



MORUYA SLSC
GUARDIANS OF THE SURF



MORUYA SLSC ANNUAL REPORT 2019 / 2020



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MORUYA SLSC OFFICE BEARERS 2019/2020

Club Committee 2019/20

President	Michael Pheeny
Vice President	Karyn Starmer
Secretary	Phillip Carter
Assistant Secretary	Anne McAsh
Treasurer	Devin Watson
Club Captain	Jane Coppin
Vice Captain	Andy Baker
Boat Captain	Brad Coppin
Chief Training Officer	Wayne Foster
IRB/ATV Officer	Michael Weyman
Radio Officer	Marco Cardinale
First Aid Officer	Andy Baker
Nippers Coordinator	Amanda Stafford
Special Nippers Coordinators	Michael Hallahan, Carol & Bridie Young
Junior/Cadet Coordinator	Ainslie Scully
Registrar	Karyn Starmer
Management Committee Member	Rosie Spoelder
Gear Steward	Andy Baker
Merchandise	Katrina Maguire
Publicity	Katrina Maguire
House Manager	Col Chesher
Member Protection	Christine Holley



AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3PM SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2020

1. Welcome to members and visitors
2. One-minute silence for departed members and ex-members
3. Apologies
4. Confirmation of minutes of the 2019/2020 Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 18 August 2019
5. Business arising
6. Presentation of the Annual Report
7. Presentation of the Annual Financial Report
8. Motion to affiliate with Far South Coast Branch SLSA Inc
9. Notices of Motion:
 - (a) Proposal for Change of Constitution - Subscriptions and Fees
 - (b) Proposal for Change of Constitution - Membership of Club, Categories of Members - Community membership
 - (c) Proposal for Change of By-Law - Expenditure
10. Election of Office Bearers:
 - (a) Those for whom nominations have been received and have been correctly lodged,
 - (b) Nominations from the floor for those positions not receiving written nominations.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019/2020

MORUYA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc. Established 1932

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019

Meeting opened by Karyn Starmer at 3.11 pm

Present: Karyn Starmer, Ainslie Scully, Dawn Daken, Jane Coppin, Brad Coppin, Clare Immens, Rosemary Spoelder, Anne McAsh, Kylie Ryder, Wayne Foster, Luke Stafford, Chris Holley, Max Hogno, Andy Baker, Mike Hallahan, Nerida Johnston, Steve Johnston, Col Chesher, Bert Hunt, Liz Rankin, Marnie Gordon, Darryl Hanlon, Marnie Gordon, Marco Cardinale.

1. **Welcome to members and visitors**

2. **One – minute silence held for departed members and ex-members.** Bert Hunt spoke of Ron Chesher, Steve Pickett and Keith Pickett.

3. **Apologies:** Michael Pheeneey, Michael Weyman, Phillip Carter, Katrina Maguire.

4. **Confirmation of minutes 2017/2018 AGM**

Motion: Minutes of AGM meeting held 18 August 2018 be accepted.

Moved: Karyn Starmer Seconded: Chris Holley Carried

5. **Business Arising:**

Motion: Amendment of Constitution. Max Hogno enquired if amendments to constitution had been lodged with Dept of Fair Trading. Karyn Starmer advised that they were to be lodged 28 days after ratification. Max Hogno believed they should be lodged 28 days after they were passed.

Karyn Starmer will check with Department of Fair Trading and report back to committee.

Point of Order raised by Max Hogno that Club members had not been provided with the Agenda for the AGM 21 days ahead as per the constitution.

Karyn Starmer advised that Notice of Meeting, Minutes of Meeting and timeline for Notices of Motion and Nominations for Positions had all been sent out as per the constitution but apologised to the meeting for an error where the Agenda was sent 16 days ahead instead of 21 days ahead.

Motion: That the meeting acknowledge that the Annual General Meeting Agenda was 5 days late, that this Agenda be accepted and to continue with the AGM.

Proposed: Karyn Starmer Seconded: Jane Coppin Carried

Karyn Starmer suggested that Max Hogno could advise key dates for AGM to the Executive in advance so that deadlines are not missed again.

6. **Presentation of Annual Report**

Electronic copy of Annual Report to be sent out to members on completion.

President's Report read out by Karyn Starmer

Motion: That Annual Report as tabled be accepted.

Moved: Karyn Starmer Seconded: Jane Coppin Carried

7. **Presentation of Audited Annual Financial Report**

Treasurer presented Draft Report as books still with auditors.

Current Balance \$28,403.63 & \$36,520.84, IMB \$3,601.27

Motion: That Treasurers Report be accepted.

Moved: Dawn Daken Seconded: Karen Starmer Carried

8. Motion to Affiliate with Far South Coast Branch SLSA Inc

Motion: That Moruya Surf Life Saving Club affiliate with the Far South Coast Surf Life Saving Branch.

Moved: Ainslie Scully Seconded: Karyn Starmer Carried

9. Notices of Motion:

i) Transfer of funds from Frank King Fund

Motion: I wish to move that by special resolution the sum of eight thousand dollars be provided from the Frank King Futures Fund for the acquisition of a new inflatable rescue craft.

Moved: Max Hogno Seconded: Bert Hunt Carried

Max Hogno requested that the motion be withdrawn.

10. Election of Office Bearers:

(a) Those for whom nominations have been received and have been correctly lodged.

(b) Nominations from the floor for those positions not receiving written nominations.

Meeting was handed over to Bert Hunt who conducted election of office bearers

Election of Office Bearers.

All positions were declared vacant.

Nominations received as follows:

President: Michael Pheeny
Nominated by: Karyn Starmer Endorsed: Wayne Foster Carried

Vice President: Karyn Starmer
Nominated by: Neil Starmer Endorsed: Phil Carter Carried
Requested voting held over

Secretary: Phillip Carter
Nominated by: Neil Starmer Endorsed: Karyn Starmer Carried

Assistant Secretary: Anne McAsh
Nominated by: Karyn Starmer Endorsed: Jane Coppin Carried

Treasurer: Devin Watson
Nominated by: Michael Weyma Endorsed: Karyn Starmer Carried

Chief Training Officer: Wayne Foster
Nominated by: Karyn Starmer Endorsed: Marco Cardinale Carried

Club Captain: Jane Coppin
Nominated by: Andy Baker Endorsed: Karyn Starmer Carried

IRB/ATV Captain: Michael Weyman
Nominated by: Jane Coppin Endorsed: Karyn Starmer Carried

Gear Steward: Andy Baker
Nominated: Brad Coppin Endorsed: Karyn Starmer Carried

House Manager: Col Chesher
Nominated: Karyn Starmer Endorsed: Marco Cardinale Carried

Junior Activities Coordinator: Amanda Stafford
 Nominated by: Phil Carter Endorsed: Karyn Starmer Carried

Cadet & Junior Coordinator: Ainslie Scully
 Nominated by Jane Coppin Endorsed: Kylie Ryder Carried

Boat Captain: Brad Coppin
 Nominated by: Phil Carter Endorsed: Karyn Starmer Carried

Registrar: Karyn Starmer
 Nominated by: Neil Starmer Endorsed: Phil Carter Carried

Management Committee Member: Rosemary Spoelder
 Nominated by Karyn Starmer Seconded: Chris Holley Carried

Assistant Training Officer: To be filled at next committee meeting.

Deputy Club Captain: Andy Baker
 Nominated by: Jane Coppin Seconded: Karyn Starmer

Assistant IRB/ATV Officer: Luke Stafford
 Nominated by: Marco Cardinale Seconded: Ainslie Scully Carried

Archive Officer: Phil Carter
 Nominated by: Neil Starmer Seconded: Karyn Starmer Carried

Work Health & Safety Officer: Christine Holley
 Nominated by: Neil Starmer Seconded: Karyn Starmer Carried

Media Officer: Katrina Maguire
 Nominated: Karyn Starmer Seconded: Marco Cardinale Carried

Member Protection Officer: Chris Holley
 Nominated: Neil Starmer Seconded: Karyn Starmer Carried

Radio Officer: Marco Cardinale
 Nominated by: Karyn Starmer Endorsed: Col Chesher Carried

Social Committee: TBA

Special Nippers: Mike Hallahan, Carol & Bridie Young
 Nominated: Karyn Starmer Seconded: Kylie Ryder Carried

Uniform Sales Officer: Katrina Maguire
 Nominated: Karyn Starmer Seconded: Jane Coppin Carried

First Aid Officer: Andy Baker
 Nominated: Brad Coppin Seconded: Karyn Starmer Carried

Discussion on

- Archive Officers Report
- Honour Board Roll – List of members
- Management Meeting

Meeting closed 4.25 pm

MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Overall member registrations are down by 11% for 2019/20. This is not surprising for a season heavily interrupted by bushfires and COVID-19. Nippers and Special Nippers programs were cut short resulting in lower Junior and General Memberships. With only one Bronze Medallion course run for the season, Active Members were also down. Pleasingly, the club continues to retain Youth members as they finish Nippers and move through to Active membership.

Karyn Starmer
Registrar

MORUYA SLSC MEMBERSHIP 2018/19	
Active (18yrs and over)	69
Active (15-18 yrs)	9
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	12
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	57
General	60
Life Member	15
Long Service	3
Award Member	1
TOTAL	226



FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SUB-MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
Andrew	Baker	Active (18yrs and over)
Stephen	Bolton	Active (18yrs and over)
Lee	Boswell	Active (18yrs and over)
Laura	Brisbane	Active (18yrs and over)
Molly	Carter	Active (18yrs and over)
Trevor	Cobden	Active (18yrs and over)
Bradley	Coppin	Active (18yrs and over)
Jane	Coppin	Active (18yrs and over)
Harley	Dengate	Active (18yrs and over)
Russell	Eagles	Active (18yrs and over)
Daniel	Ellice-Flint	Active (18yrs and over)
Wayne	Foster	Active (18yrs and over)
Natalie	Gartner	Active (18yrs and over)
Nicholas	Goddard	Active (18yrs and over)
Marnie	Gordon	Active (18yrs and over)
Melissa	Greck	Active (18yrs and over)
Paris	Hadley	Active (18yrs and over)
Glenn	Hall	Active (18yrs and over)
Kate	Handley	Active (18yrs and over)
Gavin	Hunt	Active (18yrs and over)
Kate	Hunt	Active (18yrs and over)
Clare	Immens	Active (18yrs and over)
Renee	Jenkins	Active (18yrs and over)
Craig	Kelly	Active (18yrs and over)
Grace	Kelly	Active (18yrs and over)
Rachael	Kennedy	Active (18yrs and over)
Leonard	Larsson	Active (18yrs and over)
Katrina	Maguire	Active (18yrs and over)
Nathan	Mass	Active (18yrs and over)
Farann	Mathie	Active (18yrs and over)
Kevin	McAsh	Active (18yrs and over)
Ryan	Moate	Active (18yrs and over)
Stephen	Mossfield	Active (18yrs and over)
Ruth	Nelson	Active (18yrs and over)
Gavin	Olive	Active (18yrs and over)
Anthony	Pardy	Active (18yrs and over)
Isabella	Pike	Active (18yrs and over)
Luke	Price	Active (18yrs and over)
Mitchell	Punch	Active (18yrs and over)
Kate	Raymond	Active (18yrs and over)
Sarah	Richardson	Active (18yrs and over)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SUB-MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
Huw	Riley	Active (18yrs and over)
Robyn	Roberson	Active (18yrs and over)
Trent	Rogers	Active (18yrs and over)
Kylie	Ryder	Active (18yrs and over)
Adele	Saines	Active (18yrs and over)
Laurence	Sandra	Active (18yrs and over)
Ainslie	Scully	Active (18yrs and over)
Andrew	Scully	Active (18yrs and over)
Jane	Scully	Active (18yrs and over)
Alec	Sinclair	Active (18yrs and over)
Greg	Smith	Active (18yrs and over)
Rosie	Spoelder	Active (18yrs and over)
Amanda	Stafford	Active (18yrs and over)
Luke	Stafford	Active (18yrs and over)
Isabelle	Starmer	Active (18yrs and over)
Neil	Starmer	Active (18yrs and over)
Oscar	Starmer	Active (18yrs and over)
Merrin	Starr	Active (18yrs and over)
Simon	Stenhouse	Active (18yrs and over)
Robyn	Trenton	Active (18yrs and over)
Devin	Watson	Active (18yrs and over)
Alison	Weyman	Active (18yrs and over)
Michael	Weyman	Active (18yrs and over)
Leanne	Weymans	Active (18yrs and over)
Peter	Wheatley	Active (18yrs and over)
Matthew	Wilson	Active (18yrs and over)
Richard	Young	Active (18yrs and over)
Jacob	Zutt	Active (18yrs and over)
Madeleine	Bolton	Active (15-18 yrs)
Darcy	Coppin	Active (15-18 yrs)
Matthew	Goddard	Active (15-18 yrs)
James	Jenkins	Active (15-18 yrs)
Ethan	Mass	Active (15-18 yrs)
Shane	Mass	Active (15-18 yrs)
Archer	Mossfield	Active (15-18 yrs)
Elka	Pike	Active (15-18 yrs)
Ryley	Spoelder-Hanlon	Active (15-18 yrs)
Ruby	Coppin	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Amy	Crick	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Raphaella	Herford	Cadet Member (13-15 years)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SUB-MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
Ollie	Immens	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Samuel	Jenkins	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Claire	Mass	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Hamish	McConaghy	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Tara	Morris	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Phoebe	Rankin	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Cody	Stafford	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Riley	Stafford	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Ava	Weymans	Cadet Member (13-15 years)
Kaje	Beattie	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Ryder	Beattie	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Sophie	Bolton	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Alice	Bradley	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Bonnie	Bradley	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Roy	Bradley	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Eliza	Clarke	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Ella	Cobden	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Fletcher	Cobden	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Jesse	Coppin	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Vivian	Crick	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Cameron	Dyson-Holland	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Tomas	Dyson-Holland	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Alysha	Eagles	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Jacob	Eagles	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Noah	Eagles	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Darcy	Fitzpatrick	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Michaela	Fitzpatrick	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Xavier	Hall	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Zara	Hall	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Ada	Harris	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Elouise	Hartin-Nable	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Leyton	Hartin-Nable	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Bradley	Hayne	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Oscar	Hayne	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Nate	Hockey	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Digby	Immens	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Elsie	Immens	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SUB-MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
Jesse	Jenkins	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Mayci	Mangu	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Islay	McLeod	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Lillian	McLeod	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Simone	McLeod	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Cooper	Muehlbauer	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Ky	Nelson	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Sarah	Rankin	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Avyan	Rees	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Max	Riley	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Blake	Rowell	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Jackson	Rowland-Smith	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Evie	Schwarz	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Pippa	Schwarz	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Arlo	Stafford	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Freya	Stafford	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Olivia	Stafford	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Allirra	Sullivan	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Fleur	Taylor	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Abigail	Tritton	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Miranda	Tritton	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Nelson	Wark	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Ryker	Watson	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Lila	Weyman	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Nathan	Weyman	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Samuel	Weyman	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Leo	Weymans	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Eleanor	Wilden	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Lucinda	Wilson	Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)
Gregory	Bunt	Life Member
Myril	Bunt	Life Member
Marco	Cardinale	Life Member
Colin	Chesher	Life Member
Michael	Hallahan	Life Member
Maxwell	Hogno	Life Member
Albert	Hunt	Life Member
Nerida	Johnston	Life Member

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Steven	Johnston	Life Member
Garry	Nicholson	Life Member
Michael	Pheeneey	Life Member
Shaun	Pike	Life Member
Tracey	Pike	Life Member
Robert	Pollock	Life Member
Ewen D.	Thomson	Life Member
Peter	Campbell	Long Service
Nicholas	Jones	Long Service
Dean	Little	Long Service
Karyn	Starmer	Award Member
Sarah	Aedy	General
Naomi	Arnold	General
Miriam	Baltuck	General
Colin	Beattie	General
Kate	Bradley	General
Michael	Bradley	General
Derek	Brown	General
Krystle	Bugden	General
Crystal	Cardinale	General
Bronwyn	Carter	General
Charlotte	Carter	General
Chloe	Carter	General
Phillip	Carter	General
Trina	Castell-Brown	General
Paula	Cauduro	General
Leanne	Clarke	General
Rob	Clifford	General
Shane	Connell	General
Mark	Copley	General
Amanda	Cornall	General
Nichola	Creighton	General
Michael	Dent	General
Jessica	Dwyer	General
Alison	Dyson-Holland	General
Merryn	Eagles	General
Peter	Fitzpatrick	General

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SUB-MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
David	Fraser	General
Ian	Hamilton	General
Darrell	Hanlon	General
Mark	Harris	General
William	Harris	General
Skye	Hartin	General
Jim	Herford	General
Aaron	Hockey	General
Narelle	Hockey	General
Christine	Holley	General
Nick	Kandybko	General
Bruce	Kennedy	General
Robert	Lees	General
Deb	Lenson	General
Anne	McAsh	General
Scott	McLeod	General
Joanne	McMahon	General
Amy	Nowakowski	General
Larry	Rankin	General
Liz	Rankin	General
Graham	Reed	General
Abigail	Riley	General
Melinda	Rowell	General
Tess	Schwarz	General
Caroline	Stafford	General
Gary	Sutton	General
Jessica	Thomas	General
Judy	Toman	General
Daniele	Treptel	General
Krystal	Tritton	General
Paul	Weymans	General
Jennifer	Wilden	General
Bridie	Young	General
Carol	Young	General

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Having commenced the 2019-20 season with a great deal of excitement for what lay ahead, who could have predicted the events that have transpired. With everything that has occurred during this season, it is with little surprise that our Surf Club members have continued to provide outstanding support to the community we serve.

The usual excitement that surrounds a George Bass year was evident for all to see as the boats and skis arrived in Moruya on Sunday 29th December 2019. Unfortunately, this excitement was short lived with the first mid race cancellation of the event due to the fire crisis experienced. It takes a small army to ensure the arrival and departure of all crews competing in this wonderful event runs smoothly and we have many soldiers willing to put their hands up. I would like to thank each and everyone of our members that volunteered their time to ensure the event ran as smoothly as possible. I would like to make special mention of Nathan Mass who, at very short notice, spent many hours in the tractor towing boats and trailers to and from the beach. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Mother Nature and Covid 19 provided our Special Nippers Program with many challenges this year. While the program was disrupted throughout the season, our volunteers still managed to provide a great deal of enjoyment to our participants. Thank you to Mike, Carol and Bridie for your dedication to this truly amazing program.



I would like to congratulate Ryley Spoelder-Hanlon who was named the 2020 Fergus Thomson Young Branch Person of the Year. Ryley won this award for his service to Moruya SLSC and the wider surf club community. Ryley is member of Moruya SLSC Youth Activity Group, an active competitor and keen to improve his surf lifesaving skills; he completed his Silver Medallion this year. Ryley helps at Nippers and Special Nippers, he is a regular helper around the club and patrolled a whopping 52 hours on our beach this season. I would also like to congratulate all our award nominees.

Each season we reflect on those that we have lost and this year is no different. While our thoughts and prayers are with all our members who have lost loved ones, I would like to acknowledge two of our members.

The season started poorly with the loss of the much loved Ack Weyman in November. Ack gained his Bronze in the 1970s, in the days of reel, line and belt. For many years he was first in line to help a Bass crew, many BBQs, the Fun Run and any other fund raising activities. There are many Rowers and Ski paddlers that would have struggled to make their way to Eden without the massage assistance of Mr Magic Hands, myself included. I am sure that I'm not the only one that misses his cheeky smile and quick wit. Our thoughts go out to the Weyman family. A good man that left a huge footprint on life.

The passing of Life member Max Hogno in June 2020, after a short battle with an aggressive illness, has left a large void in the historical records of our organisation. Max arrived in Moruya during the 1965-66 season for his day job as the Clerk of Petty Sessions of the Moruya Court House.

From day one Max threw himself into club life both in competition and administration. If a job needed doing Max would be always on hand to help. Ron Chesher had the dual role of Moruya Club President as well as FSC Branch President and soon recognised that Max had the skills to be a very good Branch Secretary which Max willingly accepted and excelled at over a number of years eventually earning himself Life Membership of the Far South Coast Branch of SLSA.

Max held many roles in the Moruya Surf Club from President down and always undertook each role with the utmost attention to detail, a factor that wasn't always understood by some. It was Max's training as a Manager of the Court and further study in Law that saw him always striving to cross every T and cross every I but overarching all that was a man who was absolutely dedicated and loyal to our Surf Club.

Max's contribution to the Moruya Surf Club across many decades from fund raising to administration to competition to general volunteering is of a type seldom repeated and he will be missed and remembered. As a cadet growing up during Max's tenure as President, his passion to ensure accountability amongst members did highlight the importance of our volunteering role.

As we would all agree, the impact of the Bushfires on our members and community has been significant. We are well aware of the emotional impact the fires have had but it would be remiss of me not to remind everyone of the significant financial impact the loss of our Friday night Sippers and other fund raising opportunities that were lost. With Covid 19 following on from the Bushfires, we will need to be mindful of further financial pressures that will arise. The loss of sponsors and potential fundraising opportunities will need to be closely managed to ensure the financial viability of our Club. I thank everyone that managed to make their way to the Coast from Canberra to patrol when the road did open and to our local members that seemed to be on high fire alert for the amount of time you have dedicated to volunteer while constantly worrying about your own families and homes.

It is important to recognize the support and donations we have received from many businesses and organisations including **Camerons H Hardware, Southern Phone, IMB Foundation, Moruya Chamber of Commerce, Moruya Rotary and Moruya Lions**. The assistance of **Eurobodalla Shire Council** is also acknowledged and appreciated.

We must also remember that our National and State bodies have been responsible for procuring major corporate sponsors that assists all surf clubs.

DHL - subsidise our patrol shirts

Westpac for their significant sponsorship towards the **Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service**, the oldest civilian search and rescue service in Australia

ClubsNSW

Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) & Surf Lifesaving Foundation once again distributed to Moruya SLSC funds from the Guardians of the Surf raffle.

In previous reports I have highlighted how the lifesaving movement continued to look after their respective communities without hesitation. I highlight these tough times experienced in previous seasons as a means to show that we are at our strongest in times of adversity. I also highlight these times as a reminder that sometimes all is not as it seems, and we need to make sure that we are checking on each other on a regular basis. We sometimes operate in a highly stressful environment and it is important that all members are aware that there is support available if required.

I would like to close my report by thanking all our wonderful members for the time and effort supplied this season to ensure that our core business of keeping people safe has once again been upheld and by apologizing if I have missed personally thanking anyone in my report. As we all know, *"If you volunteer your time to seek recognition you are volunteering for the wrong reasons."*

Michael Pheeneey
President
Moruya Surf Life Saving Club Inc



MORAYZ
BOAT

NEWS
SURF RESCUE
DHL

FORCE FIELD

SURF RESCUE
DHL

DAVID PHEENEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD WINNER FOR 2019 / 2020 – RYLEY SPOELDER-HANLON



DAVID PHEENEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The David Pheeny Memorial Scholarship, is awarded on an annual basis to a club member entering into Year 12 HSC studies and, in the event there being no such person, applications will be invited from Year 12 students at the MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL

The Scholarship shall have a minimum value of \$250.00, and is to be used for the purchase of text books and other requirements relative to the HSC examination.

A sub-committee of three persons, two of whom shall be LIFE MEMBERS of the Club, select the recipient and the sub-committee may co-opt the views of other members of the MORUYA SLSC or staff of the particular secondary education facility

The criteria shall be -

(a) Applicants to have physically commenced the final year of HSC studies

(b) Applicants to be actual patrolling members of the MORUYA SLSC, except that where there are no such applicants, applications are invited from students of MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL. ;

3. Applications in writing, of not less than 250 words in length, must be made and the sub-committee shall base its decision on the following aspects but not limited thereto, nor in any particular order of relevance -

(i) Club membership record

(ii) Participation within the Club

(iii) Citizenship

(iv) Academic record

(v) Presentation of the written application

(vi) Appraisal of an applicant at a personal interview, should the sub-committee deem it expedient

(vii) Personal economic position of applicant

5. The sub-committee shall furnish a recommendation to the Club Management Committee for ratification ; ratification shall be final and no further discussion or correspondence shall be entertained.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As the President has reported, this years' events have had significant impact to our community and club, and fund raising will continue to prove difficult in the coming months and year ahead.

Fortunately, a main fundraising effort, the annual 'Town to Surf' fun run had been held proceeding the bushfires. With registrations fees of over \$9,000 and significant contributions from sponsorships, BBQ sales and donations, the event was another financial success. There is a considerable amount of time and effort put in by our volunteers for the event and that hard work is appreciated with vital funds arriving just prior to our official season starting.

Membership renewals were strong with over \$8,000 collected. The Nippers season saw the arrival of an external coffee van and a change of food menu, which was well received by both parents and kids. With the commencement of official patrols at Shelly Beach this year, essential purchases were made for key items: public notice signage, mobile sun safe equipment and modifications to the ATV for ease of transport of essential life-saving equipment.

The start of our summer sippers fund raising coincided with the George Bass marathon but was cut short as the New Year's Eve bushfires took hold of the South Coast. This unfortunately led to most events being cancelled or with poor turnout, and with the onset of the Coronavirus, this finished any chance of further hall hire events occurring.

With some key grants being awarded throughout the year (over \$39,000) for the purchase of various equipment, this has taken some of the sting out of an otherwise poor fundraising year. The grants have been from Federal, State and Local governments and their support is greatly appreciated.

With a difficult year ahead for fundraising, a concerted effort will be required to raise funds to meet our operating expenditure and continue to support the community.

Devin Watson
Treasurer
Moruya SLSC





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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Thank you to all members for what was a season like no other; your flexibility and commitment once again ensured the safety of the public under stressful and unusual circumstances.

This season we commenced our new patrolling agreement. This marks a significant change to patrolling as we are able to move patrol to Shelly Beach. Thank you to all patrolling members, particularly Patrol Captains, for ensuring this was implemented effectively. The feedback from both members of our club and the community has been positive and a welcomed change. It was lovely to see members spending Christmas morning patrolling under the new tent at Shelly Beach. In order move patrol to Shelly Beach members have needed to put new protocols in place; ensuring the ATV is loaded with correct first aid and patrolling equipment, clear signage is erected at the entrance to the clubhouse and at the beach entrance at Dolphin Beach Caravan Park indicating the location of patrol and advising SurfCom. Once again, thank you to all patrolling members for ensuring these change were implemented effectively.

The busy December-January patrolling period shifted dramatically with the arrival of the bushfires to our area. I thank all members for their support during this extremely stressful and worrying time. Our clubhouse opened its doors to members from various clubs as a result of the cancellation of the George Bass Marathon and closed highways. In addition to this, members volunteered patrols when others were unable to attend as they needed to prepare and protect their homes from impending bushfires. Thank you to all who assisted during this time.

I thank members for their support when our committee voiced concerns at branch level regarding ensuring the safety of members when COVID-19 restrictions were enacted and patrols were subsequently cancelled. This was a unique situation which required a stand to ensure the safety of club members while promoting the message to remain socially distant. Unfortunately this meant all club activities ceased for the season; however our members welfare remained our main focus of concern.

After the stress of the bushfires and prior to the COVID-19 enforced shut-down, a number of our members were able to participate in both competition and social activities. Thankfully! Youth members travelled to Bondi Surf Club a weekend of patrolling and fun, Wambiri, members competed at interbranch, State titles and ASRL rowing as well as two legs of the George Bass Marathon. Thank you and well done to all.

I look forward to gathering with members at the commencement of next season and to a season of fun and restoration.

Jane Coppin
Club Captain

LEADING PATROL HOURS		
	Name	Hours
1.	Ryley Spoelder-Hanlon	64
2.	Kylie Ryder	54
3.	Ava Weymans	48
4.	Clare Immens	40
5.	Michael Pheeney	36
6.	Andrew Baker	36
7.	Ethan Mass	36
8.	Shane Mass	36
9.	Devin Watson	34
10.	Michael Hallahan	32
11.	Ainslie Scully	32

CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

In less dangerous times, prior to the choking smoke from the bushfires and prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, we did manage to train a few of our younger members preparing them to become the next generation of patrolling surf lifesavers. We completed one Surf Rescue Certificate squad before Christmas 2019. Many congratulations to:

- Bonnie Bradley
- Lucinda Wilson
- Sarah Rankin
- Fleur Taylor
- Olivia Stafford
- Sophie Bolton

Congratulations to Facilitator Mike Hallahan who, after a very lengthy and complicated process, completed his Cert IV upgrade and was re-endorsed as a Facilitator. Well done, Mike! Also, many thanks to Mike for starting an IRB Driver and Crewperson course prior to the complete shutdown for the season.

With the assistance of Branch, we had members requalify in advanced courses including the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate and First Aid. Congratulations to those members.

We had members excitedly express an interest in gaining training in the PWC (jetski) driver, UAV (drone) pilot, Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue and the Gold Medallion. Some members may have completed these and other qualifications with other clubs as part of Branch courses. If I have missed your qualification here I apologise and I will endeavour to recognise your achievements in our club records.

In season 2020-21 it looks like exciting changes are on the way with the release of the new Bronze Medallion syllabus and the new SRC to Bronze pathway. TAFs are also looking forward to the raft of online training and admin options which are being rolled out in the coming season. Here's hoping that the shut down ends and we can get down on the beach and do what we do best!

As always, I'd like to thank our TAFs -Mike Hallahan, Marco Cardinale, Michael Weyman and Glenn Hall - for their work and support. I'd also like to thank the club Management Committee and the FSC Branch for ongoing support and for putting up with my many emails trying to clarify processes and procedures related to member education and training.

Season 2019-20 has been a very challenging year for everyone. We are very much hoping that season 2020-21 will be back to some new normality.

Wayne Foster
CTO – Moruya



NIPPERS REPORT

The summer of 2019/20 has been like no other in the recent history of Moruya Surf Lifesaving Club. Our nipper season began normally but was interrupted during December and January by fire and in February by rain and flood. The season eventually ended early due to the global pandemic of COVID 19.

We were lucky to attend one carnival at Broulee during December with low numbers of Nippers representing our club with pride.

In December the Far South Coast Branch Team competed at the 2019 NSW Interbranch Championship at Bulli SLSC in the Illawarra. Sophie Bolton represented our club in the Under 13 Beach events. Both of these Nippers enjoyed the competition and experience this carnival provided.

Olivia Stafford represented our club for the branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year Awards and is our 2019/20 season Nipper of the Year. The other major awards for nippers have not been awarded this season due to the significantly shortened season with minimal club and branch activities.

With a season full of cancellations due to local and national disasters the participation at Nippers dwindled after January. We were fortunate to have some lovely highlights early on in the season including our group of SRC's completing their training, the annual Christmas party and lots of fun on a rainy Sunday with the Brumbies training crew.

A huge thank you as always to the whole club for their support of Nippers – the patrolling members, our youth members, our parents and wider surf club community. As this is my final season as Junior Activities Coordinator, I would like to thank the Ages managers and committee for their support over the years.

Thank you

Amanda Stafford





SPECIAL NIPPERS REPORT

Last December when we had our small Special Nippers Christmas celebration, the bushfire threat was becoming very real but the impact and length of time it threatened the coast was nothing we expected in our wildest dreams.

Sadly some of our Special Nipper family were directly impacted by the fires, losing homes while many have been traumatised by the events. We were certainly mindful of the toll it has taken on our community and were keen to get the program underway, giving everyone a reason to smile.

Unfortunately Mother Nature had other ideas, bringing some welcome rain that also brought with it minor flooding of the Moruya River. The impact of the rain on water quality and debris meant that we had to postpone Nippers until things improved.

Unlike last season, bad weather and rough sea conditions greeted us regularly over the next four weeks, but it didn't dampen the enjoyment and atmosphere we all had each Saturday.

The threat of Covid-19 loomed closer each week and on 19 March we took the decision to call an end to our season to avoid placing anyone at risk. While we didn't get to make any presentations for the season we hope the opportunity will arise later in the year to have a small get together and celebrate the season we had together.

It is safe to say it wasn't our best season but it was certainly memorable. Thank you to all our tireless volunteers who come each week and enrich each of our lives. This season we farewelled Rogene and her family and welcomed Max and family. Similarly we farewelled some of our volunteer cohort whilst at the same time welcoming new members. We are extremely grateful for the Broulee Surfers SLSC members who continue to be part of the program, whereby adding another dimension to our community.

Thank you to Bridie, Carol, Rosie & Marco, who's efforts extend beyond our Saturday get togethers so that each week goes smoothly for us all.

To all our Special Nippers and their Families – thank you for helping us all smile and giving us some perspective in our lives. We are very aware, this year in particular has presented even greater challenges for many of you and we hope that you are able to grow through the experience. Next season moves closer each week and we hope you are all able to join us again next February.

I have copied and pasted the following from last year's report because we are always in need of volunteers to help deliver the program and the information is relevant each and every season.

Volunteers – they are the backbone of the program. It's a very simple equation:

We can never have too many volunteers

You don't necessarily need your bronze but you will need to be compassionate and enthusiastic. Being able to smile and laugh at yourself helps. If you can spare a couple of hours each Saturday in February and March, please get in touch with us at hallahan@westnet.com.au.



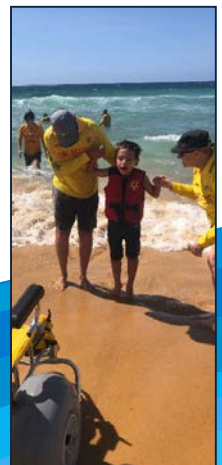
Our Volunteers come from many walks of life and span a large age range. We are very fortunate to welcome Volunteers from Broulee and Narooma Clubs which is a great example of the community spirit around us.

Finally a big thank you to long time supporters of the program Moruya Lions and Moruya Rotary Clubs. Your support and financial contributions are always welcome and are applied to the program, making a difference for each of the Special Nippers. We mentioned last year of a grant from the State Government towards the purchase of two floating wheelchairs. These have been purchased and put into service, making a huge difference for Jaimie, Jordan and others. Thank you to the Premiers Department and Andrew Constance for facilitating purchase of this equipment.

Special Nippers is a small part of Moruya Surf Life Saving Club and our thanks are also extended to the Club Administration and Club members for supporting the program. Like other programs conducted at Bermagui and Pambula we are also appreciated of the on-going support at Branch and State level.

Mike Hallahan (and on behalf of Bridie & Carol Young)

Special Nippers Co-ordinators



BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This season once again saw boats training on the river several times each week from September. Thank you to Bert for your expertise in training and sweeping crews. Unfortunately training and competing ceased in March due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our club had a number of crews training and competing throughout the season. Crews competed locally, at ASRL and State Championship level.

State Championships were held at Swansea Belmont, our U19s crew rowed extremely well, rowing the final, finishing 5th. This was an immense achievement as training was heavily impacted by the bushfires in January.

The George Bass Marathon was affected by the bushfires; competition cancelled after just two days of racing. Our club entered both a female masters and male open crew, both gaining a second place from these two days of racing. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Crew members as follows:

U19s Men: Ryley Spoelder-Hanlon, Riley Stafford, Ethan Mass, Shane Mass, Brad Coppin (sweep)

George Bass Crews were as follows:

Open Mens:

Matthew Norton	Anthony Pardy
Dan Ellice-Flint	Laurence Sandral
Trent Rogers	Mitchell Punch
Lee Boswell	Derek Knox
Sweep: Gavin Hunt	

Masters Womens:

Laura Brisbane	Clare Immens
Melissa Greck	Kate Handley
Merrin Starr	Robyn Trenton
Kate Hunt	Sweep: Rebecca Hamilton
Kylie Ryder	

We look forward to the coming season to continue the development of our rowers and crews.

Thank you to our sponsors, Cameron's H Hardware, Dial Before You Dig and Deua Building; your support is greatly appreciated.

Brad Coppin
Boat Captain



JUNIOR REPORT

YOUTH ACTIVITY GROUP

Our junior membership continues to grow with more members making the transition from Nippers to Cadets and on to being full active patrolling members. The Youth of our club are an enthusiastic bunch and have offered input with ideas for activities and events. The 2019/20 season got off to a good start with a Movie Night held at the clubhouse and a trip to Bondi SLSC but plans for training, the branch Youth Carnival, a Branch arranged trip to North Bondi SLSC and a Trivia Night were all shelved due to the bushfires and COVID-19.

The Youth are enthusiastically involved with assisting at Nippers and Special Nippers as well as rostered patrols and are visible, active role models for our Nippers. They are also on hand to help around the club.

Thanks to Wayne Foster for guiding this group through their training. We hope to get more of them to train all the way to Silver Medallion, IRB Driver and eventually be our Patrol Captains.

Youth members have been training for swim, board and ski events and our young boat crew members keep going from strength to strength.

Let's hope the next summer will bring more sunshine and fun on the beach.

Karyn Starmer & Ainslie Scully
Youth Activity Group Co-ordinators



WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

During season 2019/20 there were no accidental WHS incidents reported to the WHSO at the time of this report.

The twelve monthly WHS check was performed on 20 March 2020. No major issues were identified at that time.

The completed checklist is included with this report.

With such a harrowing end of 2019 into 2020, from a WHS view, I cannot praise our Club, it's members and committee for the manner in which they performed to highly.

The Bushfires

Moruya Surf Lifesaving Club led the way in actions taken. At the time of the fires, there were some people who, believed the Club should have been used as an evacuation point. Our Vice President Karyn Starmer made it very clear why the Club could not be used. Karyn received some nasty comments but, true to her strength of commitment, she did not let these people sway her.

Then we move to Covid-19.

Again, I cannot praise our Club, it's members and committee to highly. MSLC led the way in handling the restrictions. MSLC was the first Club to suspend patrols and close the beaches. Marco was super proactive by distributing hand sanitiser throughout the Club. I managed to get down from Canberra, just before the borders were closed, to carryout the yearly inspection check. I was very pleased to see what Marco had done.

We got our Covid Safe Plan in and approved very early and that has been in place for a number of weeks now. There have been many notifications from Safe Work Australia/Work Health and Safety and NSW Health, I have been monitoring these notifications and I can say with confidence MSLC "has been all over it".

The Bushfires and Covid-19 have been a learning curve for all of us.

Lets hope for a much better season to come.

Christine Holley
Work Health and Safety Officer
Member Protection Officer

GEAR STEWARD'S REPORT

The end of another season, a little short & very different, I hope everyone has pulled through OK.

A shout out to our club caretaker Marco for being on top of the cleanliness/hygiene, the club is well manged and spotless during these COVID-19 times. Please remember when visiting the club to wash hands or use wipes that are provided all around the club. There were no first aid incidents to my knowledge.

Damage to gear was minimal this season, only two board repairs. Pleas rememer to rinse all club gear before re-stowing and report any damage when it arises.

Andy Baker
First Aid Officer & Gear Steward

BRANCH AWARDS

Fergus Thomson Young Branch Person of the Year

[Ryley Spoleder-Hanlon](#)

Ryley joined Moruya SLSC as a 5-year old nipper and has been passionately involved in the organisation ever since. Ryley is a role model for both club youth and nippers.

Since gaining his bronze at 15 Ryley has consistently been in the top 3 patrollers in the club, only the club captain and boat captain have ever done more patrol hours than Ryley who always volunteers to fill any gaps in the roster. Ryley comes to the beach early and ready to patrol in full patrol uniform, every time, and does not leave until the last job has been done.

Ryley is a keen young surf lifesaver gaining every award his age will make him eligible for. If there is a course or an activity in the club or the branch, Ryley is there. This year he gained his Silver Medallion Beach Rescue and Aquatic Management and was on his way to IRB Driver until COVID-19 stopped training.

It is rare to turn up to Moruya SLSC and not see Ryley around somewhere!



CLUB AWARDS

To be announced at the start of the 2020/21 Season due to COVID-19:

- Club Person of the Year
- President's Award
- Club Captain's Award
- Nipper of the Year

There will be no competition awards for 2019/20

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Bridie Young

Bridie has been a volunteer for the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club Special Nippers program for six years. Bridie and her mum Carole stepped in to help coordinate Special Nippers in 2018. Bridie is a shining light at Special Nippers and does the bulk of the administration work to help Mike Hallahan and the crew deliver this valuable service.

Bridie was recently nominated for the 2020 ESC Local Hero Award. Bridie is also a past Rotary Youth Exchange student who volunteers as a local liaison officer with the Moruya Rotary Club, checking on the welfare of exchange students and their host families.



Molly Carter

Molly is the type of young surf life saver that every club hopes for when they sign on a new Nipper. Molly has grown up around Moruya Surf Club. Having started on the beach as a toddler, she has progressed through Nippers, Cadets, Youth and is now an Active Senior member of the club.

Molly is a reliable member of Moruya patrols, she helps with water safety, the fun run, the George Bass Marathon and many other club activities.

Even as a school leaver, Molly has remained active and involved with Moruya Youth, attending meetings and social events.

Molly is one of those people who works quietly in the background but will always step out of her comfort zone when asked. Molly is a wonderful role model for our Youth and our Nippers in our club.



Kevin McAsh

Kevin McAsh could be described as a late starter to surf life saving. Already in the Masters category, Kevin had been helping out at nippers with his grandkids for a few years, when he realised that he needed to have his bronze medallion to do water safety. So what did Kevin do, he did the course and got his bronze medallion. Kevin now comes to Nippers every week and spends hours in the water keeping an eye on our nippers.

Kevin also helps out with many other club activities including Special Nippers, the Fun Run and the George Bass Marathon.

We hope that Kevin is an inspiration to other more senior members of our community in demonstrating that it is never too late to get your Bronze Medallion.





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