



# **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**



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Our mission is to watch locals and visitors enjoy the natural beauty that is Scarborough Wombarra beach by creating a fun and safe environment.



<b>ROLE</b>	<b>SWSLSC MEMBER</b>
President	Anthony ("Ant") Ritter
Vice-President	Doug Hamill
Secretary	Rick Mohr
Treasurer	Joanna Gullo
Club Captain	Ben Hamill
Chief Instructor (Education)	Belinda ("Bindi") Adams
Junior Activity Chairperson (Nippers)	Ant Ritter
First Aid Officer	Henry Kocatekin
Member Services	Robert Parsonson & Peter Rafferty
Child Protection	Shane Adams
Registrar	Lisa Carroll



<b>ROLE</b>	<b>SWSLSC MEMBER</b>
IRB Captain	Zac Lopresti
Gear Steward	Ian Crakanthorp
WHS	Rick Mohr
Events & Fundraising	Ant Ritter
Media & PR	Ant Ritter

None of the above Executive or Committee member received any payments throughout the 2023/2024 year or any other rewards in lieu of payments for services performed.

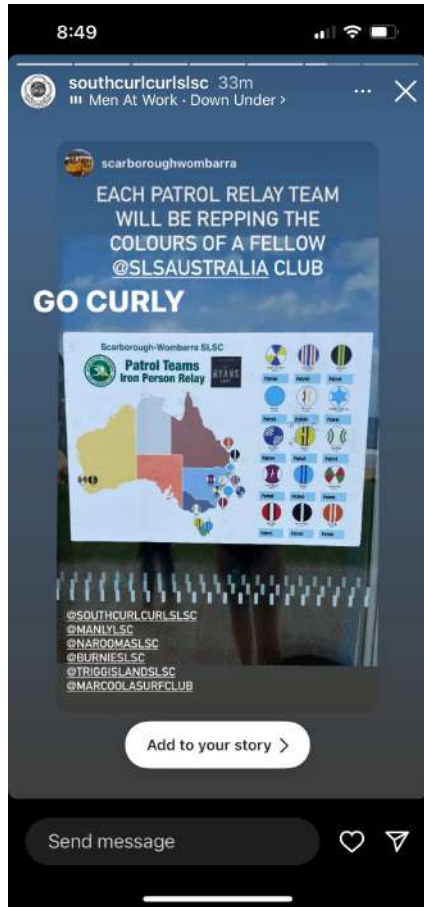


# PATROL team relay 2024





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# NIPPER parent flags event







# MULTICULTURAL communities council of illawarra day @ swslsc





# JUNIOR lifesaver of the year











# NIPPERS during the year



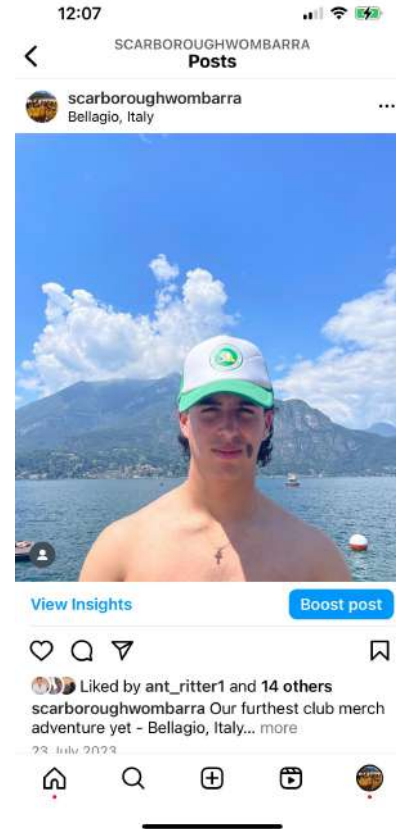


# NIPPERS during the year





# MEMBERS during the off-season



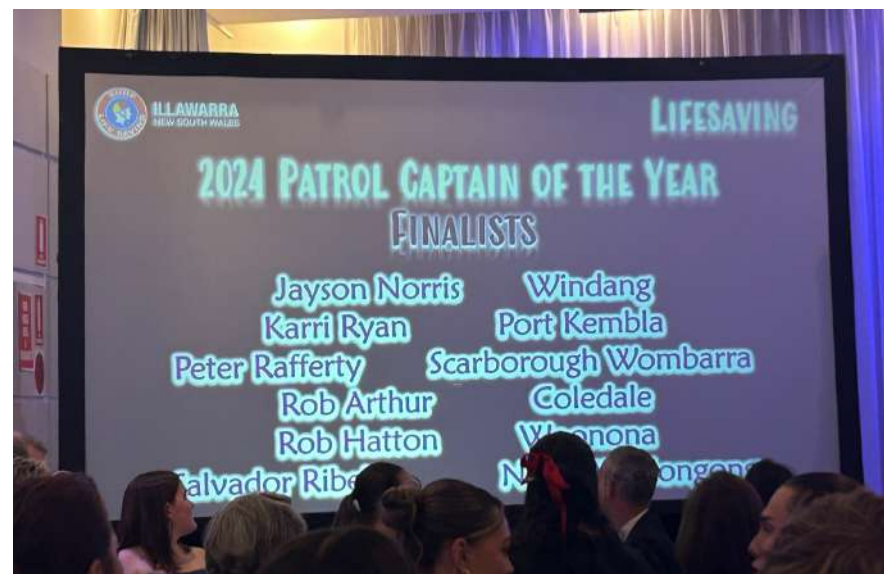
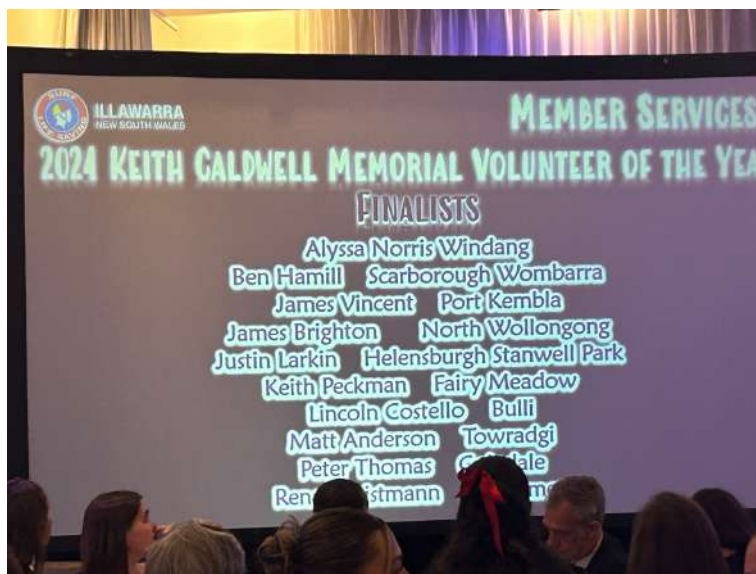




CLUB AWARDS	SWSLSC MEMBER
Clubperson of the Year	Rachelle Balez
Junior Clubperson of the Year	Audrey Steffen
Patrolling Member of the Year	Peter Rafferty

Our club nominated for a number of awards at the Surf Lifesaving Illawarra Awards of Excellence night

AWARDS NOMINATED FOR	SWSLSC MEMBER
Volunteer of the Year	Ben Hamill
Patrol Captain of the Year	Peter Rafferty





The 2023/24 year saw Scarborough Wombarra Surf Life Saving Club build on what was achieved in recent seasons.

Our patrolling membership numbers continued to be strong and all other facets of the club are in good order. An overview of the club's year can be found below:

## **SWSLSC Awards**

### **Junior Club-person of the Year**

Congratulations to Audrey Steffen for winning the Junior Club-person of the Year for the way she has patrolled our club with her SRC qualifications throughout the season, and the way she helped run nippers for the club every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. In addition to this, the way Audrey represented our club at a branch level, whether being interviewed during the SLSI JLOTY nomination process or her presenting to over 200 people at the SLSI Awards of Excellence, and also at a state level with the JLOTY camp she attended was outstanding and should be acknowledged and is a true credit to her.

### **Patroller of the Year**

Congratulations to Peter Rafferty for winning the SWSLSC Patroller of the Year award. This is a newly created award that was voted on by all the Patrol Captains after each captain nominated a member of their team.

Peter was a standout winner, for his ability to bring energy to each patrol, put his hand up for extra patrols throughout the season, and was also assisted with SLSI' lifesaving educational multicultural days. Peter has a passion for the Illawarra refugee community through his learn to swim classes he runs during the week, and was instrumental in bringing 2 bus loads of refugees to Scarborough Wombarra beach in the season, where we had the opportunity to run some beach safe lessons for the adults and a nipper session for the kids.

### **Club-person of the Year**

Congratulations to Rachelle Balez for being awarded the Club-person of the Year award. Last season Rachelle was awarded the SLSNSW Patrol Captain of the Year at the NSW Awards of Excellence, and throughout this season she continued to inspire not only her patrol team and the other females within the club, but also the entire club, both juniors and seniors. Rachelle continued to represent our club at all times displaying her passion and dedication to the club, and is a great advocate of volunteering for your local surf lifesaving club.



## Patrol Team Relay

We continued this season to run our patrol team relay which was an awesome event for the whole of club. Everyone got involved which was fantastic. It was held straight after our twilight nippers meaning we had all surf club members on the beach at the same time, and we followed it up with a social event where the club put on a dinner for all members. Thanks again to Doug Hamill for all the organising that it took to run the event.

## Nipper Parent Flags event

As part of the Patrol Team Relay day, we invited nipper parents to compete in a flags race and had a great turnout for the first season. Congratulations to Hannah Higley and Sam Bennett for winning their respective races.

## Multicultural Day

We held an open day for Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra (MCCI) where we had some 30 refugees attend our beach and we gave them a nipper session and at the same time gave a beach safety session to their parents. Thanks to Peter Rafferty for organising, a really successful and wholesome day.

## Junior Lifesaver of the Year

It was so rewarding to see Audrey Steffen win Surf Lifesaving Illawarra Junior Lifesaver of the Year this season. Audrey has represented our club so very well this season, from running age groups on nipper days to attending the state Junior Lifesaver of the Year camp to speaking to an audience of 200 at the Surf Lifesaving Illawarra Awards of Excellence. Our club is in good hands with people like Audrey representing us.

## Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my fellow committee members. Without each committee member performing their role, the club would not be in the position it is in at the moment after such a successful season. Thank you to Doug, Ben, Ian, Lisa, Joanna, Rick, Bindi, Shane, Peter, Robert and Henry for all their efforts.

## Patrol Captains

This is the perfect medium to acknowledge the extra work that our Patrol Captains of Ian, Shane, Ben, Tommy, Rachelle, Henry and Nara do in helping with the administrative side of the patrolling season, in getting their patrol team on the beach on time and ready to go.



## Patrolling Members

And lastly, and by no means least, I thank the patrolling members of our club on behalf of myself and on behalf of all the members and visitors to the beach of Scarborough Wombarra.

We are fortunate to say that again there were no lives lost on our beach this season, and this is largely due to the commitment of our patrolling members. Every season seems to see more and more people visit our beach as we showcase the natural beauty that is Scarborough Wombarra, but with that comes additional risks and challenges, and the way our members continue to present themselves day in day out in the red and yellow is a testament to both their individual character and their family values. Thank you.

## Presentation Night

We concluded the season again with a Presentation Night at Scarborough Wombarra Bowlo where all the new members were presented their awards and where our members and their families had the opportunity to enjoy a well-deserved end of season drink together.

2024/25 is a year we again hope to build on what we have achieved over the past couple of seasons

This Annual Report and AGM is my last as President and I just wanted to

acknowledge how very fortunate I have been to have had the best seat in the house to watch this club evolve and grow during the 15 years I have held this role. I love this club and what it does for the community, it is made up of great people with great values and great energy, and I wish the next committee all the very best in the club's next phase.

Cheers and see you on the beach next season,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ant Ritter".

Ant Ritter  
President



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