

ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25



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- BOARD OF DIRECTORS -

President - Kate Dwyer

Vice President - Michelle Garvan

Director of Administration - Nicole Crowe

Director of Finance - Susie Bell

Director of Lifesaving - Tony Worton

Director of Junior Activities - Nicole Crowe

Director Of Surf Sports - Nicole Crowe

- MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE -

IRB Captain - Tony Worton / Phil Traves

Chief Training Officer - Michelle Garvan

Club Clothing - Jessie Johnson

Boat Captain - Peter Bagnall

Bar Manager - Bruce Cooper

CHSLSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA



Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club

PO Box 46
Laurieton NSW 2443

AGM MEETING AGM

Sunday 15th JUNE 2025

Commencing: 1.00pm

Venue: Camden Haven Surf Club

ITEM / DESCRIPTION		
Welcome By President – Open Meeting		
Attendance / Apologies / Proxies		
Present:		
Apologies:		
Proxies:		
Presentation of Annual Reports		
MOTION - The 2024/25 annual report appears true and correct.		
MOVED –		
SECONDED –		
MOVED WITH A SHOW OF HANDS –		
Presentation of Audited Accounts		
MOTION - The 2024/25 Audited Financials be appear to be true and correct.		
MOVED –		
SECONDED –		
MOVED WITH A SHOW OF HANDS -		
Election of Officers and Position Holders		
PRESIDENT	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
VICE PRESIDENT	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
REGISTRAR	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
GEAR STEWARD	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
IRB CAPTAIN	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
MEMBER PROTECTION OFFICER	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:



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ITEM / DESCRIPTION		
FIRST AID OFFICER	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
SAFETY OFFICER	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
Junior Activities Co-Ordinator	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
SURF BOAT CAPTAIN	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAINS	NOMINATED – NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
BAR MANAGER	NOMINATED -	MOVED: SECONDED:
CLOTHING/MERCHANDISE OFFICER	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
PUBLIC OFFICER	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
GRANTS OFFICER	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
HALL HIRE OFFICER	NOMINATED –	MOVED: SECONDED:
Election of Auditor for 2024 / 2025		
MOTION – The CHSLSC committee appoint PDD Advisory as the auditor for the 2025/2026 season. MOVED – SECONDED – MOVED WITH A SHOW OF HANDS -		
MOTION – That Tony Worton’s Life Membership be granted MOVED – SECONDED – MOVED WITH A SHOW OF HANDS -		
CLOSED –		

MINUTES 2024/25 AGM



Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club

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AGM MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 1st JUNE 2024

Commencing: 10:05am

Venue: Camden Haven Surf Club

ITEM / DESCRIPTION		
Welcome By President – Open Meeting		
Attendance / Apologies / Proxies		
Present: Tony Worton, Craig Vipond, Tony Miller, Peter Bagnall, Susy Bell, Nicole Crowe, Kate Dwyer, Robert Dwyer, Neil Hosick, Jan Hosick, Ben Hosick, Bruce Cooper, Jenny Cooper, Michelle Garvan arrived at 10.13am		
Apologies: Jessie Johnson, Tony Maher, Gary Hawkins, John Vipond, Judy Vipond, Jim Dwyer, Brienna Franklin.		
Proxies:		
Presentation of Annual Reports		
MOTION - The 2023/2024 annual report appears true and correct.		
MOVED – Ben Hosick		
SECONDED – Jenny Cooper		
MOVED WITH A SHOW OF HANDS – MOVED		
Presentation of Audited Accounts		
MOTION - The Audited Financials will not be available by the date of the AGM. Review of the Audited Financials and related commentary will take place at a later date, being the first committee meeting for the 2024 2025 season TBC.		
MOVED – Tony Worton		
SECONDED – Ben Hosick		
MOVED WITH A SHOW OF HANDS - MOVED		
Election of Officers and Position Holders		
PRESIDENT	NOMINATED – KATE DWYER	MOVED: Nicole Crowe SECONDED: Tony Worton
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION	NOMINATED – NICOLE CROWE	MOVED: Kate Dwyer SECONDED: Jan Hosick
VICE PRESIDENT	NOMINATED – MICHELLE GARVAN	MOVED: Kate Dwyer SECONDED: Robert Dwyer
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	NOMINATED – SUSIE BELL	MOVED: Kate Dwyer SECONDED: Neil Hosick
DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING	NOMINATED – TONY WORTON	MOVED: Nicole Crowe SECONDED: Peter Bagnall
CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER	NOMINATED – MICHELLE GARVAN	MOVED: Susie Bell SECONDED: Jenny Cooper
REGISTRAR	NOMINATED – NICOLE CROWE	MOVED: Michelle Garvan SECONDED: Kate Dwyer
GEAR STEWARD	NOMINATED – TONY WORTON	MOVED: Nicole Crowe SECONDED: Peter Bagnall
IRB CAPTAIN	NOMINATED – PHIL TRAVES	MOVED: Tony Worton SECONDED: Peter Bagnall



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MEMBER PROTECTION OFFICER	NOMINATED – GARY HAWKINS & NICOLE CROWE	MOVED: Kate Dwyer SECONDED: Michelle Garvan
FIRST AID OFFICER	NOMINATED – CASSIE PENSINI	MOVED: Nicole Crowe SECONDED: Jenny Cooper
SAFETY OFFICER	NOMINATED – TONY MILLER	MOVED: Michelle Garvan SECONDED: Susie Bell
Junior Activities Co-Ordinator	NOMINATED – NICOLE CROWE	MOVED: Kate Dwyer SECONDED: Robert Dwyer
SURF BOAT CAPTAIN	NOMINATED – PETER BAGNALL	MOVED: Michelle Garvan SECONDED: Susie Bell
JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAINS	NOMINATED – LIAM MILLER NOMINATED – LILLIAN HOSICK	MOVED: Tony Miller SECONDED: Nicole Crowe
BAR MANAGER	NOMINATED – BRUCE COOPER	MOVED: Michelle Garvan SECONDED: Craig Vipond
CLOTHING/MERCHANDISE OFFICER	NOMINATED – JESSIE JOHNSON	MOVED: Tony Worton SECONDED: Robert Dwyer
PUBLIC OFFICER	NOMINATED – ROBERT DWYER	MOVED: Neil Hosick SECONDED: Nicole Crowe
GRANTS OFFICER	NOMINATED – NICOLE CROWE	MOVED: Neil Hosick SECONDED: Tony Worton
HALL HIRE OFFICER	NOMINATED – BRUCE COOPER & NICOLE CROWE	MOVED: Ben Hosick SECONDED: Jenny Cooper
Election of Auditor for 2024 / 2025		
MOTION – The CHSLSC committee appoint PDD Advisory as the auditor for the 2024/2025 season. MOVED – Ben Hosick SECONDED – Nicole Crowe MOVED WITH A SHOW OF HANDS - MOVED		
CLOSED – 10:26 am		



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a year defined by commitment, connection and progress at Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club. We've worked hard to strengthen our patrols, support our volunteers, connect with the community and build toward a strong, sustainable future.

While challenges like recruitment and ageing infrastructure remain, we've made significant inroads. Every activity we do: every patrol, every bar shift, every social media post and barbecue, helps us keep our beach safe and our club strong.

Patrols and Lifesaving Capability

A significant achievement this year was negotiating a new Lifesaving Service Agreement with SLSNSW and the Mid North Coast Branch. Thanks to Tony Worton and our Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch representatives, we have an agreement that better reflects the realities of volunteer patrols and allows more flexibility in challenging conditions.

Our involvement in the SLSNSW Club Capability Project has also positioned us as a club to watch. We look forward to building on this relationship to shape a strategic path forward.

Community Engagement

Raising the club's profile remained a priority. From social media videos and local partnerships to market stalls and sideline conversations at the soccer, we have aimed to educate, promote surf safety and attract new members. Huge thanks to Nicole Crowe for her tireless work behind the scenes and out in the community.

We're now preparing for a strong off-season push, promoting our July SRC and Bronze Medallion course to build patrol capacity and offer pathways for juniors and parents.

We've also upgraded some of our digital infrastructure to support smoother communication and free up admin time for volunteers.

Training and Inclusion

Upskilling our people is at the core of our mission, aligned with the Surf Life Saving motto Saving Lives, Building Better Communities and Creating Great Australians. This year, we've focused on IRB and age manager training, with more to come ahead of the 2025/2026 season.

A standout training moment for me was taking part in the Beach Ocean Safe (BOS) Program at Coogee SLSC with Gary Hawkins. BOS teaches beach safety to international students in a practical and welcoming way. It's a pathway into surf lifesaving that doesn't start with a Bronze Medallion, and instead encourages participation in further courses like Radio, UAV, CPR, First Aid, coaching and more. We'd love to replicate this model locally because it's a more inclusive way to connect people to the ocean and to our club, especially those who may not feel confident in the surf.

Facilities and Forward Planning

Discussions about the future of our clubhouse continue with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council. Thanks to Neil Hosick and our building committee for ensuring our needs are represented in these early design stages.

Meanwhile, practical improvements continue, including a new ATV board rack and upgrades such as the grease trap, which supports the café and our clubhouse, for which we contributed financially.

Celebration and Acknowledgement

Our Awards of Excellence evening was a highlight, closing the season with pride, gratitude and celebration. We honoured the late John Vipond and were moved to see his close friend and "other son" Tony Worton awarded Life Membership.

Thanks to Ben Hosick and all who made the night one to remember. Who will forget the confetti cannons and music?

We also recognised the incredible efforts of our call-out team during out-of-hours rescues, particularly the May search in North Haven. The dignity, skill and care shown during this tragic incident were a testament to our values. Thank you to all involved and those who supported member wellbeing afterwards.

Looking Ahead

As we move into a new season, our focus includes:

- Growing and engaging membership
- Advancing the Club Capability Project
- Expanding community education
- Progressing clubhouse plans
- Launching our July training course
- Strengthening our systems and volunteer support

Camden Haven SLSC is more than the work done on the sand. It's in every friendly face on patrol, behind the bar, on the balcony or the barbecue. There's a place for everyone. I invite you to find yours.

Thank you to our committee, patrol captains, trainers, bar team, age managers, nippers, water safety, and every member who contributed this season.

Kate Dwyer
President

VICE PRESIDENT

Camden Haven has again proven what teamwork and dedication to the service of our community can do, even for a small club. We kept our beaches and waterways safe, with no fatalities, with a record number of preventions. this has kept our rescues to a minimum and proves that prevention is always better than the cure.

The number of visitors over all holiday periods has been on the increase, and we are still 3 patrols, every member has proven their worth doing long patrol shifts, and above average numbers for the season.

The call-out team and other members have been tasked on numerous occasions this season and have shown great ability. well done to all of you.

The executive team does an amazing job and they are a credit. I have had a very quiet year this season and want to thank you all for doing such an amazing job and I hope to be back to myself for next season.

Michelle Garvan
Vice President

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

The 2024/2025 season has seen some great support from our members and our community through membership, sponsorship and donations.

We have been fortunate to be able to purchase new equipment again this season to further develop our club through grants or sale of old equipment.

Without the kind and generous contributors to our club, we wouldn't be able to fulfil our lifesaving obligations. We would like to thank the following;

- Surf Life Saving Australia
- Surf Life Saving Services
- Surf Life Saving NSW
- Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast
- Regional Australia Bank
- Camden Haven Tyres and Auto
- Birdon
- Maher Legal
- Castleton Plumbing
- Three Brothers Landscape and Garden Supplies
- Newcastle Greater Mutual
- LUSC Bowling Club
- Oddfellows Australia
- Nippers BBQ, family gold coin donations
- Return & Earn
- Wiggly Tail Butchery
- Woolworths
- Individual donations throughout the community

The 2024/2025 season has also seen the introduction of Xero - an accounting software program. Xero has replaced the previous accounting program, Reckon. It has been a very easy system to use, and I thank Neil Hosick for beginning the change over into Xero early in the season.

We continue to have strong growth in the Bar and the funds collected through this are instrumental in helping the club financially.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that help run the bar.

Hall hire has again been strong this year through various bookings and our weekly yoga hire.

As this is my first year in this role, as director of finance, I look forward to seeing the club grow stronger next season.

I would like to thank Neil Hosick for doing a fantastic hand over to me, he was very good at the role and I hope that I can continue his good work.

To the rest of the committee, thank you for your support.

Susie Bell
Director Of Finance

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT

The 2024/25 season was another successful season for Camden Haven SLSC.. We have welcomed a new Life Member Tony Worton recently at our awards night which was held on 6th June..

For National Volunteers Day we have sent out postcards to all members that have volunteered in some capacity. I'd personally like to say Thank You to all our Life savers, Age Managers, Water Safety personnel, Bar Staff and special mention to our BBQ Crew that are there to offer a snag or two at Nipper days.

As part of our commitment to give back to our Community we:

- Assisted with Water Safety and traffic control at the Ironman which was held in May.
- Attend the local markets
- Attend the local primary & high school for Beach & Water Safety messages
- Laid a wreath at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Membership for the 2024/25 season was a total of 182 members consisting of:

1. Probationary - 1
2. Junior Members (5 - 13 years) - 72
3. Cadet Members (13 - 15 years) - 3
4. Active Members (15 - 18 years) - 3
5. Active Members (18 years & Over) - 25
6. Life Members - 5

7. Associate - 2

8. General - 34

9. Nipper Parent - 37

Through this season we have seen a grow in Nipper membership. Hoping this will continue in 2025/26.

As we come into next season, I invite any members that wish to introduce their friends, neighbours, and family to our Camden Haven SLSC family.

There is a place job for everyone within our community, whether their skills are in the water, on the sand, or within the clubhouse.

Finally thank you to all the Committee for you assistance throughout the season.

Thank You to the club for supporting me in the Emerging Leaders Program & the Junior Working Group at SLSNSW.

Look forward to next season.

Nicole Crowe
Director Of Administration

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING REPORT

2024/25 - Director Of Lifesaving

Thank you, Camden Haven Members, for a great safe season.

Our Stats for the season

- 1428.42 HRS Patrolled
- 3887 Swimmers
- 1809 Craft
- 9966 On the beach
- 3 Rescues
- 588 Preventions
- 17 First aids
- 44HRS Beach closures
- 22HRS Dangerous surf
- 21HRS Marine stingers
- 1HR Shark

I loved our start to the season Ceremony what a great way to start the season.

We started our season with our 3 Patrols.

Our Patrol Captains are:

1. Tony Worton Patrol 1
2. Ben Hosick Patrol 2
3. Michelle Garvin Patrol 3

You and your Patrolling Members did an awesome job keeping our Swimmers and locals and visitors to our beach safe.

The start of the season was the school holidays we had a lot of people to our beach.

Christmas holidays were big this year loads of people all day long. We had great conditions.

Easter holidays we were busy keeping everyone safe.

Well-done Camden Haven you looked after them all.

To our callout Team thank you for your time out of patrol hours you do a wonderful job and we are very proud of what you do thank you.

Thank you to all water safety teams you all did an awesome job keeping our Nippers safe on Sundays and Friday afternoons.

Our Emergency Services training day was awesome it really gets us up on another level being able to work with NSW Ambulance and NSW Fire Rescue.

Our younger patrolling members are doing an awesome job I have been watching them set up patrol, doing preventions to keep the public safe. Their skill level is great to watch, and they look after our gear and always there to help out in packing up and washing down. We are very proud of you all keep up the good work.

To all our Subs and Voluntary patrolling members Thank you.

To our wonderful Committee you all do a wonderful awesome job I enjoy working with you all.

Thank you

Tony Worton
Director Of Lifesaving

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Firstly I would like to say Thank You to all the Age Managers & Water Safety for putting there hand up each week.

Conditions on some nipper days weren't the best but we all had smiling faces at the end of each session.

Thanks to Tony Worton for conducting the Board Training in North Haven Baths on a Friday afternoon. The joy the Nippers have in learning these skills is something to smile about. They have learnt new skills and you can see the improvement by the end of each season.

We had Edie Burgess and Khoda Verey compete at the 1st Branch Carnival which was held at Tacking Point SLSC with Edie taking away 1st in her sprint & flags.

Khoda tried her hardest and never stopped smiling all day. Was great to see the black & white cap out there competing again.

Edie competed at the MNC Branch Championships which were held at South West Rocks SLSC in February. Edie came away with a Gold Medal in the Under 8 Sprint & also placed 4th in her flags.

During the season we also had 2 combined days with Wauchope Bonny Hills which was a huge success. Firstly we went to Bonny Hills and we had a joint Christmas Party after having a twilight nippers and then in February Bonny Hills came to our beach and all went off well.

This season we didn't have any representatives for the JLOTY Program congratulations to the winners!

We have applied for the Inclusive Grant to hopefully help out with a Inclusive Nippers Program for next season.

Thanks to the Committe once again for your continued support!

Nicole Crowe
Director Of Administration

BAR MANAGER

I am pleased to present my Annual Report as Bar Manager for the Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club.

This year has been reasonably busy.

The Christmas period through to Australia Day, we were only able to open Friday, Saturday and Sundays due to limited volunteer availability.

Those days proved to be extremely busy.

Easter and subsequent school holiday periods have been just as popular at the bar.

The regular Sunday session remains popular with our loyal locals, which is great to see.

Hall Hire this year has been constant, with the bar open at all functions. These functions ran smoothly, and our bar volunteers were looked after with plenty to eat.

I would like to welcome Susie Bell as a new bar volunteer on our roster. And welcome back to Neil and Jan Hosick.

We currently have 13 volunteers available to assist at the bar.

Overall, it has been a good year.

I would personally like to thank our team of volunteers, who, even at short notice, have been able to help out at any time, if they could.

Looking forward to another successful year.

Bruce Cooper

Bar Manager

GEAR STEWARD REPORT

The start to the season we had steering damage to our ATV so we sold our ATV and Phil kindly leant us his Suzuki 4WD for a few weeks till we purchased our new 2024 Polaris Ranger.

We fitted it out with our first aid and rescue tubes.

Later in the season I fitted board racks to it so it is always Rescue Ready.

We have received this season:

- 10 new Rescue Tubes
- 1 new loud haler
- 20 whistles
- 1 new esky
- 1 Water cooler

All our gear is running well and all our members are doing a wonderful job keeping our gear clean and ready to go.

Thank You

Tony Worton
Gear Steward

2024/25 PRESENTATION AWARDS

Lifesaver Of The Year - Ben Hosick

Junior Lifesaver Of The Year - Thomas Maxwell

Volunteer Of The Year - Gary Hawkins

Junior Volunteer Of The Year - Lillian Hosick

Club Person Of The Year - Peter Bagnall

Junior Club Person Of The Year - Leah Rumsby



Ben, Lillian, Leah, Peter, Thomas, Gary

