



Kiama Surf Life Saving Club

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

We are at the close of another challenging but successful 2021-22 surf lifesaving season for Kiama SLSC. Despite having to navigate the new covid-19 normal, the great support of our members has seen us through.

The season started with a variety of Covid-19 restrictions. These impacted training, patrolling and the start of the nippers season. Thankfully, these rules relaxed as the season progressed and we had large numbers of visitors to the beach. It looked to be a great season, however yet another La Niña came along and multiple East Coast Lows, which made the back end of the season a bit miserable for those on the beach.

Despite these challenges we successfully ran multiple bronze and SRC courses, completed a successful nippers season including some great results at carnivals, and kept the beach patrolled. We also launched our new junior boat rowers academy attracting a new group of young patrolling members.

As always a great thankyou to all the members who contribute to this wonderful club. I look forward to many future successful seasons.

Ben George
President

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The season of 2021/22 has been a mixed season for our club. The ongoing effects of Covid-19 and challenging weather conditions made it difficult for our patrolling groups. We had six patrols this season with 75 active patrolling members.

After last season's trial, the voluntary patrol was again put in place to assist in covering long patrol days over the summer holidays. We had five Saturdays in January removed from the roster and all of these were covered by volunteers to give our patrols a longer break over the summer. Thank you to those members who put their hand up to assist on those voluntary patrols.

In February/March we saw excessive rainfall and large seas contribute to severe beach erosion and large amounts of debris on our beach. A massive clean up effort took place, with help from some of our members, the public and the support of local businesses and sponsors including Coastwide Civil, City Coast Services and Allfab Excavations. We also called out to members to help sandbag and protect our club from water damage due to high tides at this time. Thank you again to all the members who assisted.

It was great to see large numbers of nippers on our beach again this year with more than 280 children registered. It was a difficult season for our juniors with the consistent bad weather and beach conditions. After a few delays, the under 14's were successful in completing their SRC. These kids are the future of our club and we hope to encourage more of them to continue in the senior club patrolling after they finish nippers. I look forward to continuing to work with our JAC and the nipper committee to build a strong relationship between junior and senior members.

Thank you to our training officers for assisting our members in gaining new awards. Training officers are a vital part of the continued success of our club. We are hoping to run some courses in the off season and early into next season to increase our patrol numbers and current patrol awards.

We wrapped up our season with our presentation night in June. Around 100 members and guests turned out to celebrate our club and season. Congratulations to all the award winners for your dedication and support within our club.

Thank you to our dedicated committee and club members for all your amazing efforts on

and off the beach over the last season.

Renee Taber

Club Captain

Presentation award Winners:

AWARD	RECIPIENT
LES PEPPER CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR	PHIL PERRY
BRIAN JONES LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR AWARD	DAVE GORMAN
KIM TABER WOMAN OF THE YEAR	KATE HOLLANDS
LYMBERY YOUNG LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR	LACHLAN DAVIDSON
VINCE HARDMEN BEHIND THE SCENES AWARD	KURT MANSELL
JUNIOR OF THE YEAR	EVA GEORGE
THE JOHN FORD PATROL OF THE YEAR	PATROL 4: BEN GEORGE
PETER DOBSON TEAM OF THE YEAR	SURF BOAT ACADEMY
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	IMOGEN MOORE

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Where do you start? Everyone has had a unique experience of the common challenges that have included Covid-19, false starts, cancellations, rubbish weather and plenty of other curve balls. Nippers were no exception. Of the 13 Nippers sessions scheduled in a shorter than normal season, three were cancelled, two were shifted to the rock pool, five had rain and one more was overcast and windy, leaving two nippers sessions in the season with nice weather and reasonable surf conditions. Not ideal!

Given those conditions, I'd like to congratulate the nippers and their parents that braved the conditions and showed up week in and week out. In most circumstances, the hardest part is getting to the beach, once we're there the kids are great at making the best of things. Those who earned the awards for 100% attendance should recognise that was no mean feat!

As always, the volunteers that make Nippers happen deserve more praise than they're likely to receive. There is a noticeable 'changing of the guard' occurring, we are seeing some club stalwarts retiring from various responsibilities as their kids graduate from the nippers program. As a result we are looking for parents from the younger age groups to take their turn to get involved. There are many areas where a small amount of support goes a long way, much of it requiring no beach or water proficiency. The best support parents can provide while their kids are engaged with the club is a small amount of their time. To those of you who are moving on and who have donated so much of your time to the nippers program – thank you.

The nippers sponsors also deserve notable praise. The generous contributions of community-based businesses and individuals pay for many of the day to day costs that are often assumed to be provided by the club. These include the purchase of new boards, safety equipment, prizes, age manager shirts, carnival uniforms etc. Many thanks to them for their ongoing support.

Kiama had a small but excellent representation at Branch, Country and State surf carnivals. If results were measured in medals per attendees, Kiama would have been top five finishers. Interestingly, consistent feedback from the kids over the years is that their fondest carnival memories are, in order – laughing at watching their parents compete, competing in relays with their friends and representing Kiama. Take note parents!

The nippers committee will now prepare a 'road map' for the next couple of seasons. This will form part of the larger club vision being prepared by the executive committee. While not yet finalised, there is a general objective of 'participation and community engagement' we expect to follow. Key action areas nippers might set to fulfil in our part of the club vision include:

- Off-season social events at the club for all members.
- Additional skills training session for nippers each week.
- More teams from each age group to surf carnivals.
- Increased volunteer numbers.

On behalf of the club and the nippers committee I invite volunteers and their suggestions on how to deliver a better experience for all kids and their families. Look forward to seeing you around the club and on the beach soon.

Junior Activities Coordinator,
David Griffin



Committee Members for 21/22 Season:

Position	Contact
JAC	David Griffin
Vice JAC	Lachlan Payne
Secretary	Corrina Walker
Registrar	Naomi George
Water Safety Coordinator	Brad Moore
Beach Setup Coordinator	Phil Perry
Gear Stewards	Phil Perry
Uniform Officer	Taryn Gunning
Carnival Coordinator	Elise Moore
Social Media	Kate Mansell
BBQ Crew	Nicole Obrien

Kingfisher Age Managers

Age	Age Manager
U/6	Matt Smith & Lexi Farland
U/7	Melissa Allen & Kate Beatty
U/8	Nick McInerney
U/9	Katie Hollands
U/10	Grant Nelson & Ed Birchell
U/11	Lachlan Payne
U/12	Jodie Linsley & Elise Moore
U/13	David Laird
U/14	Kurt Mansell

BOOKING MANAGER'S REPORT

What a year...Cleaners were finally engaged and commenced in January. Prior to them starting, I cleaned all amenities within the Club ahead of patrols each weekend, doing so either on a Friday night or early Saturday morning. The state the Club has been in after the weekends, throughout the season is appalling. Please treat the Club as you would your own home and remove your own rubbish and do NOT hang wet towels and clothing of the furniture.

Bookings for both the deck area and auditorium are increasing, however there were still some cancellations earlier in the year due to Covid-19. Local community groups ie, Lions and Probus had been using the areas and I gave my time to work the bar, on behalf of our Club. Donations to the Club have been made by these Clubs.

We were also successful in securing more appliances. New fridges upstairs, a single drinks fridge for downstairs, an icemaker in the BBQ bar, commercial microwaves, a new oven, urn and an eight slice commercial sandwich press all with the intent for patrolling members to use.

We missed an ideal opportunity to possibly increase our income with the mismanagement of beach touch football due to poor communication. Hopefully, if returning during next season, the correct personnel within the Club will be consulted.

Having spent many hours preparing a grant application in excess of 78 pages, I am pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing \$60,000 plus funding for works to benefit all our members. Much needed security cameras around the outside of the building, new fob entry to both club house main door and IRB shed and air conditioning to the auditorium and kitchen, plus replacing the old rusty one in the radio room.

To secure this, we had to show the Club could provide nominated works in kind, for over \$5,000. In the submission, I nominated myself to project manage as I am heavily involved in the building industry, plus the works involved in submission preparation. Unfortunately, the Club has declined my offer and will manage themselves. My value for this submission was in excess of \$3,000, giving my time to ensure the least disruption for the Club and members and trades people.

I have also noted that the building requires a complete overhaul and a maintenance program should be commenced immediately, to rectify and preserve our building. Every window upstairs needs urgent attention, as does the facias and roofing above the stairwell, to name a few. I would also like to see the roller doors be replaced and an application for grant be made to do so. To legally let upstairs for functions, a disabled toilet must be made available. It was my intention to refurb this area as the next project. There is approximately 50m² of tiles left over from the auditorium to be either used on the floor area of bathrooms, or redo the stairwell, though pebble crete is making a comeback.

There still are still a lot of unsolved issues, which caused me to resign on March 7 this year, however, I know that have left the role as both Club Manager and Licensee in a much better position.

Keep safe

Carol Tyne

JET BOAT ANNUAL REPORT

The 2021/22 season for the Kiama Jet Rescue Boat (SR50) has been a disruptive season. The season started off on a good note with the boat in good condition and running well due to regular maintenance by the SR50 team during the off season.

Completing a roster for the season was very challenging due to Kiama SLSC initially doing its beach patrol roster only for the first few weeks and not for the complete season, but the SR50 team worked around this as best as we could to ensure that members were not rostered onto the boat at the same time as beach patrols.

On Thursday February 10, 2022 the boat was called out to assist with a rescue off South Shellharbour beach. The driver and crew got the boat ready and launched. Upon launching and heading out of the harbour SurfCom advised SR50 over the radio that the boat had been stood down and to return to the shed. This was the first time that the SR50 team had received any information regarding being stood down so this was a shock.

On Friday February 11, 2022 Surf Life Saving NSW stood down all offshore rescue boats until a list of conditions could be satisfied to SLSNSW.

This impacted the following three vessels;

- Surf Rescue 30 (Sydney Offshore Rescue Boat)
- Surf Rescue 40 (Ballina Jet Rescue Boat)
- Surf Rescue 50 (Kiama Jet Rescue Boat)

SLSNSW have asked for SR50 to satisfy 11 questions before being back online. The most challenging is question 8 below.

Q8 - Evidence of current AMSA Certificate of Survey, Certificate of Operation and Safety Management System;

- Certificate of survey Class 2C Restricted EX40 - SR50 has organised for the boat to be inspected by an AMSA Accredited Marine Surveyor to complete the survey or provide a list of shortcomings and expected costs.
- Safety Management System (SMS) - See attached SMS document dated 17/10/2020.

SR50 has never requested to the Club, South Coast Branch or SLSNSW to recommence operations without satisfying these 11 conditions.

Statements regarding the boat's viability should be only made by experts such as an AMSA Accredited Marine Surveyor.

As discussed within the 'Special General Meeting' held on May 30, 2022 to discuss SR50, Kiama SLSC does not have any 'out of pocket costs' for SR50 whilst the ongoing costs are less than \$12,000 pa. SLSNSW provide funding of \$12,000 pa for the operating costs of the boat. The average expenses are approximately \$7,500 pa. Over the past 10 years, I can only recall one year

when the boat required a large service and the ongoing costs exceeded \$12,000. In summary, the boat has no ongoing cost to Kiama SLSC providing the ongoing costs are less than \$12,000.

SR50 receives continued and very valued support from major sponsor Coast Wide Civil who have been involved with the Kiama Jet Rescue Boat/SR50 for more than 25 years.
Our Largest Asset

The largest asset of Surf Rescue 50 is its outstanding and dedicated members. I would like to thank each and every member of SR50 for their support over the past year.

The way we all work together, work hard and enjoy volunteering is fantastic. For the members in our callout list, thank you for leaving work for callouts at your own expense to serve the community. Whilst our employers are mostly supportive of our community work, this was highlighted on February 10 when we all left work at our own expense only to be stood down by SLSNSW without notice.

For the members that have won awards at your local club, well done and congratulations. I wish you all the best at the upcoming Branch awards.

I wish I could have provided more positive news this year in regard to the boat and our service.

Kiama Jet Rescue Boat 'Spirit of Kiama'

At this stage I consider it of value to provide a summary of the history of the boat.

In October 1994 a joint appeal was launched by Kiama Municipal Council, Kiama SLSC, Gerringong SLSC and Kiama Downs SLSC. Fundraising was organised and run by the Kiama Surf Life Saving Club which had an initial target of \$75,000.

As the appeal funds grew, so did the boat's costs. Costs rose by more than \$90,000. Kiama Municipal Council was asked and came to assist, with an interest free loan of \$40,000 so that the boat could be purchased.

The boat was ordered from T Tech Engineering in Brisbane early 1996. The appeal was now reaching towards the \$70,000 mark.

A grant was obtained from the Department of Sport & Recreation for \$35,000. This grant meant Kiama SLSC could repay its debt and almost finalise the accounts.

The necessary funds were raised in just over one and a half years to purchase the new boat, a magnificent effort showcasing the "Spirit of Kiama"

Initial Purchase Costs

Appeals (Donations)	\$70,651.14
Grant (Department of Sport & Recreation)	\$35,000.00
Total Cost of New Jet Boat	\$107,000.00
Outstanding fundraising (at time of purchase)	\$1,348.86

Kiama Surf Life Saving Club facilitated the purchase of the Kiama Jet Rescue Boat.

The initial registration with Roads and Maritime Service is under the name of Surf Life Saving NSW not Kiama Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Boat Details

Builder	T Tech Engineering Brisbane
Serial Number	JB3
Date	July 1996
HIN	AU-WWA019509006
Call Sign	Surf Rescue 50
Name	Spirit of Kiama
Registration	SR905N (Surf Rescue / SLS NSW)
Purpose	Emergency Service Vessel
Construction	Aluminium
Length	7.3m
Beam	2.3m
Draught	100mm
Hull Thickness	
Bottom	5mm
Sides	4mm

Transom	5mm
FWD Deck	4mm
Engine	Yanmar Diesel – Model 6LPA-STP2 (Jan 2014)
Propulsion	Doen Waterjet (DJ85)

GEAR STEWARD'S REPORT

A big thanks to everyone who has given up their time during the last summer to make our beach safe for all users.

General Inspections of the rescue boards, rescue tubes and associated equipment, at the time of writing, is ongoing. Some of the gear is passed its use by date and will be scrapped with new equipment to be purchased.

IRB Motors

This season we said goodbye to our long serving Yamaha motors. The motors were upwards of 20 years old and with new technology evolving the 3 motors were sold to club members at a discounted rate. This also removed the issue we had around two different fuel mix ratios for our current motors.

We have taken delivery of a new Tohatsu motor in recent weeks which now takes our motor inventory up to 4 motors

3 x Tohatsu Motors

1 x Mercury Motor

ATV's

Thanks to Kiama Smash Repairs for their outstanding support during the season. "Sandy" is now back in our garage after getting serviced and checked over for the season ahead. The rego is complete and it is now ready to use.

We also acquired a new ATV late in the season thanks to grant funding. The new ATV has now had a once over and is sitting in the IRB shed. A decision is pending on whether this ATV will have conditional registration moving forward

IRB Hulls

At present all our IRB hulls are in reasonable condition

Hull SR325N has been to Cobia Boats at Huskisson and has had minor repairs completed. This hull is back in the boat shed and will be "drying" until season start.

Hull SR432N is currently at Cobia Boats in Huskisson having repairs completed (refer to general meeting report for details) Expect this hull back from repairs by the end of July

Hull SR7869N is currently on the call out trailer and in service for flood operations. This hull will be the last hull to go out for repairs.

IRB Beach Trailer

This trailer has been serviced and ready for the season ahead.

IRB Shed

Thanks to the patrols for their help in keeping the shed orderly and cleaned after patrols. The plan to have the IRB shed floor recoated is still on the table and will need to be completed in due course

Rescue Boards

The rescue boards will be inspected / repaired in August this year – after last season's clean out where we brought several new boards into the mix, it is unlikely we will need to replace any current boards (pending inspection).

Mobile Equipment

During the season we saw Kiama Smash Repairs continue their phenomenal support of the club. They continued to ensure our mobile equipment remained registered and advised on good practice to keep the equipment maintained to a safe standard

Use	Rego Plate	Rego Expiry	Make	Type
JRB Trailer	Y14288	7-Nov	Dunbier	Trailer
Tow Vehicle JRB	WUM300	5-Feb	Toyota	4WD
Surf Boat - Maggie	TD07HC	27-Dec	Silverwo od Trailers	Trailer
Surf Boat - Jordo	TA82UJ	1-Sep	Silverwo od Trailers	Trailer
ATV	5765M	18-Jul	CANAM	ATV
IRB Trailer	TE65SM	26-Aug	Dunbier	Trailer
Box Trailer	Z87914	29-Jan	Hower	Trailer

Rescue Tubes.

There has been an initial inspection of the tubes to have them ready for next season. We will be replacing up to 10 tubes in the coming weeks to ensure our gear is up to standard for the gear inspection and can be safely used in the season ahead

Life Jackets – Flippers - Helmets.

All is good in this area – will be getting two new life jackets to replace damaged ones in the current fleet.

With the gear repairs and inspections currently underway, we are looking to be in good stead for the coming season. There doesn't appear to be any major obstacles which means we will be ready for gear inspection and the season ahead

Thanks again for everyone's support.

Greatly appreciated.

Gear Steward

Phil Perry

SURF BOAT CAPTAINS REPORT

To say It's been a fulfilling season is an understatement to say the least. A massive turn around in direction for all involved and the benefits for the club will be ongoing moving forward.

With the arrival of Bec Hamilton to the club, her professionalism, knowledge, and dedication has had a marked effect with the engagement of current, former, and NEW members feeding to what will become a swelling of patrolling members and another avenue to represent our club in the competition area

"Fordy's Surfboat Academy" was run in the Christmas holidays and was a massive success for the club. The concept was aimed at 15-to-19 year olds and gave them a chance to try something different. It exposed new kids to the surf club way of life and to allow them to complete their bronze medallions. We had kids from other clubs complete the academy course, which ran across a few weeks and culminated in a fantastic graduation ceremony that involved kids, parents, and patrons from all parts of the community.

A special thanks to Dave Gorman for his help on the training side of things. He facilitated a special bronze bridging course to help the kids achieve their goals.

Bec's drive in this area around the Academy was phenomenal and plans are already in place to do another Academy course this coming season where we hope to engage more youth to join our surf club.

In recent months we have attracted some new senior members who are keen to row in competition and patrol on our beach. We now have a male veterans crew who started training on July 13. The group's first event was on Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra for a flat water 10 kilometre long distance event.

There has also been interest from kids outside the club and we are working hard to gain more members for the coming season as it draws near.

Bec has also set up a 24-hr row for mental health which will take place on September 10 and 11, 2022. Some Kiama councillors have signed up already, with challenges going out

to all the Kiama sporting groups to see how they stack up. This will again expose the club to the community and in turn support community wellbeing.

Very keen for the season ahead as the group has a solid plan in place to help grow the rowing fraternity and bolster member and patrolling numbers.

Surf Boat Captain,

Phil Perry



FIRST AID REPORT

This year was well organised in terms of first aid equipment and maintenance.

We introduced new gear into equipment bags including:

- Antiseptic spray
- Oxygen Saturation monitor
- Tourniquet
- Quick guide help cards for Oxygen requirements with level of saturations
- First resource folder – combine resources for first aid and covid updates

There was also a trial of new oxygen bottles in oxy-via bags which see the regulator and gas flow combine. No need to remove regulator and reattach. Oxygen access will now be available from side of bag.

Covid-19 Coordinator

New ID and QR code for Nippers were required for outdoor events and to help keep records separate between club and patrol events.

During proficiencies, groups had to be split in the nipper age groups in order to comply with distancing rules, but as Nippers started we were able to have everyone together from Mid October 2021.

For Patrol

With full patrol numbers at the start of the season, mask wearing was enforced when inside the club. We also had to maintain the one person per four square metres rule. Other Covid safe measures included risk assessment questioning, hand washing/equipment and PPE.

As of February 23, 2022 Surf Lifesaving NSW announced all patrolling members are required to be double vaccinated if participating in patrols or water safety. Special considerations can be made on medical grounds.

Club events

Further restrictions were in place for weddings and funeral services (max 100 people) but this soon increased as the Kiama population had an overall second vaccination rate of 80%.

We now see a one person per two square metre rule throughout the club, and hope to continue to see a safe and enjoyable environment for all members.

Martin Walker

First Aid Coordinator

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

When one reviews the role of the radio operations from its earliest inception in the mid 70's, set up as part of an emergency communication base between Jet Boat Operations and the club to where we are at present, it is not hard to understand that over this period of time we have gone full circle.

During the initial time of early development from a virtual one-man operation, from when we came under the Illawarra Branch to then being selected as the Branch Radio Room when the South Coast Branch succeeded from Illawarra.

We were chosen due to our centrality with the other clubs, and at our peak had 10 – 12 radio operators. The branch clubs reported into Kiama Base when logging on and off for the day, and this information was in turn reported to Sydney Base.

Over the years, with the upgrade in communications systems, plus the introduction of an app to register patrol sign-on/off has meant the once traditional role of the radio operator has virtually ceased to exist.

The couple of remaining operators now act in a support role to the patrol they are rostered on with, while still maintaining the base, handheld radios, as well as the PA system.

Chris Moore

Radio Communications Officer

Publicity Report

This season the publicity around the Club has continued to be strong. With the ever increasing use of social media, by organisations and individuals this trend is becoming the most popular way of connection in the community.

The Club has experienced an increase in hits on the social media postings during the year, although this method of communication should not be the only source of distributing the news, events and the communications of the club.

In order to be effective, the Club needs to work towards targeted communication. As it currently stands there is too many people who are sending important information at their own will resulting in members receiving multiple no reply emails from surfguard over a short period which results in people not looking at each of the emails and as a result the information and communication is lost to its audience.

In order to achieve this, I believe there is change needed to enhance the focus of members on items sent out. If the Club is willing I suggest the need to have information requiring publication to be collated and sent at a set time/day each week, fortnight or month as a bulk email out. Posts on social media should be coordinated so that there is no more one or two posts per day.

With coordination this can be achieved and will hopefully lead to a more successful and informed membership to increase participation and involvement in this great Club.

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