Warren Howard
Terry Kirkpatrick
Daniel Mancini
Michael Miller
Nick Morris

Michelle Rae
Geordie Spenceley
Wendy Tulip
Mark Tilley
Mark Ullman
Rebecca Ullman



1 Year 100% Patrols

David Bambridge
Megan Brown
Robert Cox
Bruce Daley
Wally Dobrow

Darryl Dunbar
Jon Erickson
Sharon Green
Michelle Howard
Daniel Mancini

Michael Miller
Nick Morris
Michelle Rae
Mark Ullman
Rebecca Ullman

3 Years 100% Patrols

Mark Tilley

4 Years 100% Patrols

Mackenzie Apps-Tulip

5 Years 100% Patrols

Wendy Tulip

15 Years 100% Patrols

Terry Kirkpatrick

19 Years 100% Patrols

Warren Howard

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONS 'S REPORT

– Matthew Gambold

This season has seen some big changes in education. Not only an overhaul to the Bronze Medallion curriculum (PSAR35) but also a range of changes made to different awards. Combine this with the introduction of several training restrictions due to COVID-19 and this season has definitely been a challenging one. A big thank you to all members, new and returning, for your ongoing understanding throughout the season, it has made my first year in the role a lot easier and is much appreciated.

I'm pleased to say we have 3 new members this year who passed their Bronze Medallion assessment.

Congratulations to Yannick Marot, Chloe Lovell, and Daniel Mancini, you have done well so far and I look forward to working with you on more awards in the seasons to come. It was great to see the whole bronze squad band together and work as a team, always willing to assist each other, give advice and encourage each other as a team. We look forward to seeing Megan Brown back after injury and anyone else interested in the course going through next season.

This season has seen a large return of old members, all needing to be run through in-depth proficiencies/assessments, thank you to these members for your cooperation and we will continue to work on any awards you may be missing/need going forward.

North Palm Beach also ran a range of award courses over the season which included hosting several of Palm Beach SLSC's members in a combined training effort at the club. I would like to thank Palm Beach SLSC for their assistance in these courses and look forward to working with them in the future. The courses included: 3 x First Aid Certificate courses, 2 x Advanced Resuscitation Technique Certificate (ARTC) course. These courses have meant we have seen a major rise in our First Aider group, with many new patrolling members assisting on the beach with patrol operations holding First Aid/ARTC/SSV awards. It is great to see their enthusiasm to help and volunteer on patrols, the assistance they provide allows us to have more eyes on patrol and more hands for helping the public and is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Brian De Bono for completing his Silver Medallion Beach Management (SMBM) award, he has now joined our other 3 candidates for training on the club's Seadoo Spark RWC. Also well done to Luke Symond for obtaining his Silver Medallion IRD Drivers award this season. We have several other members in training for their IRB Crew awards that we look forward to putting through next season.

A new rostering partnership organised with Palm Beach SLSC has meant we have been training Palm Beach patrol members in their SSV operator awards whilst they assist us on patrols up at North Palm Beach. Thank you to Mark Tilley for organising and assisting in the



training of these members, it has meant greater resources for the club in terms of patrol numbers, and less rostered patrols for all other members.

Lastly, thank you to Warren Howard, former Director of Education, for being a great mentor and thank you to others who have assisted me in my first year as Director, their help has been greatly appreciated.

Awards for 2020-2021 Season

Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)

- Chloe Lovell
- Daniel Mancini
- Yannick Marot

Silver Medallion Beach Management

- Brian De Bono

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

- Luke Symond

UAV Instructor

- Matthew Gambold

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]

- Megan Brown
- Jeff Conen
- Brian DeBono
- Jon Erickson
- Sharon Green
- Michelle Howard
- Chloe Lovell
- Daniel Mancini
- Jeff Maurer
- Michael Miller
- Nicholas Morris

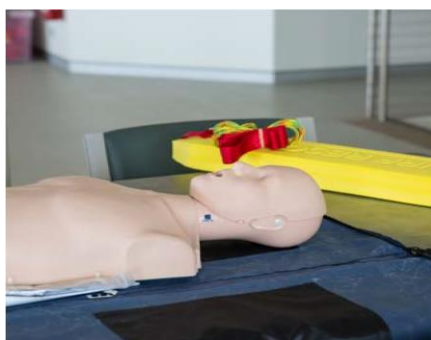
Michelle Rae
First Aid Certificate (HLTAID001, 002, 003)

- Helen Adams
- Sarah Adorjany
- Adam Crowley
- Bruce Daley
- Andrew Fox
- Sharon Green
- Michelle Howard
- Warren Howard
- Chloe Lovell
- Daniel Mancini
- Yannick Marot
- Jeff Maurer
- Julie Maurer
- Michael Miller
- Peter Mossel
- Paul Nelson
- Helen Richards
- Molly Tame
- Wendy Tulip
- Mark Ullman
- Rebecca Ullman

SSV Operator Induction

- Adam Abboud
- Helen Adams

- Mackenzie Apps-Tulip
- David Bambridge
- Robert Cox
- Adam Crowley
- Bruce Daley
- Brian De Bono
- Walter Dobrow
- Andrew Fox
- David Fox
- Matthew Gambold
- Marcus Gyngell
- Graham Howard
- Michelle Howard
- Warren Howard
- Terence Kirkpatrick
- Daniel Mancini
- Jeff Maurer
- Michael Miller
- Nicholas Morris
- Peter Mossel
- Michelle Rae
- Geordie Spenceley
- Luke Symond
- Mark Tilley
- Wendy Tulip
- Mark Ullman



Director of Membership Report

– Luke Symond

2020-2021 was again a difficult year with only a small number of patrolling members. Thank you to all members that attended patrols this season and also Palm Beach SLSC for their assistance. Despite the low membership count, North Palm Beach was patrolled every weekend and public holiday during the active season. Thanks to those members who came down to club on a regular basis to make up the numbers on other patrols throughout the season.



I would like to particularly acknowledge the hard work of Warren Howard, Matt Gambold and Bob Cox who were always available to fill in or make up the numbers on patrol. Warren and Matt are at the club every weekend to support all patrolling members.

Throughout the coming season there will be a major focus on membership recruitment. We would appreciate all the assistance that we can get from our current members to introduce our club, facilities & benefits of NPB SLSC membership, to as many family and friends as possible.

We look forward to growing our patrolling member count in the upcoming season to reduce the workload for all the current members of the club.

VALE

The President, Management Committee and members of North Palm Beach Surf Club would like to extend our sympathy to the families of our club members and those from the wider surf lifesaving movement who have lost loved ones during the past season, our thoughts are with you.

May they rest in peace



Life Memberships Awarded at 2020 AGM

Nominee: William Morell

Nominated By: Sharon Raper

Member Since 2002

Awards: BM, ARC, IRBCrew Certificate, Silver Medallion IRB Drivers Medallion, Radio Operators Certificate, Silver Medallion Patrol Captain, Training Officer IRB, First Aid Certificate and ARTC.

Held the Position of Club Treasurer for many years



Will started assisting with Home and Away with Howie, he would help by driving the PWC & Water Safety as well as assisting with all the club logistics starting at 6am and finishing sometimes at 7 to 8pm but often after 11pm.

He was also a patrolling member rising to a Patrol Captain where with his skill and common sense made him a good leader and he always worked well with his team.

Later with his accounting skills he became the Treasurer, a position he still holds and he has always been an outstanding executive member of the Board and has improved the club's way of financial record keeping making sure we comply with all the regulatory standards required of an incorporated body and registered charity. He has provided stability to the club's financial management and keeps a close watch on our budget and expenditure. Will's many years on patrol means he has a broad understanding of the needs of the club and the ethos of surf lifesaving and he brings this perspective when providing information, guidance and recommendations at Board meetings.

Will has worked quietly and diligently for the club for over 19 years and is worthy of the honour of Life Membership.



Nominee: Terry Kirkpatrick

Nominated By: Mr Graham Howard, Life Member North Palm Beach SLSC

Member Since 2005

Awards: BM, ARC, Crewman's Certificate, Silver Medallion Drivers Medallion, Radio Operators Certificate, Silver Medallion Patrol Captain, Training Officer IRB, First Aid Certificate and Defib Certificate.



Held the Positions of Secretary 2007-2008

President 2008-2010

Deputy President 2013-2014

Director of Administration 2013-2020

Since joining the club from North Curl Curl SLSC Terry has carried out patrols on the beach and has gained 100% patrol every year he has been a member of NPBSLSC.

Rising to a Patrol Captain where with his skill and common sense he is able to work well with his team. He has held a variety of positions on the Club Executive as Deputy President, President and for the last six years held the position of Director of Administration.

Terry was the driving force behind the clubs Outback Meets the Beach Program where young members of the Jawoyn Aboriginal Community from the Northern Territory were hosted by NPBSLSC during the summer were put through a lifesaving and wellbeing program devised by Terry. This was a partnership program where members of the club travelled to the Northern Territory and were hosted by the Jawoyn Aboriginal Community and experienced their culture and lifestyle. Outback Meets the Beach was recognised in State Parliament by the Member for Pittwater as an example of practical reconciliation and it was awarded the Community Event of the Year by Pittwater Council. Terry also introduced the club's successful Junior program which centred on practical lifesaving experiences for the junior cohort of the club.

As the Director of Administration Terry gives good counsel at Board meetings, ensuring that the decisions made were founded on experience and an understanding of the ethos of the club. While in the role Terry facilitated the updating of the club constitution on two occasions.

Terry has been a quiet achiever and his volunteer work over the last 15 years plays a major role ensuring that the frontline lifesavers at North Palm Beach have the most up to date equipment for rescue and training. He is an integral member of North Palm Beach SLSC.



Surf Lifesaving Sponsors & Key Partners

North Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc would like to thank the following organisations for their support and generosity to Surf Life Saving

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Surf Lifesaving NSW: Your local club, Deputy, Envirobank, Sharkskin, Midford, Dolphin, Team Building with Purpose & Energy Locals



Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches: ICMS, Streets – Oct 2020, Brookvale Nissan, Westfield Warringah Mall, DY RSL, Speedo, URM, Northern Beaches Hospital, Northern Beaches Council & NSW Government



Membership List 20/21

Life Members Active

Jeffrey Conen
Robert Cox
Elizabeth Howard
Graham Howard
Joan Howard
Steven Howard
Warren Howard
Paul Jones
Terence Kirkpatrick
William Morell
Michelle Rae
Kerry Traynor
Wendy Tulip

Life Members Archived

* G. A. Wilson Snr
*F. H. Savage
*J. W. Noyes
*A. A. Martin
*T. Brown
*J. I Carroll
*H. Southcombe
*D. Stead
*C. R. Lees
*J. D. Piper
*A. R. Grant
*J. K. Traynor
*A. S Burns
*N. Olsen
*J. W. Maudson Snr
+ P. Lewis
+P. J. Dunn
+ A. J Grant Jnr
+R. Baines

+ Archived *Deceased

Long Service Members

Walter Dobrow
Daniel Smith
Mark Tilley

Reserve Active Members

Bruce Daley
Jon Erikson
Geoffrey Hale
Darren Jones
Michael Miller
Peter Mossel

Member 15-18 years

Kelsey Apps-Tulip

Member 18 years +

Adam Abboud
Helen Adams
Mackenzie Apps-Tulip
David Bambridge
Megan Brown
Adam Crowley
Brian De Bono
Tyeran Delpuch
Darryl Dunbar
Matthew Gambold
Deborah Greenwood
Marcus Gyngell
Jacqueline Karim
Ellen Kirkpatrick
Chloe Lovell
Daniel Mancini
Yannick Marot
Jeffrey Maurer
Julie Maurer

Nicholas Morris
Paul Nelson
Geordie Spenceley
Luke Symond
Mark Ullman
Rebecca Ullman

Award Members

Shaima Abdel Ghany
Sarah Adler
Andrew Fox
David Fox
Sharon Green
Michelle Howard
Helen Richards

Associate Members

Sarah Adorjany
Neil Faulkner
Denise King
Jimmy King
Damian Macey
William Morell
Malcolm Muller

Probationary

Conor Dakanalis
Destiny Gileff
Chiara Guanta
Kate Hanford
Adem Korkmazer
Colin Lee
Ah Young Park
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