

Not all heroes wear capes.



Tamarama
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

2024-2025 Season
Annual Report



Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club acknowledges the Bidjigal, Birrabirragal and Gadigal people, who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Tamarama SLSC Objectives

The objectives are an important part of any organisation.

The ongoing objectives of TAMARAMA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED are as follows:

- To minimise the loss of life by drowning by providing efficient life saving equipment and rendering first aid.
- To preserve and safeguard life by the study and practice of the methods of Life Saving as taught by Surf Life Saving Australia.
- To promote and arrange demonstration, and arrange classes of instruction to bring about a thorough knowledge of the principles which underline the art of Life Saving.
- To assist the Council's Lifeguards in their duty and by appointing patrols, render all possible aid to those in distress.
- To provide conveniences for Club Members and obtain the best facilities for surf bathing.

Office Bearers Season 2024–2025

Tamarama SLSC Committees



- Patrons**
Henry Hourihan*
William Shires
- President**
Sandra Fox
- Vice President**
Zoe Scott-King
- Secretary**
Sophie Langham
- Treasurer**
Amelia Curtis
- Club Captain**
Lisa Bodrero
- Chief Training Instructor**
Arnaud de La Chaise
- Junior Activities Director**
Jonathan Hancock
- Registrar**
Gary Driscoll
- Assistant Chief Instructor**
Andrew Addie
- Club Vice Captain – Competition**
Tim Wright

- Heritage Steward**
Guy Waddell
- IRB Captain**
Drew Davidson
- Club Training Officers**
Prue Lynch David Murphy
Guy Waddell Troy Longworth
Josh Clarke Tim Wright
- Gear Steward**
Florent Polo
- Radio Steward**
Derek Bagatourian
- First Aid Stewards**
Roger Moresi
Alice Powell
- Board and Ski Captain**
Chris Barrett
- Member Protection Officer**
Louise Thompson
- ATV Officer**
Alexander Harringtonn
- Club Caretaker**
Matthew Phillips

- Nipper Co-ordinator (Administration)**
Brad Charters
- Nippers Co-ordinator (Surf Sports) and Registered Sports Official**
Shay Deguara
- Safety Officer**
Brett Appleton
- SLSA Delegate**
Tim Murray
- Hon. Medical Officer**
Dr Brandon Kober-Brown
- Inclusion Lead**
Ce Benedict
- Sustainability Lead**
Amy Croucher
- Communications Lead**
David Ogle
- Partnerships Lead**
Matteo Salval
- Merchandise Officer**
Annabelle Paterson
- Social Secretary**
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- Management Committee**
Sandra Fox (chair)
Zoe Scott-King
Sophie Langham
Amelia Curtis
Arnaud de La Chaise
Jon Hancock
Lisa Bodrero
- Judiciary Committee**
Sue Jackson (chair)
Ronan MacSweeney
Tom Bodger
Brandon Kober-Brown
Tim Murray
- Awards Committee**
Andrew Addie
Ce Benedict
Louise Thompson
Jessica Best
- Building Committee**
Richard Hamilton (chair)
Mike Turner
Matteo Salval
Ronan MacSweeney
- Heritage Committee**
Guy Waddell
Troy Longworth
Chris Bromhead

- Communications Team**
David Ogle
Prue Lynch
Bella van Stipriaan-Huik
Jemima Waddell
Mieka White
Danny Adams
Agustin Arrieta
Caspian Tailakbayev
- Sustainability Committee**
Amy Croucher (chair)
Sandra Fox
Matthew Phillips
Guy Waddell
Suzanne Ballard
- Inclusion@Tama Committee**
Ce Benedict (chair)
Zoe Scott-King
Sandra Fox
Evie Winch
Lisa Bodrero
Ellie Pietsch
Michelle Cowans
Bella van Stipriaan-Huik
Jo Miller
Matthew Werner
Sue Jackson

- Club Members who are Life Members of Surf Lifesaving Australia Ltd**
Ron Buist*
Michael Burke*
- Club Members who are Life Members of Surf Lifesaving NSW Inc.**
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Ron Buist*
Michael Burke*
Kevin Andrews*
John Wardall*
Clive Owens OAM

* Denotes Member is deceased

Club Patron’s Report



What a fantastic year it has been for our Club! After what can only be described as a monumental effort from everyone involved, we have finally taken control of our Club.

Our awards night this year was a true celebration, held at the Club with everyone dressed to impress and enjoying the festivities. The Clubhouse has exceeded my expectations, transforming into a vibrant hub that is even better than I envisioned when we embarked on this journey.

Now that we are fully operational, it's heartening to see a variety of events and classes continuing and returning. The Club has remained active, hosting events such as the Migrant Beach Safety Days, International Women's Day, Pride celebrations, and much more. "Flourishing" is truly the best word to describe our Club at this moment.

The Management Committee has successfully completed the Clubhouse and is now focused on building a bigger and better community. Being part of Tamarama is a privilege; it's incredible to reflect on how different this place was when I joined 30 years ago. With our new Club and a mix of new and familiar members, I was thrilled to see our Club colours proudly competing at Branch, State, and National levels, bringing home plenty of accolades. Not to mention the recent success at the branch awards

night! Club of the year no less amongst a swathe of other awards.

Again thanks to our energetic leadership, the Club has secured grants for new equipment and is planning a wide array of future training courses. We are already reaping the rewards of these initiatives, with our training team achieving remarkable success, delivering 53 new Surf Life Savers who attained their Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate plus new IRB Crew, IRB Drivers and Trainers as well! I would like to extend a special mention to those who earned their Gold Medallion, and an even more heartfelt recognition goes to Annabelle, who not only completed the Coolangatta Gold but finished in the top ten among elite athletes. That is truly a marathon effort!

This year, however, has also brought sadness as we mourned the loss of my co-Patron, Henry Hourihan, Life Members Ken Eastment and Ted Gillroy OAM (very recently awarded in the King's Birthday Honours). All dedicated their lives to the Club and will be deeply missed. Their legacies will live on in our memories. It is even more heartbreaking to acknowledge the passing of a much younger member, Ben Lee, who lost his battle with cancer.

He had so much more to give, and though I only shared a few patrols with him, I know he will be sorely missed. Vale.

As I conclude this report, I must highlight our proud achievement of 'No lives lost.' This enviable record continues to stand strong, and it is gratifying to see that we have maintained it for another year. For nearly 120 years, our Club has patrolled Tamarama Beach, one of the founding Clubs of Surf Life Saving Australia, and this remarkable record is a testament to our commitment and dedication. As many of you know, Tamarama is the most dangerous patrolled beach in NSW, making our ability to keep this record intact even more commendable.

Thank you all for a wonderful year. I look forward to seeing you on the beach as we continue our vital work together!

BILL SHIRES
Club Patron
Life Member

Opposite page:
Patrol 7 doing what we do best, having fun and raising money for the club

This page:
Above left: Bill Shires, Henry and Lisa Brodrero at the 2023 AGM, held at Bronte SLSC

Above right: Ted Gillroy, Tim Murray and Guy Waddell at the 2022 Life Member and Long Service member gathering, organised by life member Phil Hogan and held at North Bondi RSL to raise money for our Holly Days program

Below right: Aerial view of our fabulous new club house

Club President’s Report



Hi everyone, what an amazing year it’s been for our Club! The 24/25 season was the first for us to occupy our stunning new Clubhouse.

We took occupation of the new building in August 2024 and have had many occasions over the season to celebrate coming to the end of a three and a half year wait.

We actually started planning for the rebuild just over 15 years ago when I organised our first fundraiser at the MCA. We raised over 30K in pledges and thought we were well on the way! We didn’t quite realise then that we’d need several million more plus overcoming a number of unexpected hurdles like COVID and our first builder going into administration. However, here we are, we made it!

I’d like to acknowledge the members of our Building Committee and in particular immediate ex-President Matteo Salval, and Mike Turner. These two have an encyclopedic knowledge of the building, were onsite regularly through the long build process and remain very active as we deal with the remaining defects of the new build and any building issues arising. You are both legends!

Last year we engaged our first Caretaker in the new building – Matthew Phillips. Matthew has worked incredibly hard to get to know and manage the new

building – which bears zero resemblance to managing our previous Clubhouse, so everything needs to be understood from scratch. Matthew has been pivotal to our Club starting to operate as a venue, so we can earn revenue to fund our lifesaving and education activities. We all thank you Matthew.

On the theme of events, we took on our first part time Events Coordinator – Rebekah Malherbe – in Feb 2025. This was a considered decision as we have not had paid staff in the past but quickly realised the enormity of the task of developing systems and processes to support our events operations, develop an events policy for the Clubhouse as well as manage all incoming inquiries and events as they occur. We were lucky to recruit someone with considerable event, hospitality and venue management experience as Rebekah. It has been a pleasure with work with her on all of these matters and much more. Rebekah has been an incredible addition to team Tama as she continues to elevate our event delivery to new heights.

I’m so proud of our Club and our members. We are in such a strong position due to everyone’s hard work

over many years. Our patrolling numbers have never been as high as they are now, thanks to our terrific Education team and the high retention that is a feature of our Club. Our Nippers numbers continue to grow and our Nipper parents are an important part of our membership. The number of higher awards achieved by our active members is probably the highest ever – think silver and gold medallions and other awards beyond the bronze medallion. We now have the highest number of certified and probationary trainers we’ve ever had. Training and competition has been revitalised at the Club, with successful Club Champos being held, and competitors from Tama represented at Branch and National levels. Incredible work and achievements – congrats to everyone involved.

We continue to work to maintain and grow our inclusive and diverse Club culture. Full details in our Inclusion Report, but this includes regular Inclusive Swims for women and gender diverse people, the establishment of a Women’s Network across our neighbouring SLS Clubs to innovate, collaborate and foster leadership, the continued running of our longstanding Holly Days Program for Indigenous kids mainly from the La

Perouse area – to teach water safety and provide a pathway to SRC and Bronze Medallion qualifications. And we celebrate International Woman’s Day with all women patrols and a brunch for Nipper mums and carers. Being the first woman President of our Club, all of this is very special to me, and an aspect of our Club that we can all be proud of. We also celebrate Rainbow Beaches and strongly participate in Lifesavers with Pride. None of these achievements occur overnight – they are all the result of consistent hard work over many years coming from a wide range of our members.

Sadly, in April this year we lost our legendary Club Patron Henry Hourihan who died after a short illness. Henry’s contribution to Tamarama SLSC spanned 75 years. I feel lucky to have known Henry over the last 20 years, his generosity and community spirit was unsurpassed.

Ben Lee – who was a member from 2020, unfortunately died tragically young, from cancer. Ben did his Bronze Medallion during Covid and formed a strong bond with members he knew, he is sadly missed.

My first year as President of Tamarama SLSC has been a big one and has certainly kept me busy. I am proud to lead such an inclusive Club that is constantly innovating and striving for excellence. Let’s keep it going Tama!

SANDRA FOX
Club President
Life Member
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Club Vice President’s Report



Winter is the perfect time to reflect on last season. This season has been especially significant with the opening of our new clubhouse. It has taken a huge team effort to bring it to a fully functioning, operating centre for us all.

A massive thank you to our caretaker, Matthew Philips, our Events Coordinator, Bek Malherbe, and our President, Sandra Fox. The time, energy, and care they have poured into this project has been incredible.

We have made solid progress toward creating a space that feels like home for our members and welcoming for the broader community whilst developing an iconic events space.

Our clubhouse is more than just a building, it is a space where we can connect, train, celebrate, and feel proud to be part of the club.

I have particularly enjoyed collaborating with Amelia Curtis, our Treasurer this season on our new budgeting process and financial delegation policies. To ensure that we are financially sustainable for many years ahead is crucial to our club. Having this framework in place allows us as a club to build out our capacity, be creative, plan for new projects and explore new initiatives. Amelia is an absolute pleasure to work with.

Inclusion is always close to my heart. A heartfelt thank you to Ce Benedict for taking on Inclusion lead this year and for

organising our Inclusive Swims. These swims create a safe, welcoming space for women, gender diverse people and our trans friends. Always a safe haven. Rainbow Beaches was a beautiful day as always, celebrating our LQGTQIA+ community and ensuring that everyone feels welcome at the beach. Our collaboration with Lifesavers with Pride is especially meaningful with many of our members flying the flags during the Mardi Gras parade. Our Migrant Beach Safety program is flourishing again now in our new clubhouse thanks to the devotion of Michelle Cowans to this program.

The theme for International Women’s Day this year was ‘accelerate action’. We celebrated women in surf lifesaving with all women patrols on the day and a morning tea for our Nippers’ Mums and carers on the Sunday. Thank you to Lisa Bodrero, Sandra Fox and Sue Jackson for making this happen and everyone who contributed to such a successful event.

Accelerating action resonates well for our club, over the last three years we have been forging true connections with women members across Waverley and Randwick surf lifesaving clubs. We are building a community of

women with the goal to take actions to improve the experience for all women in surf lifesaving. This season we hosted women’s social events and a workshop at our club, as we continue to expand this group. The impact of our initiative is extensive, and its value cannot be underestimated.

Allies are essential to Inclusion, to use the influence we have to stand up for people that are not fairly treated or heard, and call out unfairness when we see it. This is our club.

I would like to pay my respects to Ben Lee, one of our own who passed away on Sunday 15th June. I completed my Bronze training with Ben in the Summer of 2020, and he became a close friend to many of us. He was a bright light and a beautiful soul and shall be greatly missed by my fellow Bronzie crew, Patrol 6 and all our members who knew him. He will always be in our thoughts especially when we are at the club, he loved it dearly. We were so lucky to have him.

Thank you to our MC this year, Sandra Fox, Amelia Curtis, Lisa Bodrero, Sophie Langham, Arnaud de la Chaise and Jon Hancock and all Office Bearers of the club. The sheer amount of demanding



work that has gone into this season is hard to quantify but we see the results for ourselves.

Thank you to all our members for everything that you do for our club. Our team’s strength comes from every single member, and every member’s strength comes from Team Tamarama.

Having our new clubhouse as our physical home is incredibly special, but our true home will always be the beach, the land, the ocean and all the members that make Tamarama SLSC what it is.

ZOE SCOTT-KING
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Club Secretary’s 2024–2025 Report



Dear Members, I am pleased to present the Secretary’s Report for the 2024–25 season.

Our Club has had another fantastic year – once again with ‘no lives lost’, which is a testament to the commitment, skill and enthusiasm of our members. The icing on the cake has to be the Club being crowned SLS Sydney Club of the Year at the SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence in early July. This really is an amazing recognition of our achievements over the past year (and is many years in the making).

Over the past year we have gained 166 new members, ranging from Nippers to experienced patrolling members and two Bronzie cohorts. We now stand at a very healthy 562 members, with 176 who are Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate proficient. Over the season, our members have racked up an incredible 7,652 hours patrolling hours, conducted 3,579 recorded preventative actions and made 121 recorded rescues. This does not include the extra time put in by many members helping with water safety, delivering training and proficiency,

volunteering as first aid at carnivals and community outreach programmes, not to mention unrecorded rescues and preventative actions.

Highlights include the opening of our wonderful new clubhouse, which has been a revelation for those of us who joined the Club when it had no clubhouse – who knew hot showers were such a luxury! It’s been lovely to watch the clubhouse become a social hub for the Club, with post-patrol drinks and BBQs becoming a fixture, and being able to host our awards night and summer party at the clubhouse (after having to rely on our neighbours for so long). We’ve also had 50 new lifesavers graduate from two Bronzie courses (and two new SRC graduates) – they have already had a huge impact with their enthusiasm to get involved and it’s fantastic to see this carried over into the off season, with plenty of members hitting the beach for training sessions led by our incredibly dedicated training team.

The Club has continued with its efforts to promote diversity and equal opportunities. Our female and gender diverse membership is now up to 39%, which represents steady progress from

our recruiting efforts as well as our initiatives such as women and gender diverse swims and the SLS Women’s Network (which won Innovation of the Year at the SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence!).

My first year on the management committee has also opened my eyes to the incredible amount of work done behind the scenes by so many people. The wheels truly would fall off without their efforts, especially with negotiating the teething problems associated with having a shiny new clubhouse. It’s gratifying to see those efforts recognised at the branch level (with our wonderful Treasurer also recognised as Administrator of the Year). A big thank you to everyone who volunteers their time, skills and resources to ensure the ongoing success of our Club – see you on the beach next season!

SOPHIE LANGHAM
Club Secretary
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These are our patrol statistics for the 2024–25 season:

Patrol Attendance

(number of patrolled hours by members)

SEASONS	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Patrol Hours	5,686	6,831	7,687	7,652

Recorded Statistics

SEASONS	2023-24	2024-25
Total Preventative Action	942	3,579
Beach Users Advised/Warned	103	276
Swimmers Advised/Warned	623	1,400
Craft Users Advised/Warned	17	65
Shark Alarm	0	1
Searches	0	0
Lost Children	0	1
Preventions	173	1,802
Warning Signs Erected	26	34

Beach Attendance

SEASONS	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total	12,324	15,928	23,382	21,913

Rescues

SEASONS	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total Rescues	54	73	78	121
No Gear	0	3	3	1
Rescue Tube	30	32	45	72
Rescue Board	23	36	22	47
IRB	0	1	5	1
Other	1	1	3	0

First Aid

SEASONS	2023-24	2024-25
Total First Aid Actions	77	160
Drowning	0	0
Fractures/Dislocations	3	4
Major Wounds	0	2
Minor and Major Marine Stings	27	110
Minor Cuts/Abrasions	39	37
Other	7	7
Resuscitation	0	0
Spinal	0	0

Treasurer’s Financial Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025



Overview

The Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club is delighted to report strong financial performance for the year ending 30 April 2025.

The Club achieved a net profit of \$78,120, significantly surpassing the previous year’s net result of \$21,492. This exceptional outcome is even more noteworthy given the Club’s reopening in August 2024 following major renovations, which have since broadened the scope for community engagement and utilisation.

The Club’s gross income for the year reached an impressive \$298,518, nearly doubling the prior year’s income of \$156,521. This substantial increase in revenue underscores the success of the newly enhanced facilities and the Club’s ability to attract and serve more members, visitors and events.

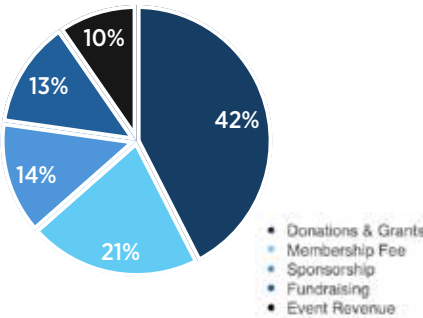
Total expenses amounted to \$220,398, up from \$135,029 in the previous year. The rise in expenses is consistent with the expanded activities and improvements undertaken, reflecting the Club’s strategic investment in its future growth and service delivery.

Income

The Club’s total income increased by 91% compared to the prior year, reporting a total of \$298,518. This increase in revenue is primarily attributed to Donations and Grants, which accounted for \$126,817, or 42% of the total income. These funds have been instrumental in supporting the Club’s essential operations and lifesaving activities.

Additionally, the Club generated \$67,957 through Fundraising and Events. After accounting for associated expenses, yielded a net profit of \$29,208. Membership fees also showed growth, contributing \$62,743, which reflects a slight increase from the last financial year. Furthermore, sponsorship funds have added \$41,000 to the Club’s revenue stream.

Tamarama SLSC Income



Expenditure

The Club’s total expenses amounted to \$220,120. This represents an increase of \$85,369 compared to the prior year, primarily driven by the reopening of the Club House and its associated costs.

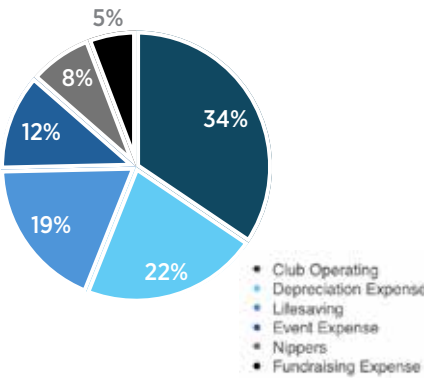
The largest cost category for the Club is general operating expenses, which have seen a 30% increase compared to the previous year. This increase is attributed to the reopening of the Club House, necessitating additional expenditures, including the purchase of various ad hoc internal items to enhance the facility.

Depreciation has emerged as the Club’s second-largest expense, totalling \$47,584. This figure reflects the capitalised costs associated with building improvements, which are now being depreciated at the relevant statutory rate.

Lifesaving and Nippers reported expenditure of \$41,037 and \$17,115 respectively, marking an 8% and 41% increase from the prior year. This increase underscores the Club’s commitment to enhancing its Lifesaving and Nippers capabilities and services, in addition to the growing interest and participation in the programs.

Fundraising and Event-related expenses totalled \$38,749. These associated costs supported the revenue generated from above mentioned income and contribute to the overall success and net profit of the Club’s Fundraising and Events.

Tamarama SLSC Expenditure



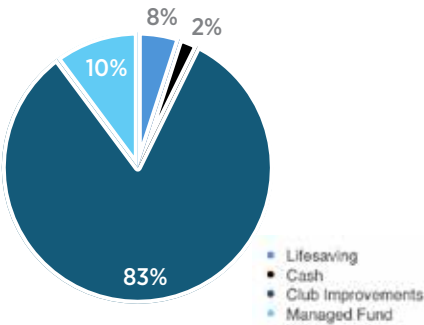
Assets

The Club reported total assets of \$1,977,673 for the year ending April 30, 2025. The most significant portion of the Club’s assets is attributed to the building and recent Club improvements, totalling \$1,632,027 and represents 83% of the total assets.

A new Managed Fund was established during this financial year, with a total investment of \$201,478. This strategic financial move aims to enhance the Club’s long-term financial stability and growth.

Lifesaving assets amount to \$99,059. This includes essential equipment such as IRBs (Inflatable Rescue Boats), boards, and lifesaving medical equipment, which are crucial for the Club’s operational effectiveness and community service.

Tamarama SLSC Assets



Liabilities

The Club reported total liabilities amounting to \$10,422, primarily comprised of GST Liabilities \$6,817 and Accounts Payable \$3,246, related to goods and services received at the end of the reporting period.

A minor accrual has been recorded for the Club lease, which remains unsigned. This accrual accounts for the proportion of rent incurred but unpaid, totalling \$360. Once the lease is formally agreed upon, it will be accounted for as a Right of Use (ROU) asset under IFRS 16.

As of the reporting date, the Club has been notified by Waverley Council of a potential shortfall of \$219,230 related to the Club’s contributions to capital building improvements. This notification was received in April 2025, eight months after the Occupation Certificate (OC) was issued on August 16, 2024. The Management Committee has assessed the situation and concluded that the outcome remains uncertain, making it difficult to estimate any potential outflow. The likelihood of settlement is considered remote, and there is currently no expectation of reimbursement. Discussions with Waverley Council are in the early stages. This contingent liability will be closely monitored, and any significant developments will be disclosed in future financial statements as necessary.

Treasury Highlights

Treasury and finance accomplishments during the year include:

- Implementation of Financial Delegation Policy:** This initiative has improved financial governance and streamlined decision-making processes, promoting greater accountability across the Club.
- Comprehensive Budgeting Process:** A detailed budgeting process was conducted to ensure strategic financial planning and preparedness for the upcoming year.

- Establishment of Managed Funds:** By setting up managed funds, the Club now generates interest on cash reserves, enhancing financial stability and sustainability.
- Automation of Finance Functions:** The automation of key finance functions has led to significant efficiencies, allowing the Management Committee to focus more on strategic objectives and member services and less time on administrative tasks.

Acknowledgements

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the donors, sponsors and members who have been instrumental in our success this year. Your generous contributions and unwavering commitment have played a pivotal role in maintaining the financial stability of the Tamarama Surf Lifesaving Club during what was anticipated to be a very expensive year with the reopening of our Club House.

To our donors and sponsors, thank you for your invaluable financial support. Your contributions have empowered us to enhance our facilities, support lifesaving activities, and ensure the continued growth and success of our programs.

To our dedicated members who volunteered their time and effort, your contributions have been vital in keeping the operations of the Club running smoothly. Your passion and dedication in facilitating fundraising activities and orchestrating many other non-fundraising related events have not gone unnoticed and are deeply appreciated.

Together, your collective efforts and generosity have ensured that our Club remains a beacon of community service and excellence. I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you and thank you for your unwavering support.

AMELIA CURTIS
Treasurer
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Club Captain’s Report



Hi Team Tama.

The 2024–25 season is one to remember!

After a three year hiatus we were back in our clubhouse, leveraging a beautiful space to refresh and upskill ourselves as well as connect deeper to our community and visitors.

Lifesaving is a team sport and Tama shone as a team again this season. Our club is continuing to grow, reaching over 230 active lifesavers this season, our largest in recent memory.

Across 12 patrols and their respective Patrol Captains and Vice Captains, lifesavers provided over 7,600 volunteer hours. Recording 121 rescues, over 160 First Aid interventions and more than 3,500 preventative actions. Preventative actions are our favourites, ensuring beachgoers stay safe whilst visiting our beach.

Thanks to each and every one of you for what you give to our community, it wouldn't be the same without such a skilled, willing and caring bunch of volunteers.

Please join me in sharing a massive THANK YOU to all of those who give that extra time to keep our club operating at the standards that we uphold ourselves to.

The Education team, run by Arnaud de La Chaise and Andrew Addie, for an incredible proficiency festival at the start of the season, and the quality bronzies you trained throughout the year, continuously growing our Lifesaver contingent.

Tim Wright, Competition Captain for reviving Tama Champs. Acknowledging

Prue Lynch and Josh Clarke's support in organising the training sessions, comp days and socials, it's not a small feat. Thank you team!

Drew Davidson IRB Captain and Richard Hamilton IRB trainer, powered through this season training two new cohorts of drivers and two new cohorts of crewies from Tama and our neighboring clubs. This ensures we have a sustainable IRB team for the upcoming seasons. IRB training is demanding on top of patrolling responsibilities, Drew and Rich continue to deliver quality training and nurture a great IRB culture.

Now to the unsung heroes who provide the extra attention to our gear so that it's rescue ready at all times.

Flo Polo, in his first season post graduation, stood up to the challenge and became Tama's gear steward, just in time for his first ever gear inspection.

Derek Bagatourian, radio master, keeping an eye on our radios and their whereabouts as they moved back into their dry patrol room home this year.

Derek and Josh, everyone's favourite trailer Dads.

Guy and Chris are our board whisperers. Keeping our Tama fleet in order and water tight.

Roger Moresi and Alice Powell, first aid officers, ensuring our kits are ready for all situations from minor to major interventions.

Hannah How, on top of being the top gun for this season, ran our uniform (pink and patrolling) audit and shared her professional skills in the design of our various surveys throughout the season.

Personally, I thank the management committee and branch for their endorsement and support throughout the season.

Tamarama is a small beach, yet we work with visiting lifesavers from all over the coast and the Waverley lifeguards. We are lucky to have such an enthusiastic and generous community from near and far.

To each and everyone of you, thank you for another No Lives Lost season at Tamarama.

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LISA BODRERO
Club Captain
captain@tamaramaslsc.org

Patrol Captains and Vice Captains

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| Patrol 1
Zoe Scott-King
VC: Cameron Berry | Patrol 7
Bill Shires |
| Patrol 2
David Ogle and Harriet Gillies
VC: Michelle Cowans | Patrol 8
Chris Glover |
| Patrol 3
Lance Brooks
VC: Matt Napier | Patrol 9
Derek Bagatourian
VC: Brad Charters |
| Patrol 4
Chris Barrett
VC: Ben Armitage
VC: Jonathan Brett | Patrol 10
Alice Powell
VC: Alberto Puls Cruz |
| Patrol 5
David Head
VC Troy Longworth and
Arnaud de La Chaise | Patrol 11
Sandra Fox
VC: Andrew Addie |
| Patrol 6
David Murphy
VC: Jody Fitchet | Patrol 12
Jesse Price
VC: Tim Wright |

Chief Training Officer’s Report TAMARAMA EDUCATION



What a season to cap off my three years as Chief Training Officer! Finally we operated in a new clubhouse, our clubhouse.

This has transformed how we deliver training, giving us proper facilities that our members – both new and experienced – truly deserve.

No time for our Education team to relax on the sunny balcony though, right after the celebrations coming with our long awaited club, it was time to kick off a new Bronze Medallion cohort and the annual proficiencies.

One of the highlights of the season was the launch of our Proficiency Festival, the brainchild of our Club Member of the Year, Prue Lynch. These ‘Prue-ficiencies’ – as I like to call them – were received with the highest regards by our members, who found it crucial to review some skills in depth (which we may have let grown slightly slacking over the years – I’m talking about CPR, radios and ART) and a great way to kick off the season and meet fellow club members around our new BBQ. I can’t stress enough how much of a huge step up these proficiencies were, and how valuable they were to ensure our members are able to tackle any incidents on the beach.

Whilst the proficiencies were conducted, Andrew Addie kicked off the Spring Bronze Medallions, with 24 Bronzies known as the Brataramas. Again, the team of trainers, including Prue Lynch, Tim Wright and Josh Clarke (then our newest addition as an official BM trainer),

and water safety delivered a sensational experience to our Bronzies, with many optional board or swim training through the weeks. It’s so heartwarming to see the Bronzies defining their experience as life changing and ‘the best decision of the year’. I guess that’s what gets us out of bed.

Meanwhile, Guy Waddell single-handedly undertook one of the hardest jobs in the education teams: training five teenagers to obtain their Bronze Medallions or Surf Rescue Certificates! With the patience of a Zen monk, Guy got all of them through Spring, up to their assessment day in December.

After a (very) short rest during Christmas, it was time for David Murphy and Prue Lynch to lead the summer cohort, the Pamelaramas. Another 24 people from all walks of life whose life was transformed (frankly, it’s not an overstatement) by the apparently unlimited amount of energy of our team (the careful reader will notice that Prue is mentioned in pretty much every paragraph of this report).

So that’s pretty much it, this season saw 51 new Bronze Medallions, just shy of six members compared to the previous seasons, but still a remarkable feat for

our now-not-so-little club. The IRB team trained five new crews and two new drivers (and one new trainer). Three new qualified trainers (and two probationary at the time of closing this report) are now able to help us with the SRC and BM, and now have again a current Assessor with Troy who completed his training this season. Four members took on the Gold Medallion and its eternal glory in December and March, three members took on the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (arguably one of the most fun course in Surf Life Saving), and four members obtained their Silver Medallion Patrol Captain. This is no small feat and I’m incredibly proud and grateful for the huge amount of work that the whole team puts into Education. You may not see us outside of the Skills Maintenance, but know that a colossal amount of work is put behind the scenes to ensure our new and existing members get the best training they can get, so we can all proudly say ‘no lives lost since 1906’ at Tama.

As I hand over the CTO role after three incredible years, I couldn’t be more confident about the future. Our Education Team is larger, more knowledgeable, and more motivated than ever – the passion

and commitment I see from both new and experienced volunteers is extraordinary. The foundation we’ve built together over the years puts the club in an incredibly strong position. This season is proof of what we can achieve.

To Ellie, Marilee and Michelle, thanks for laying out strong foundations for Education, I hope that like me, you reflect on how far we’ve gone and how much we’ve achieved.

To Addie, Guy, Troy, Prue, Tim, Josh, David, Hannah, and everyone involved in water safety or education in general, thank you for your indefectible support, constant energy, passion and expertise that made this journey so special for the club, our members, and for me.

To Bash, Ce, Sarah, Reilly and everyone who has just joined or is about to join this amazing team, welcome. I have no doubt you will find this experience just as life changing as your Bronze Medallion; you’re in good hands for that.

Tama, here’s to the next chapter – I know it’s going to be amazing!

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Long Service, Life Saving, Education and Training

2024–2025 Awards



Tamarama SLSC Long Service in Patrolling – 10+ years (14)

Jemima Waddell
Danny Adams
Michael Signal
Troy Longworth
Derek Bagatourian
Phil Capps
Matteo Salval
Robert Sparshott
Cam Berry
Ben Doherty
Kimberley Doherty
Eric Kleiman
Mark Larmour
Ric Deverell

Tamarama SLSC Long Service in Patrolling – 15+ years (5)

Adrian Lim
David Speck
Tom Bodger
Bill Shires
Sandra Fox

Tamarama SLSC Long Service in Patrolling – 20+ years (5)

Shay Deguara
Chris Glover
Margaret Simpson-Lee
Sue Jackson
Guy Waddell

The National Medal (15 years Surf Lifesaving Patrolling Service) (3)

Sandra Fox
Sue Jackson
Guy Waddell

Gold Medallion (4)

Benedict Armitage
Ben Doherty
Jesse Price
Tim Wright

Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (3)

Hannah How
Prue Lynch
Paul Ranocchiari

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (4)

Includes conversion from Silver Medallion Beach Management

Troy Longworth
Louise Thompson
Bash Signal
Ce Benedict

Silver Medallion IRB Driver (4)

Cameron Berry
Wil Charters
Alexander Harrington
Florent Polo

Training Officer Bronze Medallion (3)

Prue Lynch
Josh Clarke
Tim Wright

Probationary Training Officer (2)

Bash Signal
Hannah How

Assessor Bronze Medallion (1)

Troy Longworth

Training Officer IRB (1)

Drew Davidson

IRB Crew Certificate (5)

Ricardo Del Rio
Jody Fitchet
David Parsons
David Butler
Mathew Plant
Chathupa Wickremaarachchi

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques – new award (39)
Includes conversions from past version(s) of this award

Lucy Amy Barker
Philippa Barr
Alex Batten
Jessica Best
Casey Blauer
Bronwyn Cameron
Josh Dahmen
Cameron Dean
Ricardo Del Rio
Edward Fothergill
Piers Galvin
Daniel Harwood
Ethan Henwood
Timothy Humphrys
Richard Israel
Alberto Jose Jimenez Tobia
Lillian Kenny
Natalie Kusse
Lauren Lancaster
Serena Langham
Natalie Lasek
Gabrielle Lefevre
Rob Leonard
Troy Longworth

Morgan Loveridge
Michael McLaughlin
James Organ
Davide Papalini
Matthew Plant
Bradley Quaglino
Matthew Richardson
Harry Snow
Kristina Stenglin
Daniel Szanto
Ernest Tee
William Udovenya
Thea Wheatley
Chathupa Wickremaarachchi
Reilly Winch

Bronze Medallion (51)

Lucy Barker
Alex Batten
Jessica Best
Casey Blauer
Hamish Buchanan
Alexander Buckley
David Butler
Bronwyn Cameron
Liliana Capela
Nicholas Coxon
Josh Dahmen
Cam Dean
Ricardo Del Rio
Ed Fothergill

James Gray
Noni Harold
Dan Harwood
Ethan Henwood
Tim Humphreys
Richard Israel
Ethan Jackson
Jacob James
Alberto Jimenez
Lillian Kenny
Natalie Kusse
Lauren Lancaster
Serena Langham
Natalie Lasek
Gaby Lefevre
Robbie Leonard
Morgan Loveridge
Kai-Christian Mather
Martin Matthews
Mike McLaughlin
Turlough Montague
Finnigan O'Reilly
James Organ
Davide Papalini
Matt Plant
Brad Quaglino
Ross Richardson
Matt Richardson
Keaton Schmidt
Kristina Stenglin
Daniel Szanto

Ernest Tee
Talia Truong
Will Udovenya
Thea Wheatley
Chathu Wickremaarachchi
Reilly Winch

Surf Rescue Certificate (2)

Beatrix Debelle-Hancock
Felix Evans

Nipper Surf Education (139)

IRB Captain’s Report

Competition and Training Report 2024–2025



Tamarama SLSC’s IRB team: Australia’s best at Australia’s most difficult patrolled beach.

Our IRB team enjoyed a ‘steady state’ year, a much harder feat than it sounds – with enough drivers, crew and serviceable equipment to meet our patrolling, training and water safety needs.

With tireless training effort from Richard Hamilton, Sophie Langham and Drew Davidson (amongst others, who assisted) we were thrilled to add a further four drivers to our ranks, with a total of 10, now in the team. We continued to train Crew and now count ~20 in our ranks. Special shoutout to Richard Hamilton for his well deserved Trainer of the Years nomination at the Branch Awards of Excellence for this season.

The Tamarama – Bronte IRB partnership again proved to be of great value to both clubs by allowing substantially greater training flexibility and capacity. I would like to thank Jochan Vladeck, Bronte’s IRB Captain, Craig Freier (who flies A380s for Qantas when not punching waves in our IRB), and Nigel Harvey (who never gets

into an IRB without a pair of flippers) for their time, dedication and skill.

We continue to plan and manage our equipment to deliver on patrolling, training and water safety needs while minimising demands on club resources.

I would like to thank the Management Committee for supporting us last season in a short notice, highly opportunistic and cost effective acquisition of our third IRB from another club. The third IRB, an Achilles, purchased virtually new, has proved invaluable in training, water safety and patrol redundancy and insulates us from the effects of the two year waitlist for new Thundercat IRBs, should we need to purchase a new one.

Congratulations to Alex Harrington, Florent Polo, Cam Berry and Wil Charters who were welcomed to the most exclusive of clubs – Drivers. Alex also took on Chief of the ATV, Florent as we all know is our excellent Gear Steward and assists with motor maintenance, while Cam is a long serving Patrol Captain and Wil is heavily involved with Nippers.



Tamarama IRB Drivers

Drew Davidson, Richard Hamilton, Lisa Bodrero, Sophie Langham, Florent Polo, Lex Harrington, Guy Waddell, Cam Berry, Mark Lamour and Wil Charters.

Tamarama IRB Crew:

Hannah How, Maddie Legoe, David Parsons, Ary Ramires, Chathu Wickrema, Matt Ball, David Butler*, Jody Fitchet, Ricardo Del Rio Bosch, Isabella Van Stipriaan, Rebecca Willis, Younghwan Alex Chang, Brett Appleton, David Head, Keaton Schmidt, Matteo Salvai, Michelle Cowans, Oliver Hunt, Robbie Frawley and Sean Jungwirth.

Thank you for a fantastic year!

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** Denotes Member is deceased*

What a season it’s been, with lots of growth made in the Tama Competition and Training space!

Training @ Tama

Arguably the most impressive achievement of the season has been the uplift in attendance to training, notably board training. We’ve consistently run two board sessions a week for the majority of the season, have continued running these sessions into winter and even seen attendance increasing with record numbers into the colder months!

Huge thanks goes to Josh Clarke for stepping up to lead these sessions for the later part of the season and into Winter.

Tama Club Championships

This season saw the return of the Tamarama Club Champs with us running four separate events over January, February, March and May. It was really great to see so many of our new club members coming down to check it out. It was stiff competition but after four rounds Jess Best and Josh Clarke emerged victorious taking home the title of Club Champions. Special mention to Shaun

Cole our comp MVP and most improved across the season. Also a huge thankyou to Prue Lynch who was there for every event running the show and keeping us all safe.

Competition @ Tama

We also saw a larger contingent of club members venture to external competitions this season including the Battle of Bondi over the Australia Day long weekend, Branch, State and Aussies titles.

First off was the Battle of Bondi, held on the Australia Day public holiday, hosted by our friends at North Bondi SLSC. The comp saw teams from North Bondi SLSC, Bondi SBSLC, Bronte SLSC and Tama come together for some friendly competition between the clubs. Tama had a few teams show up to compete and brought the Tama spirit along with them.

The SLS Sydney Branch Championships was held this year down at Cronulla with Cronulla, Eloura and Wanda SLSC all hosting the event. We had six Nippers and seven Masters competitors represent TeamTama and the team managed to come home with six medals.

Congratulations to Addie, Josh, Bash, Jess, Jesse, Stirling, Katie, Lola, Allegra, Harriet, Heidi and Imogen for repping Tama #proud!

Masters Championship Medals

- 2nd Male 30–39Y Flags – Tim Wright
- 2nd Male 40–49Y Flags – Josh Clarke
- 2nd Male 40–49Y Sprint – Stirling Keen
- 3rd Female 30–39Y Surf Race – Jess Best
- 3rd Male 40–49Y Surf Race – Jesse Price
- 3rd Male 40–49Y Flags – Stirling Keen

A special shoutout to Addie and Roger for repping Tama at NSW State Champs. Addie came away with a 6th place in his age category for the Masters Surf Race and Roger finished 4th in his age category for the Masters 2km Beach Run.

Roger also represented Tama at Aussies, coming away with 4th place in his age category for the Masters 2km Beach Run.

Bring on Season 2025/26

Thanks to each and everyone of you for your enthusiasm and commitment making it an incredible season for Competition and Training at Tama! We are super excited and looking forward to an even bigger and better season ahead for 2025/26.

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Junior Activities Director's Report



What a difference a Clubhouse makes! After nearly four years (three complete seasons) without a Clubhouse, the Nippers embraced the new facility with its warm showers, space for training and social events, and respite from the wet weather for a small number of Sunday mornings.

The registered Nipper membership grew to 154 during the 24/25 season – our biggest number in the history of the Club (up from 129 in 23/24). No doubt, the new facilities added to the attraction of joining the Tamarama Nipper program.

The main objective of the Tamarama Nipper program remains to create ‘Life Savers of the Future’ in a fun, family orientated safe environment with a focus on awareness, knowledge, skill development, confidence and respect of our ocean environment. It is a unique opportunity to spend time with family and friends away from technology.

A smaller number of Junior Members (Cadets aged 13–17 years) progressed to gain their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) (2) and Bronze Medallion (3) qualifications. Indications are for a significantly larger number of Cadet members to undertake their SRC in the coming season. The training for the Junior Members was again undertaken by Guy Waddell who as a former Junior Activities Director, and Life Member of the Club has been able to ensure a smooth transition from being a Nipper to becoming a patrolling member proudly wearing the red and yellow uniform.

With increasing numbers of SRC and Bronze Medallion qualified Junior Members, the social aspect of being a Cadet at Tamarama has improved. The impact that Cadets make on patrol numbers is being seen with many allocated to each patrol. They also greatly assist the Age Managers with their Nipper responsibilities corralling the kids and enthusing their participation on Sunday mornings.

The official opening of the new Clubhouse on July 27th, 2024, by NSW Governor Margaret Beazley saw participation by a small number of Nippers and Cadets who welcomed the Governor to the Club, delivered the ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ (Lilly and Mikhala Ingram) and held the ribbon as it was cut.

Some wild weather throughout the season saw the beach shrink dramatically in size – with some larger wave conditions pushing sand into the park behind the beach. Fortunately, Nipper sessions mostly enjoyed plentiful sunshine and benign surf conditions allowing for plenty of water time on Sunday mornings – lifting the water skills and building confidence for the younger Nippers.

Building on the Sunday morning sessions, the Nipper program continued to offer a Friday afternoon training squad at North Bondi – led by the indefatigable Annabelle Paterson – designed to develop participants water and board skills at a beach with predictably calmer conditions. The recently graduated cadets with SRC and Bronze qualifications assist with water safety.

Carnival competition continued with a small, but highly motivated group of Nippers bringing back a little bling to show off and proudly fly the Tamarama flag at other beaches. A few competitors progressed from Sydney Branch Championships to the State Titles – with Amelie Deguara and Oscar Lewellyn and the U9 Girls’ Relay Team (Allegra Smith, Heidi Barry, Harriet McFadyen and Imogen Walsh) doing well.

The ‘Holly Days’ Indigenous nipper program – run by Jo Miller (assisted by Warwick Clout and Aaron Hodge) and focussed on providing a Nipper experience for the surrounding Aboriginal community – continued more than 20 years of collaboration between the Club, and Weave Youth & Community Services. Named after Club Member, the late Holly

Robinson – who passed away in her 20’s in 2002 from cancer, the program has assisted many of the participants to go on to receive the higher surf life saving qualifications of SRC and Bronze Medallion awards. ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ at Club events is wherever possible provided by our own Indigenous young members who are part of the ‘Holly Day’s’ program.

Having endured so many seasons without a Clubhouse, most of the younger Nippers had never experienced life ‘with’ a Clubhouse. Apart from the attraction of warm showers, BBQs were held throughout the season for various events with ease. Nipper parents also added their BBQ skills to the Club’s major fundraising effort of three weekends of cooking sausages for the crowds attending Sculptures by the Sea.

Sculptures by the Sea – held over three weekends from October 18th to November 4th – ensured parking scarcity, crowded beaches and walkways, and the thrill of being able to conduct Nippers around enormous works of art. For the Nippers, it’s a unique and fun experience to race between the huge structures whilst dodging the huge number of visitors to the beach.

Tamarama Nippers featured in the Dulux surf club television and social media advertisement following the paint company’s support of the Club’s building renovation. More than 35 Nippers (and a few Cadets) participated in the filming of the Dulux advertisement on Sunday 10th November. With a 7.00am start, an excited group of Nippers were met by the famous Dulux mascot – an Old English Sheep Dog – which was pampered and preened by its trainers to perform in the shoot. The ad featured the new Clubhouse – painted by Dulux – as well as Nippers demonstrating their activities during the normal Nipper session, and a few ‘staged’ photo opportunities with the dog and a can of paint.

The new Clubhouse was the ideal setting for a Nipper movie night – held on Saturday 16th November. This traditional winter Nipper event had not been held since the demolition of the old Clubhouse. The technology incorporated in the new building (projection equipment and speaker system) ensured a great night was had – aided by a healthy dose of sugar and pizza.

Junior Activities Director's Report CONTINUED



Nipper Parents were not left out this season as they too enjoyed the new Club House with a white table clothed, three course dinner prepared by Nipper Parent, Bronze Medallion holder and professional Executive Chef Rob Crichton and his Age Manager wife Claire in the Club's new extraordinarily well-equipped corporate kitchen. The food was served by 11 of the Cadet members – providing them with a valuable kitchen prep and food service experience – to enthusiastic and appreciative guests.

It wouldn't be Christmas at Tamarama without a visit from Santa to the final Nippers session for the calendar year. Once again, there were no disappointed Nippers as Santa hitched a ride on the back of the Club's bright yellow All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) and distributed good cheer, and a lot of sugar which was followed by a BBQ in the new Clubhouse. As well as Santa, Life Member Ted Gillroy attended the Christmas BBQ handing out Lions Christmas cakes to the Nippers creating an historical link between older members and the new members. Ted grew up living on Pacific Avenue across the street from the beach at Tamarama and joined the Club in 1952. As a builder,

he also built the Reef Lounge which was part of the old Club when it was renovated in the 1960's. Ted was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in June 2025 for his service to the community and passed away in July 2025.

Sydney Branch continued to arrange and co-ordinate the Leadership Development Camps for the U11 and U13 Age Groups. Paz Covarrubias attended the U13 camp in January at the Youthworks Conference Centre, Deer Park – in the Royal National Park. These camps add to the learning experience of our Future Life Savers.

The major award winners were:

Nipper of the Year

Amelie Deguara

Best and Fairest

Finlay Crichton and Artur Capela

The Graham Brewer Trophy

Boys' Carnival Competitor of the Year

Oscar Llewellyn

Girls' Carnival Competitor of the Year

Allegra Smith

Surf Rescue Certificates (SRC) Awards

- o Bibi Debelles Hancock
- o Felix Evans

Bronze Medallion Awards – graduating from their Surf Rescue Certificate

- o Liliana Capela
- o Finnigan O'Reilly
- o Talia Truong

Thanks must go to:

- Club President Sandra Fox and the Executive Committee who continue to support the Nipper program
- Junior Activities (Nipper) management team including Brad Charters and Shay Deguara.
- Age Managers whose enormous time commitment and dedication delivered another memorable season and a great experience for the Nippers
 - o U6 Angus McFadyen and Nick Barry
 - o U7 Simon Reid
 - o U8 Jesse Leeson
 - o U9 Isabel Gabaldon
 - o U10 Mark Cairns and Tim Gow
 - o U11 Claire Crichton
 - o U12/13 Daniel Covarrubias, Margie Simpson-Lee and Shay Deguara
 - o Roving Jo Miller and Jon Hancock
- Water Safety and Age Managers Assistants (including recently graduated SRC and youth Bronze

Medallion holders) who demonstrated their newly learnt skills, developed their leadership competence and ensured no lives were lost

- o Wil Charters
- o Annabelle Charters
- o Aaron Hodge
- o Eve Crichton
- o Masie Crichton
- o Milly Debelles Hancock
- o Bibi Debelles Hancock
- o Liliana Capela

- Sunday morning patrols who provided inspiration to our 'life savers of the future' and additional water safety
- Parent volunteers who made up the BBQ team that met the challenge of cooking sausages for the army of Nippers and their families – from the relative luxury of the new Clubhouse
- Alan Lewis from the Tamarama Kiosk who donated ice-blocks for many of the Nipper BBQ events.
- The cohort of Nipper parents who man the Sculpture by the Sea fundraising BBQ over three weekends and cook many of the seven thousand sausages that are sold to the public to raise valuable funds for the Club

- Waverley lifeguards who provided backup to the patrol and water safety teams, and tolerated and supported the enthusiasm shown by our Nippers
- Sydney Branch Nippers President Dave Love and his team who provided additional administration support and delivered the U11 and U13 Nipper Development Camps.
- Club Med for their renewed major sponsorship of the Tamarama Nippers program. The funding goes toward the Nippers Swim and Board Skills program held at North Bondi on Friday afternoons and additional equipment. A big thank you to Luca Postiglione and Sarah Meehan from Club Med for assisting with the sponsorship and providing additional support through prizes and gifts.
- SRC and Youth Bronze Trainer, Guy Waddell who has continued his great work and ensures our Nippers are superbly well trained, achieve their Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion qualifications and transition into the senior club as active patrolling life savers.
- Jo Miller for her ongoing selfless volunteer commitment to the 'Holly

Days' program. Her efforts are enormously appreciated. The program partners with Weave and allows indigenous kids from the La Perouse area to participate in the Tamarama Nippers program. Many participants have achieved their Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion. Jo once again co-ordinated every aspect of the program from registration through to delivery. It is an enormous contribution, and our thanks go to her for ensuring the program continues.

As has been the case for the last few years, Bibi Debelles Hancock (now an SRC qualified cadet) marched with the Tamarama flag at the Bronte Surf Club ANZAC Day service representing the Club.

With the planned clubhouse rebuild of our neighbour Bronte Surf Club underway, it is anticipated that the 25/26 season will see continued strong demand for places within the Tamarama Nipper program and potential for joint activities between the Clubs. The Bronte clubhouse will be out of action from July 2025 to a date to be determined. For their sake, let's hope the renovation project does not run into the challenges faced by our own rebuild.

Junior Activities Director’s Report CONTINUED

Tamarama Nippers Competition Report



As I have now reached the point of being a parent of Cadets, and not Nippers, I look forward to handing over the role of Junior Activity Director (JAD) to the next generation of Nipper parents. It has been a great privilege to lead an extraordinary team of volunteers who have continued over many years to develop and deliver a wonderful community youth program. Throughout the last seven years as JAD, I have been enormously assisted by Nipper parents Brad Charters and Shay Deguara who have ensured that all things administration, competition, equipment, safety and social happen when and as they should. Additionally, the team of parents who make up the Age Managers and their Assistants have been essential to allowing the Nipper program to grow from 84 in 2018/19 (which was seen as a large number at the time) through to 154 in the current season.

Excluding the ‘known unknowns’ of weather, beach and surf conditions, over the years the JAD role has been presented with innumerable ‘unknown unknowns’ created by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic including beach closures (fenced off access to the beach) [2020], Public Health Orders [2020–23]

– and the endless interpretation of these orders by SLSCA, SLS NSW, Sydney Branch and the Club – creating a policy boffin’s dream to ever changing rules, regulations and guidelines (often superseded weekly), forced isolation by community members (initially 14 days for those who were exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 – but did not test positive – just in case), contact and movement tracing, community lockdowns, long communal testing queues, and more PCR testing, QR Code sign-ins, as well as crowd and group restrictions. On top of that, the endless clubhouse renovation challenges of fundraising, weather and COVID-19 delays, project cost blowouts (inflation), builder financial collapse, project re-tender, defect correction, and final delivery, official opening and formal handover of the new clubhouse (over time and over budget) through many rotating Management Committee members, added to the tasks required by the role.

Over the last seven years, McKenzie’s Beach has come and gone on more than one occasion; the ‘twins’ have been accessible, and not; the storm water drain has been halfway down the beach (with plenty of sand in front), and bare – with

the sand carved from below producing a waterfall when it rained. The size of the beach shortened and lengthened with waves both timid and ferocious and sand plentiful and lacking. At times, waves crashed over the back of the beach and into the park, pushing sand onto the grass, and flooding the gear shed. Nippers went on regardless – sometimes able to share the beach with the volleyball players, sculptures and the public whilst other times requiring their removal.

Tamarama is a unique beach, and the Club reflects that uniqueness. Our Nipper program has been able to maintain its small, family orientated, participatory feel that provides a connection to community, responsibility to others and pathway to becoming the life savers of the future.

With any endeavour, the more you put in, the more you get out – and Nippers is no exception.

I look forward to remaining actively involved with the Club.

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This season saw the handing over of the baton literally as the older nippers passed on the competitive mantle to new athletes from the younger ages.

There were competitors from all eligible ages from a large cohort of U8s through to the core group of U13s. Competitive relays were entered in Waverley Shield, Sydney Branch and State Titles. The U9 girls relay comprising Imogen, Heidi, Harriet and Allegra was very successful, medalling at the Shield and Branch Titles, with Allegra making the final of the beach sprint.

There was a sizable contingent at the Branch Titles, and State Titles saw one of our largest teams entered in years with Amelie, Oscar, Joe, James entered in the water and the U9 Girls’ Relay Team (Heidi, Allegra, Harriet, and Imogen) entered in the beach. The surf created obstacles for competition for our water competitors with many events abandoned.



The winner of the Graham Brewer Award for best male nipper competitor was Oscar Llewellyn U13 and the winner of the renamed Margaret Simpson-Lee Award for best female nipper was Allegra Smith U9.

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Heritage Report



It’s not unusual for me to have a short panic attack this time of year when I realise that a Heritage Report is due in short order for the Annual Report and I think back – what on earth did the Tamarama Heritage Collective (Troy Longworth, Chris Bromhead, John Hancock and I) achieve this year?

Thankfully we have such a great immediate and extended network of participants, once I put my mind to it, I realise it has been yet another satisfying year of steady progress!

One of the significant milestones in the last twelve months has been the move into the new clubhouse, providing a physical canvas for us to visually showcase club heritage to members and the wider community. One of the first developments was, much to Mrs

Bromhead’s delight, the relocation of a large trove of club Heritage material from the Bromhead garage back to the club, which at the same time allowed Chris Bromhead to move out of the doghouse and back into the main house. Thanks Chris (and Mrs Bromhead) for allowing us to use your home to store so much Club material for close to four years. In addition to the Bromheads clearing their home of Club items, I was also able to clear a number of large Club items from my garage and return them to the club, including a large surf boat sweep oar, a framed Tamarama Tigers singlet donated by Brian Henry’s (Life Member) widow and a silver plate gifted to William Stewart (Foundation Treasurer, Tamarama SLSC) in recognition of his service to Tamarama SLSC. Mrs Waddell is also delighted with this development and similar to Chris, I’m also now out of the doghouse.

With Heritage material on site, Matteo (immediate past President and Life Member) and Richard Taylor got to work and installed some of the larger Heritage items in the main hall in time for the club opening. The installation included a large surf boat sweep oar that I had restored over many months, surf boat oars, club

pennants from the 1950s and a balsa wood short board owned by Club Life Member, President and Club Captain, Jack Mayes. These items give the hall a strong sense of connection to Surf Life Saving. Thanks Matteo and Richard.

A few weekends of effort saw the Heritage items on site sorted, tidied and stored safely ready for further cataloguing, restoration and display over time.

As part of the Club re-development, Mike Turner and I had discussed how we could approach the display of heritage items in the new clubhouse. Mike came up with the idea of a display cabinet being included in the build – this has been done, providing a space which is now being used for this purpose. A number of significant items are installed with two rotations from the Heritage collection displayed so far. Keep an eye out for new items over time. There’s a fair amount of work to develop these – ideally, in time, to be accompanied by text explaining the significance and background of items on display.

Missing from the club fit out but a work in progress is the installation of contemporary Honour Boards and the

club World War I and II Memorial. We plan to finalise the Honour Board design for Management Committee review and approval in coming months – hopefully finalising installation before the end of the 2025–26 season.

While we have much of the Heritage material that went to storage back on site, there are a number of other items including vintage surf craft and reel, line and belt units that are yet to be returned. We expect these to be delivered in coming months and display plans to be finalised once they are on site.

In discussion with enthusiastic and talented club members, I believe there is a growing ground swell of interest in re-establishing at Tamarama the SLS tradition of March Past – exciting! We have a reel, line and belt unit, flag, flagpole and holster available for this which is great. Wayne Evans (Life Member) is standing ready to train and coach this team as soon as they assemble.

It’s great to have an extended network of contacts on the lookout for us. During the season, Annette Keay, one of the Nipper mums who has been involved with the club for many years alerted John Hancock (Director of Junior Activities,

Heritage Collective member and Life Member) to an 85 year old book related to Tamarama that was coming up for auction. The book was written by George Philip, foundation President of Tamarama SLSC, entitled *Sixty Years Recollections of Swimming and Surfing in the Eastern Suburbs and Kindred Subjects*. For several years we’ve held a scanned copy in the Heritage digital collection (which can be accessed from the Club website – under ‘Heritage Project’). John Hancock and I jointly agreed to bid for the book which we were ultimately successful in securing on behalf of the Club.

The last 25 years has seen steady interest from several talented club members, documenting historical and contemporary club life – from the production of multiple club related documentaries to digitising significant club heritage material and making all of this available to members and interested parties. This season, we were saddened with the passing of our much-loved Patron, Henry Hourihan. Beyond our personal experiences and knowledge of Henry, the historical material accumulated as part of the Heritage Project enabled us to publish a fitting tribute to Henry – our friend and great Club member.

This tribute is included separately in this annual report.

In closing, I’d like to thank the members of the Heritage Collective and our extended network for their contribution to the Heritage Project over the last 12 months. We’ve made steady progress but with more to do. If you have an interest, please join us – be that on a specific project or idea you’d like to pursue or to help out in some way through the season. Thanks also to the Tamarama Communications Team and the Management Committee for their ongoing support and assistance.

See you all on the beach soon!

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Images 1–4: Heritage items on display in the main hall and the Heritage cabinet in the main walkway at the club.

Image 5: Jack Mayes’ balsa wood short surfboard on display behind the Mike Turner bar in the main hall Member’s Lounge.

Inset: George Philip’s book recording local history from the 1880s through 1940 including that of Bronte and Tamarama SLSCs – now in the Tamarama Heritage physical collection.

Heritage Report – VALE – Henry Kevin Hourihan

Life Member, Tamarama SLSC



On the 8th of April 2025, the Club was advised of the passing of one of our greats, our Club Patron, Henry Hourihan.

Henry was a stalwart and valued member of our community, having been involved with Tamarama SLSC for close to 75 years.

Henry was born in Cork, Ireland on the 8th of November 1932. His father was in the Colonial Police Force and was based in Hong Kong. Henry was born in Ireland while his family was on extended leave from Hong Kong. The family returned to Hong Kong at the conclusion of the leave period. With the advance of Japanese forces south through Asia in the early 1940s, they were evacuated to Australia, arriving in Sydney, taking up residence in Bellevue Hill with Henry attending Bellevue Hill Public School. Bondi was a short tram ride from Bellevue Hill and Henry took an early interest in the beach, centred on Bondi initially, gradually taking an interest in becoming a Surf Life Saver, as he was keen to become part of what Surf Life Saving stood for.

Henry was called up for National Service in 1951 and served with the Air Force in Richmond, NSW, for six months. There he met Brian Orchard, a Qantas Engineer, who was a member of Tamarama SLSC. Brian encouraged Henry to join Tamarama SLSC rather than one of the Bondi clubs. Henry was 18 years old at that time and arriving at Tamarama was a real eye opener - meeting people from all backgrounds and walks of life, including larger than life characters like Jack Mayes (Club Captain) and John Wardall (Chief Training Officer). At that time, Surf Life Saving was an all male affair, and Henry recalled that often inside the club, members wore no clothes at all. One of his first memories was of Jack, parading around the clubhouse in all his glory - Henry did not know where to look. Notwithstanding this unorthodox induction, he was made to feel very welcome with the Tamarama membership quickly becoming an extended family. As was common at the time, everyone had or quickly acquired a nickname - Henry's nickname was 'Hank'.

Henry was awarded his Bronze Medallion on 9 December 1951, under the instruction of Tamarama legend John Wardall, and quickly embraced club life.

By 1954, Henry was acting Chief Training Officer, subsequently taking on the role of Assistant Secretary from season 1955-56 through 1960-61, Treasurer from 1962-63 through 1968-69 and participating in many committees over the years including the New Member, Finance and Executive committees. All of these responsibilities, while also undertaking patrol responsibilities. Henry was Treasurer during the major clubhouse build in the mid 1960s - which based on committee comments from the time, appeared to be as challenging as the most recent rebuild. In recognition of his contribution on the beach and as a hard working, long serving and effective leader and administrator for the Club, Henry was elected to Life Member in the 1969-70 season - before the age of 40, which is a major achievement in itself, and especially for someone of that age.

Club life was very different in the 1950s - one thing that has not changed at all is the fact that Tamarama is a tricky little beach and not to be taken for granted, serving up some of the toughest conditions along the NSW coast, especially when the surf is up. Henry shared a story of his early days at the club that relates to what could only be

described as an adventure born out of "it seemed like a good idea at the time". A version of the story made it into the Daily Telegraph on October 20, 1952, in an article entitled "Man swims 1½ miles in rescue - Saved by Surfboat". I include a transcript of the article and an image of the article as well.

Man swims 1½ miles in rescue - Saved by Surfboat

Two brothers went about half a mile to sea off Tamarama Beach yesterday to rescue two fellow club members.

When they could not rescue the men one of the brothers swam a mile to get help.

The brothers are Dick and Bob Marrott of Tamarama Surf Club.

About 315pm yesterday they saw two new members of the club, Henry Hourihan and Don Gillies struggling in a dangerous rip off Tamarama Beach. When the rip dragged the two men out and they disappeared in heavy surf, Bob Marrott swam half a mile to reach them. Dick Marrott on a surf ski guided him.

As Dick Marrott tried to juggle the ski in high surf a wave flung it on

the rocks off Bronte headland. Bob Marrott had reached the end of his lifeline. He knew his brother would not be able to bring the struggling men to him. Bob slipped his surfbelt and swam more than a mile toward Bronte to reach help.

Beach inspector J. Hill ordered a Bronte surfboat out to pick up the four men when he saw Marrott trying to swim to Bronte Beach.

The four men were exhausted when the surfboat brought them to the shore. Mr Hill said later "Bob did a mighty swim. His line had run out before he reached Hourihan and Gillies. He was carrying a very heavy dead weight but did not slip the line until he saw his brother crash. He knew then it was no use hanging on to the line because Dick would not be able to bring Hourihan and Gillies to him.

That was the version as told by The Telegraph. Henry's version had some further colour and reflection - namely that he and Don had been up at what I assume was the Royal one Sunday afternoon and had consumed a few drinks, had headed back to the club, seen the great surf and headed out to catch

some waves, which they did, but then had trouble getting back. The Marrott brothers were legendary champion Tamarama surf swimmers and showed great courage heading out to retrieve the boys, something which Henry was very appreciative of, reinforcing the care members had for each other and the community at large. Henry also recalls that the Bronte surfboat was wiped out by large waves on the way back in, with everyone ultimately swimming back safely to Bronte.

Henry became Patron in 2003, following the passing of another Tamarama great who preceded Henry as Patron, John Wardall. While Henry's day to day involvement in Tamarama club

- 1. Henry Hourihan in 1967.
- 2. Tamarama SLSC Committee 1955-56. Top: R. Ellis, Max Martin, Peter Wardall, Bob Deverall, A.J. Fenwick, Earl Levington. Middle: Henry Hourihan, Tom Datsun, Jack Mayes, Ernie Philips, Ron Buist, Ron Muller, Les Lawrence. Front: John Shand, J. Hepworth, Ted Gillroy
- 3. Henry Hourihan, Tamarama SLSC Treasurer 1967/68.
- 4. Caption (top): Henry Hourihan and Don Gillies, Tamarama Lifesavers, who were swept half a mile out to sea from Tamarama Beach yesterday. A Bronte lifeboat rescued them. Caption (bottom): Tamarama lifesavers Bob Marrott (left) and Dick who tried to rescue Hourihan and Gillies.
- 5. Henry and Jemima Waddell during the 2016 photo shoot for promotional material to spearhead the fundraising campaign for the Clubhouse renovations.

Heritage Report – VALE – Henry Kevin Hourihan

Life Member, Tamarama SLSC CONTINUED



life receded from the 1970s, he always maintained a close connection and interest in how the club was developing and evolving, and always ready to step up when needed. In the 1980s when member numbers were at one of their lowest points, Henry was always ready to pull on a cap and come down to make up numbers on patrol. When Henry accepted the position of Patron, as with all his other prior Club responsibilities, he actively engaged, enthusiastically embracing the opportunity.

Since the 2015–16 Annual Report, the Club has invited the Patron to include a report based on their experiences and thoughts on the season that had just concluded. Henry gladly contributed – two of these reports from the 2021–22 and 2023–24 season Annual Reports follow. These reports provide insights into how Henry viewed the Tamarama SLSC of today.

2021–22

Hello all fellow members new and old. I would first like to acknowledge and remember our older members, as I myself will turn 90 years of age in November this year. I joined Tamarama SLSC when I was 18 years

of age where I attended patrols every weekend as well as being called up to National Service in the Airforce. But fortunately, I was only needed for 6 months and could concentrate back on saving lives in the surf! I now find it amazing how many new members have joined the club from a huge diversity of backgrounds, coalescing into an incredible number of members. Tamarama SLSC has always been a special family to myself and others. I can see this especially in the last decade, even more so! I am also looking forward to meeting new and future members who go through their bronze medallion training this year, growing our family even more! My grand daughter just recently visited Tamarama Beach and sent me a photo of the club house and excitingly I saw the rebuilding has commenced. Also that the special, original yellow and blue building still remains which gives me happy thoughts of the past and the future, unfortunately I can't get my niece to join (yet)! Fond regards.

HENRY HOURIHAN
Club Patron and Life Member

2023–24

Hi Everyone! I saw the clubhouse recently afar from the street on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. I was so glad to hear there is now over 200 club members. I am also so happy with the future of the club and where it is going. After being a member of the club for over 70 years now, I am proud of the contribution I have made over the years to encourage others to create a friendly and supportive club. I want to mention one of the special people who have worked to make positive changes in the club – Sandra Fox. Look forward to seeing you all at the club opening!

HENRY HOURIHAN
Club Patron

There are a few themes here that would resonate with members of today beyond that of our prime objective of lifesaving, but nevertheless themes that enable us to continue this objective and uniquely Australian tradition – inclusion, diversity, community and family.

Hallmarks of Henry's thoughts and words about the club over many years included – enduring encouragement, recognition and support. He was so impressed with

how the members and Management Committee were continuing the tradition of Surf Life Saving at Tamarama – recognising at the same time that the world of today is different to the one he grew up in, with the club remaining as strong or even stronger than in earlier days. Henry would regularly attend Bronze Medallion graduations to congratulate new members, share stories and motivate. He would attend and speak at Annual General Meetings, enjoy Annual Dinners with members and support the club in any way he could, including being one of the faces for the launch of the fundraising phase of the club rebuild.

To say that he was effusive on matters related to the membership, Management Committee and our surf lifesaving community would be a massive understatement. He was so pleased to see so many members, young and old, getting involved, serving their community, building their fitness and skills and becoming the best people that they could be.

We are sure going to miss you, Henry.

In writing this tribute to our Patron, Henry Hourihan, I had the opportunity to scour through a lot of our heritage related digital assets. I listened intently to Henry's oral

history archive that Philippa Ardlie put together around 2013. I'd like to close with a short poem that Henry read out at the conclusion of the interview – Henry was honoured to be able to tell his story as part of the Heritage Project and only had one request of Philippa, which was that he be able to read a poem in order to make sure it went on the Club record. Philippa was more than happy to oblige. I'm really pleased to be able to share this with members once again and include it, for the record, in the 2024–25 Annual Report.

The poem was very special for Henry – you will work this out quickly. He recalls that he read it out to members at the Club 100th Year celebrations in 2006. In his Heritage Project interview he attributes the poem to an Irish Poet Laureate. Now – when I heard this statement I wondered which Irish poet would have any idea that Tamarama beach even existed...

An Ode to Tamarama Beach

There is not in the wide world a bay so sweet

As that Tamarama in whose bosom the bright waters meet

Oh the last rays of feeling and life must depart

ere the bloom of Tamarama shall fade from my heart

I'll confess that on hearing this read out by Henry and on subsequent readings, it does bring more than a tear or two to my eyes – maybe to your eyes too...

Henry went on to say after reading this “Still be there right to the last minute, beautiful place, come around that corner to see Tamarama brings back all the lovely memories and life. Thanks for allowing me to say it and put it on record.”

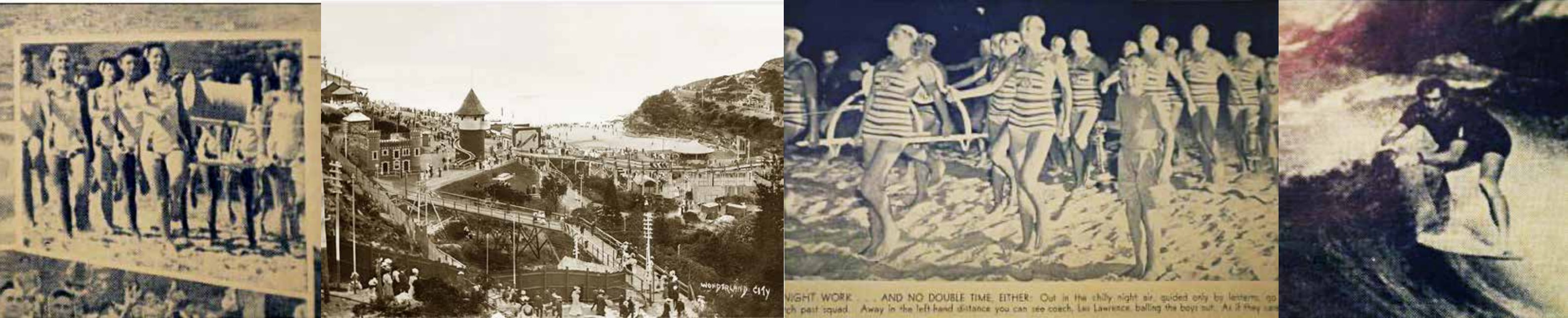
After listening to this on Thursday evening, 10 April, I woke up at around 2am the next morning and my first waking thought was that the mysterious Irish Poet Laureate that Henry was referring to was in fact himself! I know I'm slow, but...

Henry – thanks for your substantial contribution to Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club, over the best part of 75 years. Thanks for being a Lifesaver, champion of the club, a true leader, inspiration and friend to us all. Rest in Peace.

- 1. Henry at the Summer 2018 Bronze Medallion graduation
- 2. Henry and Danny – formidable doormen at the 2017 Tamarama SLSC Annual Awards Dinner
- 3. Henry, his daughter Fleur and son Sean at the opening of the new Tamarama clubhouse in 2024

Heritage Report – VALE – Edward (Ted) Gillroy

Life Member, Tamarama SLSC



On the 7th of July 2025, the Club was advised of the passing of one of our treasured Life Members, Ted Gillroy OAM.

Ted was associated with Tamarama for some 78 years – a generous person embedded in and dedicated to the community that he served. Ted took every opportunity he could to champion and communicate the importance of service to community and others, leading by example to the very end. Ted was through and through the example of the very best of Australia and its people – in words and action. He was impressed with how the club had evolved to what it is and represents in 2025 and remarked this to me every time we spoke. Those of us who knew Ted will remember his gentle nature, generosity, humanity and life long commitment to his community and will miss him dearly. For Ted's lifelong service to community, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours.

Ted was one of a dozen or more Life Members who shared their story in the 2014 Tamarama SLSC "A Way of Life"

documentary – a link to this documentary can be found on the Tamarama SLSC website. A few years ago, Ted agreed to once again share his story in an article written for and included in the 2023–24 Annual Report. In honour of Ted's contribution and long time commitment to Tamarama SLSC, I have again included Ted's story in the 2024–25 Annual Report.

Rest easy Cobber.

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Ted Gillroy, Life Member, Tamarama SLSC

My first recollection of my active participation at Tamarama goes back to 1947 until I transferred to retired active in 1964. However, let's begin with a little of the history about Tamarama, not Ted just yet.

The indigenous name for Tamarama was believed to be Gamma Gamma, now the history journey from Gamma Gamma to my day "Glamarama", a description used given the necessity of women activities at "home" during the second world war as the men were away at the war, this even

applied to social activities. See our ladies at the 1947 Tamarama carnival.

In the early development of Sydney, Tamarama initially was like the present day Luna Park at North Sydney and called "Wonderland City". The Surf Club was formed in 1906 after winning a long legal battle with the owners of "Wonderland City" about access to the beach, and in 1911 "Wonderland City" was closed down.

My parents, Lionel and Mavis, moved into 3 Pacific Avenue in 1935 having 3 children, Von, Bobby and me. My first recollection at Tamarama was the summer of 1946, watching an airplane doing acrobatics when it went into a dive crashing into the ocean a few hundred meters off Mackenzie Beach.

As a ten year old watching the activity that followed, watching a lot of people swim out to the wreckage, I assumed for souvenirs, the weather started to turn and the surf became rough creating dangerous current activity. Sensing the turning weather was going to make it difficult for many swimmers to get back to shore, the police consulted with the club's senior members, Pop Weir, Ernie Philip, Ken Stewart, Les Lawrence and others as to how do we communicate with all these people

hundreds of meters out to sea. The resulting decision was to ring the shark bell.

Too late, regretfully the situation did not end that well, at least there were no lives lost however hundreds of people needed to be rescued, some actually required medical attention. Given the number of people in the water and only three reels on the beach, the rope to the three reels were tied to the metal grip at the end of the surf boards thus enabling multiple rescues at any one time. The result for the surf club, many members being at the beach that day, was being awarded a Certificate of Merit which I am sure will again take pride of place when the present building works are complete, for there is no doubt but for the actions of the members, lives would have been lost.

During this period of my life to say 1947, I was a typical 'kid', in and out of the club building, interacting with the older members. As an example, while club members trained for surf carnivals such as the march past, Bobby, at the arrow, and I adjacent to the reel, can be seen in the photograph above.

During the 1946–47 season, the first of a number of Gala surf carnivals on Tamarama beach were held, named

the W.F. (Bill) McNally Gala Day. The competing clubs for the surf carnival part of the event were North Bondi, Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama. The activities part of the 'Gala' day were a draught horse derby, entertainment by dancers from the Tivoli at Newtown, public personalities Jack Davey, George Wallace, Willie Fennell, leading jockeys and newspaper columnists. My Mum, Mavis with two other ladies supervised the catering for the day. It was estimated the number of patrons that were entertained was around 8,000, the last of this spectacular type surf carnival/entertainment extravaganza was held in the summer of 1950.

I hadn't joined the club yet.

Still in 1946–47 and each weekend until about 1965, first aid attention was provided by volunteers from St John's Ambulance Brigade. Each season in excess of 200 casualties were treated by these volunteers. All good things too often come to an end with the 1963–64 season seeing the last of this voluntary participation.

It was about the 1947–48 season that the club realised the importance of a surf boat. Our generous benefactor for the club, Ted Halstrom, later to be known as Sir Edward Halstrom, donated a surf boat to the club

urgently needed as part of life saving equipment, given Tamarama was considered at the time to be one of the most dangerous patrolled beaches in Australia.

Inter club surf carnivals were growing in popularity at this time and with this, the success of our boat crews resulted in Metropolitan and State titles under the leadership of our very volatile competitor and surf boat sweep, Jack 'Bluey' Mayes, seen here as a competent board rider. Together with his junior boat crew, Rod Craig, Barry Smith, Frank Harris and Ron Ellis, Jack certainly did the club proud.

Due to family circumstances, our dad giving his life for King and Country, Bobby and I went to boarding school, living at school during term time and home for school holidays. I left school in 1951 and joined the Tamarama Surf Club in 1952.

My first rescue was an after hours event on Christmas Day 1952. It was around 5am and Bobby and I were roused from our sleep by banging on the front door of our home and the shark bell ringing in

1. Tamarama March Past Team 1947
2. Aerial view of Wonderland city, early 1900s
3. March Past Training circa late 1940s – Ted foreground
4. Jack Mayes, champion surf boat sweep and surfer

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Life Member, Tamarama SLSC CONTINUED



the distance. We found that a visitor went swimming and had gotten into trouble. Bobby and I and some others responded to the ruckus, the rescue being successful. Sometimes a thank you is not forthcoming when something good is done however the visitor, Werner, sent a book to both of us as a thank you for saving his life. It was not until later in my life that I appreciated this simple, “thank you”.

I took part in carnivals as a ski paddler. The only award I achieved was a 100% patrol attendance pennant. How could I not accomplish this dazzling performance living where I lived, about 100 meters from the patrol enclosure.

Now my little brother Bobby is a different story, picture below with his wife Joan. Bobby and I worked together on some projects around the club, one of these jobs related to installation of timber seating around the inside of the club house.

In 1952-53 Pop Weir was the patron, Ernie Philip the President, Les Lawrence the Secretary and Bluey Mayes the Club Captain and Boat Captain and our present Patron Henry Hourihan had just joined the club as a senior active member. I obtained my bronze medallion on Bondi Beach, November 1952.

Given the comradery that existed at Tamarama it was no surprise at the many carnival winning results from boat crews, board riders, ski paddlers, swimmers, beach sprinters, flags and would you believe it, Tamarama excelled in the pillow fight events.

During season 1953-54 there were three fatal incidents where cars left Marine Parade, crashing to the rocks below, all three vehicles had deceased people to be extricated with the club receiving a Police commendation due to the club member support in the recovery of the victims.

Season 1954-55 I started to participate in the club's activities, the club was on a high with the exploits of the boat crews. Pat Woods, Des Carroll, Bill Ferguson, David Fryer and I competed in the junior boat events without much success. I competed at the Royal Carnival on Bondi beach in Heat 1 of the surf ski race, again without success. As I have said, I was not much of an athlete.

I took office on the club's committees, as Board and Ski Captain for 1954-55 again in 1955-56 and Publicity Officer 1956-57. In Club Championships for the season 1954-55, I was second in the Ski Championship and Second in the Ski points score. In the year 1957 I was

married and building my own home so my involvement in Tamarama activities was very limited.

Season 1959-60 was my first year appointed by Waverley Council as an Honorary Beach Inspector and at this time there was a public or at least a media reaction to the recently introduced bikini swimwear for females. In an incident while I was on patrol I was confronted by a newspaper reporter and a photographer with a bikini clad young lady. Controversy raged at that time over the brevity of the new swimwear, the media presence at Tamarama was a follow up to the media confrontation with Aub Laidlaw on Bondi beach on previous days. I believe I communicated to the reporter in a way that left him with no story to tell about Tamarama's Glamaramas. I apparently was not controversial enough.

Off season activities were another show of the strength of the mateship within the membership where we participated in a range of other sports including basketball. The Tamarama Tigers were the basketball team of which I was a player along with George Bishop, John Shand, Doug McDonald and Brian Henry.

Other winter sports included handball in the member constructed court, ice hockey which Bluey Mayes was very much involved in, Seagulls Winter Swimming Club with these brave souls swimming at Tama in winter as well as keeping an eye on work to be done around the clubhouse and beach football. Talking of football, Brian Bevan was not a member of Tamarama, but went to school at Bondi Public School and Randwick Boys High and bonded with Tamarama Surf Club. Brian's incredible talent as a footballer with the Eastern Suburbs Rugby League, and the Blue Bags, Newtown. We took Brian as our own, where we mentioned him in our annual report towards the end of the 1940s.

The 2000 Sydney Olympic Games provided a reward for community service across Australia and to this end, two Tamarama representatives were awarded the honour from Tamarama Surf Club to be part of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Torch Relay. Our boat crew carried this honor for Tamarama Surf Club and I was the second participant from Tamarama. My community service has been ongoing, relating to overseas voluntary work with other builders for Rotary, and also (still) active in the Lions movement,

and of course my fifty years service for Tamarama Surf Club, most of these years was of course my life membership.

The club visualised the dropping off in membership in the 1980s. Up to this time most of the members were within walking distance to the clubhouse, as I mentioned earlier. I built my home for my wife and I and our children out west. One initiative by the club to maintain an appropriate number of members was to source members from a local college, Scotts. Another was the creation of a category for those younger than the present Cadets and Juniors – thus the title Juvenile (now Nippers) was created. The first Juvenile for Tamarama was my son Steve, ultimately doing most of his active surf club work down the south coast where he lived.

There is so much history untold by me - carnival exploits from Bluey Mayes boat crews, the beach sprinters (John 'Spider' Annand, John Loader, John Shand, Calvin Boyd and brother Bob), swimmers including the Marrott Brothers, Shaun Lawrence, the Brats v Men event at Christmas, ski paddlers Dick Marrott and George Van Dyke. And so I could go on, social activities in the clubhouse,

the Saturday night dances, the Sunday afternoon social with no drunken behavior. Given the popularity of the Sunday afternoon social it was at least one way of getting enough members to lift and carry the 'double ender' surf boat off the beach into its shed. I would be extremely remiss if Ron Buist was not mentioned. Ron was an absolute tireless administrator for the club, highly respected beyond Tamarama, Ron now deceased.

I hope the readers have found my recollection to be interesting.

TED GILLROY OAM J.P.
Life Member Tamarama SLSC
Vice President Macarthur Lions Club
Camden Citizen of the Year 2015
Past President and Past Secretary Macarthur Lions Club
Past Secretary Fairfield Rotary Club

- 1. Bobby and Joan Gillroy
- 2. Surf Life Saving Pillow Fights
- 3. Tamarama SLSC Management Committee circa mid 1950s – Ted, bottom row right
- 4. Tamarama Tigers Basketball Team (Ted top right)
- 5. Ted carrying the Olympic Torch in 2000 – a reward for a lifetime of Surf Life Saving and Lions community service
- 6. Ted at the 2023 AGM held at Bronte SLSC

Qantas Side by Side Grant



Tamarama SLSC applied for a Side by Side Grant in 2024. The grant was submitted by Qantas staff member and Tamarama SLSC club member Guy Waddell (Head of International Revenue Management & Revenue Optimisation) with the assistance of club member Roger Moresi (Qantas Customer Service Manager).

The grant sought funding for lifesaving equipment including replacement rescue boards, a defibrillation unit/accessories and a first aid kit.

The following report was provided to Qantas by way of background to the grant request. We were fortunate enough to be successful in being awarded the grant as applied for.

Side by Side Report to Qantas

Tamarama beach is located between Bondi and Bronte beaches in Sydney's eastern suburbs. The beach is known to be one of the most treacherous in NSW. Tamarama SLSC is a foundation member of Surf Life Saving Australia with origins dating back to 1906. The vast majority of our members are not local to Tamarama (in fact very few are locals), rather, our members come from many and varied walks of life and frequently live some distance from the coast.

At Tamarama SLSC we train close to 70 new Lifesavers every year – ranging from junior Lifesavers who attain their Surf Rescue Certificate through to adults who attain their Bronze Medallion in Surf Lifesaving and other awards of a more technical or physically demanding nature.

This training involves an enormous amount of effort by our volunteer trainers and places significant strain and demand on our equipment. The two rescue boards secured through the Side by Side grant replaced two boards damaged beyond repair in the 2023–24 season. We chose the Bennett soft surf rescue board over any other given the sturdy foam construction which is particularly useful at our narrow beach that has abundant rocks and cliff faces that are unforgiving to epoxy and fibre glass rescue boards. The (close to 3m) soft rescue boards are great for rescues, durable, safer in the surf and less intimidating to new members, especially when in training.

With the assistance of Local, State, and Federal Governments as well as sponsors and members, Tamarama SLSC recently completed a much needed, major and protracted renovation of the club facilities. Before the club closed for renovations in 2021, we maintained a public access defibrillator, attached to the outside of the club building. Between 2021 and 2025, the defibrillator unit used for this failed and could not be repaired. The Side by Side grant has allowed us to acquire a new defibrillator unit, enabling us to re-instate the public access unit.

In addition to this, the Side by Side grant enabled us to replace the existing worn out protective casings for our operational beach defibrillation units, ensuring that they are protected from the harsh elements, helping to prolong the lifespan for these important (and expensive) life saving devices.

In addition to the important Lifesaving work that Tamarama SLSC undertakes, the club runs a number of outreach education and inclusion programs. Beyond our immediate club membership, these programs aim to build essential knowledge of how to be safe in and around the water but importantly, seek to build community by creating connections, tolerance and understanding across our membership and beyond.

Tamarama SLSC is also proud to be supporting the Beach Passport initiative that Qantas sponsors nationally in conjunction with Surf Life Saving Australia. The Beach Passport initiative seeks to help educate members of the public in beach safety with the ultimate objective of reducing loss of life through drownings. Qantas Frequent Flyers who complete the 10 minute online course are

rewarded with 150 Qantas Frequent Flyer points and go in a draw for a major prize.

If any member of Team Qantas would like to come and join us at Tamarama SLSC, please get in touch.

beachpassport.org.au

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Inclusion@Tama Report

Sustainability Report



For Surf lifesaving to be a modern and resilient movement, to deliver our ultimate goal of zero preventable deaths, Tamarama SLSC must be a place for *everyone* in Surf Lifesaving.

I know first hand that Tama has a unique culture of Inclusion and it's an honour to be part of a club that is committed to progress.

Taking over from the unstoppable Zoe Scott-King during this season as Inclusion Lead has given me renewed appreciation for the people power behind everything we do, and the special commitment that Tamarama members have made above and beyond their patrolling duties to help broaden the image, and the reality, of what a Surf Lifesaver is.

Tama's **Inclusive Swims** remain a major recruitment pathway, with the majority of women and gender diverse recruits over the 2024/5 Bronze Medallion cohorts coming to us via the Inclusive Swims. It's been heartening to see those

members returning quickly (in some cases as soon as the day after their graduation!) to the swims as water safety to ensure that chain of representation and inclusion continues.

It is also a galvanising program for community building within the club and beyond it, with other Sydney branch club members participating throughout the season.

Michelle Cowans continues to lead the **Migrant Beach Safety Days** which provide a crucial connection between new Sydney residents and our coastal waterways. Learning to respect the ocean and think of people in red and yellow as friends and supporters materially changes the experience people have on the beach. Club members supporting Michelle in delivering these days with all their wonderful quirks have been able to hone their communication skills and beach management knowledge too.

Rainbow Beaches saw us flying the rainbow flag across the beach and the waterways, a reminder that the beach should be a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

Once again, Team Tama had a major presence with **Lifesavers With Pride at Mardi Gras**, and it was another great opportunity to invite other members into our new clubhouse for rehearsals.

Our **International Women's Day** patrols saw a strong showing from women Club Members, from experienced Patrol Captains to a group of Bronze Medallion candidates, who volunteered for the afternoon patrol to shadow and learn from other women on the beach.

Thanks to the Inclusion committee who gave time, expertise and advice, sometimes from far away! My gratitude to Zoe, Michelle, Evie, Bella, Matthew, Jo, Sue, Ellie, Sandra, and Lisa. Thanks also to Sarah, Bash, and Prue who were consistent volunteers to help ensure that all these events went forward well attended and well supported.

See you next season,

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This past season, the Tamarama SLSC Sustainability Committee has made great strides embedding sustainability into Club life. From reducing single-use waste to caring for our beach environment, we've been working hard to align our lifesaving values with care for nature.

We've taken a grassroots approach to make sustainability visible and easy for members to act on. Our new mug library has been a hit, reducing the need for disposable coffee cups and fostering a culture of reuse. We also stocked the patrol room with buckets and litter pickers, making it easy for anyone on patrol to take initiative with a quick beach clean-up.

We surveyed our members to ensure our sustainability ambitions reflect our community's values. Tamarama is proud to be known as the most inclusive surf club, and we would love to be known as the most environmentally sustainable too. We were thrilled that 100% of surveyed members supported this vision – and also backed the development of a Net Zero Plan to establish and achieve a Net Zero target.

We held our first Sustainability Committee meeting and have since been building momentum. We partnered with Waverley Council on the Marine BioBlitz, connecting members and the wider community with the marine life we protect. We also deepened our understanding of the local terrestrial biodiversity around the Club through our partnership with Xylo Systems.

To support more sustainable functions at the Clubhouse, we developed Sustainable Event Guidelines. We're also contributing to a preferred caterers list that prioritises sustainable suppliers.

And finally, we're proud to report that our solar array is performing well – harnessing clean energy from the sun to power Club operations.

Looking ahead, we're excited to build on this strong foundation with more initiatives that make sustainability a visible, achievable, and valued part of Club life. It's been fantastic to see growing interest and involvement from members – together, we're shaping a future where Tamarama SLSC leads not just in surf safety and inclusion, but in environmental sustainability too.

AMY CROUCHER
Sustainability Lead

Recognition Report – Surf Life Saving Sydney

Awards of Excellence



Saturday July 5 was a momentous night in the life of our Club. It was Surf Lifesaving Sydney Branch’s Awards of Excellence. Sydney Branch represents all the SLSC’s from the Royal National Park all the way up to North Bondi.

We put forward some really strong nominations across many areas where we felt the Club had excelled this season. Some of our members were nominated as individuals, given the amazing things they had contributed and achieved, some teams were nominated, and we also nominated our Club for Club of the Year.

Some nominations were shortlisted, which is a high achievement in itself. These include Patrol 1 for Patrol of the Year, Richard Hamilton as Trainer of the Year, Prue Lynch as Volunteer of the Year and Tim Wright as Lifesaver of the Year. In our hearts and minds, they are all winners and we stand proud of their acknowledgment.

The rest of our nominations WON!!! Our Treasurer Amelia Curtis won Administrator of the Year (for revolutionising our financial management), our all-star Education Team won the Services Team of the year (our education team are all stars and now everyone knows it!).

We also WON CLUB OF THE YEAR!! That’s right – your Club is the Sydney Branch Club of the Year 24/25 – let that soak in! We put forward all our achievements, our new building occupation and really focused on our inclusive culture and how that permeates

everything that we do, and we’re so proud to have that all recognised. And there’s more – Tamarama (according to Guy and Phil Hogan – I asked our keepers of Tama history) has never won this award before, which makes it even more special.

In addition, the SLS Women’s Network that grew from the She’s a Lifesaver campaign, seeded in Tama, to increase the participation, achievements, leadership and mentoring of women in our Club. The Network grew organically to encourage participation from all our neighbouring Clubs so we could share best practice, innovate and continually support women in SLS. The SLS Women’s Network won the Innovation of the Year category, which featured how Clubs can work together on shared challenges and succeed together.

All in all, a tremendous night. I am so proud of our Club and haven’t stopped smiling since Saturday night.

We will be sharing more news of how we can all celebrate this together shortly.

SANDRA FOX
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Congratulations to all our Winners!

Club of the Year Winner: Tamarama SLSC

Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club is redefining what it means to be a connected, inclusive, and high-performing surf club. In the 2024/25 season, the club delivered major innovations focused on member experience, operational excellence, and community engagement. Highlights include the inaugural Proficiency Festival, which tripled participation in ART skills maintenance and strengthened member confidence and connection. The completion of Tamarama’s new clubhouse secures the club’s future and sets a precedent for others.

Operational improvements include new venue hire systems, gym protocols, and a comprehensive management plan. The Education Team expanded from five to nine trainers, delivering enhanced Bronze Medallion and IRB training including the club’s first all-female IRB crew. Diversity and inclusion were prioritised through targeted outreach, LGBTIQ+ representation, and diverse membership.

Digital tools like a new website, real-time feedback, and award dashboards have improved engagement. Scenario-based patrols and social events boosted connection and accessibility. Leadership is now majority female, including the club’s first female President, supported by governance and financial reform for long-term sustainability. A new sustainability committee and expanded rooftop solar also reinforce Tamarama’s future focus.

From new members to Life Members, Tamarama is a place to grow, connect, and thrive.

Services Team of the Year Winner: The Tamarama Education Team

No one has more fun than the trainers and learners at Tamarama. The team creates an inclusive training experience that goes far beyond surf lifesaving skills. Described by participants as “one of the best things I’ve done in my life,” the education programs at Tamarama have become a cornerstone of connection, personal growth, and community building.

What sets this team apart is the deep commitment, passion, and attention to detail shown by every trainer involved. From the very beginning, it is clear to all

course participants that both education and community are centred. Trainers are consistently described as knowledgeable, supportive, patient, and generous with their time, always going above and beyond to ensure every individual feels confident, capable, and included.

The team prides themselves on accessibility, offering a mix of mandatory and optional sessions that cater to different learning styles and skill levels. Many bronzies have highlighted the optional midweek learning sessions as a key highlight, with smaller group settings that allowed for confidence-building, targeted support, and closer bonds between clubbies, bronzies and trainers. These extra efforts, often done outside formal hours, are a testament to the dedication of the education team.

Administrator of the Year Winner: Amelia Curtis

Amelia Curtis is an exceptional member of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club whose leadership, professionalism, and dedication as Club Treasurer have profoundly shaped the club’s operations and long-term viability. All in just her first term as Treasurer. While the Treasurer role

Recognition Report – Surf Life Saving Sydney

Awards of Excellence CONTINUED



is often invisible to most members, it is absolutely critical – and under Amelia’s stewardship, the position has been elevated to one of proactive leadership, strategic foresight, and quiet excellence.

Amelia took on the Treasurer role at a time when the club’s financial systems needed significant updating. Rather than simply maintaining the status quo, she embarked on a complete overhaul of the club’s financial processes and forecasting tools. She worked closely with every arm of the club– patrols, training, IRB, competition, social – to develop realistic, tailored budgets and ensure all expenditures aligned with our strategic priorities and are affordable now and into the future. Her professionalism and approachability have made her a trusted advisor for all club teams, from day-to-day reimbursements to major capital investments.

Innovation of the Year Winner: SLS Women’s Network

The ‘SLS Women’s Network’ is a foundation for collaboration and innovation for the inclusion of women in lifesaving, actively driven by six clubs: Tamarama, North Bondi, Bondi, Bronte, Clovelly, and Coogee SLSCs.

The concept for this powerful initiative emerged from Tamarama SLSC’s successful ‘She’s a Lifesaver’ campaign, enhancing visibility, participation, and leadership opportunities for women in Surf Life Saving (SLS). Tamarama continues this strategy, with women in key leadership roles and the ‘Inclusive Swims’ program for women and gender-diverse people, providing safe and welcoming ocean swims for newcomers. Over time, obvious support from neighbouring clubs and conversations at our swims led to more expansive collaboration opportunities to create more opportunities for women in all areas of surf lifesaving.

A network of women members grew from Tamarama, Bronte, Bondi, North Bondi, Clovelly, and Coogee SLSCs. Over two years, this has evolved into the SLS Women’s Network, acting as an innovation hub and safe space to advocate for women. It serves as a platform for sharing ideas, initiatives, and best practices, focusing on key issues for women in SLS. The organic evolution, energy, and growth of this group demonstrate its success.

Congratulations to our Nominees!

Volunteer of the Year Nominee: Prue Lynch

Prue Lynch is the embodiment of what makes Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club so special. In just her second season, she has become an indispensable force within the club, contributing across patrols, education, competitions, communications, and community. After recovering from an injury that delayed her Bronze Medallion qualification, Prue returned with determination, earning her Bronze in the Summer ‘24 cohort which is a testament to her resilience and commitment.

Always the first to put her hand up, Prue volunteers her time selflessly and enthusiastically. She is a consistent and energetic patrolling member, clocking some of the highest patrol hours this season. Her presence on the beach is marked by warmth, professionalism, and an unwavering willingness to help others – particularly new Bronzies, whom she supports with kindness and encouragement.

Surf Lifesaver of the Year Nominee:

Tim Wright

Tim Wright is an extraordinary member of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club whose impact in just two years has been both deep and far-reaching. Despite being relatively new to the club, Tim has quickly become a driving force, not because of any formal title, but because of the way he leads through action, compassion, and innovation. He currently serves as Club Vice Captain and Competition and Training Lead, roles in which he consistently exceeds expectations.

Tim holds a Surf Life Saving NSW Coaching Qualification and Training Officer Certificate, credentials he uses to mentor others with warmth, clarity, and skill. Beyond his club duties, he contributes at the regional level as a member of the Sydney Branch SLS Member Services Committee and as host of the 2024 and 2025 Branch Awards.

Patrol of the Year Nominee: Patrol 1

Patrol 1 at Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club is a shining example of what surf lifesaving represents – courage, camaraderie, dedication, and community. This exceptional team, led by co-Patrol Captains Zoe and Cam, consistently operates with professionalism, enthusiasm, and purpose. Their patrol is a place where everyone is welcomed, valued, and motivated to grow.

Zoe and Cam’s collaborative leadership creates a strong, supportive, and well-organised team culture. Zoe’s patrol briefings are always clear, inclusive, and safety-focused, often incorporating practical scenarios that enhance both confidence and skill. Balancing her patrol duties with her role as Vice-President of the Management Committee, Zoe leads from the front with care, competence, and boundless energy.

Trainer of the Year Nominee: Richard Hamilton

Richard Hamilton embodies quiet leadership, technical excellence, and unwavering commitment to surf lifesaving at Tamarama SLSC. As the club’s primary IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) trainer, Richard has worked largely behind the scenes, without expectation of recognition, yet his impact has been both profound and transformative.

For several seasons, Richard has been the sole trainer driving Tamarama’s IRB training program. In a role that requires early mornings, complex logistics, and constant vigilance, he has shown tireless commitment to maintaining and growing one of the club’s most vital capabilities. His leadership style is understated but deeply effective – leading not through loud commands, but by setting a consistent example, supporting members patiently, and always showing up when it counts.

Once again, congratulations to all our Nominees and Winners. We’re incredibly proud of you and are looking forward to watching you soar in the 2025/26 season.

Club Membership 2024–2025

Life Members – 107

Michael Alvisse	John Annand*	Brian Beer	Gregory Bell	John Bell
Steven Bell	Tom Bodger	Rob Brander	Graeme Brewer	George Brooke*
William Brooke*	Tom Brooks*	Ron Buist*	Michael Burke*	Ivan Butterworth*
Alec Cahill*	Des Carroll*	Wally Charles*	Arthur Cole*	Vince Cole*
Christopher Cooper	Paul Cooper	Gordon Corbould*	Ced Davis*	Peter Davis
Shay Deguara	Geoff Dellet*	Fred Denham*	Bob Deverall*	S Dewild*
James Doyle*	Ray Doyle*	Ken Eastment•	Wayne Evans	Col Ferris*
John Fisher	Geoff Fowle*	Sandra Fox	David Fryer*	Edward Gillroy*
Robert Gillroy*	Chris Glover	Neville Gray*	John Hall*	Sir Eric Hallstrom*
Jon Hancock	J Hann*	Robert Hann*	Brian Henry	Robert Hodgson
Phil Hogan	Ian Hopkins	Wal Horne*	Henry Hourihan*	Vince Jackman*
Sue Jackson	David Jex*	Sid Joss*	Don Keech*	Les Lawrence*
Albert Levy*	Troy Longworth	Ronan MacSweeney	Robert Marrott*	Max Martin*
Jack Mayes*	Doug McDonell*	Alex McNab*	Geoff Mould	Ron Muller*
Ron Norman	Wal Norton*	Clive Owens <small>OAM</small>	Robert Parton*	Charles Philip*
Ernie G Philip*	George B Philip*	William Philip*	John Proctor	David Radford*
Les Rayne*	Allan Roberts	Matteo Salval	John Shand	Richard Sheldon*
William Shires	Richard Simpson	Margaret Simpson-Lee	Frank Smith	Neil Smith
Ken Stewart*	William Stewart*	Eric Tatnall*	Brian Tutil	Geoffrey Vaughan
Geoffrey Vincent	Guy Waddell	John Wardall*	Peter Wardall*	Neill Warren
B A Weir*	Ernie E Weir*	Dr John Weir*	Wilton Weir*	Bryan Williams*
Robert Wormleaton	Daniel Zafir			

** Denotes member is deceased*

Honorary Members – 5

Simon Exleton	David Handley	Clr Marjorie O'Neil <small>MP</small>	Robert Talbott <small>OAM</small>	Joan Wardall*
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Long Service Members – 11

David Blamires	Megan Blamires	Mark Cassidy	Warwick Clout	Rex Hatton
Paul Martin	Neil McFarlane	John Rogers	Phillip Serjeant	Nicholas Spencer
Clifford Van-Praag				

Reserve Active Members – 17

Daniel Adams	Jonathan Brett	Gary Driscoll	Robert Foulkes	Timothy Gow
Sean James	David Lee	Adrian Lim	Andres Mafla Salgado	Mischee Mardardy
Ian Moate	Roger Moresi	Stephen Moynihan	Michael Signal	Robert Sparshott
David Speck	Mark Wilcox			

Senior Active Members – 204

Robbie Adamiak	Andrew Addie	Simon Alperstein	Lachlan Andrew	Brett Appleton
Tanja Arienzale	Benedict Armitage	Agustin Arrieta	Derek Bagatourian	Hayden Bagnall
Suzanne Ballard	Lucy Amy Barker	Philippa Barr	Chris Barrett	Jack Batchelor
Sophie Batey	Alex Batten	Charles Bell	Helen Bell	Caitlin Benedict
Cameron Berry	Jessica Best	Casey Blauer	Dana Bledsoe	Lisa Bodrero
Mia Bridle	Kirsten Brighten	Andrew Brooker	Lance Brooks	Hamish Buchanan
Alexander Buckley	David Butler*	Bronwyn Cameron	Philip Capps	Sofia Casella
Younghwan Chang	Bradley Charters	William Charters	Matias Cilloniz	Josh Clarke
Shaun Cole	Navin Cooray	Jeffrey Coulter	Daniel Covarrubias	Michelle Cowans
Nick Coxon	Robert Crichton	Amy Croucher	Amelia Curtis	Rachael Cusick
Josh Dahmen	David Darley	Lindsay Davidson	Arnaud de La Chaise	Cameron Dean
Ricardo Del Rio	Ric Deverell	Ben Doherty	Kimberley Doherty	Luke Exell
Elaine Faddis	Jody Fitchet	Matthew Fitzpatrick	Edward Fothergill	Joao Franco
Robbie Frawley	Hugh French	Imogen Gardam	Nicola Ghirardi	Albert Gillies
Harriet Gillies	Joshua Gold	Jamie Gould	James Gray	Ramon Guimaraes
Richard Hamilton	Sarah Harmelink	Leonie Harold	Alexander Harrington	Daniel Harwood
Vasilios Hatzis	David Head	Ethan Henwood	Christian Holman	Marlin Hoppen
Hannah How	Isabel Hudson	Timothy Humphrys	Oliver Hunt	Grace Hyde
Richard Israel	Ethan Jackson	Jacob James	Alberto Jose Jimenez Tobia	Nathan Johnston
Sean Jungwirth	Stirling Keen	Merryn Kellie	Lillian Kenny	Taneisha King
Eric Kleiman	Brandon Kober-Brown	Natalie Kusse	Lucinda Labi	Lauren Lancaster
Alice Lang	Serena Langham	Sophie Langham	Mark Larmour	Natalie Lasek
Ben Lee*	Gabrielle Lefevre	Madeleine Legoe	Rob Leonard	Marie Nathalie Lesage
Timothy Lisle-Williams	Adam Littler	Mark Loong	Cameron Loughlin	Thomas Love
Morgan Loveridge	Prue Lynch	David Manser	Carrie Markel	Steven Martion
Kai-Christian Mather	Martin Matthews	Zyra McAuliffe	Liam McDermott	Paul McGivern
Kassandra McGregor	Emile McKenna	Michael McLaughlin	Meg McLellan	Iain Melhuish
Spenser Mestel	Jared Millane	Thomas Montague	Claire Murphy	David Murphy
Timothy Murray	Matthew Napier	Harkiran Narulla	Zoe Neill	Hoa Nguyen
Daniel Nunez	David Ogle	James Organ	Murray Osborne	Robert Page
Davide Papalini	David Parsons	Annabelle Paterson	Ryan Paturzo-Polson	Matthew Phillips
Ary Pietroski Ramires	Matthew Plant	Florent Polo	Alice Powell	Samuel Preston
Jesse Price	Alberto Puls Cruz	Bradley Quaglino	Daniel Qualischefski	Andrew Ragless
Paul Ranocchiari	Matthew Richardson	Ross Richardson	Erin Riley	Laura Roff
Aleksandar Rokic	Audrey Rollin	Samuel Russo	Pedro Saa Matas	Keaton Schmidt
Zoe Scott-King	Kemper Shaw	Masaki Shibata	Brandon Signal	Michael Simms
Kristina Stenglin	Sam Stewart	Natalie Sutton	Ryan Sutton	Daniel Szanto
Sanzhar Tailakbayev	Duncan Taylor	Ernest Tee	Louise Thompson	William Udovenya
Isabella Van Stipriaan-Huik	Jemima Waddell	Matthew Werner	Thea Wheatley	Chathupa Wickremaarachchi
David Wickstrom	Rebecca Willis	Keely Wilson	Evangeline Winch	Reilly Winch
Camille Winston	Tim Wright	Francisco Xifra	Kate Young	

** Denotes member is deceased*

Club Membership 2024–2025 CONTINUED

Junior Members (15–18 Years) – 17

Jake Beer	Liliana Capela	Hugo Cardonnel	Annabelle Charters	Lucas Crabb
Eve Crichton	Millicent Debelles Hancock	Piers Galvin	Aaron Hodge	Archie Llewellyn
Felix McGivern	Oscar Murray	Maxwell Ng	Finnigan O'Reilly	Eve Prendeville
Harry Snow	Talia Truong			

Cadet Members/Surf Rescue Certificate (13–15 Years) – 5

Maisie Crichton	Beatrix Debelles Hancock	Jade Deguara	Felix Evans	Kate Prendeville
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Future Lifesavers In Training (Nippers and Pirates) – 154

Gianna Arienale	Oscar Armstrong	Scarlett Armstrong	Heidi Barry	Jack Barry
Willa Barry	Zara Barry	Zoe Bartovic	Alessandra Bayni	Alessandra Bernatovic
Marlies Binder	Theodore Binder	Lily Bourgarel	Isaiah Brown	Charlie Buckley
Jack Buckley	Leonardo Bustos	Delilah Cahill	Taj Cahill	Holly Cairns
Artur Capela	Dash Chaitow	Chloe Cho	Hugo Cho	Mila Clement
Romy Clement	Elsa Colquhoun	Diego Covarrubias	Paz Covarrubias	Finlay Crichton
Dylan Cugati	Deuchar Davy-Shirm	William Davy-Shirm	Amelie Deguara	Matilda Deguara
Angel DeVries-Roberts	Molly Doherty	Xavier Doherty	Alfred Dupree	Charlotte Dyke
Juno Evans	Zachariah Evans	Indigo Floch	Scarlett Ford	Rocco Foy Ondine
Freeman	Otto Freeman	Toby Freeman	Luca Garcia-Rajapakse	Edward Gordon-Carr
Amelia Gow	Louise Gow	Emilia Hancock	Matthew Hancock	Benjamin Hedley
Rylan Hedley	Georgie Huggins	Lilly Ingram	Mikhala Ingram	Nevaeh Ingram
Talia Ingram	Hugo Jackson	Francesca Jacobs	Franklin Jankelson	Vasilisa Jankovic
Vladislavas Jankovic	Vookashin Jankovic	Kehlani-Rose Johnson	Yuin Johnson	Florence Jones
Harry Jones	Lola Jones	Winnie Jones	Leo Jungwirth	Veronika Kacunko-Lim
Coco Keating	Cooper Keating	Lola Killick	Raphael Killick	Neliah King
Matilda Kirkwood	Anna Koucka	Yuna Lee	Katie Li	Jasmin Livingston Adler
Oscar Llewellyn	Svana Lyer	Grace Mailer	Paloma Mallam	Harriet McFadyen
Hugo Mcfadyen	Molly McFadyen	Mark Meoli	Stella Miller	James Morgan
Beau Morrison	Giorgia Nesbitt	Ava O'Sullivan	Charlotte O'Sullivan	Theodore Obradovic
Cara O'Connor	Max Palmer	Anna Petru	Dan Petru	Charles Pilton
Clementine Pilton	Max Plaut	Lukas Pokorny Murrant	Iniaki Porta	Thiago Porta
Poppy Poyntz	Sam Poyntz	Thomas Reid	Rafael Roumanous	Stellina Roumanous
Joseph Roy	Aria Scott	Evan Scott	Felix Shoebridge	Chloe Simms
Lily Simms	Oscar Simms	Apple Simpson	Billy Simpson	Jalara Simpson
Milo Simpson	Niarah Simpson	Molly Sleet	Rosie Sleet	Allegra Smith
Arabella Smith	Frederick Smith	Cooper Stevens-Macri	Makalu Thapa	Emma Thevenet
Gabrielle Thevenet	Hugo Thevenet	Noah Tremain	Sonny Tulevski	Tama Tulevski
Vita Tulevski	Gia Vatner	Ivy Vatner	Jack Vaughan	Ruby Walker
Wanda Walker	Allegra Walsh	Imogen Walsh	Louis Walsh	Jackson Williams
Grace Woodall	Lennox Yates	Saxon Yates	Xavier Yates	



Associate Members – 110

Colin Armstrong	Priya Balasubramanian	Hamish Barratt	Andrew Barry	Nick Barry
Markus Binder	Susannah Binder	Carolyn Bollaci	Vincent Bourgarel	Warren Bradshaw
Jeanine Bribosia	Chris Bromhead	Pamela Buckley	Marcus Cahill	Mark Cairns
Canna Campbell	Clare Campbell	Daniel Chaitow	Janine Chatterjee Hancock	Joe Cho
Nicolas Clement	Richard Colquhoun	Anthony Coyle	Claire Crichton	Marijn Cugati
Anna Dupree	James Dupree	Alison Dyke	Tarek Elgayar	Jared Evans
Chelsea Fisher	Rachel Fleming	Roland Flesch	Edwina Floch	Ben Forsyth
Maeva Freeman	Philip Freeman	Isabel Gabaldon	Bianca Gallifuoco	Mei Ge
Zuzana Grezova	Ornagh Griffin	Nathan Hedley	Michael Huggins	Maria Hurtado
Kim Isaacs	Donna Jackson	Stuart Jackson	Rose Jacobs	Phillip Janis
Inna Jankovic	Peter-Wyllie Johnston	Angus Jones	Daniela Kacunkova	Ronan Keating
Annette Keay	Nick Kirkwood	Nina Krstic	Shaun Lawrence	Jesse Leeson
Andrew Lim	Jodie Livingston	Elena Mailer	Veronika Marvanova	Katie Maskiell
Ryan McDonnell	Angus McFadyen	Carolina Meoli	Jessica Middleby-Clements	Antony Miller
Jo Miller	Chris Morrison	Peter Murrant	Peter O'Brien	Mark O'Reilly
Carl O'Sullivan	Noah Obradovic	Adrian O'Connor	Sophia Palmer	Sinhyun Park
Mandalena Pejic	Martin Petru	Brooke Pilton	Rodney Plaut	Dominic Poyntz
Niall Prendeville	Imogen Price	Yosanta Rajapakse	Simon Reid	Elke Reinstadler
Tracy Rockwell	Pedro Leon Sanchez Appendino	Astrid Scott	Simon Shoebridge	Amy Smith
Todd Stevens	Xavier Stewart	Amit Thapa	Sarah Theeboom	Sebastien Thevenet
Shannon Tremain	Phat Truong	Celia Tulevski	Michael Turner	Helena Vatner
Thi Vo	Samuel Walker	Andrew Walsh	Mieka White	William Wolfenden

Major Award Winners

Season	E. E. Weir	John Kelly	Major Ripley	Sandra Fox	Season	President’s	George Bishop	Ted Wardall	Guy Waddell
1993–1994	J Lackey	P Hogan	C Smith		1996–1997		Not Awarded	N Gallagher	Not Awarded
1994–1995	W Clout	R Sheldon	M McAfee		1997–1998		P Serjeant	T Vernados	Not Awarded
1995–1996	M Perry	D Radford	A Vass		1998–1999	Male	G Debelles	E Fletcher	E Fletcher
1996–1997	M Perry	M Perry	M Walton		1999–2000		R Wade	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
1997–1998	N Warren	D Radford	J Lackey		2000–2001		M Corke	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
1998–1999	I Hamilton	P Hogan	W Clout		2001–2002	Male	I Hamilton	R Evans	R Evans
1999–2000	I Hamilton	W Evans	M Walton			Female	E Meagher		
2000–2001	R Wade	N Warren	P Walshe		2002–2003	Male	I Hamilton	M Drennan	M Drennan
2001–2002	R Wade	R Brander	P Walshe			Female	E Meagher		
2002–2003	M Corke	A Stevenson	R Scott		2003–2004	Male	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2003–2004	D Bosomworth	S Birch	A Stevenson		2004–2005	Male	S Birch	M Drennan	Not Awarded
2004–2005	S Birch	R Brander	S Deguara			Female	S Snow		
2005–2006	N Warren	P Hogan	S Deguara		2005–2006	Male	S Birch	M Gallagher	M Gallagher
2006–2007	D Zafir	P Hogan	M Simpson-Lee			Female	S Snow		
2007–2008	C Glover	C Nisbet	M Simpson-Lee		2006–2007	Male	C Glover	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2008–2009	J Leung	R Hatton	S Jackson			Female	M Simpson-Lee		
2009–2010	R Hatton	P Plesums	J Turner		2007–2008	Male	C Glover	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2010–2011	T Bodger	J Leung	J Turner			Female	M Simpson-Lee		
2011–2012	T Longworth	C Nisbet	Not Awarded		2008–2009	Male	C Glover	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2012–2013	G Sharratt	K West	T Goyarzu			Female	P Ardlie		
2013–2014	M Turner	D Turner	F Lynch		2009–2010	Male	C Glover	D Bowring	Not Awarded
2014–2015	D Adams	P Capps	D Adams			Female	M Tjhin		
2015–2016	A Blenkinsop	Not Awarded	M Simpson-Lee		2010–2011	Male	J Turner	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2016–2017	M Tamasy	C Glover & Patrol 11	M Simpson-Lee	J Miller		Female	D Morley		
2017–2018	E Pietsch	H French	M Simpson-Lee	H Love	2011–2012	Male	J Turner	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2018–2019	M Tamasy	P Connors	M Simpson-Lee	M Cowans		Female	J Davies		
2019–2020	M Cowans	M Salval	M Simpson-Lee	N Schlitz Welsh	2012–2013	Male	R Hatton	Not Awarded	A Lawther
2020–2021	M Cowans	R Hamilton	M Simpson-Lee	L Bodrero		Female	P Ardlie		
2021–2022	R Hamilton & M Cowans	D Bagatourian	G Robb	Z Scott-King	2013–2014	Male	J Turner	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
						Female	D Morley		
2022–2023	A Addie	L Brooks	G Robb	Z Scott-King	2014–2015	Male	G Waddell	L McArthur	Not Awarded
2023–2024	M Salval & T Wright	A de la Chaise	A Addie, J Price, B Signal & T Wright	L Bodrero		Female	S Fox		
					2015–2016	Male	T Longworth	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2024–2025	P Lynch	R Moresi	T Wright	A Curtis & S Langham	2016–2017	Male	G Waddell	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
					2017–2018	Male	I Hopkins	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
					2018–2019	Female	J Miller	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
					2019–2020	Male	R Hamilton	O Hunt	Not Awarded
					2020–2021	Male	J Collins	W Forest & W Lenard	Not Awarded
					2021–2022	Male	M Turner	A Llewellyn	Not Awarded
					2022–2023	Female	C Mann	T King	Not Awarded
					2023–2024	Female	Z Scott-King	W Charters & O Hunt	Not Awarded
					2024–2025	Male	M Phillips	W Charters & T Truong	Not Awarded
									G Waddell
									M Salval
									D Murphy
									B Charters & J Miller
									T Longworth

Club Trophies 2024–2025

‘EE’ Pop Weir Trophy for Club Member of the Year

Prue Lynch

Founding member of Tamarama SLSC and the original “Mayor of Tamarama”. Holder of key management committee roles and Patron – the trophy was initiated when he was patron of the Club. This is the award for someone who has given it their all in the patrolling season, and has made a substantial contribution to the club. It is the most prestigious award the club can bestow on someone in a year.

John Kelly Memorial Trophy for Senior Club Member of the Year

Roger Moresi

This award is open to all bronze medallion patrolling members, long service or life members.

George Bishop Trophy for Under 21 Club Member of the Year

Wil Charters and Talia Truong

George Bishop: Award in recognition of significant contribution to the club by one of our younger members, named after a long serving and dedicated Life Member.

Jack ‘Bluey’ Mayes Rookie of the Year Award

Josh Clarke

Highly commended: Florent Polo

Bluey was a rascal member of the Club and a surfing legend. This award goes to a member who has shown outstanding service enthusiasm and dedication to the club. To be eligible the member should have been in the club for no more than two seasons.

Major Ripley Trophy for the Most Valuable Carnival Competitor

Tim Wright

David Radford Trophy for Under 15 Cadet of the Year

Felix Evans

David was Chief Instructor for many years and would hold the record for time in this role. A kind, softly spoken gentleman, generous with his time, a true waterman, teacher and mentor to many, respected by all.

G.B. Philip Foundation President’s Trophy for Senior Club Champion

Jess Best and Josh Clarke

Ted Wardall Trophy for Under 18 Club Champion

Not awarded

Roland Talbot Trophy for Nipper of the Year

Amelie Deguara

Ron Buist Trophy for Club Service

The Sustainability Team
Amy Croucher (lead)

Ron was Club President, then Branch President and then State President before an untimely death to cancer. A true leader, and great mentor. This award is for someone who has shown excellent service to the club members and the wider community.

Les Lawrence Trophy for Club Spirit

Patrol 1

Les was a long time Patron of the Club and the nicest man the Club has ever produced. This award is for a member who has shown true Tama spirit.

John Wardall Trophy for Life Saving Instruction

Richard Hamilton

Dave Fryer Trophy for Outstanding Surf Rescue

Patrol 4

Dave Fryer was Club Captain of the early 70’s and a true Life Saver and leader. This award is for an individual or group that performed an outstanding rescue demonstrating skill in the protection and preservation of life – consideration should be given to the following qualities in executing the rescue: courage, team work, difficult conditions, use of higher level surf lifesaving skills.

President’s Award for Service to the Club

Matthew Phillips

Club Captain’s Trophy

Tim Wright

Chief Instructor’s Award for Best Bronze Medallion Candidates

Brats: Jess Best and Reilly Winch
Pamelas: Natalie Lasek and Bron Cameron

Top Gun Award (most hours in a season)

Hannah How

Sandra Fox Woman of the Year

Amelia Curtis and Sophie Langham

In honour of the first female club captain at Tamarama this award is presented to a female club member who has given outstanding service to the club in the past 12 months.

Guy Waddell Award for Outstanding Dedication and Selfless Service – Five+ Years Member

Troy Longworth

This award goes to that person who , like its namesake, gives of themselves to the service of the club, quietly, humbly and always with time for others. It is obvious how passionate this person is about Tamarama SLSC and we recognise their continued service to the club.

Club Trophies 2024–2025 Award Winners



Official Opening of Tamarama SLSC Clubhouse



Tamarama SLSC Renovation Gallery



2024–2025 Season Highlights



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2024–2025 Financials

Executive Committee Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

Statement of Surplus or Deficit and Other Comprehensive Income

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

The Executive Committee presents its report on for the Club for the financial year ended 30 April 2025.

1. General Information

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Office Bearers at the date of this Report and who have held office since the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 4th August 2024 are:

President: Sandra Fox

Vice President: Zoe Scott-King

Club Captain: Lisa Bodrero

Secretary: Sophie Langham

Treasurer: Amelia Curtis

Chief Training Instructor: Arnaud de La Chaise

Junior Activities Director: Jon Hancock

Club Patron: William Shires

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity was to operate Surf Life Saving programs.

OPERATING RESULT

The Comprehensive Surplus from ordinary activities amounted to \$78,120.

2. Significant Changes in State of Affairs and After Balance Date Events

Other than as disclosed in this report, inclusive of reference to a Contingent Liability:

- No significant change has occurred in the state of affairs during the financial year or during the period from the end of the financial year to the date of this report.
- No matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Club, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Club in future financial years.

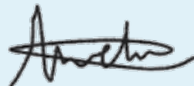
SHORT AND LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

The objects for which the Club is established are detailed within Item 3 of the Club Rules (25 May 2014). The principal objective is to preserve and safeguard life through the study and practice of the methods of life saving.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee:



Sandra Fox
President



Amelia Curtis
Treasurer

Dated: 20 July 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations	116,817	123,943
Grants and Subsidies	51,000	30,500
Other Income	30,786	1,500
Membership Subscriptions	62,744	660
Fundraising	37,171	-
	298,518	156,603
EXPENSES		
Surf Lifesaving and Club	71,279	60,274
Administration	53,726	34,665
Depreciation	47,584	22,167
Uniforms, net	7,037	10,662
Repairs and Maintenance	40,771	7,343
	220,398	135,111
Total Comprehensive Surplus	78,120	21,492

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position

AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	45,109	196,662
Trade and other receivables	3	–	149
Financial assets	4	201,478	213,775
Inventories	5	11,327	11,327
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		257,914	421,914
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Building, plant and equipment	1,6, &10	1,719,759	1,483,811
TOTAL ASSETS		1,977,673	1,905,725
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	10,255	16,428
NET ASSETS		1,967,418	1,889,298
MEMBER FUNDS			
Memorial Funds:			
George Bishop		120	120
Ripley		102	102
EE Weir		5	5
Wilton Weir		2,000	2,000
Retained Earnings		1,965,191	1,887,071
TOTAL MEMBER FUNDS		1,967,418	1,889,298

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

Statement of Changes in Equity

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

	RETAINED EARNINGS	MEMORIAL FUNDS	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$
2025			
Balance at 30 April 2024	1,887,071	2,227	1,889,298
Total comprehensive Surplus (Deficit)	78,120		78,120
Balance at 30 April 2025	1,965,191	2,227	1,967,418
2024			
Balance at 30 April 2023	1,865,579	2,227	1,867,806
Total comprehensive Surplus (Deficit)	21,492		21,492
Balance at 30 April 2024	1,887,071	2,227	1,889,298

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

Statement of Cash Flows

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from donors and customers	298,500	156,603
Interest received	18	–
Payments to suppliers and contractors	(178,838)	(104,251)
Net cash provided by operating activities	119,680	52,352
CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Building, plant and equipment	(283,531)	(20,403)
CASH FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Decrease (Increase) in building fund	12,298	(45,134)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(151,553)	(13,185)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	196,662	209,847
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	45,109	196,662

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

The Financial statements are for Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc. as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is an Incorporated Association under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act. (No. Y1170841).

1. Basis of Preparation and Significant Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared to meet the requirements of the members, the Australian Charities & Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and Regulations and the NSW Associations Incorporation Act (NSW AIA) and Regulations.

For the preparation of these Financial Statements the Executive Committee have applied the provisions of Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards, and

AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities

The Financial Statements are General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures.

The Financial Statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected noncurrent assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The Executive Committee evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Club.

INCOME TAX AND CHARITABLE STATUS

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Club is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The Club is registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission.

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

Revenue is recognised when the amount can be reliably measured and when future economic benefits will flow to the Club. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST)

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents includes cheque account and cash on hand, and excludes term deposits and building fund account.

IMPAIRMENT

The Club holds \$Nil assets that would be the subject of impairment evaluation.

Notes to the Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

1. Basis of Preparation and Significant Accounting Policies CONTINUED

TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables represent goods and services received by the Club during the reporting period which remain unpaid.

PROVISIONS

Provisions are recognised when the Club has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. The Club has \$Nil provisions.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST.

Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST. Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows inclusive of GST.

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT

The carrying amount of Property, Plant and Equipment is depreciated on the basis of the estimated useful life.

Capitalised Building Expenditure:

The Club received its Occupation Certificate (OC) on August 16, 2024, for the completion of Club Improvements, carried out in partnership with Waverley Council. The Management Committee has determined that the total carrying amount of the capital building expenditure is \$1,632,027. The amount includes \$1,457,076 related to contributions made prior to April 2024 and \$212,000 associated with contributions to Waverley Council for the building in the FY2025 financial period, prior to receiving the OC.

The Management Committee have assessed the Building carrying amount through:

- Identification of which costs qualify for capitalisation under accounting standards,
- Assessed the useful life of the building improvements involving estimation how long the improvements are expected to provide economic benefits, and,
- Performed a physical inspection of the building to evaluate the condition of the improvements.

The Building carrying amount is stated notwithstanding:

- The Lease with Waverley Council has been drafted, but not executed by both parties. Accounting Standards (AASB 16) require capitalisation of Lease rentals. Rentals that would be capitalised upon execution of the Lease have been included as a contingent liability (Note 10).
- The Club was notified by Waverley Council in April 2025 of a shortfall of \$219,230 with Club's contributions to the capital building improvements. This shortfall is recognised as a contingent liability (Note 10) until the matter is resolved between both parties.

Notes to the Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
2 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Hand	-	542
Cash at Bank	45,109	196,120
	45,109	196,662
3 Trade and Other Receivables		
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	-	149
4 Financial Assets		
Sandhurst Managed Fund, current deposits.	201,478	213,775
The Fund trustee is Sandhurst Trustees Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.		
5 Other Assets		
Trading Stock Clothing	11,327	11,327
6 Building, Plant and Equipment		
Building Expenditure (Refer Notes 1 and 10)	1,677,641	1,465,641
Accumulated Depreciation	45,614	8,565
	1,632,027	1,457,076
Plant and Equipment	197,059	131,943
Accumulated Depreciation	135,188	130,707
	61,871	1,236
Lifesaving Gear	213,077	207,277
Accumulated Depreciation	204,851	203,351
	8,226	3,926
Craft	53,900	53,284
Accumulated Depreciation	36,265	31,711
	17,635	21,573
Total, Building, Plant and Equipment	1,719,759	1,483,811
7 Trade and Other payables		
Payables and Accrued Liabilities	5,038	25,314
Advance Deposits	-	958
Goods and Services Tax Payable	5,217	(9,844)
	10,255	16,428

Notes to the Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
8 Reconciliation of Operating Surplus to Cash from Operating Activities		
Surplus for the Year	78,120	21,492
Non Cash Item: Depreciation charged	47,584	22,167
Decrease in Receivables and Prepayments	149	-
Decrease in Trading Stock	-	2,983
Increase (Decrease) in Payables	(6,173)	5,710
	41,560	30,860
Cash from Operating Activities	119,680	52,352
9 Auditor Remuneration		
Remuneration of the auditor of the Association:		
Auditing the financial statements	6,000	3,500
Other Services	500	500
	6,500	4,000

10 Contingent Liabilities
The Club was notified by Waverley Council in April 2025 of a shortfall of \$219,230 with Club's contributions to the capital building improvements. The matter is under discussion between both parties.

The Building Lease with Waverley Council has been drafted, but not executed. Rentals over the term of the Lease that would be capitalised upon execution amount to \$12,897.

11 Club Details
Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated
ABN 44 608 168 834
NSW Association No.Y1170841
Registered with Australian Charities & Not for Profits Commission
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PO Box 113
Waverley NSW 2024

Executive Committee Declaration

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Declaration by Members of the Executive Committee

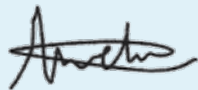
The Committee dedares that:

1. The Financial Report as attached represents fairly the financial position of the Club at 30 April 2025, and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.
2. The report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Australian Charities & Not for Profits Commission Acts, inclusive of Division 60 Reporting, the NSW Associations Incorporation Act and the Regulations under those Acts, and Note 1 to the Financial Statements: "Basis of Preparation & Significant Accounting Policies".
3. At the date of this declaration there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club has the capability to meet its debts as they fall due.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee.



Sandra Fox
President



Amelia Curtis
Treasurer

Dated: 20 July 2025

Independent Audit Report to the Members of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

AUDIT OPINION

I have audited the financial report of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated (the Club) which comprises:

- a. the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 April 2025;
- b. the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended;
- c. Notes to the Financial Report, including a summary of significant accounting policies; and
- d. the Declaration by the Executive Committee.

In my opinion, the financial report of the Club:

- a. Complies with the provisions of the Australian Charities & Not for Profits Commission Act, inclusive of Division 60 Reporting, the NSW Associations Incorporation Act and the Regulations under those Acts;
- b. Provides a true and fair view of the Financial Position as at 30 April 2025 and the Financial Performance and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and complies with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent as detailed in the Notes to the Financial Report.

At the date of this report, subject to the Matter of Emphasis below, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to meet its commitments to creditors as they fall due.

BASIS FOR AUDIT OPINION

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report below. I am independent of the Club in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the NSW Associations Incorporation Act and the ethical requirements of the . Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 11 O Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

MATTER OF EMPHASIS

Note 1 to the Financial Statements details a Contingent Liability of \$219,230.

Cash held by the Club at the date of this report is \$241,327. Realisation of the Contingency within twelve (12) months from the date of this report would markedly deplete these cash holdings. Should the realisation be effected, continued monetary support from donors and sponsors during the 2026 financial year will be required for the Club to continue as a Going Concern.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Executive Committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Clubs's annual report for the year ended 30 April 2024, but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report. My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent Audit Report to the Members of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

CONTINUED

Auditor’s Independence Declaration

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

- Executive Committee of the Club is responsible for
- a. the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Charities & Not for Profits Commission Acts, the NSW Associations Incorporation Act and the Regulations under those Acts and Australian Accounting Standards to the extent detailed in the Notes to the Financial Statements; and
 - b. such internal control as the Executive Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Executive Committee is responsible for assessing the Club’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Executive Committee either intends to liquidate the Club or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will . always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or aggregated, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of my auditor’s report.

To:

The Executive Committee of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc.
ABN 44 608 168 834

In relation to the audit of the Club Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2025, I confirm that there has not been any contravention of:

- a. Auditor Independence requirements as detailed in the Australian Charities & Not-forProfits Commission Act 2012 and,
- b. Any applicable Code of Professional Conduct.

Advice and assistance were provided to the Executive Committee in relation to the format and typesetting of the Financial Statements. The advice and assistance are not considered to be a compromise of independence requirements.



Thomas O. Nolan
Registered Company Auditor No. 301706
Sydney, NSW.

Dated: 25 July 2025



Thomas O. Nolan
Registered Company Auditor No. 301706
Sydney, NSW.

Dated: 25 July 2025

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Ken Eastment
Benestine (Ben) Lee
Henry Hourihan
Edward (Ted) Gillroy
David Butler

And to all those who have lost family
or friends during the past season,
the Club offers our sincerest condolences.

Not all heroes wear capes.





Some wear caps!

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