

NAROOMA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

2020-21 SEASON ANNUAL REPORT



Narooma Surf Life Saving Club Inc
Ballingalla Street, Narooma New South Wales
Established 1981



Our Mission

To save lives, create great Australians and build a better community.

Narooma Surf Life Saving Club is one of seven clubs in the Far South Coast Branch. NSLSC is a not-for-profit organisation registered under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991.

Our club was re-formed in 1981 with the charitable purpose to practice and promote surf lifesaving and the application of first aid, in line with that of Surf Life Saving Australia. Narooma Surf Life Saving Club encourages the spirit of friendship and good social responsibility amongst members. We ensure beachgoers are safe at our beach and surrounding areas and provide surf safety education. The funds we raise help us achieve that purpose.

Main Beach was the popular choice for bathers, and its dangers also became apparent. A small group of experienced, regular surfers came together to help people who needed rescuing.

Volunteer lifesavers continue to keep our coastline safe. The red and yellow flags patrol Main Beach from September to April on weekends and Public Holidays. A call out team also responds to emergencies throughout the year.

The Nippers program for 5 to 13-year olds ensures that the next generation learn the valuable life skills and knowledge which may one day save their life, or even perhaps the life of another.

Volunteer Season Statistics

Total Membership	281
Rescues	1
Preventative Actions	36
First Aid Treatments	2
Beach Attendance	4,389
Total Patrol Hours	1,841





Dominic from Narooma Golf Club with Narooma Nippers

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President's Report



Jon Carruthers

President

Narooma SLSC

Well another season has finished and we survived it a little easier than the previous year.

Although we still had to deal with the COVID-19 crisis gripping the world, here in Australia and particularly on the South Coast we live our lives at a fairly 'normal' pace which means we can enjoy our relaxed lifestyle of going to the beach to swim, lay in the sun and socialise with our friends.

Most importantly for our club it means we can perform our community service of protecting the public on the beach.

Many thanks to all our volunteers that donate their time to the club in their various roles throughout the year, particularly our active patrolling members as they must maintain a state of readiness in case an emergency in the water or on the beach occurs.

This means that our patrolling members must stay up to date with the latest lifesaving skills and of course that means doing online courses and, in some cases, it means donating more of their time to complete practical courses on the beach to hone their skills.

You will be pleased to know that once again we have had zero drownings at our patrolled beach this season! Thanks to all the members involved in this achievement.

Thanks to the continued hardworking committee we have been able to secure grants to fund some important upgrades to the clubhouse, you may have noticed the new kitchen and cabinets, new air conditioning so far. There are

upgrades to the toilet facilities, sound proof insulation to be installed as well as new solar power with battery backup on the way.

So, it looks like our club has a strong future, although the work never ends. The active season has, which means our members can have a well-deserved break.

I have been heartened to see our SRC and Nipper members enjoying themselves out on paddle boards after Nippers on Sunday mornings after completing water safety and training, cracking waves and generally having a good time which means that our Nipper training program is working well!



Social distancing at our meetings



Nippers Water Safety; Gary, Melissa and Elizabeth

Life Members

1992 John (Jock) Rollings

1992 James (Max) Young

1993 Paul White

1993 Peter Farrell

1994 Cheryl Constable

1994 Kay Lawrence

1994 Jenni Bourke

1997 Christopher Young

2001 Wayne Mullavey

2007 Graeme Sawyer

2010 Stephen Dobson

2013 Ray Hirst

2018 Brendan Constable

2018 Roger Adams

2021 Belinda Bywater

2021 Glenn Bywater



Paul White with new Life Member Inductees, Glenn & Belinda Bywater

Committee



Jon Carruthers
President (until February 2021)

It is with regret that we said farewell to our great friend, role model, ever reliable patrolling member and committee chairperson. Jon Carruthers, our Club President stepped down from his leadership role in February as he prepared for his move interstate.

Our best wishes are with Jon as he pursues a new adventure in the Sunshine State and we know his love for surf lifesaving will surely continue in the warm waters up north.

Jon has generously served Narooma Surf Club for many years, not only as our President but as a lifesaver and competitor. Jon has always been there to boost our patrolling numbers when we are running short and he has been a familiar face in our water safety crew at Nippers for many years after his own kids graduated the Nippers program.

Jon has always been a regular behind the bar at functions and events but it is in a surfboat that his smile shines the brightest. Whether it be rowing the George Bass Marathon or Sprint races, Jon loves being in the boat and doesn't mind a little banter on the microphone either. He has been known to provide commentary on the PA system at carnivals and never shy providing tv or radio interviews promoting such events.

We will truly miss Jon and his friendly face at the club and around town. He leaves big shoes to fill and we know that his generosity of spirit and sociable, friendly nature will be valued in his new community.



Glenn Bywater
Secretary and Hall Manager

Glenn has been an active member of the club with 668 career patrol hours.

He volunteered as Club Captain from 2006 to 2011 and currently holds Narooma Surf Club position of Secretary and has done so since 2012.

Glenn also; Manages and holds the liquor license for the club; Manages hall bookings; Completes all Carnival entries; Volunteers as an official at local and state-run carnivals; Regular volunteer at Nippers and board training sessions; Assists at all working bees and club events; Prepares for and assists at Frothy Friday events which drives engagement between club members.

At the end of this season, Glenn was inducted as a life member of Narooma Surf Life Saving Club.



Belinda Bywater
Treasurer

Belinda has been an associate member of Narooma SLSC since 2008/09 season and has held the position of Treasurer ever since. Belinda has completed the age manager course but is usually found in the kitchen on Nipper days, helping with the preparation and serving of the Nipper BBQ/canteen.

Belinda is always found assisting club events like the Australia Day breakfast; takes the minutes at club meetings and is a diligent administrator for the club.

When Belinda first took on the position of Treasurer she saw an opportunity to claim GST for the club and went about gathering data of many years-worth of records which enabled the club to receive a backdated GST amount of many thousands of dollars. She has gone on to keep the club's finances compliant with all SLSNSW and ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission) requirements.

We are very appreciative of the time and commitment Belinda has given the club and congratulate her on being named a Life Member this season.



Claudia Ferguson Club Captain

Claudia has been a clubbie since 2007, starting out as a Moruya Nipper and going on to gain much experience as a cadet and active patrolling member at Broulee Surfers.

Moving to the area, Narooma SLSC was fortunate to receive Claudia as a new registration and took her up on her offer to assist in this her first season by appointing her to the vacant role of Club Captain.

A position that she has not yet undertaken in her SLS career, Claudia has shown she is wholly capable and has embraced the role with enthusiasm and contagious energy.



Ben Bate Chief Training Officer

Ben has been a volunteer for Narooma SLSC since 2009 and quickly became a qualified and valuable surf lifesaver in our ranks.

Ben brought much knowledge and experience to the club with his Marine Rescue background, soon joining the education space as a Trainer and Assessor.

Ben regularly utilises the local paramedics to assist with the training of our new trainee members and requalification of our existing surf lifesavers which ensures the techniques used are the most up to date and allows our members to ask questions of experienced professionals.

Included in Ben's service to Narooma SLSC, is his many seasons as President. A position in which he conducted himself professionally and achieved many positive outcomes, like that of the new storage shed.

Ben is also a Duty Officer for the Far South Coast Branch and so is the first contact should an emergency occur in the waters in and around Narooma, 24 hours a day, year round.



Carla Durnan Nippers Coordinator and Member Protection Information Officer

Carla's family joined the club and started their Nippers journey in 2017 and loved it. Being a school teacher, Carla found it natural to take an Age Manager role and later the Coordinator position.

Carla has a wonderfully patient nature with both kids and adults having given much of her time to others, ensuring everyone's needs in the Junior program are heard and met.

The last couple of seasons have been challenging with the bushfire emergency and the COVID-19 pandemic. Carla has responded and adapted to both creatively with the kids always in the forefront of her decision making.

Committee



Ella Foat
Registrar



Mark Rogerson
First Aid Officer



Leanne Constable
Publicity Officer



Brendan O'Mahony
IRB Captain & Gear
Steward



Wayne Matters
Radio Officer



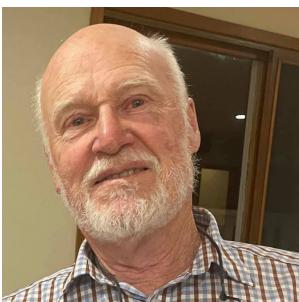
Fleur Constable
Merchandise



Nigel Constable
Boat Captain



Stephen Dobson
Branch Delegate &
General Committee



Paul White
Branch Delegate &
General Committee



James (Max) Young
General Committee



Lisa Beveridge
General Committee
Member



Geoff Newton
General Committee

Season Snapshot

	2016 /17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Membership Growth	-6.59%	+7.36%	-10.85%	-26.28%	+23.48%
Male	174	179	163	121	142
Female	152	171	149	109	142
Indeterminate	0	0	0	0	0
Total Membership	326	350	312	230	284
Training					
Bronze Medallion	3	7	2	5	5
Surf Rescue Certificate	5	11	14	4	19
Powercraft Awards	12	0	1	0	0

A total of 19 new Surf Rescue Certificate Award Members!



Recognition

2020-21 Season Award Winners

Club Person of the Year

Claudia Ferguson

Female Patrol Person of the Year

Jade Hancock

Male Patrol Person of the Year

Curtis Hancock

Youth Female Patrol Person of the Year

Sarah Mead

Youth Male Patrol Person of the Year

Jorge Constable

President's Award

Robyn and John Brice

Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Travis Stubbs

Nipper of the Year

Mikayla Homan

Life Member Inductees

Belinda Bywater

Glenn Bywater

Thanks again for such a wonderful night. Dinner was off its head, thanks to Mr Bold catering!

Congrats to Glenn and Belinda on their life membership. And to Jorge and Sarah, our junior lifesavers of the year! Curtis and Jade Hancock were our patrollers of the year. And a surprise to me, sneaky club person of the year award.

Hope to meet y'all on the beach for a ripper 2021/2022 season.

Claudia



SRC Member - Bray Constable



Sonny Dudley and Jorge Constable



Carla and Paul White

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Silly Hat SENIOR PRESENTATION

Narooma Surf Life Saving Club



Wayne and Cooper Matters



Jorja Muscio and Brendan Constable



Delicious Meal by Mr Bold Catering Co.



Narelle Constable, Chris Young and Lisa Beveridge



Cheryl and Jae Constable



Claudia Ferguson and Steve Dobson

Lifesaving



Claudia Ferguson Club Captain

Patrols over the 2020-2021 season were a huge success thanks to the smashing efforts of 67 active patrollers, including our junior cadet members.

There were zero drowning deaths, only one reported rescue, two first aid treatments and 36 preventative actions.

This season's flexible roster was well received by patrollers. This meant they were able to select their preferred dates before the season start.

Patrollers were asked to do 10 shifts over the six months season (November - April), with two of those shifts being public holidays. Patrollers who did not respond with their selected dates were allocated.

There were 25 patrollers who completed the season with 100 percent attendance.

There was only one occasion, late in the season, where a surveillance patrol took place due to unavailabilities.

Narooma members collectively carried out 1873.3 patrol hours

this season. Glenn Bywater, 67hrs, and Brendan Constable, 62hrs, were two of the most active members on the beach.

A shoutout to our top junior patrollers, Jorge Constable, 71.5hrs, Sam Matters, 57hrs and Sarah Mead, 62hrs.

Awards presented at the presentation on Saturday, June 19:

Jorge and Sarah were junior patrollers of the year for their outstanding efforts. Jorge and Sarah had a huge presence at competition carnivals and as water safety throughout the season. They committed to patrols and demonstrated leadership skills as excellent role models and junior lifesavers.

Jade and Curtis Hancock were awarded patrol persons of the year. They were very active, engaging and organised members who completed 100 percent of their rostered patrols.

Together, the duo from Canberra completed 112hrs of patrols and their commitment and dedication to the club was appreciated.

A huge thank you to life members who stepped in to help patrol when needed.



Callum James and Liam Mahony



Sam Perry, Narelle Constable and Callum James



Top Patrolling Members for 2020-21 Season (40+ hours)

Jorge Constable	71.5	Jade Hancock	56	Elli Beecham	47
Glenn Bywater	67	Jon Carruthers	55	Dion Cafe	45
Brendan Constable	62	Claudia Ferguson	54	Jorja Muscio	44
Sarah Mead	62	Wayne Mullavey	51	Caitlin Don	41
Nigel Constable	58.5	Dan Efraemson	49	Chris Young	41
Samuel Matters	57	Steve Perry	48	Callum James	40
Ben Bate	56	Gary Vlatkovich	48	Sam Perry	40
Curtis Hancock	56	Jade Vlatkovich	48	Mark Rogerson	40

There were 284 members registered in 2020. Feedback from patrollers was that COVID-19 hampered their confidence due to minimal hands-on training during requalifications. Looking ahead, the 2021/22 season will include more engagement with simulations and on beach training during patrols to boost members’ confidence. The introduction of TeamApp for better communication with rostering was also suggested and likely to be implemented.



Steve Perry and Stacey Mahony



Brendan and Jorge Constable

Education

Awards Achieved in 2020-21 Season

Bronze Medallion

Jorge Constable
Caitlin Don
Kane Doull
Liam Mahony
Samuel Matters

Surf Rescue Certificate

Giaan Cafe
Bray Constable
Rogue Constable
Allie Mae Cook
Crystal Davies
Jesse Doull
Sonny Dudley
Mikayla Homan
Cooper Matters
Kirra McCaughtrie
Hunter McDonald
Lochlann Mead
Kaleb Miles
Claire Ovington
Hazel Robinson
Kai Singleton
Travis Stubbs
Max Van Zyl
Milo Van Zyl

Junior Activity Management

Carla Durnan

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques

Claudia Ferguson
Elizabeth Halsey

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

Brendan Constable

IRB Crew Certificate

Joe Bourke

Mental Health First Aid

Claudia Ferguson



Surf Rescue Certificate Training - Kaleb Miles and Cooper Matters



IRB Driver Training at Bermagui with Brendan Constable

Surf Sports



Official, Narooma Youth Carnival - Glenn Bywater



Far South Coast Branch Champions

U15 Male Swim	Kane Doull
U15 Male Board	Kane Doull
U15 Ironman	Kane Doull
U17 Female Sprint	Elli Beecham
U15 Pointscore Champ	Kane Doull

FSC SLS 2020-21 Surf Sport Carnivals

CARNIVAL	DATE	VENUE
Youth Carnival	5 Dec 2020	Narooma
Junior Carnival	13 Dec 2020	Narooma
Youth/Senior	16/17 Jan 2021	Pambula
Junior/Senior	13/14 Feb 2021	Broulee Surfers
Junior/Senior	20/21 Mar 2021	Tathra



Pambula Senior Carnival - Halle Constable



Far South Coast Under 15 Pointscore Champion, Kane Doull

Nippers



Carla Durnan
Nippers Coordinator

The 2020-21 Nippers season was a huge improvement on the previous one! We were able to enjoy being back on the beach without being impacted by Bushfires, smoke or COVID-19 shutdowns like in the previous season. We took the newly introduced COVID-19 guidelines for safe sport play in our stride, with introduced QR code check-ins and it was great to see us back on the sand and in the water.

We had over 120 Nippers registered this year. It was wonderful to see so many new faces and new families who wanted to get involved as well as our regular families who came every week. Our greatest enrolment was in the younger years in the U6/7 age group. Once again it proves that this age group is a huge draw point; providing water/surf safety and enthusiasm for sand events in our younger age groups. Not only did they have cute factor, but learnt a lot of new skills. Each week we had a great roll up to our weekly Sunday sessions for all age

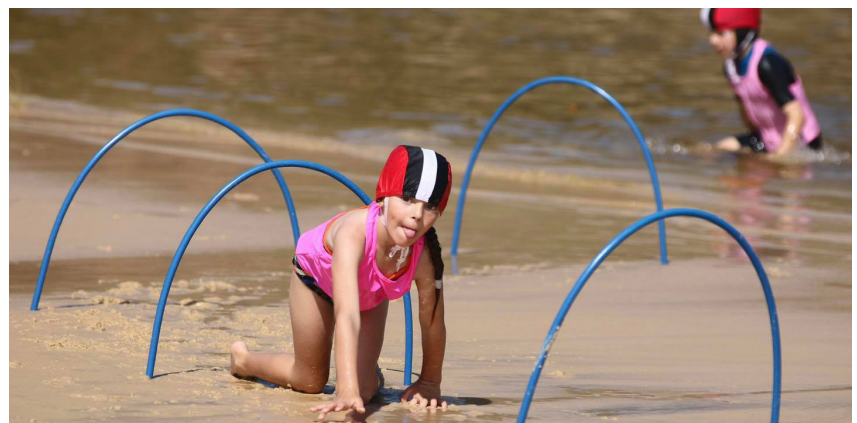
groups and our Friday Board training for our U8 and up with 80-90% of our kids coming continually each week.

This year we were able to compete in three different carnivals; Broulee, Narooma and Tathra. Even though we are a much smaller club than some of our counterparts, the data showed our continued improvement of our kids and viability of what we are doing. We were able to place in every event, and our club came a close second overall. It was wonderful for us to be able to host our own carnival again. We had a huge support crew of old and new faces who arrived early to set up and helped throughout the day.

What is the best part of our competition at each carnival is the excellent sportsmanship our kids display.

We have to give a huge thank you to our amazing helpers each week who come to assist.

A special thank you needs to go to Brendan, Glenn, Jenni, Nigel, Podge and Youngy. Their weekly support on the sand with Flags and in the water with boards and swimming assisted our kids to improve their skills and helped them achieve growth and success at carnivals this year.





Behind the scenes we also need to thank our amazing support crew upstairs at the BBQ with Belinda, her parents Robyn and John, and Lisa. The enthusiasm kids had to earn themselves a 'Ripper Nipper' of the week to get themselves a free lunch upstairs was a huge drawcard for participation and sportsmanship.

Behind the scenes we also had Monica, Leanne and Fleur. They organised our uniforms, enrolments and a million questions from families and myself! There are so many people like them doing the paperwork that keep our club rolling, so a big thanks to them as well.

A big thank you also to our Officials that come and help at every carnival up and down the Far South Coast to Dobbo, Whitey, Jenni and Youngy. It's a big ask for people to give up so much of their time for patrols, but also to then take on an official role as well - thank you.

I would also like to thank our amazing Age Managers.



They are there every week helping take care of the kids, running activities and keeping up enthusiasm for our age groups. A huge shout out to them as we have had to often shuffle groups around due to people being away, and their continued enthusiasm and flexibility was greatly appreciated.

2020-21 was a great season we were hoping to celebrate in mid July with our sponsor Narooma Golf Club hosting our presentation evening. Fingers crossed the latest COVID-19

outbreak allows us to go ahead with our presentation night, otherwise we will postpone or do another online presentation night with a pick up for their end of season gift, medals and ribbons.

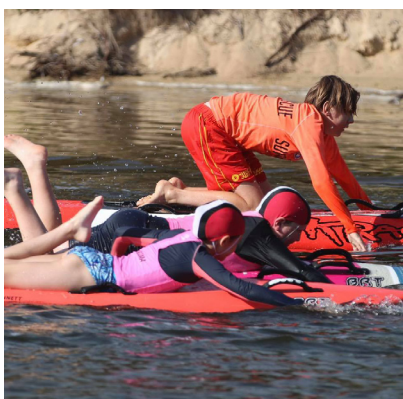
Thank you to everyone who has supported me in the role of Nippers Coordinator this season. Its been a tricky juggle, and I look forward to supporting a new person in this role for the 2021/22 season.

Nippers Recognition



Age Champions

U8 Female	Taya Constable
U8 Male	Oscar Haddon
U9 Female	Airlee Mathie
U9 Male	Liam Tague
U10 Female	Ilah Constable Dakoda Baker
U10 Male	Xavier Miles
U11 Female	Laura Ovington
U11 Male	Ty Constable
U12 Female	Camryn Pratt
U12 Male	Joel Constable
U13 Female	Claire Ovington Bray Constable
U13 Male	Kaleb Miles
U14 Female	Mikayla Homan
U14 Male	Travis Stubbs



Lifesaving Awards

U6/7	Declan Jones Paeje Mathie
U8	Harry White Celeste Baume Ash Francis
U9	Lewis Durnan Kiera McMartin Airlee Mathie
U10	Xavier Miles Ilah Constable Makhenzie Mathie
U11	Bronte Abbott Morgan French Josh Abbott
U12	Meah Beecham Harley Hill Anwen Cowie
U13	Cerys Cowie Charlie Aitchison
U14	Mikayla Homan Keelan Harmer

Ripper Nippers

Coby Boulton
Indiana Campbell
Beau Clutterbuck
Pip Dandie
Ethan Hawkins
Nicholas Henry
Declan Jones
Emma-Ivy Little-Parsons
Jack Tracey
Layla Bailey
LeBron Campbell
Grace Clark
Mia Hancock
Dylan Hawkins
Taylor Leso
Paeje Mathie
Millie McDonald
Willa McLean





Nipper of the Year - Mikayla Homan



Improvement & Sportsmanship - Water

-
- Makhenzie Mathie
-
- Henry Durnan
-
- Laura Ovington
-
- Taylah Noonan
-
- Ty Constable
-
- Portia Baker
-

Improvement & Sportsmanship - Beach

-
- Airlee Mathie
-
- Camryn Pratt
-
- Paeje Mathie
-
- Austin French
-

Nipper of the Year

-
- Mikayla Homan
-



Far South Coast Branch Champions

U8 Male Wade	Oscar Haddon
U8 Female Wade	Taya Constable
U9 Male Wade	Liam Tague
U10 Male Surf	Xavier Miles
U10 Female Surf	Ilah Constable
U12 Male Surf	Joel Constable
U13 Male Surf	Kaleb Miles
U10 Male Board	Xavier Miles
U10 Female Board	Ilah Constable
U11 Male Board	Ty Constable
U12 Male Board	Joel Constable
U13 Male Board	Bray Constable
U12 Ironman	Joel Constable
U13 Ironman	Bray Constable
U8 Female Sprint	Taya Constable
U9 Male Sprint	Liam Tague
U10 Female Sprint	Dakoda Baker
U13 Male Sprint	Bray Constable
U10 Beach Sprint Relay	NAROOMA
U13 Beach Sprint Relay	NAROOMA
U8 Male Flags	Oscar Haddon (Tied)
U8 Female Flags	Taya Constable
U10 Female Flags	Ilah Constable
U13 Male Flags	Bray Constable
U14 Male Flags	Travis Stubbs
U10 Female 500m Beach Run	Dakoda Baker
U 11 Female 1km Beach Run	Laura Ovington
U13 Female 1km Beach Run	Claire Ovington

Hall Manager Report



Glenn Bywater Hall Manager

Hall use has increased this year. This is partly due to the improvements to the club. These improvements being the new kitchen, the reverse cycle air conditioning, new table storage so far, with more to come.

We have also had more hall hire through pilates, tai chi and quilters groups.

We have had community groups such as Rotary use the hall for meetings with good feedback on the new improvements which has led to further hall hire enquiries.

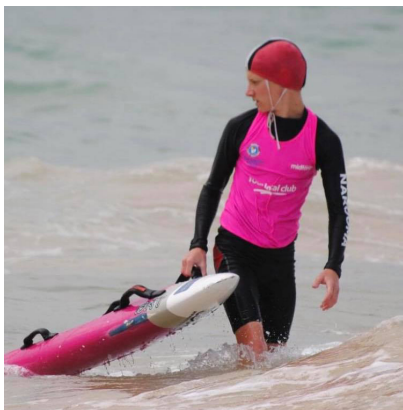
Numerous birthdays, weddings and engagement parties have utilised the hall throughout the year with further hall bookings for these types of events received.

The hall also has been used for a few wakes this year with very positive feedback on the venue.

I would like to thank all of the tradespeople for all their work and assistance throughout the year, especially Paul White who has been instrumental in organising tradespeople and meeting them at the club. Steve Dobson gets a special mention also for his assistance.



Youth Development



Travis Stubbs Junior Lifesaver of the Year

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award is a way for Clubs and Branches to recognise their U14 members' achievements in Surf Life Saving; the contributions they have made to all levels of Surf Life Saving as well as within the community.

The Branch put together a Selection Panel whose objective was to choose one male and one female to represent the Far South Coast. The male and female Branch winners then progress to the SLSNSW development camp and interview process to determine the State winners.

Travis Stubbs was put forward to represent Narooma SLSC. This is the first year that the interviews were conducted via Zoom and the panel congratulated all club nominees on their outstanding applications and interviews and all commented on how fantastic our up and coming lifesavers are.

Travis has been involved in Narooma Surf Life Saving Club since he was a little U6 Nipper.

He continually demonstrates great leadership and mentors our younger Nippers each week. This season Travis has taken on the challenge of attaining his Surf Rescue Certificate and demonstrates great qualities of a patrolling member.

He takes on board feedback from mentors and continually strives for improvement in surf sports competition, as well as on patrol. Congratulations Travis and well done.

Wambiri 2021

The Wambiri Development Camp was re-scheduled a little later in the season due to a number of conflicts, to the April school holidays. The school holidays may have played a hand in the attendance - it was one of the biggest the Branch has ever held with around 80 members!

A big thanks to Andrew Edmunds, Jimmy McGrath, Frank Davey and Leanne Constable for their work preparing and facilitating the event.

Parent helpers from Narooma included Brendan Constable and Diann Matters.

Wambiri Candidates

Bray Constable

Cooper Matters

Hazel Robinson

Hunter McDonald

Jesse Doull

Johnny Constable

Kaleb Miles

Lochlann Mead

Max Van Zyl

Milo Van Zyl

Rogue Constable

Wambiri Leaders

Annabel Pratt

Jorge Constable

Kane Doull

Thank you to Pambula SLSC for hosting the weekend.

There were a few injuries bumped heads, teeth, shoulders, but all in all a wonderful time was had.

The highlight for many was the coastal walk from Pambula SLSC to the River mouth, followed by the demonstration from Pambula RFS and Merimbula Police.



Wambiri Development Camp - Pambula Surf Life Saving Club

Partnerships and Fundraising

Belinda Bywater **Treasurer**

Membership renewals this year were better than expected, considering the disruptions to our previous season.

We were fortunate enough to be able to hold our major fundraising events this year, the New Year's Day Duck Race and the Australia Day Breakfast.

This year we received the following donations and grants:-

- A very generous donation from Bondi Surf Club.
- Once again we received wonderful support from Narooma Golf Club with a donation toward equipment.

- We were awarded a grant from Australian Sport Foundation. These funds were for the purchase of equipment for nippers, including nippers boards.

- The Commonwealth Bank of Australia provided funds from the CBA Bushfire Grant for the refurbishment of our clubhouse. To date we have updated the kitchen (including appliances), purchased new fridges for the nippers drinks and the bar, installed reverse cycle air conditioners. We still have a bit of work to do – we plan to refurbish the toilets and bar area, and install insulation.

- The Guardians of the Surf once again provided much appreciated funds. These funds have gone towards replacing damaged equipment and updating some equipment.



Australia Day Breakfast 2021

- The BSEF (Beach Safety Equipment Funds) grant were once again made available to our club for the update of safety equipment.

- We were awarded funds from the Life Saving Equipment Grant. These funds were used for solar panels and battery, water tanks, generator and updating of the first aid room and the patrol room.

Our auditors, Gleeson & Partners, do a fabulous job getting our financial report together and on occasion, signing off on our grant funding. A big thanks to them.

I wish to thank everyone who has donated and provided funding to our club. Without their support, we would not be in a position to provide the services we do.

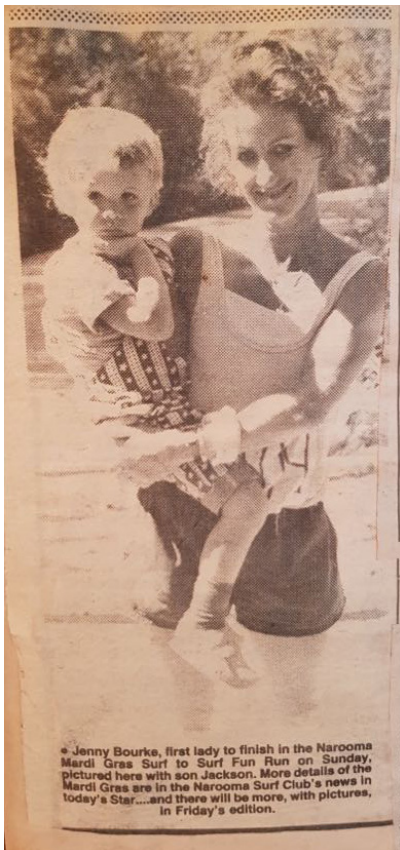
I also wish to thank everyone who has volunteered their time. Their contribution is invaluable to our club.



Thanks to Geoff Newton from South Coast Outdoor Products for fabricating our new moveable board storage racks and trailers.

Also thanks to Silly Willy's in Narooma for donating the rubber matting required.

Women in Lifesaving



July 1 2020 marked the 40 year anniversary of Women in Surf Life Saving being able to gain their Bronze Medallion and participate as active surf lifesavers in surf clubs around Australia.

While this anniversary celebrates the formal introduction of women in Surf Life Saving at a national level, women have been involved at all different levels of Surf Life Saving since its early inception in 1907.

time, Narooma SLSC had only reformed a few years earlier in 1981 and involved a small number of dedicated lifesavers and surfboat rowers. The original timber clubhouse was still operational and plans were in place to build the brick structure that stands today. Fundraising efforts and local community members all pitched in to make it happen.

competing in the George Bass Surf Marathon, the bi-annual race that has had a long lasting following with members of the club.

Jenni is humble talking about her abilities and contribution to the surf club. Jenni took a break from Nippers when she thought she wasn't needed anymore and laughs about how she was both surprised and delighted to receive an email from Brendan Constable. Brendan was in the first group of Nippers in 1988 and here he was a parent and the current Nippers Coordinator, looking for her advice.

Jenni returned to Nippers in 2013 and is a regular volunteer at the program she helped initiate some 33 years ago. It is a heart-warming sight to see Jenni riding her pushbike to the Surf Club on Sunday mornings, coaching the kids in the flags pit, officiating at carnivals, easily a favourite coach among the kids.

The Nippers program attracted new members and the club's following began to gain momentum. It was the efforts of Jenni and other dedicated community members, that the popular High School Discos, Fun Runs and the Weekend Dinner nights to feed the Caravan park tourists enabled the club to raise much needed funds for the new build and the resources required to keep the club operational.

Jenni was also a familiar face in the kitchen supporting surf boat crews

Jenni Bourke

Jenni Bourke is one of three female members who were awarded life membership in 1994 who were acknowledged for their contribution to Narooma Surf Life Saving Club and its Nipper program. Jenni gained her Bronze Medallion along with many other new club members in 1988 to have the necessary qualifications for the junior program to begin.

Jenni recalls her involvement in Nippers came from discussions at a Street Christmas party. At the



The original Narooma SLSC clubhouse

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