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# **Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club Inc.**

**(ABN 43 964 186 861)**

**(Founded July 17, 1966)**

## **Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

*Presented to the*

**FIFTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
GUNNAMATTA SLSC**

**HELD AT GREENACRES GOLF CLUB EAST KEW**

**ON**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

**COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

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# Honorary Office Bearers

Season 2023/ 2024

<b><u>President</u></b>	<b><u>Vice President</u></b>	<b><u>Secretary</u></b>
David Stogdale	Bruce Roberton	Barry Williams
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	<b><u>Club Captain</u></b>	<b><u>Club Vice-Captain</u></b>
John Green	Liam Vaughan	Daniel Simpson
<b><u>Chief Instructor</u></b>	<b><u>IRB Captain</u></b>	<b><u>Clubhouse Manager</u></b>
Gemma Cox / Zoe Douglas	Conor Morone	Stuart Middleton
<b><u>Gear Steward</u></b>	<b><u>Nipper Coordinator</u></b>	<b><u>Social Secretary</u></b>
Jacob De Paiva	Sarah Cattapan	Tee Morgan
<b><u>Team Manager</u></b>	<b><u>Communication Manager</u></b>	
Misha Allinson	Paul Wilson	

## GSLSC Life Members

Colin Addison	David Allison	Geoff Alsop*	John Barnett	Mary Bond*
Tim Cox	Rick Cozzio	Gordan Dann*	Julian Feller	Greg Goulet
Chris Green	Harold Green*	Bill Hayes*	Frank Hewison*	John Hewison
Ian Jackson	Larry Middleton	Frank Moore*	Patrick Murphy	Peter Neville
Sandra Neville	Bruce Roberton	James Scott	Geoff Tobias	Brendan Vaughan
John Vaughan	Donna Watt	Joe Watt	Phillip Webb	Ray Webb
Roy Webb*				

\*Deceased

## Club Supporters

We acknowledge the following organisations for their support of the club this financial year

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 Bakers Delight Rosebud Plaza  
 Trigger Brothers

# **Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club**

**Season 2023 / 2024**

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Attendance & Apologies**

#### **2. Minutes**

To Confirm the Minutes of the Fifty Seventh Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

#### **3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the Fifty Seventh Annual General Meeting.

#### **4. Annual Report**

To receive and consider the 2023 / 2024 Annual Report of the GSLSC.

#### **5. Financial Statement**

To receive and consider the Accounts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### **6. Elections**

- a. To elect the following Officers of the Association for the season 2024 / 2025

President	Vice President	Secretary
Treasurer	Club Captain	Club Vice-Captain
Chief Instructor	IRB Captain	Clubhouse Manager
Gear Steward	Nipper Coordinator	Social Secretary
Team Manager	Communication Manager	

#### **7. Other Business**

- a. To consider (by Special Resolution) nominations for life membership of GSLSC
- b. To set membership and program fees for season 2024/25
- c. To consider a motion to Affiliate with the SLSA Victorian State Centre (Lifesaving Victoria) for the season 2024/2025

## President's Report

### Another successful year

The 2023/24 season has seen another highly successful year. Our patrols have delivered safety to the many thousands of beach goers at Gunnamatta Ocean beach. We have trained our people well and ensured that the qualifications of the patroller base membership are up to date.

We are 360 members comprising 100 patrollers, 100 Nippers, parents, and other family members as well as Life Members. Our social activities have been a success with our summer season events well attended and delivered very welcome additional funds for projects. Our Nippers program had another successful year with strong numbers and encouragingly a waiting list - certain to keep us busy for many years to come.

We have also added capability across selective refurbishment and renewal actions such as adding new Rescue Boards, Tubes, motors for the IRB's, new life jackets, new CPR manikins as well as a refurbishment of around 40% of the Clubhouse roof. These are largely funded from Grants, though not entirely.

### Rescue Medal awarded

The Club was recognised for its efforts at the rescues on 6th January 2023. SLISA presented the Club and all members directly involved in the incident with a Rescue Medal. This was the only such award in Victoria in 2023 and was presented to the Club and the lifesavers involved by Board member of LSV – Craig Watson. We also nominated Everyday Lifesaver certificates to the two members of the Public that assisted with those rescues – David Lawson and Liam Kiernan. The opportunity to be recognised by SLISA for outstanding rescue effort is rare. We should all be justly proud of the efforts of the team involved on that evening in January 2023.

### Achievements in the last year

**Finance:** Over the year we have focussed on using our funds as wisely as we can. Our new accounting platform allowed us to better identify our financial position and we have been refining our approach to capital management accordingly. We are in a relatively strong position at the end of the financial year having ensured that we acquitted specific purpose grants and ensured that our creditors were all paid. The funds allocated to specific grants are important but are funds that are not available for other purposes. Therefore, our income diversity from subscription and program revenue, merchandise, bar and trading, social events, and donations in addition to fund raising events make the financial performance of the Club more than acceptable. We don't waste money. We are in a good place to continue to build our capital position, which is fundamental to our future capital project plans.

**Merchandise:** A major improvement in the Club merchandise offer saw the Club acquire a suite of new items and in good quantities. We found that many items were in such high demand that we ordered more. We have a plan to continue to develop the merchandise offer and make the sale of such even more convenient. The use of the Website for sales was an excellent innovation with sales largely conducted online and delivered at the Clubhouse.

Thanks to Michael Haythornthwaite and Hoang Tran as well as Paul Wilson for this mighty effort.

**Child Safety:** The Club has already committed to a policy of Child Safety via the policies on the Website. Further, the Committee signed off on adopting the updated SLISA policies and we have signed a document illustrating our commitment to Child Safety. This is an important

step as we are a significant element of many children's summer activities. They and their parents should take comfort and understand that the Club is committed to Child Safety.

### **New minor facilities**

We added a new Weather Station. This links to the Website and provides weather information all the time. We shall improve on it by adding new features in the coming months.

Repairs to the Roof were conducted in March 2024. The works were largely funded by a specific allocation grant from the office of Zoe McKenzie, Federal Member for Flinders. The Club also funded part of the works in order to use scaffolding for other tasks at the time.

The large screen TV was moved to a better location, in the corner of the main room in order to enhance training delivery and for larger format movies. It was a hit for the Nippers Movie night. TV reception was enhanced through the installation of a new antenna.

We added new Nipper's fridge this season. The old one had been home to some unwanted houseguests. So, it went, and the new one is much more flexible in terms of use.

We acquired new demountable beds for our Bronze and SRC camp. The new beds offer better quality accommodation to our students and staff.

### **Call out procedures**

Club Captain Liam Vaughan and Vice-Captain Dan Simpson have driven a series meetings addressing our call out procedures. These will better suit our strengths and match our realistic ability to support LSV for out of hours as well as during patrol events and incidents. This is very important in order to ensure that all agencies are on the same page as to our capability to support.

### **Grants**

We took advantage of financial grants and acquired new and important assets using the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) grant as well as the Commonwealth's Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) grant. We now have a new Thundercat Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) on order (although it will take some time to be delivered). We have used grant funds to enhance and generally update some of our rescue equipment. Thanks very much to Bruce Roberton and John Green for managing these grants which add value to our overall equipment position.

The VESEP grant is selective in terms of approval and tends to be focussed on equipment, although the Club has successfully had funds provided for capital / refurbishment works in previous times.

### **Donations**

The Club is always grateful for donations. We are a registered charity and therefore all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. We provide donation receipts to our donors. Some members who incur expenses for the Club are reimbursed for their expenses and then make a tax-deductible donation, making their contribution beneficial for both parties.

We are very grateful to the John Hewison family for their ongoing and notable donations in the last financial year as well as years before. The generosity of the Hewison family is important to the financial stability of the Club.

### **Member development**

The Club Committee has again applied funds to member development for both juniors and seniors. We sent two members to the Under 15 development camp this year – Apollo Koutsogiannis. We also had Darcy Brown and Harley Mileto attend the Under 18 leadership

camp. These young person camps provide our young members with exposure to members from other Clubs as well as an opportunity to develop as individuals.

The Club also continued its support for the LSV "Ready to Lead" initiative for young ladies. This year we have Amber Smith, Jessica Morgan and Sahra-Jayne Cox attending this program. The program is focussed on individual capability building via a series of workshops. We have had members attend this course previously and as a Club we are one of the few that has consistently supported the program with multiple attendees. LSV see Gunnamatta SLSC as a standout supporter and asked us to provide a testimonial given our strength of support.

### **Themed Patrols**

LSV promotes themed patrols, and the Club has enhanced this concept to a wider selection of segments in order to reduce the specific burden on Patrol groups but also to highlight the issues that we wish to demonstrate have meaning for us.

We supported the "Pink Patrol" again. This is a celebration of our outstanding female patrollers. Coordinated by Georgia Ryan we had over twenty female patrollers on deck following a very informative talk from Jules Hay, and a scrumptious breakfast. We strongly support this initiative as our proportion of female patrollers is rising and is approaching 40% of our patroller base. Clearly, we have more work to do here, but are well on the way to gender evenness in our patroller group.

We also supported the "Blue Patrol" initiative, a theme about increasing awareness of mental health. Member, Geoff Toogood, an Ambassador for Beyond Blue gave a very interesting talk before the patrol.

Other themes patrols were our new Bronzies, "Funnamatta", the Active Reserve members and Patrol Leaders.

### **Nippers**

We are continually improving our junior program for the Nipper Members. Thanks to Sarah Cattapan for her leadership again. Also, thanks to the many parents and other family members who help either formally as Age Group Managers or just to support the Nippers in their activities in the many jobs that need to be completed on the day.

Our program is very popular, as the waiting list grows every year. At the moment we will retain our ceiling of one hundred children, including the Blue Caps program as our ability to provide water safety staff in necessary numbers is limited to the current program size.

Our Nipper families are always strong supporters of Club activities, and this was evident at the Truemans Road Golf night where families across the entire spectrum of the Club were in attendance, in strength.

### **Aquatic Sports**

Our Aquatic Sports team was reinvigorated by Misha Allinson with excellent results at the first outing. We shall no doubt see more notable results. The Club provided funds for new Racing Malibu Boards. We bought well and have excellent equipment.

### **Member Training**

As a Trainer, I know that a Surf Life Saving Club is nothing without well qualified members. Our training team has once again stepped up and delivered excellent results from before the season, throughout the season and even after the season end. Our new Chief Instructors, Zoe Douglas and Gemma Cox worked very hard to coordinate a comprehensive program of courses and skills maintenance days. Thanks to them for their excellent efforts and success in delivering new SRC's and Bronzies as well as first aiders, Advanced Resus operators, IRB Crews and Drivers, Patrol leaders and ATV/SSV drivers. Of special mention here is the work

of Jill Douglas, who as a seasoned Bronze Camp leader was able to oversee the bronze camp last December and ensure our standards of output were maintained. Further, the Club was also well supported by Greg Malone as a new CERT IV qualified facilitator.

### **Program Recognition**

The Club has nominated the Blue Caps program to the LSV awards of excellence for 2024. Other Club presidents ask about this program, and I am pleased to explain our rationale for the Blue Caps program. We feel that as the program now has some five years under its belt and appears to be going OK, we have nominated it in the Innovation category. Fingers crossed.

### **Support from outside the Club**

We are in the final stages of the appointment of a Club Chaplain. This is an important step as external pastoral support is something that adds a new and helpful dimension to our member support offer. I expect that this appointment will be finalised before the commencement of next season.

Again, we are very thankful to the Bakers Delight in Rosebud Plaza who have continued their notable support of our Bronze Medallion Camp and Nipper program.

### **Member Commitment**

As I stated in my report last year, the selfless commitment of our members is outstanding. We have many members that provide their time and work tirelessly in the background to make things “just happen”. Again, I wish to thank Ray and Phil Webb for their work on the new historical wall posters in the Clubhouse hallway. Providing historical perspective is always interesting and allows all members to reflect on what it is that has come before.

Further, the grounds of the Club have been maintained to our local wildlife's approval by Jason O'Shannessy.

There are a few members who continually provide support across a host of areas. Importantly I wish to highlight the work done by Larry Middleton and Jill Douglas as Member Protection Officers (MPO). The incidence of issues pertaining to member protection at our Club is thankfully not frequent. However, we have qualified, experienced and respected senior members in the role of MPO. They have worked to ensure that our members are supported where necessary and have sorted out some issues where the rest of us would not even know they existed. That is why they are special and we are very lucky to have them in that role.

Our social events were a success due to the efforts of two people in particular, Tonina Morgan and Paul Wilson. These two members provided an enormous amount of time in the organisation of our key social events at Truemans Road, the Raffle and for Paul's work in developing the Website even further. A special thanks to both Tonina and Paul for their efforts here.

Across the board we have members who provide their skills and expertise in fixing things, building things and making sure that the machine starts every time it is cranked up. In a volunteer organisation, it all depends on members putting in and there are many who have provided their support across a host of areas this year again.

Your committee and the other members that form part of the wider management and administration team of the Club are all to be congratulated for their time, commitment and achievements over the year. Things don't just happen, the efforts of quite a few members

ensure that we are the success that we are. Thank-you to all of our members for your continued and unwavering support.

### **Conclusion**

Success has many different faces. Over the four years I have been President, we have been successful due to the commitment of the many members we have that love this Club and give their time to it.

Gunnamatta SLSC is considered across the state as a Club where patrolling excellence is our signature achievement. Indeed it is, but that is not all. We deliver excellence across our junior programs, our commitment to member development, our commitment to child safety and support of other Clubs in training, supporting external agencies and that when tested we deliver the outcomes that only Gunnamatta can.

As I said last year, we are a great Club. We are consistently viewed as one of the best, particularly as we are not a big Club. We continue to improve and I have enjoyed my time as President every day.

Thanks to all of my committee this year, many of whom will return to Committee again.

Finally, I wish to thank my family, Joanna, Giselle and Harry for their support while I have been President.

**DAVID STOGDALE**  
**PRESIDENT**

**Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club recognises our ongoing support from our members and major sponsors.**





## **Vice Presidents Report**

Once again, I find myself principally reporting on the success we have had this season through the successful submission of a number of grants.

The grants have been broad and included works to the club house, part replacement of the roof, which will be an ongoing necessity due to our environment. We have expanded the clubs training resources with a set of new mannequins, beach equipment has been bolstered with the purchase of additional oxygen kits and rescue tubes. A number of new rescue boards have been received with eight being delivered to the beach last weekend. Whilst to date we have been quite successful with grants there is no guarantee with these opportunities as they will most likely tighten up as more and more organizations apply.

Due to the drive for competition by Misha Allison the club has also acquired a number of racing boards, as we seek to reestablish ourselves on the competition scene. Increasing our profile this way can only strengthen the club, and a greater awareness of the club being more than one dimensional should build an even stronger connection with Life Saving Victoria (LSV).

The inclusion of blue caps has put an extra strain on two items of gear, rescue tubes and rescue boards. The blue cap program effectively prepares our young members with the skills and confidence to progress to SRC and then the Bronze Medallion. The program involves both the theory and practice of swimming and rescue in Gunnamatta water, and with that comes the wear and tear on equipment which is over and above that of the general Nipper program. The equipment is respected and maintained well but does require ongoing replacement.

In conclusion as this is my final year representing the club as Vice President, I wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution our club president David Stogdale has made to this club. He has initiated and implemented a number of key reforms to the club so to align us with LSV, his commitment to training and his ongoing pursuit of excellence has seen a significant increase in club members participating in leadership and state-run programs. All of these successes have been done whilst working with teams to review the club constitution, improve the club website and working on marketing strategies to strengthen the club's financial position.

**BRUCE ROBERTON**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

## Secretary's Report

In my eighth year on the committee, I would like to congratulate our dedicated committee members for the energy and extensive work completed behind the scenes to ensure our club is successful both operationally and financially. The club finances play an important role in ensuring our club remains viable and has the ability to meet its financial commitments both legally and for future years for the wellbeing of all members, to that we must thank both David Stogdale and John Green for their focus on ensuring our financial processes have been improved and that we responsibly manage the club for future generations. We are thankful that operationally the club has a vibrant young team on the committee that have focussed on achieving amazing results in patrol attendance, member training, competitions, social and member inclusion throughout the season, these achievements take a lot of planning and dedication to which our younger committee members have achieved with great success.

This past season we focussed on member protection and child safety compliance, they come with their challenges, and we must thank our Member Protection Officers and our committee members that have enforced and remained steadfast in achieving a harmonious environment, we must all as club members ensure we uphold respect for fellow club members and ensure compliance with member protection guidelines.

Sarah Cattapan has led our Nipper Program for the past three years, with her family now progressing to successful Gunnamatta lifesavers, Sarah has elected to step down after this season. Thank you, Sarah for your dedication to this role.

In closing I would like to thank our president David Stogdale for his expertise in corporate management and lifesaving experience that has allowed the club to be recognised as one of the more professional and competent clubs of the Mornington Peninsula. David has achieved a huge amount for this club and driven changes both operationally and financially ensuring all members have benefited from the past four years under his leadership. David steps down as president with the club having strong foundations for many years to come.

### Committee meeting attendances                      Number of meetings held 9

D. Stogdale	8	L. Vaughan	9	S. Middleton	6	M. Allinson	9
B. Roberton	6	D. Simpson	6	J. De Paiva	5	S. Cattapan	5
B. Williams	7	C. Morone	6	G. Cox	4	P. Wilson (Guest)	8
J. Green	8	Z. Douglas	3	G. Ryan (Guest)	1	A. Williams (Guest)	1
G Perpoli	4	T. Morgan	8	H. Tran (Guest)	2	M. Haythornthwaite (Guest)	2

**BARRY WILLIAMS**  
**CLUB SECRETARY**

## Club Captain's Report

### Training

This year we were lucky enough to have another bronze camp and adult bronze course take place at the clubhouse in December. I'd like to congratulate Gemma Cox and Zoe Douglas on organising and overseeing this year's camp and courses, the weeklong camp was a great success. Overall, for the season we had 22 Bronze Medallion and 9 Surf Rescue Certificate candidates who had a fantastic time, forming strong relationships and developing the necessary skills to patrol our beloved, yet notorious stretch of beach.

Congratulations to the following new SRC lifesavers: Lucy King, Tyler Bourke, Jaedyn Kraja, Jason Papillo, Caeli Cattapan, Liam Dare, Emily Richards, Alex Mather, Maeve Chadwick.

Congratulations also to our newest Bronze Medallion holders; Amber Smith, Anton Vigenser, Jessica Morgan, Matthew West, Luke Morgan, Darcy Jones-Hughes, Matthew Brunton, Leon Farchione, Nicholas Apostolopoulous, Ruby Wilson, Michael Wong, Apollo Koutsogiannis, Billy Henderson, Ruby Andrews, Jasper Hutchinson, Kaitia Perera, Lily Roman, Chilli Stanton, Estelle Harinos, Wendy Haythornthwaite, Molly Davies.

I'd also like to extend a huge thank you to our many water-safety team that dedicated their week to helping out on the camp, and a big thankyou to our camp Mum Jill Douglas for keeping everyone well fed and looked after.

All attendees were valued additions to their respective patrols this year, adding a wealth of new knowledge and performing some pretty memorable rescues. I'm very much looking forward to watching them blossom into outstanding young patrollers.



### Special mentions

I just wanted to make note of a few extraordinary club members who have gone above and beyond this year in the patrolling aspect of the club.

- Geoff Toogood 116 patrolling hours
- Greg Malone 148 patrolling hours



### Competition

For the first time in recent years, we held our annual club championships on the original date organised with great success. We enjoyed a large turnout of competitors and an even larger audience leading to a great day of competition. A big thank you to Misha and all involved in running/organising the great event and congratulations to all those that participated.

Also, I'd like to extend a huge congratulations to all those members who took part in forming the new Gunnamatta Competition team. This is an outstanding effort from all our members involved and has been led incredibly well by Misha Allinson. A great showing at the Point Leo Carnival by our team that even saw us come home with a first place Pennant due to Darcy Brown's incredible athletic abilities. I look forward to seeing the growth and development of this team, that's going to well and truly put Gunnamatta SLSC back on the competition map!

### Club Operations

It's been another outstanding year of patrolling by our incredible members. Whilst a cooler year than others, Gunnamatta beach was still up to its usual tricks, large surf and strong rips were as evident as ever across the beach, however, some steady sandbars served to our advantage to provide a safe experience for all beachgoers. Our main patrolling area was approximately 300 metres east of the access track and it served us well for the majority of the season.

In what was a treacherous year across the coasts this summer, and I want to commend every Gunnamatta member on playing their part in keeping our stretch of beach as safe as possible this season. I also want to make a special mention to those members who answered calls to assist in other locations across the peninsula. You all are the reason Gunnamatta SLSC has such an incredible name amongst the lifesaving fraternity, and you all should be incredibly proud of yourselves for this.

We were tested as a club this year with a variety of different scenarios on patrol, and as usual, our members handled them with a great amount of knowledge and composure, always getting the best possible outcome for our swimmers. I want to congratulate all our patrolling members for the way they conducted themselves as well as our excellent trainers and assessors for setting such a high standard for our great club.



We conducted 33 rescues, 3 major first aids, 14 minor first aids, and over 3000 preventative actions with over 20,000 patrons attending our beach this season, which is a great success as Gunnamatta can be a very treacherous location. For this, I commend you all on your hard work and diligent patrolling this season.



### **Nippers**

I want to thank and congratulate Sarah Cattapan as Nippers Coordinator and her team on their immense efforts to coordinate another outstanding program. The program ran smoothly and not only did the participants learn many key water safety and lifesaving skills, but they also had great fun doing so.

I want to thank all the volunteer water safety helpers for keeping the nippers safe, also the Age Group Managers who oversaw their groups, and all other nipper parents and committee members who helped throughout the program. This program cannot flourish, or even happen without the help of our volunteers and the parent helpers so I thank everyone involved.

### **Event Patrols**

This year we introduced a few new event patrols to join those of previous years. While maintaining the successful Pink Patrol, we introduced the Club Captains Patrol which was held as the very first patrol of the season. This event patrol allowed Dan and me to patrol with the outstanding patrol leaders and give patrolling members the chance to not only communicate and converse on different patrolling methods but also share ideas and advance each other's individual leadership qualities.



We also introduced the inaugural Funnamatta Patrol this season, which I am proud to say was a great success. This patrol allowed all those in attendance to enjoy each other's company and enjoy fun games together to further create and strengthen bonds within the club while maintaining our vigilant patrolling standards ensuring the safety of beachgoers. We also ran our Active Reserve Patrol for a second year, which was well attended again. We

ran our first Bronze Patrol this year too, which gave all our new Bronzies a chance to show their new abilities which did not disappoint. This also gave them a chance to connect with their campmates and patrol together, some for the first time since camp. All of these patrols serve a great purpose to try and ease the burden of an extra-long season by reducing the number of rostered patrols for our members. However, these extra optional patrols could not be possible without the extra effort from those in attendance, so I truly thank all of those who donated their time and I hope to build all of these patrols in the future to create the most enjoyable times for members kind enough to help out.

### **Pink patrol**

For a third year in a row, we also celebrated our many capable and incredible female members, with our Pink Patrol. It was amazing to see our Pink Patrol Day have such a great day on the beach and afternoon and morning celebrations in the clubhouse. Thanks to all involved in what was a wonderful day for the club. A big shout out to Georgia Ryan for organising a truly outstanding day that put Gunnamatta on the map in terms of Pink Patrols. Thank you to all who helped and for your donations to help celebrate the day.



### **Patrol Efficiency**

The patrol checks went well again this season with every patrol exceeding expectation. Our aim this season was to conduct two patrol inspections for each patrol, and doing this gave us a better indication of the in-season improvements each of our patrols made. I'm thrilled to say every patrol improved or maintained a perfect score in their second inspection across the season. By conducting thorough and regular patrol inspections we hope to maintain the outstanding standards for which Gunnamatta is well known. We also strive to put pressure on each of our patrols during the internal inspection with the hope this would replicate the feeling of an LSV patrol check. This will ensure that our high standards as a club are continuously upheld. Next year the plan is to continue the two patrol inspections, one at the start of the year, and one at the end. By doing so we hope we can continue to strive for excellence for our patrons and uphold our great standards as a club. A big thank you must go out to all our trainers and assessors who keep our club to such high standards each year. Unfortunately, LSV didn't conduct external patrol checks this year, but I am extremely confident that any of our patrolling groups would've done tremendously well if they were given the opportunity. A big thank you to Dan Simpson for all his assistance in conducting the patrol inspections.

### **Social events**

It was another great year had by all on the social side of things too, with many great events organised by Tonnia Morgan in her first year as social secretary. The events were the Season Launch at St Andrews Beach Brewery, where we celebrated the start of a new season but also celebrated and honoured the season that was. Trueman's Golf Range night, which has been a staple on our club calendar for the past few seasons, again surpassed all expectations under the impeccable planning of Tee and grows every year. Also, a special shout out to Paul and Ruby Wilson for organising one of the biggest raffles in club history with a host of great prizes for all winners. These events were well attended, and I want to thank all those who attended



and helped organise and donate their valuable time. These events aren't possible without our great members, so I commend you all on your commitment to the club.



### **Thankyou**

I want to thank all the members of the committee, patrolling members, and those associates who go above and beyond to not only make my job easier but a very enjoyable one. I could not do it without you. I want to thank my Club Vice Captain Dan Simpson, for his above and beyond support and assistance this year, as I could not possibly ask for a more enthusiastic and helpful Vice. Your dedicated service to this club does not go unrecognised and the club in is a much greater position due to your outstanding involvement.

I also want to extend a big thank you to David Stogdale for his service as Club President for the past four seasons. Your commitment is truly outstanding and unmatched, and the club would not be in such a healthy position without your valued input and commitment to your role. You've done an outstanding job and I want to thank you for all your support over my years as club captain, I wish you the best of luck with what the future holds.

Lastly, I want to thank every volunteer, patroller, club member, and the friends and family of our members as what we do is not possible without them. I appreciate that this season was challenging for all, as it was a long season with more days due to the season being extended again. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication throughout what was a challenging, but also very successful season for the Gunnamatta Lifesaving Club.

**LIAM VAUGHAN**  
**CLUB CAPTAIN**

## Chief Instructor's Report

This season was our first season as joint Chief Instructors, and whilst we're proud of all of the training courses we conducted throughout the season, we'd also like to thank David Stogdale and Jill Douglas for their guidance as well as Larry Middleton, Bruce Robertson and Greg Malone for their support, we couldn't have achieved all that we have without their contributions.

### Training Courses and New Qualifications in the 2023/2024 season

- 9 SRC (Surf Rescue Certificate)
- 22 Bronze Medallions (including 7 Adult Bronze)
- 6 Advanced Resuscitation and First Aid
- 4 Training Officer Certificates
- 1 member attending Advanced Lifesaving Camp (Gold)
- 11 Side-by-Side Vehicle Operator
- 6 Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
- 1 IRB Driver
- 4 IRB Crew
- 17 Resuscitation (HLTAID009)
- 1 Gold Medallion
- 4 SMAR

We're pleased to have been able to offer a variety of courses over the season, and congratulate everyone that participated, in order to upgrade their skills and scope within volunteer surf lifesaving.



### **August 2023**

Zoe Douglas and Gemma Cox completed the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue certification at Portsea SLSC, the only course to run in Victoria. The SMAR course provides the skills and knowledge to participate in search and rescue operations. The weekend course involved theory and practical components, consisting of land search strategies, in water search strategies, advanced water entries and patient retrievals as well as night operations and search strategies. We found the course highly insightful in terms of our role as lifesavers involved in a search and rescue and the required collaboration with other emergency services. We hope to be able to collaborate with the trainers at Portsea to be able to bring this course to Gunnamatta in the future, as we believe the knowledge and skills could be beneficial to our beach operations.

### **September 2023**

Liam Vaughan and Josh Ritchie-Crichton completed their Training Officer Certificate over a weekend in Port Melbourne.

Lauren Douglas attended the Advanced Life Saving Camp in Anglesea and completed the challenges and procedures that followed to become a paid LSV Beach Lifeguard. Congratulations Lauren!





## November 2023

Sahra Cox and Kate Brown also completed their TOC at Jan Juc SLSC. The TOC is the first step in becoming a qualified trainer, to be able to deliver training activities on behalf of LSV.

We thank and congratulate these members for joining the group of dedicated and committed volunteers that ensure all of our members have the knowledge, skills and rescue capabilities required to provide the safest beach environment for our community.

Gunnamatta also hosted our first weekend-based Silver Medallion Patrol Captains Award, run by David Stogdale, assisted by Bruce Roberton and Nat Clark. Six Gunnamatta members completed the course, targeted towards addressing the specific knowledge and hands-on skills required to be a lifesaving patrol captain. This award will become mandatory moving forward for all Patrol Captains and Vice Captains.

## December 2023

December is always a busy month for the trainers, assessors and volunteers that assist with our education programs.

Firstly, we finished up with the last weekend of Skills Maintenance and the Resuscitation courses, where active patrolling members renewed their awards and committed to another patrolling season.

Gunnamatta hosted the annual SRC/Bronze Medallion Camp over the week of 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December, we had a full camp of 24 students, and we thank Stu Middleton, Liam Vaughan and Josh Ritchie-Crichton and all others that put in the effort to assist in setting up the clubrooms.

The camp was a huge success, in that all candidates completed the course, but most importantly had a brilliant week and made lasting friendships.

We backed this extensive training calendar up with an Adult Bronze Course over two weekends of the 9/10 & 16/17 December. After not being able to host this course the previous season, we were thrilled to be able to bring it back for this keen group. It was inspiring to watch the seven candidates push themselves way out of their comfort zones in challenging surf conditions, and prove their abilities to the trainers/assessors, but also themselves.

Again, we'd like to thank all of our trainers and water safety for the effort you put in to make this camp what it was, as always, we couldn't do it without you.

## January 2024

David Stogdale and Conor Morone conducted the IRB Crew/Driver course, completing sessions at Rosebud, Anthony's Nose and Point Leo. They passed 4 new crews (3 Gunn members + 1 Woolamai) and 2 new drivers (1 Gunn + 1 Dromana). Having patrolling members qualified to conduct rescues in the IRB is invaluable to operations at our beach. Thank you, trainers, and participants.



## April 2024

After patrols ended for the season, David Stogdale and Greg Malone trained 8 members in the SSV course.

We'd like to thank all the trainers and water safety personnel that conducted or assisted with any of the training courses throughout the season. As a club, we're beyond lucky to have you and appreciate your dedication and enthusiasm towards training and development.

**GEMMA COX / ZOE DOUGLAS**  
**CHIEF INSTRUCTORS**



## Registrars Report

Breakdown of 2023/2024 membership by category and variation from season 2022/2023

Category	Total 2023/2024	Male Members	Female Members	Total 2022/2023	Annual Variation
Cadet (13-15 yrs)	15	8	7	15	0%
Active (15-18 yrs)	17	9	8	26	-37%
Active (18 yrs & over)	69	42	27	52	33%
Reserve Active	4	3	1	2	100%
Patrolling Members (excluding 12 Life Members who patrolled)	(101)	(59)	(42)	(93)	9%
Life Members	24	22	2	25	-4%
Junior Activity (5-13 yrs)	100	46	54	99	1%
Associate Members	135	62	73	125	8%

**GIANPAUL PERPOLI**  
**REGISTRAR**

## Gear Stewards Report

As we all know, Gunnamatta Beach is a high-powered beach that is hard on our rescue equipment with consequences of damaged gear throughout the season. As the gear steward, I am grateful to the members that step up to ensure our gear is sufficiently washed down, maintained, and serviceable throughout the season. Last year we purchased several rescue boards and nipper boards thanks to our friends down at Trigger Bros using through State government grants. We are continuing our focus to replace much of our aging stock of rescue equipment for the 2024/25 season with new Bennett Rescue boards and rescue tubes being purchased in readiness for next season. As reflected in the IRB Captains report, the club has received two new 2024 motors that we placed orders for some 12 months ago.

Our comms radios have been an ongoing issue as we progressed with digital technology, Gunnamatta was selected to trial the new Motorola radios on behalf of LSV with mixed results along the board coastline under our control, over the winter period LSV and Motorola are further progressing and trialling radios, antennas and comms equipment in readiness of the coming season, thank you to Toby Dobell and Liam Vaughan for managing the comms requirements.

In November 2023 our club experienced the theft of IRB/ATV fuel containers and some minor rescue equipment, not ideal with as we headed into the season, all items were promptly replaced and damage to the gear storage areas rectified through our insurance cover.



Damage to rescue gear is almost inevitable through the day-to-day use, however this year we did experience higher levels of non-reporting of damage to the Gear Steward. This placed significant challenges to ensure our gear is rescue ready. Looking after and maintaining our gear is every patrolling member responsibility and vital in ensuring the longevity of equipment.

In my final year as gear steward I wish to thank Liam, Dan, Bruce, Stu and the remainder of committee in supporting the role of gear steward.

**Jacob de Paiva**  
**GEAR STEWARD**

## IRB Captain's Report

The 2023/2024 season was just as busy as most years with the IRB equipment in demand for our usual patrols as well as combined training sessions with Dromana Life Saving Club and the greater demand of the Lifeguard use over January. Our interactions with other clubs on the peninsula allow members to gain greater experience and learnings from differing conditions. This season we shared our ATV resources and clubroom facilities with Point Leo, Portsea and Dromana, allowing them to launch their IRBs, and get in some training in our surf conditions.

Our drivers and crew saw minimal incidents whilst operating the IRBs this past year which is testament to their level of experience and skill sets when working the surf breaks at Gunnamatta.

Our committee must be recognised in being proactive in investing in new IRB equipment with the club purchasing two new motors, new fuel bladders, life vests and the placement of an order and deposit on a new IRB Thundercat soft hull.

This hull should be delivered late in season 2024/5 and will be a welcome addition to our existing fleet of hard hull boats.

Our Chief Instructors and trainers enabled several training sessions over the year to ensure we further developed new IRB driver and crews, with one driver and four crew successfully completing this challenging course.



Thank you to Gemma, Zoe, Dan and David for enabling the courses to proceed.

### CONOR MORONE IRB CAPTAIN





## Competition Manager

The 2023/24 season was a monumental one with respect to competition, with the official reinstatement of the Gunnamatta SLSC competition team.

Throughout the season we hosted a number of training sessions for eager members, which saw them hone their beach and surf skills, and culminated in an amazing first competition at Point Leo on the 3rd of February. In what was a sensational day out, we had ten members compete in a range of events, including beach sprints, the surf swim, boards, and relays. The team demonstrated an amazing attitude towards the competition, which was recognised by several officials and other competing clubs, who were more than happy to see Gunnamatta back competing as were once well known for. We even managed to round out the day with some podium finishes, and an amazing win in the beach sprint by Darcy Brown.

Throughout the season we also managed to have some representation at the Portsea swim classic, Lorne pier to pub swim, and State Lifesaving Championships, with our members well and truly putting Gunnamatta back on the map and showing some exciting potential for the next competition season.

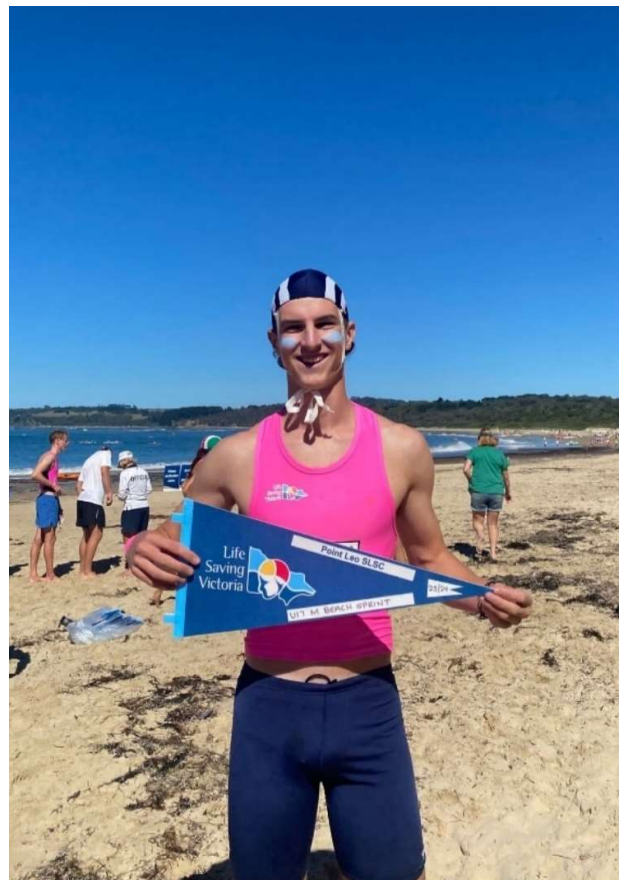
### Club Championships

The 6th of January saw the return of the infamous club championships at Gunnamatta, with what was as close to perfect conditions as it gets for our beloved beach. I'm incredibly proud to say that it was without a doubt our most successful club champs in recent memory, with over twenty competitors toeing the line with the hopes of taking home the infamous title. More than this though, there was a tremendous showing from the wider Gunnamatta community, particularly the nippers, along with some wide-eyed members of the public who were eager to find out what all the fuss was about.

I'd like to thank everyone that competed on the day and those that assisted with running the day, with the winners set to be announced at our presentation night.

### Purchases

Integral to the reinstatement of the Gunnamatta competition team is the provision of adequate resources for both training and competition. I therefore owe the committee tremendous gratitude for showing a willingness to invest in the future of competition at the club, as they provided team attire for all members, and allowed us to purchase three racing mal boards, which will hold the team in great stead for the coming seasons. Not only is this an investment in competition, but also an investment in the standards of proficiency across the club, with all competition members demonstrating skills which they will carry with them on their patrols, ensuring that swimmers at our beach are in capable hands.



Looking forward to the next season, there is immense excitement on the competition front, as we will seek to continue expanding our competition team, with more training and competition opportunities. If this sounds like something you would like to get involved in, please don't hesitate to reach out, regardless of your skill level we would love to have you down representing our amazing club!

**MISHA ALLINSON**  
**COMPETITION MANAGER**



## Club House Manager's Report

It is with pleasure that I submit the 2023/24 Clubhouse Manager's report.

I would like to thank everyone that helped out on the working bees at the start of the season. It was great to see the place looking clean and ready for the Bronze Camp and the season ahead.

Unfortunately, we experienced a Break and Enter at the club in November entering through the roller doors, as a result we had to replace 2 of the garage doors. The members came together with Ray and Phil Webb making the premises secure and Barry Williams arranging the insurance claim for new doors and installation before the Christmas rush which was very impressive thanks Barry.

Once again thanks to Ray Webb for his help with looking after and maintaining the clubhouse and installing the photo boards down the hallway. Ray and Phil Webb also made much needed repairs to internal stairs from the trap to the garage which had been slowly sinking over the years.



Another massive thanks to Jason O'Shannessy for his many hours' clubhouse cleaning and the Garden/Lawn care, and the many cubic metres of soil/sand that he has added to Jason Park to increase the lawn space by another few square metres. The lawn area is an awesome space, used by patrolling members and Nipper families for the end of session BBQ's. It looks fantastic, thanks Jason for all of your hard work, it is appreciated by many.

The major project this year was the replacement of the rusty roof sheets and structural fixings on the beach side above the garages. This work was organised and completed by our very own Dan Simpson with a good part of the funding coming from State Govt Building Works Grant, which was successfully obtained by Bruce Robertson.

I would like to thank all the members that help with maintaining the Clubhouse during the year, keeping it clean and tidy throughout the season makes all the difference with every patrol helping throughout the season.

I would like to thank David Stogdale and all our committee members for their help with sourcing finance, managing, and maintaining the Clubhouse throughout the season.

**STUART MIDDLETON  
CLUB HOUSE MANAGER**





## Nipper Co-ordinator's Report

Gunnamatta SLSC ran a 9-day Nipper program commencing 27th December to 7th January with a total of 90 Nippers participating in this program. Most age groups were at capacity, with only 8 vacancies in our 13-year-old Blue Cap group.

Breakdown of participants for the season were:

- 20 Green Caps, 7–8-year-olds
- 30 Yellow Caps, 9–10-year-olds
- 30 Orange Caps and 11–12-year-olds
- 12 Blue Caps. - 13-year-olds



We welcomed 12 new families to the club this year -17 new Nippers aged between 7-13 years.

Our highest attendance rate was recorded in recent years with no absentees for 4 of the 7 groups, with only 2 children missing 1 session.

To assist with the success of our program, two Age Group Managers (AGM) were assigned to 5 of the 7 groups. This ratio of AGM to Nipper is well above LSV recommendations, (1 AGM to 20 Nippers). This introduction of two AGM was to not only ensure the safety of our participants, but to also encourage nippers to try all aspects of our program and to keep Nippers engaged on the beach during rotational activities.

We were able to run our full program this year with presentations from Parks Victoria and our volunteering patrolling lifesavers. Although the water quality of Port Phillip Bay and potential wild weather activity required our program to be slightly modified, we were able to complete all sessions.

Communicating with families this year, we introduced the WhatsApp age group specific text messages. Any requests for parent volunteers, change in session times or club promotions were shared on this platform.

Our Nipper BBQ sessions were a success with parent Andy Lozzi of Brent Meats in Fairfield providing our sausages at a heavily discounted price with bread being donated from Rosebud Bakers Delight. Our parent volunteers ensured all Nippers and water safety were well fed after each session.



As a thank you to our Nipper volunteers, the AGMs, First Aid and BBQ Coordinators were presented 'Gunnamatta SLSC' T-shirts to show our appreciation.

With the surf conditions that are Gunnamatta Beach, we could not conduct such a program without the support of our volunteer lifesavers who dedicate their time to ensuring water safety and the water sessions are completed knowing that our Nippers are building confidence and personal development in a surf environment. Big thank you to every Water Safety Volunteer we totally appreciate your support.

This season will be my last year as Nipper Coordinator. Over the last 3 years our Nipper program has increased in size from 80 to 100 participants. We introduced an intensive program that resulted in consistent water safety volunteers for the duration of all our sessions where participant attendance has been at its highest. During this time over 40 new families have joined our Nipper community and many new friendships have been formed.



Our Nipper program is in high demand, we have a very strong waitlist, and we are known for our community spirit, inclusivity and Gunnamatta SLSC being a family club.

Thank you to the committee for supporting our Nipper program.

**SARAH CATTAPAN**  
**NIPPER COORDINATOR**

## Membership Engagement and Leadership Development

### Junior Committee

The 23/24 season was also an exciting one on the member development side with the establishment of the Gunnamatta SLSC Junior Committee. The junior committee is made up of five of our junior members, including Ruby Andrews, Harley Mileto, Ruby Wilson, Nicholas Apostolopoulos, and Darcy Brown. Our young members are an invaluable part of the club, helping on patrols, camps, and with our nipper programs. The junior committee was therefore brought in to give them a voice and encourage engagement, alongside giving them the opportunity to hone their leadership skills, which will extend beyond the club and into their broader lives.

We are also fortunate to have two of our junior committee members, Ruby Andrews and Harley Mileto, as LSVj club representatives, which sees them meet with other club delegates and LSV representatives throughout the season. Here, young members from across the state are able to share exciting opportunities and initiatives that have been put in place at their respective clubs.

We would like to thank the inaugural junior committee members for their work in the past season and extend an invitation to any youth members looking to get more involved at the club for next season, we would love to have you onboard!

### Member Development

The Club Committee has again applied funds to Member Development for both juniors and seniors. We had two members apply for the Under 15 Development Camp this year – Apollo Koutsogiannis and Lucy King, unfortunately Lucy did not attend due to personal circumstances. We also had Darcy Brown and Harley Mileto attend the Under 18 Leadership Camp. These LSV member camps provide our young members with exposure to members from other Clubs as well as an opportunity to develop as individuals.



The Club also continued its support for the LSV “Ready to Lead” initiative for young ladies. This year we have Amber Smith, Jessica Morgan and Sahra-Jayne Cox attending this program. The program is focussed on individual capability building via a series of workshops. We have had members attend this course previously and as a Club we are one of the few that has consistently supported the program with multiple attendees. LSV see Gunnamatta SLSC as a standout supporter and asked us to provide a testimonial given our strength of support.

**MISHA ALLINSON**

**MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

## Social Secretary

Building on the success of last season's social program, this year has proved a sound platform for further growth of the club's social calendar with a revamp of our crowd favourites and the introduction of new. This season has seen wonderful socialisation moments for the club whilst encouragingly providing a small revenue stream in instances. Although small, these funds have been reinvested back into the club for key projects such as partial roof replacement and new equipment.

With a vision this year of 'creating community', a social sub committee was formed to include Liam Vaughan, Georgia Ryan, Gemma Cox, and Zoe Douglas. Time was taken to review the needs of the broader Gunnamatta member community and to understand what motivated attendance. Unanimously 'fun' came through strongly and an opportunity to connect with new and old friends. Working cross functionally with our Head of Communications & Fundraising (Paul Wilson) and Head of Social (Georgia Ryan) whilst leveraging our wonderful new website, meant that awareness of events was strong, and ease of ticket purchases (& reconciliation) made simple.

We kicked off the season with an extraordinarily memorable seasons launch in the surrounds of St Andrews Brewery. It is with great thanks to the President and Treasurer for their generosity in providing a fabulous feast on the night. Whilst the weather was not on our side, the ambience and connectedness were electric! Even local council member, David Gill, was moved by the marvellous comradery. With almost 100 members and friends in attendance, this year saw the presentation of an SLISA Rescue Medal and certificates as well as LSV Everyday Lifesaver awards by LSV Director, Craig Watson, in honour of the momentous rescue that took place on January 6th, 2023. As we build on the success of this start of season event, we are exploring ways to dovetail the timeliness of a Nippers welcome evening for future planning.

This year's Nippers cohort were incredibly enthusiastic and after finally releasing any lasting COVID shackles, social activities were high on the radar. The Nippers Movie Night saw roaring attendance numbers, likely the most we have seen. Further records were smashed through bar transactions and our BBQ game was strong. In a bid to try new options, Mr Whippy made a guest appearance which proved an absolute hit for Nippers (but not necessarily for parents' wallets). A huge thanks to our bar tenders on the night including Josh Ritchie-Crichton, Liam Vaughan & nipper parent Mick Sette. All in all, plenty of fun was had by our Nippers. With an improvement mindset in tow, a renovation of the offering through a silent disco or an alternate format that can accommodate both parent and Nipper entertainment will be something to welcome in the coming season.

New to the calendar was the introduction of Summer Hours @ The Trap. This was an informal few hours of power where patrols had the opportunity to wind down post a Friday or Saturday patrol or regroup with fellow peers over a refreshing beverage (in some cases an Icy Pole). All in all, the feedback was strong, and we should look to explore even further options for the future. Building on the theme of 'it's the little things', enormous





proactivity from our younger patrollers has seen several social gatherings at the club house over the peak of the season, again we must thank our members that supervised these nights. These sorts of initiatives prove invaluable for team building, fostering deep connections and lifelong friendships all of which play a pivotal role in forging loyalty to Gunn.

A standout crowd favourite was this year's Truemans Golf Night. A whopping +200 members joined in the evening's celebration with enormous cross representation of our membership base, this was so very humbling to witness. Liam Vaughan played a pivotal role in the night's success and a special mention must also go out to Conor Marone, Josh Ritchie-Crichton, Baz Kraja and Luke Morgan for their outstanding work on the BBQ tools. The hero of the night was indeed the raffle. It is for this reason we must highlight the incredible efforts of the Wilson Family, with young Ruby Wilson taking charge of sourcing prizes and pushing ticket sales. The generosity of ticket purchases by all members was astonishing and we should be so very proud of the night's achievements – fun and fundraising at the centre of it all.



The Pink Patrol morning was especially successful this year with an all-inspiring line up of activities, guest speaker and attendees. The club was privileged to host Jules Hay, a fellow Lifeguard from Woolamai and inclusivity leader in the sporting community (Rugby Vic & AFLW). The content and conversations manifested healthy discussions regarding femininity and masculinity, and we truly hope the incredible female patrollers of our club can use this as a springboard for continued growth in this space. Yoga, breakfast and goodie bags made for an outstanding event coordinated by Georgia Ryan, well done!



Our recent Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in Rosebud was a magnificent demonstration of true passion for the club's success. A special mention must go to Bakers Delight Rosebud for their ongoing support in providing bread to the club for these sorts of initiatives. Many of our JOW patrollers turned up bright and early to offer several hours of support prior to their patrol, along with committee members stepping up to support the event. Veteran Bunnings BBQ attendees Barry Williams and Larry Middleton again provided their expertise. Initiatives as these prove invaluable for brand awareness and help to bring a few more gold coins into the rattle tin.



So many more informal events have taken place throughout the season, both at the club and off site. Being the active group we are, social sporting activities have continued throughout the season including the recent Mornington Fun Run coordinated by Gemma Cox. We encourage member-wide participation and should continue to leverage our youth subcommittee to help enhance some of these golden moments. There is a tremendous opportunity to add layers throughout the existing social calendar particularly during the off season where patrolling hours are concluded. I encourage all members of the club to explore future social ideas to table for next season. With only a few years until our incredible 60-year milestone is reached and the tremendous talent pool of skills that exists throughout our membership base, ideation potential should be abundant.

In closing, I wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to all that have been involved in bringing together a stellar program this year with a special mention to our club president, David Stogdale who has prioritised focus & investment within this space. The success achieved holistically was only made possible with the support from our Gunnamatta community, the true heartbeat of this club.

**TEE MORGAN**  
**SOCIAL SECRETARY**



*Vale*  
*Harold Green*  
*Gunnamatta SLSC*  
*Life Member*

19 November 1934- 27 April 2024

Harold Green joined Gunnamatta in May 1971 and obtained his Bronze Medallion Award in March 1972.

He served the club and its members through a number of leadership positions which he took immense pride in holding including Club Captain, Big Gunn Editor, Social Secretary, Patrol Captain, Gear Steward, and his favorite: IRB Captain. He was a skilled and dedicated driver, trainer, and assessor.

In the early days of paid lifeguards, Harold was one of the few Gunnamatta members who took on this role for Life Saving Victoria.

He was also a key member and player in the Gunnamatta Water Polo team leading Gunnamatta to a premiership in a league dominated by other Victorian Surf Lifesaving Clubs.

Harold had his two sons Chris and John as fellow lifesavers at GSLSC.

In 1985 he was awarded with Life Membership for many years of outstanding service.

His passion was the IRB, a craft in which he excelled particularly in big surf conditions. He told of a story where he and another member were rescued when the IRB motor failed, they were some distance out to sea and drifting further. He strongly believed that Brendan and John Vaughan, who rescued them, should have won the Wishart Medal for that rescue.

A skilled and entertaining cook, he loved a good curry, in the clubs' early days of interclub competitions, Harold took on the cooking for the team and it was always a curry, sometimes just that bit too hot. Thinking of heat, in those early days of Gunnamatta we were able to have sand dune parties and Harold, being a fencing contractor, would often provide the firewood. The bonfires weren't small, and neither are the ski stories of Harold, but that's for another time.

Harold was a dedicated, proud and committed lifesaver at Gunnamatta. No matter the job he would do it. He has left an indelible mark on the history of this club and will be long remembered. No one could deny he was a larger-than-life character who brought enthusiasm and unique behavior (sometimes outrageous) to Gunnamatta.

RIP fellow lifesaver.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Another successful year closed for Gunnamatta SLSC. I am pleased to report that for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, we have achieved a net surplus of \$22,741.75. Whilst a surplus is certainly not our primary goal as a Not-For-Profit organisation, this surplus allows us to maintain a strong financial position for years to come. This year, the Club has continued to build and stabilise its financial position, investing in its Members and Assets to ensure that saving lives was, and always will be, the focus of the club.

### **Cash**

While a net surplus of \$22,741.75 is being reported for FY24, it is worth noting that less than half of this has been converted into a cash profit. The Clubs bank accounts remained relatively unchanged, with a net increase of \$9,762.50 from FY23. The Club now adopts an accrual accounting practice, meaning assets are placed on the balance sheet, and depreciated over their useful life. This predominantly explains why our bank account remains unchanged from FY23, despite the recorded surplus. This allows the club to have an accurate, and consistent, YoY result, while simultaneously allowing the club's committees to plan for capital expenditure as the asset nears the end of its useful life. This year, the Club has taken a conservative 15% Blanket depreciation on its Balance sheet Assets.

I also note that, as at April 30, the club has paid a deposit for a Generation 3 Thundercat IRB that has been placed on the balance sheet. The remaining \$10,000 for the Thundercat will be paid upon delivery. Therefore, the cash surplus the club has made this year, is already committed to capital expenditure at a later date, and the 'real' cash surplus is virtually nil.

With rising costs, the club maintaining its cash balance remains vital to ensure that it can continue to operate both on a day-to-day basis, as well as perpetuity. What Gunnamatta SLSC does is vital, and our members need assurance the club has a strong cash position. As of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, it does.

### **Donations**

It would be unjust of me if I failed to mention the clubs generous donors for FY24. I'd like to extend my thanks on behalf of the committee, and the entire club, to the Hewison Family for their generous donation again this financial year. The Hewison Family is continuously one of the club's most generous donors and the club's appreciation cannot be understated.

The Club also extends its thanks to David Stogdale, Paul Wilson, Dromana Secondary College, Larry Middleton, John Vaughan, and Donna Watt for the generous financial donations.

The Club continues to receive donations as a gesture of goodwill from individuals year on year. They are in no way to be expected, in either value or frequency. The removal of donations revenue this year would remove the Clubs accounting profit and have us at a breakeven point in the P/L. I feel this point is important to highlight again this year to remind members that financial vigilance is important, and the Club would be misguided if it were to rely on donations and should exercise caution in respects to depending on this income to maintain its day to day functions.

Of course, the club receives more than monetary donations. The highly successful Nipper Raffle also brought in the following generous donations: Trigger Bros (Nipper Board), Metal Trend (Wood fire pit and stackers), Decjuba (Clothing - vouchers), Dunes Golf Course (Round with cart), Alba Thermal Springs (Voucher). I'd like to extend the thanks of the Club to these donors.

Finally, the Clubs most intangible, and arguably its most valuable, donation is its member's time. I wish to thank each and every individual member of the club who provided their time this year to Gunnamatta SLSC, allowing it to operate in its Day-to-Day functions, which we know are vital.

### **GST**

Gunnamatta SLSC is now registered for GST. This is an easy way for the club to improve its cash balance at very little cost, thanks to our inexpensive bookkeeper. The club being registered for GST allows us to claim the money back that we have spent already and would otherwise be forfeited. This continues to provide good outcomes for the club. In FY24, GST refunds netted the club over \$1,000, that would otherwise have simply been lost. My thanks go to Rob Wemyess, the Clubs Bookkeeper, for his help in this space.

### **Capital Expenditure**

Capital expenditure continues to be a major focus for the club. As at 30th April 2023, the club has over 40 thousand dollars of net assets (excluding the built form) on its balance sheet. The Club has also invested heavily in the Nippers program this financial year. The Club has purchased 10 new nipper boards, a healthy investment of 7,399.09 + GST, that strengthens the assets available to the program. I note that almost all adult members are unable to use these assets, either for rescue or enjoyment, and that these assets were purchased with Nipper funds, for the Nippers Program. This is an investment the Committee and, I'm sure, the club is happy to make. However, this is a cost that goes beyond the day to day running of the program that we, as a committee, account for when we look at the cost of the program. This cost is an investment into the program for now, and the future.

Looking to the built form, the female bathroom had its floor resealed due to uneven wear. This ongoing maintenance ensures the longevity of the area. The Clubhouse roof, as I'm sure many members noticed, underwent a major facelift, with key sections being replaced to combat the ever-relentless corrosion that has a grip on the built form. A very big thank you goes to Bruce Robertson who, via the "Stronger Communities Grant", helped the club cover roughly 75% of the expenditure using grant funding. These grant opportunities are invaluable to the club, allowing us to upgrade and maintain our facilities and equipment without damaging our own financial position significantly. The Committee is already looking to future Grant opportunities to continue our upgrades of the built form, without having to pass this cost onto the general membership.

### **Accounting Adjustments and Provisions**

I wish to draw the members' attention to the "Other Expenses" in the profit and loss for FY24. Firstly, as noted above, the club is now taking up a provision for the depreciation of its assets. This provision allows the club to expense assets over their useful life as opposed to expensing them as bought. Again, this assists in capital expenditure planning.

The other expenses are an 'accounting adjustment'. In previous years, our Balance sheet has had an unknown variance of \$760 that we, as a Club, were unable to identify. We have fixed this variance via the balance sheet each year which meant it kept being carried forward. The Gunnamatta SLSC Committee, under my recommendation, has elected to write off this amount in this financial year so that, as at 01/05/2024, our books are now 'pure'. This adjustment has been purposely isolated in the P/L to bring this adjustment to members' attention. The end result of fixing it via the P/L would be the exact same if the variance was found.



**Final Notes**

Overall, this year has been a success financially. The club is in a strong financial position and has every expectation of continuing to invest in its members and assets, both on the beach and in the clubhouse facilities.

We must also recognise Bruce Hydon as our independent auditor who has again reviewed and signed off the financial year for the club.

A thank you to my fellow committee members, who have provided their unwavering support to me again this financial year. A special thank you to David Stogdale for his invaluable input over the years as president. He will be sorely missed.

**JOHN GREEN**  
**TREASURER**

**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

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## GUNNMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

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Your committee members submit the financial report of Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### **Committee Members**

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

D. Stogdale  
B. Williams  
L. Vaughan  
J. Green

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to provide lifesaving patrols and water safety education at the Gunnamatta Surf Beach in accordance with the rules of Surf Life Saving Australia.

#### **Significant Changes**

No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### **Operating Result**

The surplus for the year amounted to \$22,741.75.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee.

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D. Stogdale

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John Green

Dated this.....day of .....2024

**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING 30 APRIL 2024**

**Profit and Loss**

Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club Inc

For the year ended 30 April 2024

<b>Account</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Donations	24,843.49	27,129.20
Interest Income	3,115.13	1,045.75
Life Saving Victoria Receipts	7,273.50	13,646.71
SLSA membership	37,058.81	33,884.81
Social Events	2,026.37	3,639.79
Square Sales Bar sales & Garments	26,030.20	6,690.96
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>100,347.50</b>	<b>86,037.22</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>100,347.50</b>	<b>86,037.22</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
General Income	1,539.95	4,112.87
Grants	71,848.85	34,300.64
Insurance Claim	7,736.79	0.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>81,125.59</b>	<b>38,413.51</b>

**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING 30 APRIL 2024**

**Profit and Loss**

Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club Inc

For the year ended 30 April 2024

**Operating Expenses**

Bank Fees	64.50	1.56
Bar Purchases	618.56	486.60
Cleaning Supplies for Clubhouse	0	226.76
Club Affiliation and Capitation	203.64	171.08
Clubhouse Repairs and Maintenance	43,400.26	3,120.17
Competition Expenses	613.63	0.00
Conferences	114.55	37.25
Consulting, Accounting, & Audit	3,354.07	3,695.78
Freight	2,859.01	54.55
Donations - Made	200.00	0.00
Insurance	11,554.17	11,531.68
IRB Repairs/Fuel	4,120.08	1,484.66
Light, Power, Heating	2,720.11	2,328.42
First Aid o2 Bottle Rental	632.73	0.00
Liquor Licenses	324.54	416.25
LSV/SLSA/Club General Costs	259.37	284.74
LSV Certificates	0.00	145.46
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,006.19	356.27
Nipper Program Expenses	4,120.02	0.00
Office / Sundry Clubhouse Expenses	1,441.62	670.31
Postage, Printing & Stationery	821.85	1,297.35
Registration Reimbursement	204.09	0.00
Repair, Replacement, and Purchase of Equipment	31,399.44	10,996.89
Security & Fire Safety	795.82	921.91
Social Expenses	11,790.68	9,603.73
Telephone & Internet	1,222.75	1,251.28
Training Expenses	6,142.33	6,311.70
Trophies and Engraving	1,807.64	1,589.05
Uniforms	20,536.00	3,234.72
Waste Removal	667.62	1,212.79
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>152,995.27</b>	<b>61,430.96</b>

**Other Expenses**

Provision for the Replacement of Gunnamatta SLSC Assets	6,496.07	0
Accounting Adjustment	-760	0
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>22,741.75</b>	<b>63,019.77</b>

**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 APRIL 2024**

**Balance Sheet**

Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club Inc

As at 30 April 2024

<b>Account</b>	<b>30 Apr 2024</b>	<b>30 Apr 2023</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Gunnamatta SLSC BB State Acct	12,469.04	12,054.44
Gunnamatta SLSC savings Account	201,809.79	192,461.89
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>214,278.83</b>	<b>204,516.33</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Club Assets	8,831.45	7,075.45
ATV All-Terrain Vehicle	18,545.45	18,545.45
Rescue Equipment	15,657.48	2,702.73
Deposit on Gen III Thundercat	5,454.55	0.00
Provision for the Replacement of Gunnamatta SLSC Assets	(6,496.07)	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>41,992.86</b>	<b>28,323.63</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Clubhouse Bar iPad	272.73	272.73
Plant Property and Equipment and Insured Value	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,500,272.73</b>	<b>1,500,272.73</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,756,544.42</b>	<b>1,733,112.69</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST	(34.36)	(724.34)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(34.36)</b>	<b>(724.34)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(34.36)</b>	<b>(724.34)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,756,578.78</b>	<b>1,733,837.03</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	1,733,837.03	1,670,817.26
Current Year Earnings	22,741.75	63,019.77
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,756,578.78</b>	<b>1,733,837.03</b>

**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024**

## **1 Statement of Accounting Policy**

### **Basis of Financial Statements.**

The financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to Provide accounts which satisfy the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act (Vic) to prepare accounts.

The Committee has determined that the Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club is not a reporting entity as defined in the Statement of Accounting concepts 1 "Definition of the Reporting Entity" and therefore, as there is no requirement to apply accounting standards in the preparation and presentation of these statements, they have been adopted only to the extent shown in Note 1 to the accounts.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act (Vic). The statements are prepared on a cash basis, whereby items are bought to the account as money paid or received, from the records of the association. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or except where specifically stated current valuations of non- current assets.

The following policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club in the preparation of the financial statements.

### **Capital Expenditure.**

In accordance with previous years some items of equipment are not capitalised but written off as an expense in the year that the expenditure took place.

### **Depreciation.**

Depreciation on property and plant has not been charged which is consistent with prior years but not normally accepted accounting methods. Depreciation on equipment has been charged.

### **GST**

The Club is registered for GST.

### **Income Tax.**

The Club is not liable for income tax.

**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**NOTES TO FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR END 30 APRIL 2024**

**1. Donations**

22-May-23	Paul Wilson	1,742.49
2-Jun-23	Dromana Secondary College	580.00
29-Jun-23	Hewison Family	20,000.00
31-Jul-23	Larry Middleton	200.00
19-Sep-23	Donna Watt	121.00
20-Nov-23	John Vaughan	200.00
8-Apr-24	David Stogdale	2,000.00

**Total Donations** **24,843.49**

**2. Grants**

18-May-23	22/23 Rescue Equipment Main.	6,352.65
25-May-23	2022 VESEP	7,948.67
13-Jun-23	DSS Volunteer Grant	2,148.00
14-Jul-23	Stronger Communities Grant	19,580.00
18-Dec-23	BSEF 2023	10,000.00
5-Jan-24	2023/24 Admin Grant	7,738.53
12-Jan-24	DHL Uniform Grant 2023/24	1,030.00
11-Apr-24	2023 VESEP	17,051.00

**Total Grants** **71,848.85**

**3. Club Assets**

30-Aug-22	Clubroom TV	1,245.45
23-Nov-22	IRB Genie Lifter	5,227.27
9-Jan-23	Fridge in Clubhouse Kitchen	1,362.73
28-Sep-23	Weather Monitor Station for clubhouse	996.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,831.45</b>

**4. Rescue Equipment**

FY23	Surfboards - Bennett	2,702.73
25-Mar-24	GT Bennet Surf Life Saving - rescue board	12,400.00
11-Apr-24	IRB Life Jackets	554.75
		<b>15,657.48</b>

**5. Trading Account - 'The Trap'**

	Square Sales Bar sales & Garments	26,030.20
	Less Cost of Sales:	
	Bar Purchases	618.56
	Liquor Licenses	324.54
	Uniforms	20,536.00
	<i>Trading Surplus</i>	<i>4,551.10</i>



**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**NOTES TO FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR END 30 APRIL 2024**

**6. Depreciation**

	<b><u>Asset</u></b>	<b><u>Original Value</u></b>	<b><u>Depreciation</u></b>	<b><u>Net</u></b>
FY23	Clubroom TV	1,245.45	186.82	1,058.63
FY23	IRB Genie Lifter	5,227.27	784.09	4,443.18
FY23	Fridge in Clubhouse Kitchen	362.73	204.41	1,158.32
28/09/2023	Weather Monitor Station for clubhouse	996.00	149.40	846.60
FY23	Surfboards - Bennett	2,702.73	405.41	2,297.32
25/03/2024	GT Bennett Surf Life Saving - rescue board	12,400.00	1,860.00	10,540.00
11/04/2024	IRB Life Jackets	554.75	83.21	471.54
FY23	ATV All-Terrain Vehicle	18,545.45	2,781.82	15,763.63
FY23	Clubhouse Bar iPad	272.73	40.91	231.82
	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>43,307.11</b>	<b>6,496.07</b>	<b>36,811.04</b>

**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**NOTES TO FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR END 30 APRIL 2024**  
**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**NOTES TO FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR END 30 APRIL 2024**

Freehold buildings are valued based on Quantity Surveyor valuation obtained in 2017 to reflect value of property.

Property plant and lifesaving equipment has been shown as its estimated value.

Depreciation has been charged.

**General Statement**

The liability of the company is limited, and members may be called upon to contribute up to \$100.00 in the event of a dissolution.

**GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB  
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The committee has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report set out on the accompanying pages,

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club as at 30 April 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

.....  
David Stogdale  
Committee Member

Victoria            /            /

.....  
John Green  
Committee Member

Victoria            /            /

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC**

I have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club Inc which comprises the profit and loss, balance sheet and accompanying notes for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The association's committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the financial statements are appropriate to meet the needs of the members and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from misstatement.

I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the association. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

My procedures included examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In my opinion the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club Inc under the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.



BRUCE T. HYDON

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Registered Company Auditor 7998

## **Gunnamatta Patrol Records 2023/2024**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Patrol</b>	<b>Rostered Hours</b>	<b>All Patrolled Hours (Excluding Penalty Hours)</b>
Adams	John	Hellfish	56	54.25
Allinson	Misha	Baywatch	58.5	58
Andrews	Ruby	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	48
Apostolopoulos	Nicholas	Baywatch	58.5	79.9
Apostolopoulos	Sophia	Baywatch	58.5	42.75
Bourke	Stephen	Hellfish	56	56.05
Bourke	Tyler	Hellfish	39	31.9
Brown	Darcy	The Megasaurs	56.5	68.5
Brown	Kate	The Megasaurs	56.5	66.25
Brunton	Matthew	Hellfish	39	25.4
Cattapan	Caeli	Salty Sea Dogs	43	18.25
Cattapan	Chiara	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	78.25
Chadwick	Maeve	Baywatch	44	57.75
Cooper	Chloe	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	50
Cormack	Luke	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	43
Cox	Bailey	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	60.25
Cox	Gemma	Salty Sea Dogs	57.5	57.5
Cox	Sahra	4th Republic of JOW	59	79.5
Cozzio	Breanna	The Megasaurs	56.5	40
Cozzio	Christopher	The Megasaurs	56.5	58
Cozzio	Richard	The Megasaurs	56.5	58
Daly	Brigid	The Megasaurs	56.5	52.53
Dare	Liam	The Megasaurs	46	54.58
Davies	Molly	Salty Sea Dogs	43	52.58
de Paiva	Jacob	Active Reserve	8	44.25
De Poi	Veronica	The Megasaurs	46	23.08
Dobell	Toby	Hellfish	56	60
Donald	Alice	The Megasaurs	56.5	32.78
Douglas	Jill	4th Republic of JOW	59	70.25
Douglas	Lauren	Baywatch	58.5	112.47
Douglas	Zoe	4th Republic of JOW	63	63
Farchione	Alessi	Baywatch	58.5	4
Farchione	Leon	Baywatch	58.5	38.5
Feller	Julian	The Megasaurs	56.5	48.53
Fellows	Ryan	Hellfish	60	54
Goulet	Gregory	Hellfish	56	61.15
Graham	Lachlan	4th Republic of JOW	59	10.5
Green	John	Hellfish	56	56
Griffin	Balyn	4th Republic of JOW	59	4
Harinos	Estelle	4th Republic of JOW	42	52.93
Harinos	Evan	4th Republic of JOW	59	94.5
Harrowell	Jed	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	38
Haythornthwaite	Wendy	Baywatch	44	48
Henderson	Billy	Baywatch	58.5	53.75

Last Name	First Name	Patrol	Rostered Hours	All Patrolled Hours (Excluding Penalty Hours)
Henderson	Grace	Baywatch	58.5	60.25
Henderson	Lara	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	57.5
Hutchinson	Heidi	Hellfish	56	56
Hutchinson	Jasper	Hellfish	56	56
James	Chantelle	Hellfish	56	46.8
Jones-Hughes	Darcy	4th Republic of JOW	42	58.58
Kantanis	Zoe	Active Reserve	8	17.5
King	Fergus	4th Republic of JOW	59	29.88
King	Lachlan	4th Republic of JOW	59	15.5
King	Lucy	4th Republic of JOW	42	47.65
Koutsogiannis	Apollo	Baywatch	59	45.5
Kraja	Jaedyn	Hellfish	39	28.65
Liszkiewicz	Jack	Baywatch	62	51
Main	Lachlan	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	60.18
Malone	Angus	Hellfish	60	67.97
Malone	Gregory	Hellfish	56	148.31
Mather	Alexandra	The Megasaurs	46	46.58
Middleton	Holly	4th Republic of JOW	59	72.5
Middleton	Jack	4th Republic of JOW	59	69.5
Middleton	Larry	The Megasaurs	56.5	86.28
Middleton	Stuart	4th Republic of JOW	59	77.5
Mileto	Harley	Baywatch	58.5	41
Morgan	Jessica	4th Republic of JOW	42	43.65
Morgan	Luke	4th Republic of JOW	42	57.83
Morone	Conor	Salty Sea Dogs	57.5	53
Morone	Dylan	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	51.5
Murphy	Genevieve	Hellfish	56	69.12
Murphy	Patrick	Hellfish	56	50
Murphy	Rebecca	Hellfish	56	4
Neville	Peter	The Megasaurs	56.5	55.78
O'Shannessy	Jason	4th Republic of JOW	59	59
Papillo	Jason	Hellfish	39	28.29
Perera	Katia	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	62.5
Ralphs	Ashley	4th Republic of JOW	59	51
Richards	Emily	The Megasaurs	46	61.53
Ritchie	Christopher	Baywatch	58.5	8
Ritchie-Crichton	Joshua	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	42
Roberton	Bruce	Hellfish	56	76.47
Roberton	Shaun	Hellfish	56	67.12
Roman	Lily	The Megasaurs	56.5	34.28
Roman	Mia	The Megasaurs	56.5	46.53
Ryan	Georgia	Baywatch	62	52.5
Ryan	Mitchell	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	42
Screen	Alexander	Baywatch	29	29.5
Simpson	Daniel	Club Vice Captain	8	51.75
Smith	Amber	Salty Sea Dogs	43	46.08
Stanton	Chilli	Hellfish	56	65.25



Last Name	First Name	Patrol	Rostered Hours	All Patrolled Hours (Excluding Penalty Hours)
Stanton	Jed	Hellfish	56	56
Stogdale	David	Baywatch	58.5	63.5
Subhani	Daniel	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	67.5
Tobias	Geoffrey	The Megasaurs	56.5	60.5
Toogood	Geoffrey	4th Republic of JOW	59	116.32
Varas	Bronte	Baywatch	58.5	50
Vaughan	Liam	Club Captain	8	103.25
Vigenser	Anton	The Megasaurs	16.25	16
Walker	Arjon	The Megasaurs	56.5	56.5
Walker	Monique	The Megasaurs	40.75	43.33
Walsh	Callum	Baywatch	58.5	18.5
Watt	Donna	4th Republic of JOW	59	59
Watt	Joseph	4th Republic of JOW	59	59
Webb	Raymond	The Megasaurs	56.5	75.68
Weill	Tomas	4th Republic of JOW	59	78.25
West	Edward	The Megasaurs	56.5	6.5
West	Erin	Salty Sea Dogs	43	8.5
West	Matthew	Salty Sea Dogs	43	4.5
Williams	Alexandra	Baywatch	58.5	37
Williams	Barry	Baywatch	58.5	75
Williams	Joel	Active Reserve	8	14.5
Wilson	Ruby	Salty Sea Dogs	53.5	71.25
Wong	Michael	Baywatch	58.5	50.25
Zylstra	Andrew	Active Reserve	8	7

Leading Male Patrol Member		Leading Female Patrol Member	
Greg Malone	148.31	Lauren Douglas	112.47
Geoffery Toogood	116.32	Sahra Cox	79.5
Liam Vaughan	103.25	Chiara Cattapan	78.25
Evan Harinos	94.5	Holly Middleton	72.5
Larry Middleton	86.28	Ruby Wilson	71.25
Nicholas Apostolopoulos	79.9	Jill Douglas	70.25
Tommy Weill	78.25	Geneviene Murphy	69.12
Stuart Middleton	77.5	Kate Brown	66.25
Bruce Robertson	76.47	Chilli Stanton	65.25
Ray Webb	76.68		

## **SURF LIFESAVING AWARDS FOR SEASON 2023/2024**

### **Silver Medallion**

Toby	Dobell	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
Lauren	Douglas	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
Zoe	Douglas	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
Gemma	Cox	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
Bruce	Robertson	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
Gemma	Cox	Silver Medallion
Liam	Vaughan	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
Jed	Harrowell	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
Tommy	Weill	Silver Medallion IRB Crew
Stuart	Middleton	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
Sienna	Cauci	Silver Medallion
Lauren	Douglas	Silver Medallion IRB Driver
Kate	Brown	Silver Medallion IRB Crew
Billy	Henderson	Silver Medallion IRB Crew

### **Bronze Medallion**

Apollo	Koutsogiannis	Bronze	15/12/2023
Chilli	Stanton	Bronze	15/12/2023
Jasper	Hutchinson	Bronze	15/12/2023
Leon	Farchione	Bronze	15/12/2023
Molly	Davies	Bronze	15/12/2023
Billy	Henderson	Bronze	15/12/2023
Nicholas	Apostolopoulos	Bronze	15/12/2023
Estelle	Harinos	Bronze	15/12/2023
Ruby	Wilson	Bronze	15/12/2023
Wendy	Haythornthwaite	Bronze	15/12/2023
Michael	Wong	Bronze	15/12/2023
Katia	Perera	Bronze	15/12/2023
Ruby	Andrews	Bronze	15/12/2023
Lily	Roman	Bronze	15/12/2023

Amber	Smith	Bronze	17/12/2023
Anton	Vigenser	Bronze	17/12/2023
Jessica	Morgan	Bronze	17/12/2023
Matthew	West	Bronze	17/12/2023
Luke	Morgan	Bronze	17/12/2023
Darcy	Jones-Hughes	Bronze	17/12/2023
Matthew	Brunton	Bronze	17/12/2023
Erin	West	Bronze	17/12/2023

### **Surf Rescue Certificate**

Lucy	King	SRC	17/12/2023
Tyler	Bourke	SRC	17/12/2023
Jaedyn	Kraja	SRC	17/12/2023
Jason	Papillo	SRC	17/12/2023
Caeli	Cattapan	SRC	17/12/2023
Liam	Dare	SRC	17/12/2023
Emily	Richards	SRC	17/12/2023
Alex	Mather	SRC	17/12/2023
Maeve	Chadwick	SRC	17/12/2023

### **Side by Side Vehicle Operator**

Alice	Donald
Amber	Smith
Arjon	Walker
Barry	Williams
Bruce	Robertson
Chantelle	James
Gregory	Goulet
Gregory	Malone
Jed	Harrowell
Jessica	Hill
Jessica	Morgan
Jill	Douglas

John	Adams
Joseph	Watt
Kate	Brown
Lachlan	King
Mia	Roman
Raymond	Webb
Richard	Cozzio
Sahra	Cox
Stuart	Middleton
Toby	Dobell
Tomas	Weill

### **Club Awards – 2023/2024**

<b>Life Membership of GSLSC</b>	Jill Douglas
<b>Best Senior Club Member</b>	Georgia Ryan
<b>Best Senior Patrol Member</b>	Greg Malone
<b>Peter Webb Memorial Best Junior Club Member</b>	Darcy Brown
<b>Best Junior Patrol Member</b>	Nicholas Apostolopoulos
<b>Red Pepper Improver</b>	Tommy Weill

### **Club Championships**

<b>Under 18 Women's</b>	Ruby Andrews
<b>Under 18 Men's</b>	Darcy Brown
<b>Women's Senior - Mary Bond Memorial Trophy</b>	Zoe Douglas
<b>Men's Senior</b>	Jack Liszukiewicz
<b>Women's Masters</b>	Not Awarded
<b>Men's Masters</b>	Richard Cozzio

### **Geoff Alsop Memorial Swim Winner**

Joel Williams

### **President's Award**

Hoang Tran  
Michael Haythornthwaite

### **Club Captains Award**

Tommy Weill  
Jack Middleton

### **Nipper Age Group Awards**

<b>Green Cap 7 Years Old Female Award</b>	Eadie Prowse
<b>Green Cap 7 Years Old Male Award</b>	Orlando Lewis
<b>Green Cap 8 Years Old Female Award</b>	Madeline Gillman-Sheer
<b>Green Caps 8 Years Old Male Award</b>	Finn Lozzi
<b>Yellow Cap 9 Years Old Female Award</b>	Emma Mariani
<b>Yellow Cap 9 Years Old Male Award</b>	Hugo Bedelis
<b>Yellow Cap 10 Years Old Female Award</b>	Alice Mariani
<b>Yellow Cap 10 Years Old Male Award</b>	Callan Sangster
<b>Orange Cap 11 Years Old Female Award</b>	Zoe Andrews
<b>Orange Cap 11 Years Old Male Award</b>	Lelo Goodwin
<b>Orange Cap 12 Years Old Female Award</b>	Clio Koutsogiannis
<b>Orange Cap 12 Years Old Male Award</b>	Liam Bourke
<b>Blue Cap Club Female Award</b>	Bianca Anderson
<b>Blue Cap Club Male Award</b>	Finbar Meade

### **Best Patrol- Patrol No 5: The Salty Sea Dogs**

<b>Patrol Captain</b>	Conor Morone
<b>Vice-Captain</b>	Gemma Cox
<b>Deputy Vice-Captain</b>	Ruby Wilson

Lara Henderson	Bailey Cox	Chloe Cooper
Lachie Main	Chiara Cattapan	Daniel Subhani
Katia Perera	Luke Cormack	Jed Harrowell
Josh Ritchie- Criton	Ruby Andrews	Caeli Cattapan
Amber Smith	Molly Davies	Chilli Stanton
Matthew West	Erin West	

## **Best Individual Patrol Members**

	<b>Best Patrol Member</b>	<b>Runner up</b>
<b>Patrol 1 – Hellfish</b>	Shaun Robertson	John Adams
<b>Patrol 2 – Megasaurs</b>	Chris Cozzio	Rick Cozzio
<b>Patrol 3 – Baywatch</b>	Nicholas Apostolopoulos	Wendy Haythornthwaite
<b>Patrol 4 - 4th Republic of Jow</b>	Tommy Weill	Evan Harinos
<b>Patrol 5 – The Salty Sea Dogs</b>	Amber Smith	Ruby Andrews

## **Gunnamatta Rescues**

<b>Rescues</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>No gear</b>	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	9	8	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	1
<b>Rescue tube</b>	11	9	9	4	25	20	13	19	12	18	3	20	35	34	20	39	61
<b>Rescue board</b>	15	16	13	7	13	4	17	15	16	17	9	12	19	22	13	7	10
<b>IRB</b>	6	12	7	3	6	4	3	32	5	19	12	40	17	48	35	13	28
<b>Total</b>	33	38	31	15	45	31	36	75	41	56	25	72	74	105	69	59	100

## **Gunnamatta Statistics**

	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	20,525	15,613	27,561	22,012	7,875	23,569	NA
<b>Major First Aids</b>	3	2	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Minor First Aids</b>	14	94	76	21	11	14	36
<b>Preventative Actions</b>	3090	2516	3286	4662	1065	3120	2000