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From humble beginnings . . .



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FOREWARD

Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club has come a long way in 50 years. For a Club that grew from a necessity to patrol a very dangerous section of the Mornington Peninsula coastline, we can now proudly hold our heads high and acknowledge a job well done. The journey continues but it could never have happened without the contribution, dedication and commitment displayed by all the members who have been involved with Gunnamatta over the past 50 years.

From its humble beginnings when there was a handful of patrol members under the leadership of Geoff Alsop and John Hewison, who commenced the Club's first patrol in December 1966 sitting outside the "Tin Shed" perched on top of the primary sand dune with a couple of line & reels ready for action, who would have thought it would lead to a Club with in excess of 200 members, a multilevel Clubhouse, IRB's performing rescues, ATV's carting trailers across to the patrol areas, Bronze Camps, Nipper Programs – the list goes on!



The training and education requirements for the "modern" day Surf Life Saver varies enormously from all those years ago when the small sized "Blue Book" was the fundamental tool for obtaining your Bronze Medallion. Compared to today where there are numerous qualifications open to the Surf Life Saver to assist them in performing their duties, even down to the requirement for "Working with Children's" checks – the changes are an enormous strain on the Club's leaders and trainers to ensure the patrolman is proficient and ready for his tasks.

Gunnamatta has always had the fundamental goal of patrolling this treacherous piece of the coast, but it has also enjoyed some great times at numerous surf carnivals across the journey, starting with the March Past successes in the early 1970's through to participation at carnivals through the '80's, '90's and 2000's. These are opportunities for the members to get away from the pressures of patrol and receive the chance to compete with others in this great organisation.

Friendships have been formed, camaraderie is evident across the decades but the fundamental duty of patrolling Gunnamatta is what brings this great Club together. As much as the Club has been very fortunate with the leaders over the journey, as well as some very great characters, we must not forget the individuals who have walked in the doors, some have stayed a short while, others have remained for decades. Regardless each and every one of these individuals has been a valued member.

What has been provided in the following pages is a snap shot of Gunnamatta's 50 years to celebrate its journey from 1966.

Enjoy the snap shot and good luck for the next 50 years.

GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB A BRIEF HISTORY – 1966 TO 1998

(COMPILED BY RAY WEBB NOVEMBER 1998)

THE BEGINNING

Prior to the 1960's the beach now known as Gunnamatta was called "Paradise Beach". It could be accessed by winding along sandy tracks, created in the first place to enable goods from wrecked ships to be salvaged, then used by fishermen and salvagers of spars, timbers and flotsam from passing ships.

It took the aboriginal name "Gunnamatta", meaning "beach and sand hills", in the early 1960's (precise words are sketchy) when the Shire of Flinders took an interest in opening up the area for visitors. A Committee of local public minded citizens, known as the Rye Ocean Parks reserve Committee of Management, was convened on behalf of the Shire to consider the form of development of the "back beaches". With initial grants of 2,000 pounds from the Department of Tourism and 500 pounds from the Shire, the area was developed with a water bore, windmill, toilets and railings.

In November 1962, prior to the commencement of the works, The Shire of Flinders wrote to the Secretary of Surf Life Saving Australia (c/- 120 Husband Rd. Forest Hill, Victoria), advising that the Shire was "... proposing to develop an area of the Rye Ocean beach near Boag's Rocks by construction of access roads, parking areas and facilities for swimmers and tourists generally".

"As the ocean beaches on this Peninsula have not enjoyed a good reputation from a safety point of view, I would appreciate it if it would be possible to have a report on the area from an official of your Association".

The Committee of Management then acted as a steering committee to form a lifesaving club at the beach, with much of the foundation work being carried out by local Rye resident Ken Doe.

Truemans Road was opened by the Shire in mid-1963. By November 1963 the Shire had expended 6,200 pounds on fencing, bore water, planting marram grass, constructing two changing rooms and temporary road works.

The water from the bore (approximately 30 metres deep) was tested by the State Laboratories of the Department of Agriculture, Health and Mines of Victoria in November 1963. The report noted:

"This water is very hard, and requires softening if it is to be used in a hot water service".

A recipe of limil and washing powder was provided for softening the water to be used in fuel or stove-type hot water systems. The water was, in January 1962, confirmed as suitable for drinking.

Investigations in May 1964 regarding the building of a clubhouse to serve the future lifesaving club led the Shire of Flinders to estimate that a clubhouse would cost 1,000 pounds and a gatekeeper's box of 100 pounds.

On 2nd January 1966, the drowning of a 19 year old man at the Rye back beach highlighted the concerns of some sectors of the community that



THE BEGINNING (CONTINUED)

the beach should not be opened to swimmers and that the Shire was neglectful of its duty of care by promoting visitors use of the beach. The Council countered this accusation by stating that the area was initially opened up for picnics and sightseeing and that despite warning signs on the beach, it was impossible to prevent people from swimming when they were determined to do so.



Council also explained that it had installed a vehicle at the beach equipped with a loud hailer and direct two-way communication to the Council Depot and thereby the Rye police. Other plans included the setting up of the life saving club, for which considerable efforts had been made for years, and/the introduction of a rocket rescue despatch system (whereby a line would be propelled from the beach by a rocket out to the swimmer in distress). Needless to say, the latter did not proceed and the former was thankfully achieved later the same year.

The concerns at the time on issues of tourism and soil erosion were expressed by the Soil Conservation Authority which advised the Minister for Conversation in January 1966:

“The Authority has never been in favour of development for tourism in this area, because of these factors (erosion, vegetation protection, maintenance costs, etc.) and also because the beaches are poor and dangerous for swimmers. It is a scenic area.

Because the developments are being sponsored by the local Foreshore Committees, the Shire of Flinders and the Tourist Development Board, the Soil Conservation Authority has been virtually forced to take action in foreshore erosion control works.

In terms of beach classification which the Soil Conversation Authority hopes to produce in the near future, the Point Nepean/Cape Schanck area would be classified as scenic and not as either swimming or surfing. Because of this, the needs of the area are different from the treatment which is at present being imposed upon it”.

After years of meetings, discussions and the combined efforts of public-minded citizens and Shire Councillors, the framework for the establishment of a new lifesaving club lacked only the young men to serve in it and a team to make it work.

At about this time, some of the members of the Pt. Leo Surf Life Saving Club began to venture to Gunnamatta for the excellent surf it offered. Inevitably, they undertook rescues and developed a passion for the beach which enjoyed a location close to towns, yet relatively untouched by development.

The Inaugural meeting of the Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club was held on 7th August 1966 at the Rye Sea Scouts Hall, adjacent to the Rye pier.



THE CLUB IS ESTABLISHED

Thirty people attended the inaugural meeting, including the following which were elected as office bearers on the day:

President:	Ken Dobson
Vice Presidents:	R. Alsop, F. Hewison, K. Doe, R. Brew
Club Captain:	Geoff Alsop (formerly Chief Instructor, Pt. Leo SLSC)
Vice Captain:	John Hewison

Gordon Dann, who was Flinders District Supervisor of Surf Life Saving Australia at the time, attended the inaugural meeting.

Also attending the meeting were representatives from Pt. Leo and Anglesea Surf Life Saving Clubs and the Frankston Royal Life Saving Club.

The Club colours and design (navy blue and white) were accepted “. . . with the provision that they are accepted by the State Centre”, on the motion moved by G. Dann and seconded by K. Doe.

The newly elected Club Captain Geoff Alsop reported that it would cost in excess of 650 pounds to patrol the beach. This was made up of the following seven pieces of equipment:

• 3 Reels *	300 pounds
• Surf ski	75
• Patrol Gear	89
• Tables & cupboards.	27 (For the First Aid Room)
• First Aid Gear	81
• Patrol Tower	50
• Two way radio	75
Total	697/-/-

*The Shire of Flinders later donated these reels, for the first season.

Geoff Alsop also reported that the aim of the Club was . . . “to patrol the beach and win the patrol efficiency competition run by State Centre”. It subsequently took the Club one year to patrol the beach, three years to win the District Patrol Competition and twelve years to win the State Patrol Competition.

Membership fees were as follows:

• Associates	5 pounds
• Active members	4
• Junior Active	1 pound 6 shillings
• Auxiliary	2
• Provisional Cadet	1

(And that the membership forms adopted be the same as those used by the Pt. Leo SLS Club).

In a meeting which lasted one and a half hours, the Club was born – the culmination of many years of work by the Shire of Flinders and local residents.



THE FIRST SEASON

The first season was exciting, new and different. Patrols commenced on the 3rd of December 1966.

A group of people from diverse backgrounds came together for a common cause. With facilities unlike today, even getting there was an experience!

The 10 kilometre trip was unusual by today's standards. The sealed road finished near the old tip at Truemans Road, about 2 kilometres from the Nepean Highway. As one ventured closer to Gunnamatta, the road deteriorated, winding over hills on little more than a bush trail.

Although the road would be graded at times, the ruts would return with a vengeance after a few weeks.

The Clubhouse provided a place to store gear, sleep and cook. In a 6 car garage of galvanised iron, things were tight. On a good night, it was often easier to sleep under the stars than next to another Club member.

Water was carried from the toilet block in 20 litre containers. Cooking was done on a two jet gas camp fire outside. Light was courtesy of a kerosene lamp. Shower and toilets were available in the public facilities. These basic facilities engendered a strong sense of fellowship and comradeship amongst members and supporters.

Various publicity measures, from articles in the metropolitan press and radio, notices in shop windows at Rosebud and notices to campers all bought in the numbers. Active membership doubled in early 1967.

The weather was great in the first season, and this attracted members and the public. Patrols were all day, every day for those available.

The first mass rescue occurred on the 7th January 1967 when six people were rescued and resuscitated and two admitted to hospital. Performed in wild seas, the rescue is noted as . . . *"the result of teamwork and daring, rather than experience"* . . . as quoted by the then Club Captain, Geoff Alsop. This made a total of thirty-two people rescued during the entire season.

Of interest, was the power of control given to the lifesaving club. This included the job of Beach Inspectors – the only Club to be afforded this power! This often resulted in one side of the Clubhouse lined with surfboards, confiscated from angry riders (who didn't have leg ropes) whose three and four metre boards were washed ashore between the flags. This was the first time that the board



THE FIRST SEASON (CONTINUED)

riders had to compete with swimmers concentrated in the one area. Despite the many confrontations, this course of action was necessary, as the boards often caused serious injury to swimmers.

The Ladies Auxiliary formed in the first year, and Gunnamatta became the first Life Saving Club to have an Auxiliary formed in the same year as the Club. This band of ladies (wives, mothers and girlfriends) went on to provide financial security for the Club in the following years. In the first year they provided money for the oxygen equipment.

The Annual Report lists the following as members of the Club:

Associate Members: R. Alsop, D. Bransfield, R. Drew, R. Chick, K. Dobson, K. Doe, R. Harkin, F. Hewison, Cr. McLeod, Cr. R. Rowley, J. Sanson, A. Trumble, C. Thisgaard, A. Warren.

Auxiliary Members: J. Alsop, P. Alsop, S. Craig, C. Crawford, H. Ferguson, N. Hewison, M. Hewison, J. McCarthy, Y. Miller, P. Sach, P. Pisani.

Qualified Active Members:

Senior: G. Alsop (Examiner), P. Bates, I. Crawford (Instructor), K. Claasz, R. Eno, J. Hewison (Instructor), G. Sach, B. Thorsen, G. Treacy, R. Wilson, S. Jensen, T. Rash, M. DeKretzer.

Junior: L. Adamson, J. Barnett, J. Williams.

Cadet Members: R. DeKretzer.

Probationary members:

Senior: D. Baird, R. Baxter, C. Blamfield, D. Brewtnall, N. Brown, E. Diamond, T. Forde, S. Glanville, B. McGurgan, W. Miller, M. Ralton, G. Robertson, G. Turville, P. Tablud, J. Geerling, W. Hayes.

Junior: R. Arnott, A. Blanshki, T. Ruddock, R. Webb

Cadet: B. Robertson, P. Webb.

It is interesting to observe that from this membership, the Club went on to produce the following Executive members in subsequent years:

Presidents: G. Robertson, J. Hewison, W. Hayes, Ray Webb.

Secretaries: J. Williams, P. Webb, Ray Webb.

Club Captains: G. Alsop, J. Hewison, R. Wilson, J. Williams, J. Barnett, P. Webb.

Treasurers: F. Hewison, P. Webb.

Ladies Auxiliary President: Marjorie Hewison.

The term "Big Gunn" was used for the first time in the following context: *"The Big Gunn started off with a bang . . . and it hasn't stopped since"*.

In the first year of operation the Club received \$323.90, spent \$127.96 and finished the season with \$229.21 in the bank.

The spirit generated from this humble beginning is still strongly evident in the Club today.



THE CLUBHOUSE

The “temporary” clubhouse was located on the beach. A simple building, the size of a six car garage (6m x 12m) clad in galvanised iron sheets sitting on a concrete slab on the primary sand dune. The Shire of Flinders erected this clubhouse in late 1966 at an approximate cost of 1,300 pounds.

In the first year it kept some of the sand out and all the rain, but in the end, it leaked like a sieve, and no one worried about the sand! The galvanised sheets became rusted and worn leaving a gap around the bottom, not to mention the door expiring. The elements really tested the materials.



The slab became undermined at the back to such an extent it became dangerous. In 1978 a picture of the Clubhouse featured in a magazine on the environment (Victorian Resources, September 1978 issue) looking worn out & tired. The caption read: “Buildings should not be located on the primary dune”.

As true as the statement was, this humble abode provided shelter for the needy members of the Club.

After the opening of the new Clubhouse in 1971, the old building was dismantled. Apparently cadets from the Balcombe Army Camp (in Mornington) had the honour of blowing the slab apart. One can only reflect on the effort it took to put the slab there in the first place without a concrete pump or similar technology available today.

The new building was erected at a cost of \$12,432. A government grant of \$3,400 left the Club with a balance of \$9,000. Most of this money came from the Club's Ladies Auxiliary and the Shire of Flinders. A considerable amount of work was put in by Gordon Dann and Marjorie Hewison – to name a couple.

Measuring 12 x 18 metres (3 x times the size of the previous building) the building provided all the comforts of home – a gear storage room that was as big as the previous Clubhouse itself could store a surf boat and everything else. In addition to storage, the members now had a kitchen, first aid room and separate men’s and ladies rooms. They were so separate that the ladies could only enter their room from the outside of the Clubhouse – there was no interconnecting doors. In a first for the members, coin operated gas hot water was available in the showers. What luxury! Electricity was yet to arrive at the Clubhouse.

The Clubhouse design was practical – solid brick and no windows. Vandalism was a problem, so skylights were installed. At night a torch or gaslight was required.

Stage 1 was designed to take a second storey in the hope that this would provide members with a view to the water. In early 1976, electricity was finally connected to the Clubhouse. This followed a payment of \$2,500 by the Shire of Flinders to the State Electricity Commission and several approvals from the State Government agencies. Members warmed to the luxury of electricity – the wonders of light at night, cooking and boiling water in a kettle. It had only taken 10 years!



THE CLUBHOUSE (CONTINUED)

Stage 2 followed in time for the start of the 1978/79 season. This extension doubled the size of the Clubhouse. Instead of a second storey, the Clubhouse was extended to the east to provide a much needed recreation and storage facilities. This stage was designed by Phillip Webb and cost \$12,300, of which \$4,000 was provided by way of another Government grant. The previous builder undertook the works.



Construction was not without its hiccups. Requirements placed on the Club included the need to spread crushed rock around the clubhouse to form a path, fill a depression and undertake landscaping in an endeavour to reduce erosion. All these works were to be undertaken in the National Park – by the lifesaving club!

The Club successfully appealed against these requirements. The Club's submission to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in March 1978 concluded as follows:

“In conclusion, I must stress we are a voluntary organisation whose sole aim is the saving of life. We are most concerned with the conservation – of human lives! The Club wishes that the Tribunal see the case on its merits, and reaches a speedy conclusion so the Club may finally commence its building. Without this building, the Club is forced to store surf boats in the open and exposed to the elements. The Club, it would appear, is caught up with bureaucracy”.

The delay in construction of some six months meant that Stage 2 was reduced in length. Inflation at the time had eroded the Club's funds.

The next Stage (Stage 3), in late 1987 saw the Club replace the roof of the Clubhouse and build in an “attic-style” bunk facility within the roof. A pitched roof was favoured over a flat roof, because it was anticipated that it would not rust to the extent of the previous flat roof. The total cost of this project was \$43,000, compared with the total cost of the previous 2 x stages of \$24,700.



This was an exciting and rewarding experience for all those involved. Under the guidance of two tradesmen, members of the Club removed the old roof, erected trusses and clad the roof. All work was completed in time to start the new patrol season.

There are a variety of acquisitions which have passed through the Clubhouse. Donations from members, household furniture, school hand downs and the like. Some of the more unusual include hospital beds, bricks from Latrobe University and timber from Station Pier.

A Clubhouse in this harsh environment would not survive without the efforts of the members who have worked diligently to maintain it as a comfortable facility.



THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Formed in October 1966, the Ladies Auxiliary was credited as the only one in surf lifesaving to commence at the same time as a Club.

The driving force behind the Auxiliary was Marjorie Hewison who served as President for eleven years during the formative years of the Club. Other members comprised mothers, wives and girlfriends. Whilst the membership changed on an annual basis, there was always a core membership of key personnel to carry on the task. Sometimes the auxiliary members were able to conscript others in their pursuit of support and funds for the Club.

The Ladies Auxiliary meetings were normally held on the same night as the Club's Committee Meetings. The Auxiliary generally met in the kitchen and the men on the committee in the lounge room of the member's residence. There was always a great supper!

The Ladies Auxiliary almost single-handedly raised all the funds for the Club, from new gear to the Clubhouse itself.

The main fund raising event was the Club's Annual Fete held in the hall of the Highett High School (now Sandringham Secondary School, Highett Campus), in Bluff Road Highett. Why here? The school was chosen because Mr. Frank Hewison was the school's caretaker and lived opposite the school.

The first Fete was held on the 12th of October 1968 and raised the sum of \$628.50. In all, the eleven Fetes raised a total of \$15,882.61. After every Fete was completed and the school cleaned, there was the traditional barbecue across the road at the Hewisons. Most members usually attended to celebrate the day's activities and the funds raised.

The Auxiliary also conducted a variety of other events over the years – barbecues, card nights, stalls at various venues and shopping centres, bingo, make-up nights, theatre evenings, raffles, trots nights at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds and social nights at the Fitzroy Football Club. (Imagine Gunnamatta made money from Fitzroy in the mid-1970's). The funds raised would vary from \$7.50 to several hundred dollars.

In addition to fund raising, the ladies were also on hand to cater for special events, such as the first surf carnival held at Gunnamatta in December 1969, the launching of a new surf boat or provide a plate for a social function.

In the fourteen years it existed, the Auxiliary raised \$32,447.91. Most of the funds were used to build the Clubhouse, and it remains a fitting memorial to the efforts of the Auxiliary.

After much discussion within the Club, the Ladies Auxiliary as it was traditionally known ceased to operate. From a membership of about 50 at its peak, the support had dropped.

At a special meeting held in November 1979 . . . *"it was unanimously decided to reform the supporting group so as to include male and female members"*.



PATROLS AND PATROL COMPETITION

The Club has always fared well in the patrol competition. Perhaps inspired by the rigours of the beach and the number of rescues completed, members have always maintained a high standard of life saving knowledge.

Various Club Captains and Chief Instructors have used different techniques to ensure members maintain their knowledge between seasons and are capable of applying the knowledge should the need arise. Internal Patrol competitions of different complexities and training sessions are the main tools used around the Club.



When the Club first commenced in 1996, the "Blue Book", the Training Manual at the time (22nd Edition, September 1964) makes mention of the Sylvester-Brosch Method of Resuscitation as being appropriate in certain circumstances. Training (and indeed rescues) centred on the six-man reel and line team. Other methods were less frequently employed.

There were some other techniques suggested along the way – rocket launchers to a patient out at sea, and two men reel and line (on the fishing principle) are but two techniques. However these failed to become part of the accepted practice.

Eventually the IRB was introduced at Gunnamatta in 1979. This became the most popular piece of rescue equipment used around Australia. Its speed and manoeuvrability in rough seas made this craft ideal for operating at Gunnamatta. (It is recorded that a motorised surf rescue boat was operating in Queensland in 1957.)

The Clubs previous experiment was a jet powered boat, from 1974, but this proved unsuccessful. Aside from technical problems, the weight of the boat made it difficult to transport to the beach and launch.

State Centre also utilised a helicopter for some years in the early 1980's.

Training for the IRB's and the increased attention paid to resuscitation has seen many changes to training requirements and awards.

Once an Australian icon, the reel and line was phased out of use on beaches in the early 1990's.

Instead of bronze training being conducted over a long period, the Club introduced the Bronze Camp concept in 1991.



PATROLS AND PATROL COMPETITION (CONTINUED)

Despite all these changes, the Club has performed extremely well in the State Patrol Competition. In 32 years (from season 1966/67 to 1997/98), the Club has won the Flinders District competition 29 times. The first two years (1966/67 and 1967/68), the Club did not win – something to do with being a new Club in its formative years! In 1978/79, the Club was disqualified from the competition – our only blemish.

In the State Competition, the Club has had nine victories (up until season 1998). Our first success was in 1977/78 followed by the disqualification. The Club won the competition three years in a row beginning in 1988/89. No doubt this would not have been possible but for the dedication of the Club Captain, Chief Instructors and other Club personnel.

In 32 years 4,172 people have been rescued at Gunnamatta. 442 people were rescued in the season 1992/93 and 339 people in the season 1993/94.

Significantly, not one person has drowned in the patrol section at Gunnamatta. This is the most significant statistic that the Club must maintain.

CARNIVAL COMPETITION

The first carnival held at Gunnamatta was on a magnificent day in December 1969 – three years after the Club was formed.

The Club at this stage was not an experienced campaigner in competition. In March 1968, members attended their first carnival at Jan Juc.

At the first Gunn carnival, it was particular uplifting for the Gunn members to hear the comments from the members of the other Clubs as they walked over the sand dune to prepare for the days competition – “it’s big!” Gunn guys had been dealing with this type of surf for three years now.

The beach was packed and a great day was had by all. The logistics of running a carnival are rigorous at the best of times. In a new Club, members and friends worked together to make it all happen.

The Clubs second carnival in March 1972 was a disaster! The weather was miserable and the seas high. Still the boat took to the water to lay the bouys at about 6.30am. Valiantly they reached their destination out the back – trouble was the boat was full of water! The bouys were laid, the boat abandoned and all made it back to shore – some took a little longer than others.

Eventually the officials transferred the carnival to Pt Leo. The same feat was waiting when the Club held its third carnival in 1978.

At about this time the Club began to compete in the March Past event. The twelve-man team became the core of a very dedicated and successful competition team. The first pennant won by the Club was in March Past at Venus Bay in January 1972.

Training regularly at Highfield Park Camberwell, the team was extremely successful over a five year period achieving the following result at the Victorian Titles:

- 1973 and 1974 Winner
- 1975 and 1976 Second
- 1977 Third



CARNIVAL COMPETITION (CONTINUED)

These early results coupled with enthusiasm resulted in an 18 member team boarding a bus and heading to Burleigh Heads in Queensland in 1973 to compete in the Club's first Australian Titles. Competing against 69 other Clubs, Gunnamatta finished a credible eighth in the Nationals and thirteenth in the Interclub competition. Team member Stafford Smith gained third place in the Junior Flags and Beach Sprint. The Club also competed in the Frisbee competition – for fun! Some of the lighter events such as the chariot race and the pillow fight were also contested. A great time was had by all!

The Club competed in the March Past at the Aussies at Glenelg (SA) in 1974 (fifth place) and Dee Why (NSW) in 1975. The Club was also competing in a range of other events also – including boats, beach and water.

Carnival competition has always been a much needed distraction from the beach. Half the fun is getting there – be it by bus or vehicle. The comradery from a carnival will carry forward to other Club activities.



SOME OF THE CLUB'S CHARACTERS, IDENTITIES AND PERSONALITIES

Gordon Dann

As the Flinders District Supervisor for SLS Victoria, Gordon took a strong interest in the Club from the beginning. A Life Member of the Torquay SLSC, Gordon became President of Gunnamatta in 1968 and served six terms. His long history in the SLS movement and strong links to State Centre brought much needed experience to the position during these formative years. Gordon was instrumental in the drive to establish the "new" clubhouse, completed in 1972. Gordon pursued every avenue of approval and funding to complete this task. Gordon laid a solid foundation of administrative function and protocol that is followed today.

Gordon was awarded Life Membership of Gunnamatta SLSC in 1973.

Bill Hayes

President for 5 years from 1974, Bill was totally committed to the Club in its early developing years. An inaugural member, Bill was enthusiastic and dedicated to all activities at Gunnamatta. As the Club became more involved in carnivals, it was Bill who accepted almost total responsibility for the operation of the beach patrols. With only four patrols, this was an important role as the Club sought to establish its name and image around the coast.

Bill was awarded Life Membership in 1979.

Marjorie Hewison

President of the Ladies Auxiliary for twelve years until 1977, Marjorie was the driving force behind the Ladies Auxiliary. This hard working band of women raised most of the funds for the construction of the Clubhouse (both Stages 1 & 2). From the Fetes held at Highett High School (Lawson Pde Highett) to cake stalls at Box Hill, Marj was a tireless worker for the Club in seeking out every possible avenue of fund raising.

During this time the Auxiliary raised in excess of \$26,500 for the Building Fund, and another \$6,000 for general Club expenses.

Alex Somerville

Alex was the Club's Secretary for five years commencing in 1970, during a period of growth and maturity for the Club. Alex utilised his administrative and organisational skills to assist the Club in many ways. As well as being an excellent secretary, Alex established and coached the successful March Past team of this era. The team became the nucleus of a competitive carnival squad for seven years. Alex arranged memorable trips to the Aussie titles in 1973 (Burleigh Heads, Q'land), 1974 (Glenelg, SA), and 1975 (Dee Why, NSW). All arrangements were perfect for the competitors who attended.

The Burleigh Heads "expedition" was particularly memorable as the team of fifteen travelled by coach.

Peter Neville

Perhaps the longest serving patrol member (up until 1998), Peter was Club Captain for five years from 1982 and President from 1987 to 1999, a position he held for 12 years. Peter has provided strong leadership during this time of growth and change in the Club. His style of leadership ensures members feel extremely comfortable in his presence, yet respond positively to his direction and initiatives. The Club's strong financial position during this time is one reflection of Peter's contribution. He was also the main instigator in introducing the Swim Classic as a fund raising initiative in 1994.

Peter was awarded Life Membership in 1986.

SOME OF THE CLUB'S CHARACTERS, IDENTITIES AND PERSONALITIES (CONTINUED)

Sandra Neville

Continuing in the trail blazed by Marj Hewison, Sandra toiled endlessly in the late 1970's and early 1980's for the Club in both fundraising and social activities. She was always looking for an edge in the fundraising area. Sandra took on the management of the Kiosk when it first opened in 1985, a laborious task during the early years of this venture.

Sandra was awarded Life Membership in 1986.

Geoff Tobias

Club Captain from 1987 to 1991 followed by six years as Vice President, Geoff is genuine to all.

Geoff used his talents to solve many problems in the Clubhouse as well as supporting many events at the Club. Geoff has been an outstanding patrol member over many years and one of the most dedicated and hardworking IRB Captains in the Club's history. Geoff became the Club's youngest Life Member in 1990, a tribute to his continuous involvement in the Club's activities as a young member.

Ray Webb

Ray is the last foundation member still actively involved in the Club's activities, having served for the full duration of the Club's history!

Ray has held many committee positions prior to serving as President from 1978 to 1986. He has also been a stalwart on patrols and enjoyed success in the competition arena in his early days, especially with the March Past.

During his term as President, Ray was responsible for the completion of the Clubhouse extension and the introduction of the Kiosk. Ray is also responsible for the creation of the Nipper Program at Gunnamatta in 1992, which has become a valuable source of new members to the Club.

Recently Ray has become again involved in the Committee by taking up the role as Vice President, but it should be noted that numerous "behind the scene" activities are undertaken by Ray at all times of the year. His parents, brothers, sister, wife and children have all been involved in the Club.

Ray was awarded Life Membership in 1982.

Harold Green

Affectionately known as the "Old man of the Sea", Harold joined the Club after his two sons, Chris & John became members. He served for many years in patrols and IRB competition. Harold was the inaugural IRB Captain in 1988 and served in this post for four years. He made a significant contribution to the use and development of the IRB at Gunnamatta. Harold was Club Captain in 1977.

Harold was awarded Life Membership in 1985.

Brendan Vaughan

Brendan has served as the Club Captain for three years from 1993, and the President from 2003 through to 2008. He has organised and participated in many social events and was responsible for running the "Trap" (Gunnamatta's own bar) for numerous years.

Still a patrolling member up until very recently, Brendan has also held various Committee positions over his period with the Club. A very capable and reliable member.

Brendan was awarded Life Membership in 1992.



SOME OF THE CLUB'S CHARACTERS, IDENTITIES AND PERSONALITIES (CONTINUED)

Celia Berridge ("Mrs. B.")

A stalwart of the Kiosk, Mrs Berridge spent eight years from season 1990/91 as the Kiosk Manager.

The previous four years she worked as a volunteer in the Kiosk. "Mrs B" became a "mother" to many members after her own son retired from the Club. She always made the effort to have the Kiosk open even if it was only to ensure the patrol members had lunch. A good friend to all, "Mrs B" never complained about the long hours she put in serving at the Kiosk. "Mrs B" retired at the end of the 1998 season.

(Obviously this is only a snippet of the great characters that have ventured through the doors of Gunnamatta. There probably would not be enough room in this small publication if we were to include all those worthy of a mention.

The likes of Larry Middleton, Richard Mitchell, Colin Addison, Geoff Alsop, John Hewison, some of the "boaties" from the early years, people of the Executive who served for years but were not Active members, the list would go on.)



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CLUB

- Club formed: 7th August 1966 (The Inaugural Meeting at the Sea Scout Hall, Rye.)
- Number of members first season: 64.
- Other Clubs that assisted in the Gunn's formation: Pt Leo and Portsea.
- First Committee:

President:	Ken Dobson	Treasurer:	John Maddern
Secretary:	Ray Gillies	Instructor:	Geoff Alsop
Club Captain:	Geoff Alsop		
- First Delegates to State Centre: J. Hewison, W. Mitchell, R. Gillies, K. Claasz.
- Clubhouse: First location situated on the primary sand dune on the beach. Current location – situated behind the primary dune.
- Competition Cap Colours: Navy Blue with two white stripes on each side.
- Ladies Auxiliary Formed: October 1966.
- First Surf Carnival attended: Jan Juc in March 1968.
- First National Surf Titles attended: Burleigh Heads (Q'land) in 1973.
- Club Newsletter "The Big Gunn" commenced in season 1967-68.
- First Surf Carnival at Gunnamatta beach: December 1969 (Complete Open Carnival).
- First Bronze Medallion Squad: S. Jensen, J. Williams, G. Sach, R. Eno, R. Wilson, G. Tracey, J. Barnett, B. Thorsen, L. Adamson.
Instructor: G. Alsop.
- First surf reel obtained in 1966.
- First Surf Boat obtained in 1967, named "BP Commando"; purchased from Portsea SLSC for the sum of \$100.
- First Fete held at the Highett High School 12th October 1968.
- Nippers Program commenced in 1992 by Ray Webb with 11 nippers in attendance. (There was a one-off "nipper's day" held January 1971).
- Woman members First Bronze Squad in 1982: J. Killey, M. Stephens, K. Hilleard.

MEMORABLE DATES & EVENTS

- November 1970: First Active Members Dinner.
- 1971: Stage 1 of the Clubhouse completed.
- 9th January 1972: First pennant win, March Past, Venus Bay Surf Carnival.
- 21st April 1973: Attended first National Titles at Burleigh Heads, Queensland.
- February 1972: Portsea/Gunnamatta Day.
- 1973: Held a fishing competition.
- 1973: Portsea/Gunnamatta Football match.
- 1974: Jet powered inshore rescue boat and "beach buggy" introduced.
- 1973: Electricity connected to the Clubhouse for the first time.
- 1976: Inaugural Golf Day.
- 1978: Clubhouse extensions completed.
- 1978: First Open Day.
- 1979: IRB's introduced at the beach.
- 1980: New Club Constitution established.
- 1982: Professional Life Guards commenced at the Gunn.



MEMORABLE DATES & EVENTS (CONTINUED)

- 1985: The Kiosk was established.
- 1987: New roof; renovations and extensions undertaken (Cost \$43,000).
- 1994: First Swim Classic held at Mt Martha.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY

Inaugural Meeting

2.15pm 7th August 1966

Held at the Sea Scouts Hall Rye

In attendance, 30 people including Flinders Shire Councillors, interested individuals, Mr Gordon Dann, Frank Hewison, Members of the Point Leo & Anglesea SLSC's and Frankston RLSC.

- Recent newspaper articles in the "Sporting Globe" and "The Sun" had lead to the need to establish a club at this dangerous location.
- Gordon Dann then took nominations from the floor to create the first club committee:
Club President – Ken Dobson
Vice Presidents – 5 Vice Presidents confirmed.
Secretary – Ray Gillies
Treasurer – John Maddern
Club Captain & Chief Instructor – Geoff Alsop
Vice Captain – John Hewison
Gear Steward – Bill Mitchell
- State Centre delegates were also nominated and it was suggested the newly formed Club follow the constitution of the State Centre until the Club formed its own constitution.

HIGHLIGHTS

- That the club colours and design of the colours (being blue & white) be accepted and that they are accepted by the State Centre.
- Club Captain tabled costs that he believed would be required to "patrol the beach" – £650, including £300 for 3 reels.
- The Club's other aim was to patrol the beach and "win the patrol efficiency competition".
- Active membership fees set at \$4.
- First set of minutes were completed and to be kept – *"that a record of the meeting held by the Committee be kept and recorded as part of the Club's history"*.

1966 – 1967 Season

President: Ken Dobson

Secretary: Ken Clausz

Club Captain: Geoff Alsop

Treasurer: Geoff Tracey

Vice Club Captain: John Hewison

- Special mention to the Shire of Flinders for the generous donation of the original club house (the "Tin Shed"), surf patrol reels and sundry items.
- Formation of the Ladies Auxiliary, in October 1966.
- Patrols commenced 3rd December 1966 and ran through until March 1967.
- Official opening of the Club occurred on 3rd January 1967 – "bright sunshine and clear blue sky".

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- Patrol shelter donated by "Chicko Rolls".
 - Special mention to Geoff Alsop and John Hewison for "their tremendous work to get the Club functioning properly".
 - Initial Dinner Dance booked for 18th August 1967 at "The Meadows Hall" for the presentation of Club trophies and SLS awards.
 - Initial building plans and costing prepared for the new Clubhouse – estimate \$21,000.
 - Total membership in Probationary, Auxiliary, Associate and Active members = 64.
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1967 – 1968 Season

President:	Guy Robertson	Treasurer:	Frank Hewison
Secretary:	John Williams	Vice Club Captain:	John Hewison
Club Captain:	Geoff Alsop		

- Marjorie Hewison elected as President of the Ladies Auxiliary.
 - Initial boat and boat crew arrives at the Club.
 - Bronze exams being held at Point Leo.
 - First publication of the "Big Gunn" – 2 publications this season.
 - No progress on new Clubhouse – lack of funds.
 - First surf carnival participation by members of the Gunn.
 - First 2 x surf skis purchased.
 - Club receives revenue from car parking – \$900.
 - First financial balance sheet presented. Receipts = expenditure at \$1936.49.
 - 19 rescues performed.
 - Initial Ladies Committee Fete planned for 12th October 1968 – the first of many!
 - Total SLSA awards gained by the Club: 7 Bronze, 3 Qualifying certificates and 3 Introduction certificates.
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1968 – 1969 Season

President:	Gordon Dann	Treasurer:	Frank Hewison
Secretary:	John Williams	Vice Club Captain:	Ross Wilson
Club Captain:	John Hewison		

- A year of consolidation.
 - A good input at Committee level.
 - Some strong disciplinary action taken against certain Club members who in turn were requested to leave the Club.
 - 19 rescues and 32 first aids.
 - District Patrol Competition winners.
 - Competition at carnivals in boats, senior "Reel & Resuscitation", Beach Sprint, Malibu and March Past.
 - Clubs first boat – named "Commando".
 - First Fete held with income to the Club of \$628.50.
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SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

1969 – 1970 Season

President: Gordon Dann

Secretary: Ian Roy

Treasurer: Frank Hewison

Club Captain: Ross Wilson

Vice Club Captain: John Williams

- Patrol Competition winners for Flinders District again – 9th overall in the State.
- Club member Bruce Thorsen elected to State Centre Board of Examiners.
- First Surf Carnival held at Gunnamatta (December 1969), including the Club members competing in the March Past in their brand new uniforms.
- Generous support from the Rosebud Hotel, the Flinders Shire and Courage Brewery.
- Roger Westh – first club member to be awarded the “John Wishart Memorial Trophy” for the best Surf Life Saver for the Season 1969-1970 (the Surf Life Saving Associations equivalent to the AFL's “Brownlow”).
- Ladies Auxiliary Fete raised \$747.81.

1970 – 1971 Season

President: Gordon Dann

Secretary: Alex Somerville

Treasurer: Frank Moore

Club Captain: Ross Wilson

Vice Club Captain: John Williams

- Commencement of the Building sub-committee to pull together the plans for the new Clubhouse – 2 storey facility to be built in 2 stages, ground floor works nearly ready to proceed.
- 53 rescues performed for the season.
- Once again winners of the Flinders District Patrol Competition – 5th overall in the State.
- An increase in Active membership across the season by 100%.
- The Club's first Nipper day held in January 1971.
- Social events held at the “Edwards Residence” in Truemans Road, Moonah – memorable events for all those who attended. This residence was also the Club's nearest telephone for numerous seasons.
- Pre-season “Active Members only” dinner held.

1971 – 1972 Season

President: Gordon Dann

Secretary: Alex Somerville

Treasurer: Frank Moore

Club Captain: John Williams

Vice Club Captain: John Field

- Clubhouse has become a reality – construction commences!
- Carnival participation in the March Past (including 1st place at the Venus Bay carnival) and Beach Sprints success at the Victorian Championships. Total of 9 carnivals attended.
- John Williams awarded the “John Wishart Memorial Trophy”.
- 34 members gained SLS Awards.
- 72 effective rescues performed across the season.
- Winners in the Flinders District Patrol Competition – 5th overall in the State.
- 2nd Carnival held at Gunnamatta, March 1972 – followed by another massive party at the Edward's Residence.
- Annual Fete raised \$1426.21.
- Geoffrey John Alsop passed away 29th June 1972 – foundation member and the initial Life Member of the Gunnamatta SLSC.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- The Club's tribute: *"The dedication shown by Geoff will remain to all, a symbol of Gunnamatta, and through his personal involvement and outlook he implanted in those who knew him, the meaningful and growing purpose of our Club".*
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1972 – 1973 Season

President:	Gordon Dann	Treasurer:	Frank Moore
Secretary:	Alex Somerville	Vice Club Captain:	Michael Lee
Club Captain:	John Williams		

- Completion of Stage 1 of the Clubhouse.
 - Another win in the Flinders District Patrol Competition.
 - Winners of the Victorian March Past competition.
 - Third placing in the Australian Championships for Stafford Smith in the "beach sprint" competition.
 - Richard Mitchell – another worthy winner of the "John Wishart Memorial Trophy" for SLS excellence.
 - 6 patrols rostered for the first time.
 - Combined New Year's Eve party with Portsea SLSC.
 - Senior Club Champion – Roger Westh.
 - Junior Club Champion – Stafford Smith.
 - 112 rescues performed, 75 with the use of "belt & line".
 - New surf boat "The Dolphin" hits the water.
 - Introduction of the new "4 x man Bronze Drill".
 - 30 Club members competed at the Portland SLSC's carnival – quite a feat considering logistics and distance.
 - Club income from the Ladies Auxiliary – \$2,500
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1973 – 1974 Season

President:	Gordon Dann	Treasurer:	Frank Moore
Secretary:	Alex Somerville	Vice Club Captain:	John Barnett
Club Captain:	John Hewison		

- Winners of the State March Past Competition.
 - Total active members 87
 - 126 rescues performed – 57 with the belt & line.
 - Club Captains words – "the year of development and experimentation in new areas".
 - March Past: State Champions and 5th place at National Titles in Glenelg, SA.
 - Membership Committee formed to interview all incoming members; judicial committee to deal with members misdemeanours.
 - Consolidated within the top 5 competition clubs within the state.
 - Stafford Smith selected to join the State Team to represent Victoria in the National Titles.
 - Board & Ski area came into its own under the guidance of Rob Heath.
 - 2 x surf boats at the Club – Joanna II & BP Swordfish.
 - Ladies Auxiliary raised total – \$3135.14.
 - Commencement of the Gunnamatta SLSC Water Polo club.
 - Very hectic season across both the patrols and the competition arena.
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SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

1974 – 1975 Season

President: Bill Hayes
Secretary: Alex Somerville **Treasurer:** Frank Moore
Club Captain: John Hewison **Vice Club Captain:** John Barnett

- Resignation of Club Secretary & Team Manager Alex Somerville.
- Stafford Smith again selected for State Team representation.
- David Allison winning both B & C grade ski events at the State Titles.
- Retirement of John Hewison as Club Captain due to work commitments and re-locating interstate.
- Solid year of patrolling and competition; another year of consolidation!
- 48 rescues for the patrol season and lowest for the past 6 seasons.
- Club competed at the National Titles in Dee Why, NSW. March Past was within the top 6 Club across the nation!
- 4 Bronze squads from Camberwell Grammar School (16 members). Noted a young Julian Feller was amongst this group.
- 4 females were presented for their "Resuscitator's Certificates".
- 3 x surf boats at the Club – Joanna II, BP Swordfish & Spirit of Endeavour; competed at numerous carnivals including National Championships.
- First interclub football match against Portsea.

1975 – 1976 Season

President: Bill Hayes
Secretary: Phil Webb **Treasurer:** Ross Wilson
Club Captain: John Barnett **Vice Club Captain:** Ray Webb

- Severe decline in the level of active membership.
- Won the Flinders District Patrol competition and placed second overall at the State level.
- Solid effort at carnival participation with a number of placings, but no first placing. Second placing at State Titles held at Point Leo.
- Introduction of the "jet powered inshore rescue craft", won through a ballot from State Centre. With hindsight, ahead of its time – very high cost on maintenance.
- Ladies Auxiliary donation to the Club's coffers – \$4,500.
- Electricity connected to the Clubhouse.
- Control of the beach reserve passed from Flinders Shire into the hands of National Parks at the commencement of the season.
- Heavy emphasis placed back on patrols.
- 75 rescues performed, 2 requiring resuscitation.

1976 – 1977 Season

President: Bill Hayes
Secretary: Phil Webb **Treasurer:** Ross Wilson
Club Captain: Harold Green **Vice Club Captain:** John Field

- Low level of Club membership hinders the Club's development.
- Planning underway for Stage 2 of the Clubhouse.
- Charity Golf day raises \$750.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- Southern Peninsula Rescue Service loaned GSLSC a “beach buggy” – proved invaluable.
 - Again won Flinders District Patrol competition.
 - Commencement of the “Geoff Alsop” Club swim throughout this season.
 - Minimal success in the carnival competition area, mainly driven by the lack of numbers across the Club.
 - Appeal registered with Shire of Flinders against unreasonable conditions issued by the Council on GSLSC regarding Stage 2 building extensions. Satisfactory resolution achieved.
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1977 – 1978 Season

President: Bill Hayes
Secretary: Ray Webb
Club Captain: Phil Webb
Treasurer: Roy Webb
Vice Club Captain: David Allison

- Club's success in winning both the Flinders District and State Patrol competition. Not a single loss of points across all patrol checks.
 - Club's nominated Surf carnival was transferred to Point Leo, due to very heavy seas at The Gunn.
 - Gunnamatta Open Day held in January 1978.
 - Anticipate completion of Clubhouse extensions in August 1978 at a cost of \$32,000, with Club debt only at \$1,500.
 - Clubhouse broken into with gear loss and the building suffering senseless vandalism.
 - Heavy concentration on patrol output, minimal carnival participation.
 - Successful New Year's Eve Party held at The Gunn.
 - Ladies Auxiliary donated \$3,854.61, still ably lead by Mrs Mary Hewison.
 - Total contributions from Auxiliary to date – in excess of \$26,500.
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1978 – 1979 Season

President: Bill Hayes / Ray Webb
Secretary: Ray Webb / Michael Bissett
Club Captain: Phil Webb
Treasurer: Roy Webb
Vice Club Captain: Blair Ussher

- Club President Bill Hayes resigned early in the year due to business transfer to Adelaide. Ray Webb stepped in as President. Michael Bissett replaced Ray Webb as Secretary.
 - 107 rescues performed – 50 across the long weekend in January.
 - Club obtained its first “Inflatable Rescue Boat” (the IRB) from the National Council of SLSA.
 - Disqualified from the State Patrol Competition!
 - Active members hovers at 25.
 - Some very deep soul searching needed at the conclusion of the year for the growth of the Club.
 - Stage 2 of the clubhouse opened during the season.
 - A “paddle-thon” board & ski fundraising event was held with the general public, raising in excess of \$900.
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SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

1979 – 1980 Season

President:	Ray Webb		
Secretary:	Michelle Riseley	Treasurer:	Roy Webb
Club Captain:	Michael Bissett	Vice Club Captain:	Julian Feller

- Back on board and winning the District Patrol competition.
- Introduction of the IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) to Club patrolling duties greatly enhances the patrol efficiency.
- The Ladies Auxiliary folds after a huge and successful contribution to the Club over a considerable number of years.
- Introduction of the Club's new constitution.
- Represented again at the Victorian State Surf Championships with 20 participants.
- Success with outside sponsorship, especially Rosebud Hotel amongst others.
- Integration of females as active members for the first time.
- Successful recruitment drive across the season, with 45 active members at the season's closure.

1980 – 1981 Season

President:	Ray Webb		
Secretary:	David Birch	Treasurer:	Phil Webb
Club Captain:	Julian Feller	Vice Club Captain:	John Field

- Julian Feller (Club Captain) awarded the "John Wishart Memorial Medal" for his services to Surf Life Saving. 4th member of the Gunnamatta SLSC to receive this award in the Club's short existence of 15 years.
- Flinders District patrol winners again – 3rd overall across the State. (Equal 2nd prior to a count back!)
- 169 rescues performed across the season.
- Club Sponsorship achieved through the OST Friendly Society, applicable over the next 2 seasons.
- Second IRB introduced to the Club, ably supported with funds from Bakers Rosebud Hotel.
- Solid concentration on patrol duties at the detriment of carnival participation.
- 3 active female members joined the ranks this season, as patrolling members.
- Professional Life Guards to be introduced at Gunnamatta beach.

1981 – 1982 Season

President:	Ray Webb		
Secretary:	David Stephens / Melanie Stephens	Treasurer:	Phil Webb
Club Captain:	Julian Feller	Vice Club Captain:	Larry Middleton

- First year of OST Friendly Society sponsorship – \$5,300 received.
- Again winners of the District Patrol competition, but no State competitions held this season.
- Professional Life Guards established at Gunnamatta for the first time – 4 active Gunnamatta members participating.
- Participation increased at Carnival level including a 2nd placement in ski activities by Marc Lionnet.
- All round successful season with high standards in patrolling, good numbers back competing at carnivals and lessons learnt from the professional lifeguards.
- Greater utilisation of the IRB across rescues and a greater number of trained operators to increase the use of this valuable resource.
- Large enhancement to the Clubhouse and surrounds with new kitchen, IRB security area established, bbq area & trees planted.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- First time that the full Club awards were published in the Annual Report.
 - 235 rescues performed.
 - Club presently has 6 Life Members; Geoff Alsop (*deceased), Gordon Dann, Bill Hayes, Frank Hewison, John Hewison and Frank Moore.
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1982 – 1983 Season

President:	Ray Webb	Treasurer:	Mark Stephens
Secretary:	Melanie Stephens	Vice Club Captain:	Larry Middleton
Club Captain:	Peter Neville		

- Club seminar held November 1982 as a planning session for the Club's future and direction.
 - District winners again! 14th time in 17 seasons, 3rd overall in the State.
 - Strong year with publicity and several major donations, including \$2,000 from the "All Saints Opportunity Shop" Rosebud. (The "All Saints" are still donating valuable funds.)
 - Financial support continues from the OST Friendly Society.
 - Plans commenced to evolve regarding an additional extension to the Clubhouse.
 - Involvement within the Club's administration team by members who have come up through the "junior" ranks, i.e Geoff Tobias running the IRB's.
 - Professional Lifeguards continued through the January season.
 - Carnival participation mainly involved around the board & ski sections.
 - Club social arena really taking off with a social function being held in each month of the active season.
 - Very successful result from the "fund raising committee", putting in excess of \$9,000 into the Club account.
 - 73 rescues performed, including 35 with IRB. Total of 1,611 people rescued across 17 seasons.
 - Three additional life memberships awarded; John Barnett, Ray Webb & Phil Webb
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1983 – 1984 Season

President:	Ray Webb	Treasurer:	Mark Stephens
Secretary:	Julian Feller	Vice Club Captain:	Larry Middleton
Club Captain:	Peter Neville		

- Finally winners of the State Patrol Competition.
 - Major sponsors this year also included the Zonta Club of Frankston, generously donating \$8,000.
 - Tender registered with Victorian National Parks to obtain a permit to sell refreshments at the beach. Heralds the beginning of fund raising with the introduction of the Club's "Kiosk".
 - "Incorporation" of the Club undertaken this season.
 - Total of 71 Life Saving awards were gained by members of Gunnamatta SLSC this season.
 - Introduction of 5 patrols across the season.
 - Five Club members participated in the Professional Life Guard season throughout January.
 - Club Seminar held again in '84 to put plans together for the forthcoming seasons.
 - First Gunnamatta member to achieve "Helicopters Crewman Certificate", awarded to Mark Stephens.
 - Gunnamatta's final year of association with the OST Friendly Society, who kindly donated \$2,000 during this lifesaving season.
 - 81 rescues performed.
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SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- Ray Webb stepped down as President after 9 years in the Chair, to be followed by Peter Neville as incoming President after 5 successful years as the Club Captain.
- Kiosk continues to provide vital financial support to the Club.
- 56 SLS awards achieved throughout the season, including 18 Bronze medallions.
- Professional Lifeguards continued throughout January.
- Surf Carnival returns to Gunnamatta, but overall participation at carnivals by Gunn members was minimal.
- Introduction of the first fibreglass hulled IRB, distinct from the original "inflated keel" model.
- Introduction also of the "TRAP" to the Clubhouse.
- Passing of the Club's early President, Gordon Dann in January 1987.

1987 – 1988 Season

President:	Peter Neville	Treasurer:	Roy Webb
Secretary:	Ian Jackson	Vice Club Captain:	Andrew Lewis
Club Captain:	Geoff Tobias		

- Re-building of the Clubhouse Kiosk following break-in and fire at the end of the 86/87 season. Completed with great success and debt free!
- District Patrol winners, 4th overall across the State.
- Kiosk's operation provided \$19,000 support to the Club.
- Successful year from the Club management perspective.
- Recruitment seen as a big priority over the next few seasons.
- Only 4 Bronze Medallions achieved for the season.
- Several other major alterations to the Clubhouse in the "off-season" – new roof, female bunkroom, larger kiosk, new security system, new doors and security bars to windows, etc.
- Net profit from the Kiosk's 87/88 operation = \$19,200. Mrs "B" appointed as the Kiosk's Manager!
- Clubhouse value now insured for \$270,000.

1988 – 1989 Season

President:	Peter Neville	Treasurer:	Roy Webb
Secretary:	Ian Jackson	Vice Club Captain:	Darren Dean
Club Captain:	Geoff Tobias		

- Winners of the State Patrol Competition – perfect score, no loss of points!
- 65 Life Saving awards achieved, including fifteen Bronze Medallions which is up by 4 on the previous year.
- Membership recruiting greatly improved with the solid increase in Life Saving awards.
- Focus away from Clubhouse rebuilding to "membership" rebuilding.
- Resurgence of interest in Carnival competitions, especially the boats.
- Kiosk contributed \$21,000 to the club's coffers.
- Tremendous turn around in recruiting, training and patrol knowledge. Solid effort by the Club Captain (Geoff Tobias) and Chief Instructor (Colin Addison).
- Professional Life Guards on duty over January.
- Over the journey since the IRB's were first introduced – initial purchase price in season 78/79 \$2,600, season 88/89 price \$7,300.



SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

1989 – 1990 Season

President: Peter Neville
Secretary: Ian Jackson
Club Captain: Geoff Tobias
Treasurer: Roy Webb
Vice Club Captain: Colin Addison

- Gunnamatta hosted their first IRB carnival.
- Winners again of State & District patrol competition. Perfect score again!
- Once again the pattern of declining active membership is apparent, an ongoing issue.
- Completion of the "upstairs" bunkrooms for additional accommodation.
- Kiosk contribution to the Club – \$22,500.
- Passing of 3 Gunnamatta members during this season; Bill Hayes – Life Member / Past President, Alex Somerville – Past Club Secretary / March Past Coach, Ross Middleton – current Member / Club's Board & Ski Captain
- Special mention to the tremendous effort that Bill Hayes put into Gunnamatta, especially during the formative years. *"He was an extraordinary individual whose enthusiasm for life and relationships was unique. Vale Bill Hayes"*.
- Professional Life Guards continued throughout January.
- Minimal attendance at Carnivals.
- Large emphasis on internal Club training, leading to a high skill level when it comes to both internal and external patrol checks.

1990 – 1991 Season

President: Peter Neville
Secretary: Ian Jackson
Club Captain: Geoff Tobias
Treasurer: Roy Webb
Vice Club Captain: Colin Addison

- State Winners of the Patrol Competition.
- Influx of new members towards the end of the Patrol season – *"the most promising single large group of new members to join the Club"*.
- The Club celebrates its 25th year!
- Kiosk revenue slightly down – \$17,500.
- Geoff Tobias awarded Life Membership.
- Continued concentration on Life Saving skills and knowledge to maintain the very high standard required in patrolling this treacherous beach.
- Active membership now sits at over 50.
- Professional Lifeguards continue across January.
- Once again, minimal Carnival participation undertaken.
- Geoff Tobias stood down as Club Captain after 4 years in the role.
- 15 new Bronze members, along with numerous other Life Saving awards achieved during the season (total of 30).
- Emphasis to put the fun back into the Life Saving and pull back on the Patrol proficiency.
- Total of 146 rescues performed, 91 with IRB.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

1991 – 1992 Season

President: Peter Neville

Secretary: Ian Jackson

Club Captain: Colin Addison

Treasurer: Roy Webb

Vice Club Captain: Brendan Vaughan

- Influx of new members across the season (the first ever Gunnamatta "bronze camp" was held).
- Second in the State Patrol Competition and District winners.
- 92 SLS awards achieved by the Club including 19 bronze medallions.
- Colin Addison's success in being awarded the Club's 5th "John Wishart Memorial Trophy" medal winner.
- High representation across surf carnivals – probably the largest contingent for 10 years!
- Kiosk returned \$16,500 to the Club's finances.
- All round a very positive and successful season.
- Continual support from Club members in not only being "up-to-speed" for patrol duties but also attending to their roster duties at the Kiosk.
- The Club's driving aims the '91/'92 season were to:
 - Increase membership.
 - Strengthen patrols.
 - Put enjoyment back into patrols.
- Active membership well over 50.

1992 – 1993 Season

President: Peter Neville

Secretary: Ian Jackson

Club Captain: Colin Addison

Treasurer: Roy Webb

Vice Club Captain: Brendan Vaughan

- 7 Patrols operated throughout the season.
- Second Bronze Camp; active membership continues to grow.
- 116 SLS awards achieved by the Club including 23 Bronze medallions.
- Second in the State Patrol Competition.
- Club again attended a record number of Carnivals – the "Gunn" name is back out there!
- Commencement of the "Gunnamatta Nippers" programme under the watchful eye of Club stalwart Ray Webb.
- Kiosk income into the Club's coffers – \$19,500.
- Hugely successful year at all levels.
- Large range of social events filled out the Club's Social calendar.
- Upgrade to the "Trap" to assist in the smoother running of the Club's social functions.
- Gold medal in the State Titles in First Aid Competition awarded to Colin Addison and Darren Wallace.
- Surf Carnival held at Gunnamatta late February 1993 with a huge swell – many damaged pieces of equipment as a result!

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- The Gunnamatta "Swim Classic" – although run for a few years – made a worthy contribution to the financial coffers along with another solid year of income from the Kiosk.
- Results from the Nipper Programme saw the sons of 2 Life Members gain their Bronze Medallions – a first for the Club. Matthew Webb (son of Ray) and John Allison (son of David).
- Total of 54 lifesaving awards achieved across the season, including 10 bronze medallions.
- The Club Championships and the "Alsop" swim continues to play an important part with the internal "competitiveness" of the members.
- Three Carnival competitors headed to Kurrawa (Queensland) to compete in the Australian Surf Life Championships.
- Social activities and functions continued throughout the season including a New Year's Eve "Frog & Grog" night.
- Nippers group continues to grow and the ever reliable Kiosk is in the background supporting the overall Club financials.

1996 – 1997 Season

President:	Peter Neville	Treasurer:	Roy Webb
Secretary:	Ian Jackson	Vice Club Captain:	Stephen Chalmers
Club Captain:	Patrick Murphy		

- Once again – successful winners of the State Patrol Competition. Consistency in this arena is a strong backbone to the Club's overall performance.
- Carnival competition continued to grow including success with the IRB's resulting in medal performances at the State Titles.
- Kiosk's income continues to remain the primary source of the Club's income, although only \$11,500, well down from the record year of season '88/'89 – \$22,500.
- Celebrations were undertaken with the 30th Anniversary function held during the season.
- Club Secretary Ian Jackson retired from this position after 12 seasons in the role.
- During the season the Club did again struggle with recruitment. There was no "Bronze Camp" held but were able to put through squads of Bronze Medallion awardees during January.
- Return to the Club of a guy who had left several seasons previously – Julian Feller – who regained his qualifications to join the ranks of patrolman.
- The Nippers Programme – another successful season.
- 212 rescues performed – 134 with the IRB.
- A total of 3,898 people have been rescued at Gunnamatta in 30 years.

1997 – 1998 Season

President:	Peter Neville	Treasurer:	Roy Webb
Secretary:	Donna Wallace	Vice Club Captain:	Stephen Chalmers
Club Captain:	Patrick Murphy		

- The Club experienced one of the eventful seasons in the Club's history commencing with the tragic drowning of 4 people that occurred at the "first carpark" beach during the Life Guards rein in January. This incident lead to various submissions to Government and saw a solid improvement to the infrastructure at Gunnamatta to improve access and communications.
- Resurrection of the "Bronze Camp" in January with 22 participants.
- The Nipper Programme continued to expand under new leadership.
- Successful carnival competition continues in a number of arenas including IRB.





SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- Success with a new venue – a Frankston “street collection” which raised \$10,000.
 - Retirement of the Kiosk Manager – Mrs. Berridge (Mrs. B) after numerous years in the role. A fantastic effort that has supported the Club's coffers and enables the Club to achieve in all areas of its operation.
 - Donna Wallace and Mary Travis became the first female Patrol Captains in the Club's history.
 - Overall a very solid and successful year.
 - Kiosk returns were well down on previous years – put down to the season's poor weather and the tragic event that occurred in January.
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1998 – 1999 Season

President:	Peter Neville	Treasurer:	Roy Webb
Secretary:	Donna Watt	Vice Club Captain:	Stephen Chalmers
Club Captain:	Patrick Murphy		

- Second placing in the State Patrol Competition.
 - Very successful carnival season with results at both the State and the National Titles across numerous events including the IRB, surf swim, surf teams, iron man, board rescue and beach relay.
 - Gunnamatta “Swim Classic” transferred to the Rye beach and proved a successful measure.
 - Tragedy struck the Club with the death of the Club's junior member Peter Webb who was collecting monies for the Club at the street collection when hit by a passing vehicle. Peter was the son of the Club stalwart – Ray Webb and his wife Brenda – a name synonymous with Gunnamatta.
 - Clubhouse alterations underway during the season – the eastern extension and the outdoor balcony.
 - Retirement at the end of the season for Roy Webb who had been the Club's Treasurer for a total of 18 years across 2 stints at the task. A tremendous effort for a non-active member.
 - Continuation of the Bronze Camp (9 new members) and the Nipper Squad.
 - A lean year for the Kiosk – nett profit down to only \$3,900.
 - A number of senior resignations from the Committee at the end of the season heralds for an interesting year ahead – the President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Club Captain. This is the nucleus of the Administration.
 - Total 58 SLS awards achieved – including Peter Webb obtaining his Bronze medallion.
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1999 – 2000 Season

President:	Colin Addison	Treasurer:	Larry Middleton
Secretary:	Donna Watt	Vice Club Captain:	Joe Watt
Club Captain:	Stephen Chalmers		

- Third placing in the State Patrol Competition.
- Building additions still underway at the commencement of the season caused inconvenience with the “Bronze Camp” and Club planning but a successful season held non-the-less!
- High level of competition at both State and National carnival level.
- Kiosk undertook a resurgence under a new Manager.
- Successful running of the Administration with the new incumbents taking up their roles.
- First season to have access to the 4x4 bike for transporting Patrol equipment across to the beach.
- Nippers, the Kiosk and the Rye “Pier to Pole” Swim Classic all continued to function well during the season.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- "The Big Gunn" newsletter is still seen as the best method of getting the Club's message out there. The format has changed over the years but the fundamentals remain.
- Kiosk profits back up to just under \$10,000.
- 7 patrols on the beach with a total of 85 active members.

2000 – 2001 Season

President: Colin Addison

Secretary: Greg Goulet

Club Captain: Joe Watt

Treasurer: Larry Middleton

Vice Club Captain: Darren Sutton

- Turn over again in the Senior Executive Committee positions made for a number of challenges for the team.
- The challenge for a "safe swimming environment for the general public" is never lost as the overall commitment for the Club.
- Fifth placing in the State's Patrol Competition.
- Joe Watt awarded the Club's Sixth "John Wishart Memorial Award" for excellence in Surf Life Saving.
- The "Pier to Pole" Swim classic continues to run at a profit, as does the Kiosk – both solid reliable income streams for the Club.
- 15 Bronze medallions awarded throughout the season. Recruitment and the usual "turn-over" of members continues to be a source of concern.
- Another successful "Bronze Camp" was undertaken.
- Carnival participation was evident but certainly not as prominent as recent years mainly as a result of retirement of the Team Leaders from previous seasons.
- The Nippers Programme continues to grow with 25 Nippers undertaking the programme this season.
- 8 patrols across the season.
- 105 rescues preformed (including 53 with the IRB).

2001 – 2002 Season

President: Colin Addison

Secretary: Greg Goulet

Club Captain: Joe Watt

Treasurer: Larry Middleton

Vice Club Captain: Richard Browning

- Another solid consistent year for Gunnamatta.
- Placed 5th in the State Patrol Competition.
- Carnival participation continued although at a reduced level.
- "Pier-to-Pole" Classic Swim continues at Rye with a strong return for the Club's coffers.
- Kiosk continues to function and maintains its role as the number 1 income earner for the Club.
- Melbourne Water has been a generous sponsor for the Club over the past 5 years – donating just short of \$25,000 during this period.
- Bronze Camp continues to bring new members to the Club.
- The introduction of the Trigger Bros "webcam" situated on the Clubhouse roof.
- The Club's Executive is looking closely at re-visiting the Club's Constitution.
- Discussions at "high level" of the possibility of combining "Surf Life Saving" and "Royal Life Saving" into a single entity – Life Saving Victoria!
- 46 rescues performed across the season.



SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

2002 – 2003 Season

President: Colin Addison
Secretary: Greg Goulet
Club Captain: Joe Watt
Treasurer: Larry Middleton
Vice Club Captain: Donna Watt

- Second in the State Patrol Competition.
- Another solid year across all areas of the Club – 80 active members (20% female).
- "Pier-to-Pole" Swim Classic continues although the number of participants is down on previous years.
- Poor summer weather hampered the returns from the Kiosk – but never-the-less provided solid income for the Club.
- Visit by the local Federal Member Mr. Greg Hunt which assisted the Club with some valuable publicity.
- After several years of major telephone issues Telstra re-laid their main line along Truemans Road – greatly assisting the Club's communications out into the "real world".
- 82 rescues performed (with 1651 preventative actions recorded).
- Equipment expenditure for the year was high – examples a new IRB (\$9,340), changeover 4WD motor bike (\$3,690), equipment replacement (\$3,500) etc.
- The Club experienced a Nett Operating Loss of \$6,500.
- Retirement of the President and the Treasurer again places the stability of the Club at the fore.

2003 – 2004 Season

President: Brendan Vaughan
Secretary: Greg Goulet
Club Captain: Joe Watt
Treasurer: Patrick Murphy
Vice Club Captain: Donna Watt

- Second placing in the State Patrol Competition.
- Quite a challenging season on the beach with changing beach conditions requiring patrols to move up and down the beach to avail the safest conditions.
- Amalgamation of Surf Life Saving and Royal Life Saving forming "Life Saving Victoria" – a total of 58 Clubs across the State.
- Good success with the Club's "Bronze Camp" which boosted the Club's numbers. (8 Bronze medallions).
- Record numbers in the Nippers Programme which augers well for the Club numbers moving forward.
- Club received a visit from the State Governor – Mr. John Landy.
- The "Pier-to-Pole" Swim Classic was cancelled at the last minute – a huge disappointment after all the pre-planning and organising. Damn inclement weather!
- Once again a large turnover of the Committee leaders which puts a strain on the remaining. Those that resigned their positions included Club Captain, Vice Club Captain and the Chief Instructor.
- Total 64 rescues performed across the season.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

2004 – 2005 Season

President:	Brendan Vaughan	Treasurer:	Patrick Murphy
Secretary:	Greg Goulet	Vice Club Captain:	Andrew Sutherland
Club Captain:	James Scott		

- Overall seen as a season of mixed results – a year of consolidation and progress whilst some missed opportunities regarding recruitment.
- Placed 7th in the State Patrol Competition – well down on our recent higher level achieved for a number of years.
- Several successful financial grants obtained through Life Saving Victoria – paid for part of the new Clubhouse roof and a new quad bike. (Value of the grants obtained – \$16,396).
- “Pier-to-Pole” swim Classic again undertaken with a change to the swim course – overall a successful day.
- The Club tried a major raffle as an alternate fund raiser – the “Beer Raffle” – quite a successful financial earner!
- The Kiosk was “out sourced” for the first time.
- Good season with the Nippers – which is ever evolving.
- Pt. Leo was the District Patrol Competition winners – a solid reminder to lift our game on the knowledge side of Surf Life Saving.
- There was no senior representation at any surf carnival throughout the season.
- Initial year for the Club's Registrar whose primary role is membership records, collection of member's subscriptions and dealing with new members queries.
- 71 active members for the season.
- Kiosk income – down to \$3,000.

2005 – 2006 Season

President:	Brendan Vaughan	Treasurer:	Patrick Murphy
Secretary:	Greg Goulet	Vice Club Captain:	Daniel Jackson
Club Captain:	Andrew Sutherland		

- Some of the best weather conditions experienced on the beach for a very long time.
- Some major sponsors sought and success achieved through the Rye & District Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank) and the Rye Hotel. (\$7,500 each).
- The “Rye Pier Swim Classic” was held again but participants were well down – viability of the event is now being questioned!
- Recruitment and retaining of the members is seen as the Club's primary function, alongside the necessary fund raising aspect.
- Another successful “Nippers Programme” across the season.
- Six Patrols run for the season.
- 194 rescues performed across the season.
- Club Raffle was run with profits received of \$5,900.
- New Social activities group started – the “Gunn Club” – in preparation for a number of social events to be held throughout the season.
- Major sponsorship was also received this season from one of our Club's founding members – John Hewison.
- Plans in place to commemorate the Club's 40th year.



SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

2006 – 2007 Season

President:	Brendan Vaughan		
Secretary:	Mary Bond & Greg Goulet	Treasurer:	Patrick Murphy
Club Captain:	Greg Goulet	Vice Club Captain:	Richard Cozzio

- 2007 – The International “Year of the Surf Life Saver”.
- Gunnamatta club members act as “movie stars” with the filming of the Channel 7 TV series (*Surf Patrol*) which incorporates “surf action” from several Surf Life Saving Clubs across Australia.
- Melbourne Water continue to sponsor the Club's new IRB and motor – to the tune of \$15,000; Rye Hotel and the Rye & District Community Bank Branch, Bendigo Bank – also solid contributors.
- The retirement of the Club's “Swim Classic” and the Kiosk occurred during this season.
- 40th Anniversary celebrations held in Glen Waverley October 2006 – a well attended function with plenty of great stories from previous years.
- A new venture was established with Padua College in an effort to draw forth new members – early days at this point in time.
- Ted Baillieu visited the Club to inspect works on the upgraded beach access track undertaken by Parks Victoria.
- Bronze Camp continued with a total of 18 Bronze medallions gained.
- Nipper programme also continued with 49 participants this season.
- No senior carnival participation and the Club Championships were cancelled twice – due to lack of attendance.
- Six active patrols across the season with a total of 74 rescues.

2007 – 2008 Season

President:	Brendan Vaughan		
Secretary:	Mary Bond	Treasurer:	Patrick Murphy
Club Captain:	Greg Goulet	Vice Club Captain:	Rick Cozzio

- Introduction of the new Yamaha ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) to pull the new patrol trailer/shelter. A marvellous asset for the patrol duties.
- Kiosk ceased to operate, along with the Club raffle that had been running for the previous few years. The closing of the Kiosk ended another major era of the Club's journey having supported the finances of the Club for twenty-two years. (Commenced in the season of 85/86.)
- Fund raising – a huge priority!
- Nippers programme continues to grow with an influx of ex-nippers heading into regular patrol members. (This season saw 64 young “nippers” involved in the programme).
- This season also saw the return to the Club of a valuable member after a 20 year absence – Bruce Roberton.
- Exposure to the Channel 7 “Surf Patrol” TV series continues.
- First season where there was a defibrillator provided at the Club.
- Carnival participation was non-existent throughout the season.
- The Club Championships were also absent from the season's calendar.
- Clubhouse upgrades including new plumbing pipework and external rendering – all undertaken with “in-house” labour.
- General comments coming from the senior Club members – “*all up an enjoyable season!*”

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

2008 – 2009 Season

President: Greg Goulet

Secretary: Donna Watt

Club Captain: Tim Cox

Treasurer: Patrick Murphy

Vice Club Captain: John Adams

- Concentration throughout the season on recruitment rather than financial returns – a successful Bronze camp was held with 17 participants.
- The Nipper Programme continues to grow.
- Club Championships returned with vengeance; planned Open Day in January went ahead but was let down by the weather.
- The Club's website took on a new progressive format.
- Increased training planned for patrol members – new area of training on “spinal injury” also scheduled.
- This season saw the return to 6 patrols down from 7 of the previous years.
- Involvement with Padua College continued through this season with training days in both November & January. A valuable income source.
- Increased pressure on each patrol member with the new requirement for each member to hold a Certificate 2 in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue).
- A total of 36 new SLS awards were obtained throughout the season.
- A total of 22 life members now acknowledged.
- Nil participation at surf carnivals across the season.

2009 – 2010 Season

President: Greg Goulet

Secretary: Donna Watt

Club Captain: Tim Cox

Treasurer: Patrick Murphy

Vice Club Captain: John Adams

- Introduction of the Surf Life Saving requirement for all members to obtain “Working with Children Checks” – another pressure landed onto the volunteer.
- Resignation early in the season of the Chief Instructor caused the cancellation of the Bronze Camp – but requalifications proceeded.
- Nipper programme continued to grow with 71 participants; Open day was cancelled due to inclement weather; Padua College participation continued.
- Recruitment seen as the main drive across the season.
- Grants continue to finance some of the important and major Life Saving aids – such as IRB motors.
- The passing of 2 exemplary Club members saddened the year. Mrs Marjorie Hewison (the original President of the Ladies Auxiliary) and Mary Bond (Club Secretary, Life Member and active member) had in their own way contributed many years of service. Their dedication and love for the “Gunn” certainly helped make the Club what it is today.
- Patrols reduced from 6 to 5 for this season. A depletion of members in the 18+ age group raised concern with the Club leaders.
- 39 new SLS awards were achieved.
- 69 effective rescues were performed across the season.
- New patrol uniforms introduced.



SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

2010 – 2011 Season

President: Greg Goulet

Secretary: Donna Watt

Club Captain: Tim Cox

Treasurer: Patrick Murphy

Vice Club Captain: John Adams

- The longest ever patrol season for Victorian clubs – a total of 22 weeks.
- Executive Committee members stable for a few seasons bringing stability across the Club's activities.
- Conversion of the old Kiosk room into a new Communications and First Aid areas.
- Gunnamatta colours were seen this season at carnivals even participating in the "Aussie Titles" at Kurrawa Beach (Q'land) – where the Club made a final in a restricted surf race and flipped an "IRB duck on National TV!"
- The Club only saw a slight increase in patrolling numbers from the previous season – up from 59 to 62 members.
- Succession planning starting to become evident and the need for training the members to take on the senior Club roles was paramount.
- Return to "free" parking in the carpark saw an increase in the beachgoers – especially over the January weekend 29th/30th – in excess of 65 rescues performed over this weekend alone!
- LSV introduced an additional qualification on the patrol members – that being the Advanced Resuscitation Technique Certificate – which required additional training pre-season.
- Probably another first for the Club – nippers parents joining the ranks of the active patrolling group.
- Major donations granted to the Club by members John Hewison and Julian Feller.

2011 – 2012 Season

President: Greg Goulet

Secretary: Donna Watt

Club Captain: Tim Cox

Treasurer: Patrick Murphy

Vice Club Captain: Larry Middleton

- Further renovations undertaken to the Clubhouse with the conversion of a bunk room to a training room.
- Total of 174 rescues performed across the season.
- 75 patrolling members at the start of the season seeing a sizeable increase from previous years.
- Carnival participation dropped off this season but the Club was keen to provide the necessary funds to purchase competition equipment so the pursuits of the competition participants were fully supported.
- Success with 9 out of 11 grant applications bought valuable funds into the Club.
- New ATV introduced to the Club – partly funded by the State Government.
- Patrol efficiency remains a very high priority with the loss of only 6 points out of a possible 2,000 across all patrol checks undertaken by LSV.
- Total of 74 rescues performed across the season.
- Club Championships held with great participation and some fierce competition.
- The Nipper programme continues and is introducing a good number of members throughout the patrolling ranks.
- First time for numerous years where the Club traded at a loss (\$22,000), due to numerous activities carried across from the previous year, mainly associated with the Clubhouse renovations.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

2012 – 2013 Season

President:	Greg Goulet		
Secretary:	Larry Middleton	Treasurer:	Donna Watt
Club Captain:	Patrick Murphy	Vice Club Captain:	John Adams

- This season was generally seen as one of consolidation, even though there was some minor changes at the Executive Committee member positions.
- Success in the District Patrol Competition, although very minimal representation at carnival participation.
- The Bronze Camp and the Nipper programme (with 73 participants) continued to run with great success.
- Strong effort across the season put on succession with the development of future leaders being introduced to the SLSA leadership courses.
- Beach conditions proved difficult to manage with the shifting of large volumes of sand from the shore to the water. The access track was completely demolished prior to the start of the season. Parks Victoria had it re-established just prior to the start of the patrolling season!
- Overall financial grants totalled \$32,000 for the Club's coffers.
- A Clubhouse Building Review/Report was conducted by LSV across all Clubs, identified the need for upgrades at the Gunn to certain areas – more expense to be outlaid!
- A system of composite patrols was trialled through January 2013 – feedback – Club members very positive to the concept.
- Gunnamatta waters proved too much for the soft "G" style rescue boards – not suitable; definite design improvements needed if they are to be used at the "Gunn".
- The "Alsop" Swim – in memory of the Club's first Club Captain – was strongly contested this season.

2013 – 2014 Season

President:	Greg Goulet		
Secretary:	Larry Middleton	Treasurer:	Donna Watt
Club Captain:	Patrick Murphy	Vice Club Captain:	John Adams

- Interesting fact for the season – only 25 rescues performed – the preventative actions undertaken "nearly put the Club out of business"!
- 30 participants undertook the Bronze Camp. A growth was also seen in the overall Club membership from 180 to 198 across the season.
- The Clubhouse is starting to need some major refurbishment works with the 2 x storey southern wall requiring replacement!
- The beach access track was fully removed by "nature" over the off-season for the second time in a row. The track was re-instated at the start of the season but nearly completely removed by the end of the season.
- The Nipper programme reached 80 participants – a wonderful growth story from the humble beginnings many years previously. The organisers plan to keep the numbers at this level with very keen interest being shown each season.
- Club Executive undertook a "planning day" to set up targets for the next few years of operation.
- Total of 4,766 patrol hours performed across the season.
- Major sponsorship received during the season by one of the original Club members and Life Member John Hewison, who has sponsored the Club at various levels for a number of seasons. This time round John sponsored a new IRB, motor and trailer to the tune of \$18,000.

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORTS OVER THE JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

- Financial grants (excluding sponsorships) totalled \$30,000 across the season – a very important source of revenue.
- Five patrols undertook the beach load across the season – with considerable numbers per patrol. (Between 18 to 20 members per patrol).

2014 – 2015 Season

President: Greg Goulet

Secretary: Larry Middleton

Club Captain: Patrick Murphy

Treasurer: Donna Watt

Vice Club Captain: Jess Silvester

- Major building works undertaken with the complete replacement of the 2 storey southern wall. Works finished just in time for the commencement of the patrolling season. Partial financial support was obtained from the State Government – but still had a major impact on the Club's coffers.
- The inability to utilise the Clubhouse pre-season created its own problems with Gear Inspections, Club Working Bees, etc but all were undertaken just the same and successfully as well.
- A total of 85 new SLS awards were achieved by the Club across this season – a tremendous effort by the Club's Chief Instructor and her team!
- Club membership across all categories – now close to 240.
- Looking ahead – the financial support in any shape or form is very critical for the Club's future.
- The beach access track again proved a real concern at the start of the season, with Parks Victoria undertaking major works to ensure access for patrolling activities.
- 56 rescues performed (with approximately 3,500 preventative actions undertaken).



MEMORIES . . .

My time at Gunnamatta . . . John Hewison

I was a founding member and Vice-Captain in our first season 1966-67. I was Club Captain from 1967-1969 and again from 1973-1975.

The beginning

My time at Gunnamatta started in the summer of 1965 when I was a member of the Point Leo SLSC. A group of us used to visit Gunnamatta regularly and heard that a meeting organised by a Steering Committee established by Ken Doe, President of the Bowen Riding was to be held at Rye to discuss the possible formation of a SLSC at Gunnamatta. I was on patrol so could not attend but Geoff Alsop and a small group of others attended.

Geoff returned from the Rye meeting all excited and told me we were going to form a SLSC at Gunnamatta. I readily agreed and from then on Gunnamatta became our obsession.

Initially we had about 5 other interested Pt Leo members but they fell away and we were left with the task of recruiting and training sufficient members to prove to SLSA Victoria that we could adequately patrol the beach.

There was a high level of scepticism amongst SLSA officials and other clubs. The beach was considered to be too treacherous and there was a high risk of the SLSA losing its "no lives lost" record. Geoff and I had the massive task of proving our dedication and our ability to achieve success to everyone's satisfaction.

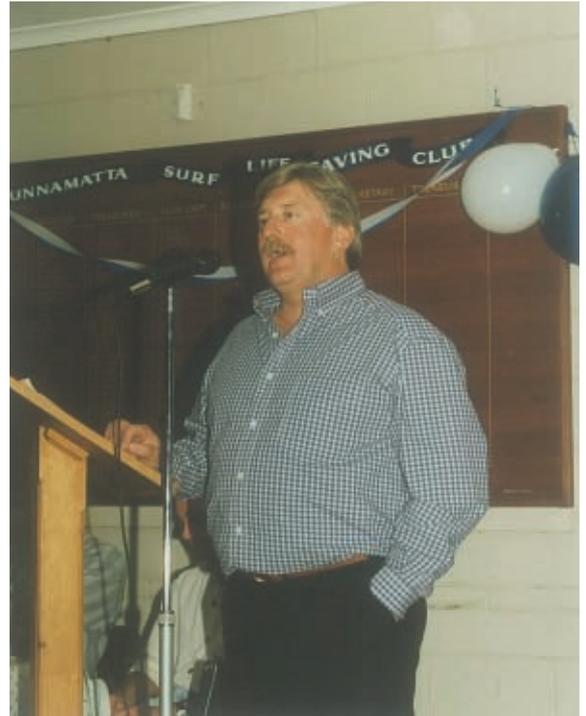
Geoff, Bill Mitchell (a friend of Geoff's) and I spent every weekend at Gunnamatta camped in a tent at the back of the sand-dunes. We spent our days swimming at the beach and lobbying various councillors and local identities in the Rye area. I think I must have telephoned SLSC District Supervisor Gordon Dann every day during the week – I must have driven him nuts – but he was very patient and believed in the cause even if he didn't think it was a good idea for quite some time.

Geoff and I trained two bronze squads from the Frankston Life Saving Club and thought this was to be our saviour. Whilst they all passed we only obtained three active members out of it. We "borrowed" two qualified members from Anglesea and Woolamai (Ray Gillies and John Maddern) who gave us the bare minimum of four to mount a patrol whilst we trained new members.

With the standard new club equipment grant from the SLSC and support from the Flinders Shire council and others, we were able to equip the club with the basics and the Flinders Shire Council provided tin shed on the beach from which to operate.

With the support of Gordon Dann we finally convinced SLSC State Superintendent Arnold Goetz to agree to affiliate and establish the Gunnamatta SLSC. We were stoked . . . but Goetz made no secret of the fact that he was worried and reluctant.

On the 17th July 1966 we held the inaugural meeting of the Gunnamatta SLSC.





MEMORIES: JOHN HEWISON (CONTINUED)

Season 1966-67

Our first season was fantastic – although difficult in terms of manning patrols with a massive influx of crowds attending the beach over a very hot summer holiday period. Pretty much the same group were required to patrol every day. We had a running battle with surf board riders who took the view that they were there first so refused to obey the rules and hence put people in danger. We spent a lot of time confiscating surf boards and having raging arguments. Eventually we made the peace.

Our numbers swelled quickly and we started training bronze squads. By the end of the season we had 13 senior and 3 junior qualified members with another 20 members in training.

Geoff and I were so thrilled (and relieved) – not just because of the number of members the club managed to attract but the quality of people, the camaraderie and the culture that was already present. I think this is one thing that stands Gunnamatta apart. Surf Life Saving at Gunnamatta is serious business and it takes dedication and diligence to get the job done. That builds character and a special culture.

Tragedy led into season 1967-68

In July 1967 Geoff Alsop, his new wife Pam and I were involved in a horrific car accident. Geoff was to be left a quadriplegic and I assumed the role as Club Captain at the ripe old age of 19. (Geoff was to later die on June 20 1972 at the age of 30).

I readily admit I was very inexperienced to assume the Captaincy and made plenty of mistakes. But with great support from many people, we continued our success and consolidated the Club's membership. We also managed for a small squad to compete at our first carnival at Jan Juc.

We finished the year with 19 Senior and Junior qualified, 8 probationary members.

Season 1968-69

Our third season was a triumph with an influx of quality members and an overall consolidation of the club's operations. We competed as a team at two carnivals and won the District Patrol competition. Whilst the year was not without its moments of controversy resulting in a few member resignations, we gained a lot of experience as a club and finished the year off in a strong position.

We finished the year with 20 Senior and Junior qualified, 5 probationary members.

Season 1973-74

This as an exciting time in the club's history. We had grown in numbers and experience and in our second year of serious carnival competition had achieved some significant results and were now poised to mature. I recall we had some team building to do in getting everyone to buy-in to the club's ambitions socially, competitively and achieving excellence in our beach patrolling.

On all levels we excelled winning the district patrol competition and an efficiency award, our March Past team won a Victorian Championship and placed 5th at the Aussies at Glenelg, our boat crew notched up a string of wins and placings including a 3rd in the C grade Victorian Championships against overwhelming opposition from clubs with a great deal more resources than us. Our R&R team also had a string of wins and placings culminating with a 3rd in B grade at the Victorian Championships – my pride and joy. We excelled in beach events with Stafford Smith being selected in the Victorian state team.

The year culminated with the Victorian Championships at Warrnambool where Gunnamatta had a large contingent of competitors and supporters. Nearly all our team members "multi tasked" competing in multiple events in true Gunnamatta style.

MEMORIES: JOHN HEWISON (CONTINUED)

I remember the euphoria we all felt as the celebrations erupted that night.

By now our active membership had grown to 45 Senior and 27 junior, 2 cadets and 9 probationary.

Season 1974-75

Again the club excelled at Carnival competition in all facets with a regularly competing Senior and Junior R&R teams, the boats really firing under Greg Waites and the emergence of the board & Ski area under Rob Heath. Our successes were many during the year including a second successive year that Stafford Smith was selected in the Victorian State squad and David Allison won both "B" grade and "C" grade ski events at the State titles.

At our home beach our patrols performed extremely well but just missed out on winning the Flinders District Comp. Nevertheless, the spirit and attitude on the beach was outstanding and the atmosphere around the club was cohesive with a great feeling of comradery.

Our membership at this time was 5 Reserve Active, 51 Senior, 37 Junior and 3 Probationary.

It was a great honour to Captain the Gunnamatta Club and a period of my life that remains extremely important to this day.

Characters around the Club.

There are too many to cover but here's just a few:

Geoff "Slopsy" Alsop: Gunnamatta owes its existence to Geoff. Without his dedication and experience at the start, the club would have never got off the ground. "Slopsy" was another character full of mischief and always up for a good time. I still miss him to this day.

Gordon Dann: SLSA District Supervisor and Life Member. Became our third President and helped steer the Club in its formative years. A great mentor of mine and a terrific bloke. Loved a beer, a surf and a good time.

Bill "Gabby" Hayes: The most unlikely surf life saver you could imagine but an absolute character. Totally irreverent and enthusiastic about everything. Bill's contribution was immense and both actively and administratively. He as a great mate of mine and my family and I miss him.

Alex Somerville: His contribution to our club overall, the emergence of our crack March Past Team and our carnival participation. Alex was a complex individual but I loved his enthusiasm and his mateship. Another who is sadly no longer with us.

Greg "Sumo" Waites: Came to us from Woolamai and captained our boat crews with distinction. Another character who demanded discipline and dedication when the game was on but was the life of the party and everyone's mate.

Harold Green: I loved Harold because he and Hayes were the only active members older than me! Harold was into everything – Gear Steward, carnivals (swimming in the over 30s), captain of the water polo team, IRB Captain, social organiser and anything else you would care to name. Could be an absolute pest but a great bloke and dedicated servant of the club.

Peter Neville's thoughts on his times at Gunnamatta

My five years as Club Captain gave me the opportunity to represent, lead and guide Gunnamatta in a number of different areas:

- Club lifesaving standards, the District and the State Patrolling Efficiency competition.
- Gaining of awards, increasing member's lifesaving knowledge and proficiency.
- Encouraging competition in surf lifesaving carnivals – especially the annual State Titles and attending these annual championships on mass as a Club – competing at all levels.
- Member's personal development by way of holding positions within the Club and being responsible for carrying out duties as defined in the Constitution for the benefit of all members.



This often meant bestowing positions of responsibility upon young members which required decision making reporting to a committee and critically assessing their performance in preparation for opportunities likely to be available as an employee or employer in the future as well as development as senior and responsible lifesaver at the Gunnamatta SLSC.

Some of the more memorable Club achievements included:

- Winning the District Patrol Competition each year.
- Finishing in the top three Clubs each year in the State Patrol Efficiency competition including coming first three times.
- Receiving a National Surf Lifesaving award for obtaining the greatest number of awards in a season as a ratio to the number of active members.
- Fostering associations with other Clubs at State Titles and having some memorable bus trips providing lasting memories.
- Developing many members who went on to be good members and good leaders including Patrol Captains and Vice Patrol Captains, Chief Instructors, Club Captains, Club Vice Captains and Presidents.
- To absorb females into the patrols as active members for the first time in the Association's history.
- Rejuvenating interest in the Alsop Swim and encouraging participation by all members.
- Learning how to set goals, develop a plan, set about developing to achieve those goals and celebrate your successes/achievements.
- Lifelong friendships for many of us.
- Establish an Internal Patrol efficiency patrolling competition to both increase lifesaving knowledge and encourage preparedness for the State Centre patrol checks.

And listening to countless episodes of midnight-matchmaker and watching Ranger Stacey on Saturday morning TV!

I look back on my 5 years as Club Captain with a sense of fulfilment and satisfaction as one of the most enjoyable periods of my life.

The next ten years of my time as President of Gunnamatta presented me with a whole different range of challenges.

MEMORIES: PETER NEVILLE (CONTINUED)

It took me a while to understand the vast number of responsibilities required of a President and without the support, guidance and direction of Ray Webb I could not have discharged my duties in accordance with requirements set out in the constitution.

Along the way I enjoyed the unwavering support of Ian Jackson, Roy Webb and Larry Middleton whose loyalty and dedication to the Club shall remain with me forever.

Together as a Committee we took responsibility for putting the Club in a strong and secure financial position to enable it to continue well into the future.

The commencement of the Nippers Program changed the focus of the Club, expanded our membership commitment and base and was enthusiastically embraced by Ray Webb who was largely responsible for putting in place the foundations of a thriving nippers program still running today.

My replacement as Club Captain, Colin Addison was a champion for the members and their needs and oversaw many clubhouse improvements and general upgrades for the benefit of the patrolling group.

During this time the Club managed to acquire and maintain lifesaver gear and equipment (IRB's, etc.) competition gear (board, etc.) as well as sponsoring members on LSV Development programs both locally and Interstate.

Sadly during the period that I occupied the positions of both Club Captain and President, Gunnamatta endured the passing of the following active members:

- Ross Middleton
- Andrew Walker
- Peter Webb

One particular fund raising event that sticks in my mind was the "Gunn Swim Classic". Notwithstanding that it was a complete "flop" in terms of the annual open water swim calendar, it provided so much fun, funds and promoted so much camaraderie within the members. It was almost sad to see it finish after nearly ten years – but sometimes enough is enough!

It was great to once again "handover" the reins to Colin Addison to see the Club continue on a straight and steady course.

The support and loyalty of not only the committee but also the members was both gratifying and humbling as we simply focussed on what was best for the Club.

Geoff Tobias . . . my thoughts & memories

It is with pleasure that I have been asked to reflect on my club captaincy years at Gunnamatta from 1987/88 to 1990/91 and my journey with the Club.

I have been involved as an active member since 1979, some 36 seasons. I remain involved as an active patrol member.

My years as Club Captain followed on from Pete Neville. It was like taking over a well-oiled machine!

The State Patrol Efficiency Competition was a priority as an outboard motor was up for grabs. We also saw a membership boost due to Lifesaving being a new VCE Subject. Colin Addison (as a teacher) bought several large school groups to the Club obtaining their Bronze medallion and becoming patrol members.

I would like to reflect on just a few highlights and some of the changes to Lifesaving methods that I have witnessed in my 36 years of involvement.

MEMORIES: GEOFF TOBIAS (CONTINUED)

One of my earliest memories was seeing the street collection down at Rosebud, outside the former Gas and Fuel shop. Each year my parents would ask if I could join yet. The Club would say not until the age of 15. We would still visit the beach never the less. A guy called Paul Douglas would sit against the fence with a rescue tube in hand whilst we as 12 year olds were out the back on inflatable surf mats.

On finally joining as a young fellow, my weekly lift to patrol was exciting from Harold Green's MG, Pete Neville's Brougham, Chris Greens MGB GT (off road I believe because it was quite often going bush!), Pete Vaughan's Ford Coupe was just hop in and hold on and Larry's immaculate FC Holden. By far the best trip was Shane Martin 5.0 Litre Holden Sandman panel van. Then there was Johnny's Vaughan's EH Holden! Well, all I can say John is that we are still here mate to tell the stories!

The actual bronze medallion testing at Gunnamatta is always a challenge in big surf. Reel and line back then and there is a lot that can go wrong. In one instance the examiner Roger Rogers was knocked unconscious by the shore break and taken to hospital. He phoned a few hours later to ask us if we had all passed. Of course we said YES, as he could not remember.

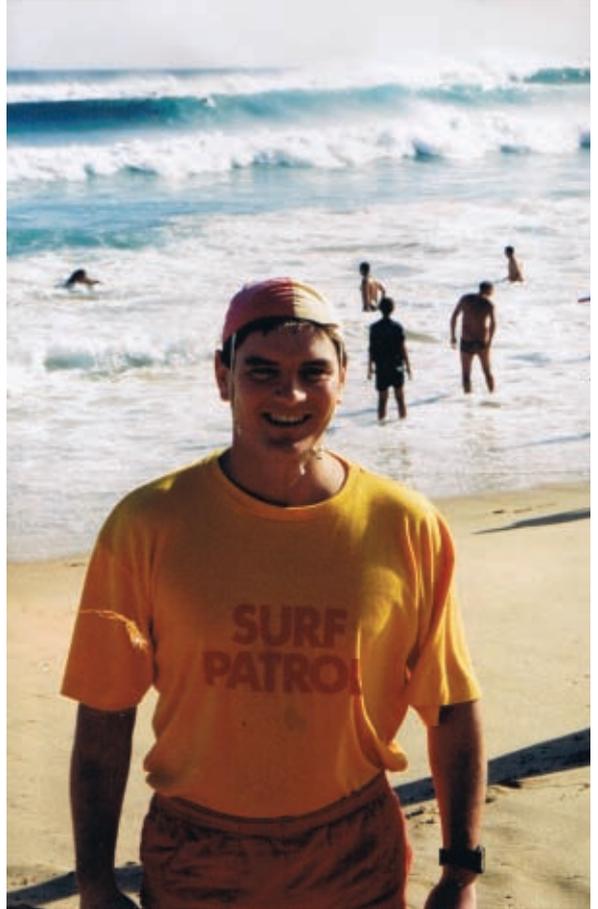
A reel and line rescue I would like to highlight was one Rob Spillane (Skin) performed. A 45-minute belt swim in large seas and on return to the shore, the whole beach crowd of 3000 plus gave him a standing applause. It felt very satisfying!

Moving on to our Club Open Days through the 80's they were a big success. They consisted of helicopter mass rescue's where our members floated out to the rip on a double air mattress and the chopper and IRB would bring us back to shore. Also several boats and tubes would be deployed to the rescue zone. Large crowds made it a spectacle.

Another first for the Club was our biggest sponsor ever that being OST Friendly Society. This funding was directed to competition. The Club purchased new Boards, a Ski and a reconditioned second-hand boat and we went to several competitions. A couple stick in my mind as a young fellow.

Firstly Point Leo Australian Champs in 1985. We entered the surf swim team event. I remember just getting out to the swim buoys with our other Gunna team guys only to hear on the PA Rod Woodhouse and Greg Vasalla from Point Leo had just crossed the finish line and the Gunnamatta guys are just round the buoys. We felt a bit embarrassed at the time but these fellows went on to be part of the Australian Mean Machine Olympic Gold Medal Swim Team.

Another little competition story as a 16-year-old junior in the early days Gunna Competition Classic. I think we patrolled all day at Gunna. It was a hot busy day with a small crew that drove from Gunna to Phillip Island late Saturday night to compete at Woolamai on Sunday. So on arrival at Cowes Main Street Mike Bissett and Russell Keating pulled up in the car and said all "You Juniors get out because we are going to the Pub and we will pick you up in the morning". So we jumped out with our gear and slept under a tea tree on the main street.



MEMORIES: GEOFF TOBIAS (CONTINUED)

We were awakened by the dump truck doing the beach rounds and someone noticed we had slept under a "No Camping" sign on the Cowes foreshore. As a Club we competed well that day with some success in Ski and Boards and beach flags. Mid-afternoon there was a grass fire in the car park and several of our member's cars were burnt.

The next major change that our club endured was the introduction of the IRB – Inshore Rescue Boat. This would eventually "outlaw" the reel and line. Whilst both rescue methods were in place there were some very interesting situations that occurred – a big learning curve.

Harold Green was our pioneer of the IRB and a very good one at that! Fearless or crazy I'm not sure! I recall the first ever drive. Both Harold and Dave Allison on board had neglected to inflate the centre keel. The craft would buckle in half as it hit a wave! This craft soon proved to be a much more efficient and fast method for rescues – but not without learning curves!

I recall a Bronze exam with surf about 2 metres. A fellow called Peter Corcoran swimming in the belt – nylon surf line floating everywhere! I was driving the IRB and thought we had some weed on the propeller. I checked and there was none! I looked out to sea and we were towing Pete backwards down a 6 footer into the crunch zone! Helpless with both arms raised and he could not release the pin from the belt because of the massive tension. Poor bugger!

Eventually we mastered the IRB and the reel & line was kept in the shed. Its main purpose now was to rescue the IRB once it rolled over. I must say that happened a lot in the early days!

Another brief reflection of a Bronze exam – once again 2 – 3 metre surf. I was taking out a patient in the IRB for a belt rescue and detected engine failure. I lifted the engine to see massive kelp. I did the reverse procedure and cleared it. I resumed forward to punch through the very large wave and the crewman has bailed – that means we are SUNK!

Boy that was a big hit. Unfortunately that young fellow also went to hospital with hypothermia and gained a new nickname tag of Bail Out.

The IRB was also known for its very early morning training sessions before light even. The crews may have spotted the odd cray fish or two.

The next SLSA introduction to the Club was in the 80's. Professional Life Guards were employed at our beach full time in the January school holiday period to keep the beach safe.

Once again Harold was a pioneer along with Mark Stephens (Stevo) and Bob Findlay and of course Jason O'Shannessy who has done 20 plus years as a professional life guard at Gunna.

My personal experience that I would like to pass onto any young members here is that fitness and knowledge required to qualify and the intense lifesaving situations that occur with only 5 guards running our whole beach with a massive crowd. This is the best situation for fast track experience in Life Saving in all aspects and self-satisfaction of your own personal achievements being a participant of this Professional Lifeguard Program.

The next highlight of our clubs history for me was the planning at Committee level of a total clubhouse revamp to a fantastic new massive pitched roof that could incorporate a second story internal bunkroom. It was exciting times! Ian Jackson "Jacko" had a vision and rallied the troops to create an amazing result with the help from Ray Webb at Council Planning and Russell Keating an active member at the time and Master Builder. So all the active members rallied and supported the project. It was amazing the comradery and the willingness to help.

One story that I do recall is our Club President Pete Neville (an accountant) working on the roof with "old" Roy Webb de-nauling the 10 x 2 hardwood rafters. Pete said to Roy "give me a go with your

MEMORIES: GEOFF TOBIAS (CONTINUED)

hammer". Roy was reluctant to hand it over being a very expensive Eastwing Hammer and he could easily see that Pete did not have a clue which end of the hammer did what! Sure enough that hammer flew through the air down a brick cavity and they both spent the next 2 hours attempting to fish it out with no success. It is still down there today some 30 years later. The comradeship was amazing! Only a few tradies and all others just willing to give a hand in some way.

The final polish on the new clubhouse was donated by Russell Keating – labour and materials to build the club bar.

This icon is legendary and known as "The Trap". I do believe it was named well because there are so many stories to be heard from the history of Gunna that a couple of cold drinks becomes a TRAP.

Another major support vehicle for the new clubhouse was the Gunnamatta Kiosk. Just another great example of voluntary team effort. Ray Webb sourced a second hand kitchen from Ferntree Gully National Park Kiosk. My Father transported the stainless steel goods, Dave Allison "cut and shut" the hardware to create a money making venture come true. From there we had Sandra Neville, Jenny Middleton, Mark Stevens and Larry the Labourer weight piece of cheese and designing the menu. These times were amazing for Club revenue with a line of 30-50 people at the counter. All Club members pitching in on hot days to make the kiosk successful. A special mention of Mrs "B" Berridge for being so passionate for years as kiosk manager.

The last major change to our club that I would like to highlight is the Nippers Program. We have for a long time supported a very small program started by Ray (Nipper) Webb for 10-15 members and followed through to Andrew Sutherland with a growing interest by the community. A small committee formed in 2000 comprising Kath Snooks and my wife Leann and copied the model of Point Leo and Anglesea to formalize a program that today runs 80 plus Nippers at both Gunna back beach and Rye front beach. This is the future of our club and has bought so many new families into our fantastic Club.

On completion there are thousands of stories to tell – 50 Years of History.

Two that really do it for me. Firstly Larry Middleton who joined with me asked if his son could crew the IRB this day. We were getting warmed up to go and a rescue occurred beside the rocks. It turned into a mass rescue of 5 trips in and out – what a first up for Ben! The adrenalin was pumping when we finished.

Lastly the moment I still enjoy the most is one thing that Harold Green taught me. Watch the new crew member's eyes in the IRB whilst approaching a 1 metre plus white water broken wave. They look back at the driver – eyes are nearly white and the face reads "you are joking – we are going to sink!" as we pop over the white water wall.

This is an amazing association. The friendships are for life!

As we get older we have time to reflect on all our rescues performed and the lives we may have saved. Some people may not have made it without our help. We look at the situation as just doing the job we love as a volunteer.

Greg Goulet . . . my memories

My personal involvement with the club began in 1985 when I migrated from the Rosebud Life Saving Club to the big time at Gunnamatta. Having tasted my first rescue (linesman on the Reel and Line) on my first patrol I was hooked. In the following years I concentrated on doing an "award a year" which saw me achieve most surf lifesaving awards including the coveted Gold Medallion.

During these years, despite requests to join the committee, I kept a low profile just doing my patrols and working up to the role of Patrol Captain and a couple of seasons of "lifeguards". I finally succumbed to the call of management and took on the role of Secretary in 2000.



Following this role I moved into the Club Captain role and then was manoeuvred to President. Throughout my involvement with the leadership group I have been impressed by the stability of the senior management team and their ability to continue to keep the "culture" of the Club despite the ever changing environment of Surf Life Saving and the community in general.

Nevertheless I am still looking forward to retirement, but in the meantime let's reflect on the last 10 years:

Life Saving Focus

First and foremost GSLSC is a surf lifesaving club with our prime function being to patrol the treacherous Gunnamatta surf beach. Whilst lifesaving in general has gone through numerous changes from the establishment of "Life Saving Victoria" in 2002, where 30 odd Royal Life Saving Society clubs merged with 30 odd Surf Life Saving clubs to make one big entity, helicopters were re-introduced into the organisation and sport continued to be the main priority for many clubs, our focus has clearly remained on our beach patrols.

During this period we maintained our ability to be self sufficient in most areas of operation. This is no more obvious than in our training whereby most of our members have undertaken all their awards "in house" mainly due to the efforts of Joe Watt, Sean Kirwan, Toby Dobell and more recently David Stogdale.

On the beach our focus has been on the quality of our patrols. Whilst in previous decades we had always chased the coveted "Best Patrol" award in the state Patrol Efficiency Competition, we found the pressure being put on our members during these patrol checks was increasing, so made a conscious decision not to chase the title but to instead just do the best we could on the day. In addition the competition was changed by LSV in such a way that it focussed more on awards than actual performance on a patrol and was also geared towards smaller clubs / patrols.

Despite this, we still managed to maintain a top 10 ranking for most of the decade and regularly took out the "District" best club.

Rescues also continued to be our main measure of performance and worth. With some seasons seeing rescues as high as 194, we also had another season with just 25 rescues – I believe our lowest on record! On average during the decade we achieved 82 rescues per season.

MEMORIES: GREG GOULLET (CONTINUED)

Rescues are of course influenced by the beach conditions. In my early days I recall what we called a “permanent rip” located alongside the rocks and this rip was there every season. Nowadays this is not the case and the beach changes considerably from season to season. In the last couple of years we have seen patrols as far down the beach as 500m towards Cape Schanck and just last season we had such severe erosion that the access track had a 4m drop off the end and required major works just to get us on the beach. All of this affects the rips and sandbars which also impacts on our rescues.

Competition has also not fared well at Gunnamatta of late. A number of people including Sean Kirwan, Steve Corney and Jess & Danni Silvester have all tried to stimulate interest in completion within the club but have had limited success despite the club investing in new boards and ski's.

The changing face of the Club

Although our prime purpose remains the same as it did 50 years ago, how we do things has definitely changed. At the start of this decade of Club life we said good bye to the Kiosk which had been our main source of income, not to mention those “sticky buns” and hot dogs on cold patrol days. Unfortunately times had changed and after numerous attempts to prop up the business including some years outsourcing the kiosk to contractors, it just wasn't viable so we closed up shop.

Around this time we also said good bye to the “Gunnamatta Swim Classic” or what had become known as the Rye Pier Swim. Despite over 10 years of enormous effort by a lot of members, we just couldn't get the recognition and numbers to make this event a serious fundraiser.

With the Clubs finances no longer being propped up by the kiosk, and also not wanting to put more pressure on volunteer's time, we started to look elsewhere for opportunities. The first one came by way of Padua College which wanted lifesaving training for many of their students. For a number of seasons we ran a pre-season program for Padua students which was meant to provide us new members, but when that wasn't happening it was changed to make us some money.

We also started to earn some income through television with a number of advertisements and TV shows being filmed at Gunnamatta and wanting water safety. We were able to supply this for things such as the “Solo” commercial, the TV show “Wilfred”, mini-series “Paper Giants – Magazine Wars”, and whilst not income producing, we did feature on the Channel 7 series – Surf Patrol which gave a number of members their “5 minutes of fame”. Special mention to our own Jason O'Shannessy who scored pole position with a spot on the start of each episode.

During this period the club executive also chose to actively pursue government grants and some sponsorships to cover the larger ongoing expenses of the club and this strategy, together with some annual raffles, effectively maintained our finances taking pressure off members to fundraise.

I also found it surprisingly easy to spend Club money on renovations. So after starting with a refurbishment of the old kiosk which metamorphed into a first aid room and communications room, I then started on the upstairs bunkroom and had this halved and a training room, together with new staircase and air conditioner installed. Thinking I was done with renos, I got a rude shock when we identified the external wall of the main room was starting to lean inwards. What followed was a major repair job that also included the internal ceiling and relining of the floor.

On the social side of the club activities, in the early part of the decade James Scott, Mary Bond and a handful of others were very active in running social activities including the “amazing race” events, lawn bowls and numerous BBQ's. Unfortunately over the last few years our social side has faded away with our main function now being the Australia Day BBQ and some patrol BBQ's. (Although the nippers still have a fantastic “film night” each year!)

MEMORIES: GREG GOULLET (CONTINUED)

Nippers has also grown and is a major part of the club. This program is becoming more popular each year and has to be actively capped to ensure it does not get out of control and affect the Club's "culture". The success of this program is a testimony to those who run it from the man who set it up, Ray Webb, to those who have taken the role since which include Geoff & Leann Tobias, Rick & Maryanne Cozzio, Bruce Robertson and of course their team of helpers who are there for every session (and where would the nippers be without Michael Daly and his BBQ!).

The success of the Nippers can also be seen in our patrols with the large number of nipper "graduates" now rostered for patrol work. This has also created some new management issues with over 45% of each patrol (excluding the "Megasaurs") now being under the age of 18 years.

People

How could we look back at the last 10 years without some mention of the people of the Club. Whilst all members contributed and helped make the Club what it is today, some went above and beyond what was expected. In particular if we look at those in the last 10 years who were awarded the "Best Senior Club Member" we will see a number of these names repeating themselves. These members included:

Geoff (Bucko) Tobias, Brendan Vaughan, Bruce Robertson (3 times), Sean Kirwan, Rick Cozzio, Ray Webb and Jill Douglas (twice)

Others who deserve a mention during this period include Larry Middleton, Donna Watt and Patrick Murphy for their leadership roles and what they have done to help shape the club during this period of our history.

In closing I would like to wish the club and all those involved all the best for a further 50 years and may we continue the tradition of no drownings on our beach during our watch!



LIFE MEMBERS OF THE GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

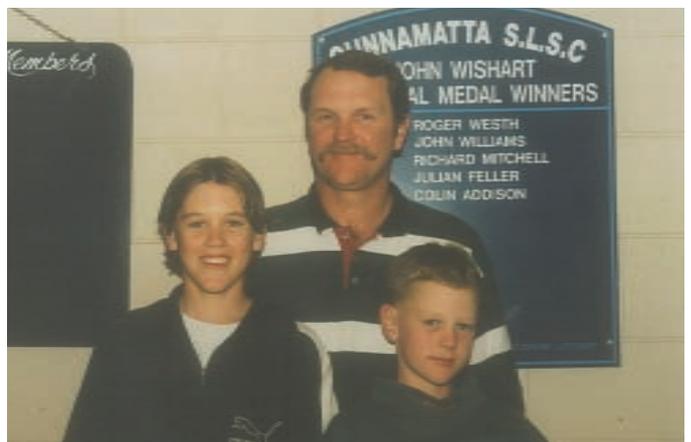
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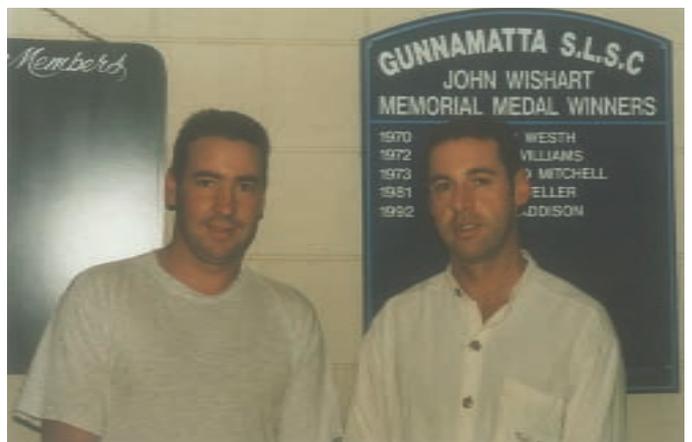
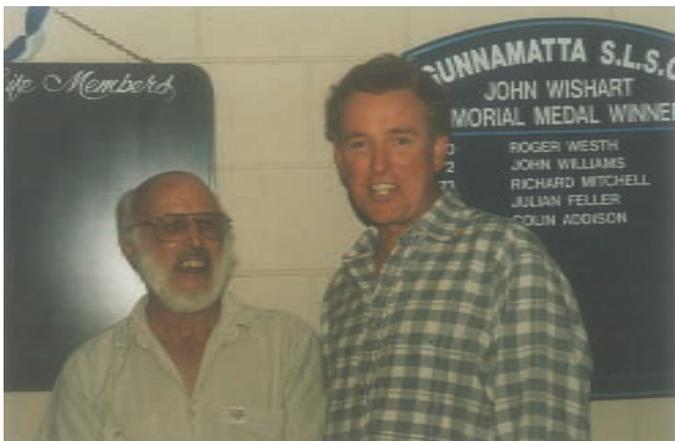
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 John Vaughan
 Donna Watt
 Joseph Watt
 Phillip Webb
 Ray Webb
 Roy Webb

*Deceased

**Photos only represent a small proportion of our Life Members





“JOHN WISHART” MEMORIAL TROPHY WINNERS

The following is the list of recipients from the Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club who have received the “John Wishart” Memorial Trophy.

This award is **“given in recognition of excellence and commitment to patrolling and general Surf Life Saving duties”**.

- Roger Westh (Season 1969 – 1970)
- John Williams (Season 1971 – 1972)
- Richard Mitchell (Season 1972 – 1973)
- Julian Feller (Season 1980 – 1981)
- Colin Addison (Season 1991 – 1992)
- Joseph Watt (Season 2000 – 2001)



GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB CLUB AWARDS

Description of Award	Code
1 Best Senior Club Member	BSCM
2 Best Junior Club Member	BJCM
3 Best Senior Patrol Member	BSPM
4 Best Junior Patrol Member	BJPM
5 Club Champion - Senior	CCS
5A Club Champion - Women	CCW
5B Club Champion - Masters	CCM
6 Club Champion - Junior	CCJ
7 Alsop Swim Winner	AS
8 Most Outstanding Contribution from a Non-Active Member	MOCNA
9 Special Award for Outstanding Service.	SAOS
10 Red Peppers Improvers Award	RPI
11 F. Trainer Vic Titles	FTVT
# Unfortunately records of awards prior to season 1981/1982 have not been kept.	

Season 1981/1982

- 1 B. Berridge
- 2 B. Wilson
- 3 H. Green
- 4 G. Tobias
- 5 J. Feller
- 6 G. Tobias
- 7 J. Feller
- 8 S. Neville
- 9 I. Potter
- 10

Season 1982/1983

- 1 M. Stephens
- 2 W. Dalton
- 3 B. Berridge
- 4 W. Dalton
- 5 D. Allison
- 6 P. Murphy
- 7 J. Feller
- 8 S. Neville
- 9 Pat Webb
- 10 H. Percy

CLUB AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Season 1983/1984

- 1 L. Middleton
- 2 R. Middleton
- 3 B. Berridge
- 4 D. Simpkins
- 5 L. Middleton
- 6 S. Foster
- 7 L. Middleton
- 8 S. Neville
- 9
- 10

Season 1985/1986

- 1 D. Dean & J. Vaughan
- 2 A. Walker
- 3 J. Vaughan
- 4 A. Walker
- 5 R. Middleton
- 5B D. Allison
- 6 M. Snooks
- 7 R. Middleton
- 8 S. Neville
- 9
- 10 B. Pitt & B. Vaughan
- 11 R. Spillane

Season 1987/1988

- 1 D. Dean
- 2 J. Nolan
- 3 J. Dean
- 4 J. Nolan
- 5 T. Percy
- 6 J. Nolan
- 7 P. Brodrick & J. Feller
- 8 Celia Berridge
- 9
- 10 C. Addison
- 11 S. Kelly & S. Haylock

Season 1984/1985

- 1 A. Lewis
- 2 T. Percy
- 3 G. Tobias
- 4 D. Simpkins
- 5 G. Tobias
- 6 T. Percy
- 7 L. Middleton
- 8 Roy Webb
- 9
- 10 J. Vaughan

Season 1986/1987

- 1
- 2
- 3 D. Dean
- 4 A. Walker
- 5 T. Percy
- 5B
- 6
- 7
- 8 I. Jackson
- 9
- 10
- 11 T. Percy

Season 1988/1989

- 1 C. Addison
- 2
- 3 J. Vaughan
- 4 M. Savage
- 5 R. Cozzio
- 6 M. Savage
- 7 R. Cozzio
- 8 Celia Berridge & Roy Webb
- 9
- 10 M. Armstrong

CLUB AWARDS (CONTINUED)**Season 1989/1990**

- 1 B. Vaughan
- 2 Mary Travis
- 3 P. Murphy
- 4 M. Nicholls
- 5 B. Mesley
- 6 M. Nicholls
- 7 C. Addison & B. Vaughan
- 8 I. Jackson
- 9
- 10 S. Haylock
- 11 J. Nolan

Season 1991/1992

- 1 B. Vaughan
- 2 Mary Travis
- 3 J. Gillick & P. Murphy
- 4 C. Angelatos
- 5 M. Williamson
- 5A
- 6 C. Angelatos
- 7 T. Fitzpatrick
- 8 C. Berridge
- 9
- 10 J. Scott & D. Nugent
- 11 D. Wallis

Season 1993/1994

- 1 P. Neville
- 2 P. Campbell
- 3 P. Murphy
- 4 P. Campbell
- 5 J. Scott & M. Caulka
- 5A M. Bond
- 6 P. Campbell
- 7 L. Middleton
- 8 Ray Webb
- 9
- 10 J. Watt & J. Scott
- 11 C. Angelatos

Season 1990/1991

- 1 S. Haylock
- 2
- 3 J. Vaughan
- 4 Kara Milward
- 5 M. Graham & S. Kerley
- 6
- 7 L. Middleton
- 8 Roy Webb
- 9
- 10 C. Tepaske
- 11

Season 1992/1993

- 1 Mary Travis
- 2 T. Fitzpatrick
- 3
- 4 A. Burns
- 5 D. Wallis
- 5A Donna Watt
- 6 A. Burns
- 7 L. Middleton
- 8 Ray Webb
- 9
- 10
- 11 D. Wallis

Season 1994/1995

- 1 S. Chalmers
- 2
- 3 P. Murphy
- 4 P. Campbell
- 5
- 5B L. Middleton
- 6 P. Campbell
- 7 M. Graham & B. Vaughan
- 8 Ray Webb
- 9
- 10
- 11 M. Caulka & C. Angelatos

CLUB AWARDS (CONTINUED)
Season 1995/1996

- 1 S. Chalmers
- 2 T. Hall & Erin Giles
- 3 M. Culka
- 4 T. Hall & Matt Webb
- 5 J. Scott, M. Graham & S. Bourke
- 5A R. Anderson
- 5B L. Middleton
- 6 T. Hall & M. Webb
- 7 B. Vaughan
- 8 S. Murphy
- 9
- 10 A. Thorn
- 11 M. Culka

Season 1997/1998

- 1 J. Watt & A Thorn
- 2 E. Giles
- 3 D. Wallis
- 4 M. Webb
- 5 M. Culka
- 5A
- 5B L. Middleton
- 6 M. Webb
- 7
- 8 Ray Webb
- 9
- 10 H. McQuarrie
- 11 M. Stacey

Season 1999/2000

- 1 L. Middleton
- 2 A. Vigerser
- 3 R. Browning
- 4 D. Simpson
- 5 R. Browning
- 5A Rebecca Trakey
- 5B R. Cozzio
- 6
- 7
- 8 Ray Webb
- 9
- 10 A. McLean
- 11 M. Culka

Season 1996/1997

- 1 B. Vaughan
- 2
- 3 J. Watt
- 4
- 5
- 5A Kath Gillick
- 5B B. Vaughan
- 6
- 7 B. Vaughan
- 8 Ray Webb
- 9
- 10 D. Sutton
- 11 M. Culka

Season 1998/1999

- 1
- 2 Emma Clarke
- 3 Donna Watt
- 4 Emma Clarke
- 5 M. Stacey
- 5A Geogie Wettenhall
- 5B B. Vaughan
- 6 Emma Clarke
- 7 C. Angelatos & B. Vaughan
- 8 Ray Webb
- 9
- 10 R. Browning
- 11 M. Culka

Season 2000/2001

- 1 R. Browning
- 2 Kennedia McDonald
- 3 Jennifer Taylor
- 4 R. Luckhurst
- 5 R. Browning
- 5A Jenny Taylor
- 5B R. Cozzio
- 6
- 7
- 8 Ray Webb
- 9
- 10 T. Dobell
- 11 B. Grollman

CLUB AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Season 2001/2002

- 1 T. Dobell
- 2 J. McCann
- 3 B. Grollman
- 4 A. Sutherland
- 5 R. Browning
- 5A Donna Watt
- 5B S. Bourke
- 6 R. Luckhurst
- 7 J. Watt
- 8 Jenny Middleton
- 9
- 10 R. Luckhurst
- 11 B. Grollman

Season 2003/2004

- 1 L. Middleton
- 2 J. Stugarek
- 3 A. Sutherland
- 4 B. O'Brien
- 5
- 5A
- 5B
- 6
- 7 B. Vaughan
- 8
- 9
- 10 J. McCann
- 11 R. Luckhurst

Season 2005/2006

- 1 Geoff Tobias
- 2 Jacob Richards
- 3 John Allison
- 4 Clare Jackson
- 5
- 5A
- 5B
- 6
- 7
- 8 Leanne Tobias
- 9
- 10 Ashley Duncan
- 11 Sean Kirwan

Season 2002/2003

- 1 D. Simpson
- 2 R. Luckhurst
- 3 A. Vigensor
- 4 B. O'Brien
- 5 D. Taylor
- 5A Kenna McDonald
- 5B A Screen
- 6 R. Luckhurst
- 7 J. Watt
- 8
- 9
- 10 Hope Cameron
- 11 R. Luckhurst

Season 2004/2005

- 1 G. Goulett
- 2 B. O'Brien
- 3 A. Sutherland
- 4 Clare Jackson
- 5 R. Browning
- 5A Donna Watt
- 5B L. Middleton
- 6 Cassie Slavin
- 7
- 8 Leanne Tobias & Kath Snooks
- 9
- 10 J. Allison
- 11

Season 2006/2007

- 1 Richard Cozzio
- 2 Cassie Slavin
- 3 Brendan Vaughan
- 4 Claire Stratton
- 5
- 5A
- 5B
- 6
- 7
- 8 Dearne Jackson
- 9
- 10 Andrew Dobson
- 11

CLUB AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Season 2007/2008

- 1 Bruce Roberton
- 2
- 3 Joe Watt
- 4 Amy Butler
- 5
- 5A
- 5B
- 6
- 7
- 8 Dearne Jackson
- 9
- 10 Sean Kirwan
- 11

Season 2009/2010

- 1 Sean Kirwan
- 2 Jack Nicol
- 3 Steve Corney
- 4 Sarah Zylstra
- 5 Steve Corney & Andrew Sutherland
- 5A Donna Watt *
- 5B Larry Middleton & Donna Watt
- 6 Hannah Snooks & Jack Nicol
- 7
- 8 Sandy Roberton
- 9
- 10 Greg Matulich
- 11

Season 2011/2012

- 1 Richard Cozzio
- 2 Lucy Douglas
- 3 Steve Corney
- 4 Andrew Zylstra
- 5 Jordan Bull
- 5A Jessica Silvester *
- 5B Larry Middleton
- 6 Lucy Douglas & Xavier Burton
- 7
- 8 Maryanne Cozzio
- 9
- 10 David Bentley
- 11

Season 2008/2009

- 1 Bruce Roberton
- 2 Hannah Snooks
- 3 Steve Corney
- 4 Gemma Snooks
- 5 Larry Middleton & Anton Vigenser
- 5A Claire Stratton
- 5B Larry Middleton
- 6 Hannah Snooks & Ben Middleton
- 7
- 8 Sandy Roberton
- 9
- 10 Kate Miller
- 11

Season 2010/2011

- 1 Bruce Roberton
- 2 Sarah Zylstra
- 3 Jeessica Silvester
- 4 Lucy Douglas
- 5 Steve Corney
- 5A Hannah Snooks *
- 5B Rick Cozzio
- 6 Hannah Snooks & Jack Nicol
- 7
- 8 Sandy Roberton
- 9
- 10 Andrew robinson
- 11 Steve Corney

Season 2012/2013

- 1 Jill Douglas
- 2 Ben Jones
- 3 David Bentley
- 4 Callum Walsh
- 5 Jack Nicol
- 5A Jessica Silvester *
- 5B Larry Middleton
- 6 Lucy Douglas & Jacob De Pavia
- 7 Jack Nicol
- 8
- 9
- 10 Jess Silvester
- 11 Jess Silvester

CLUB AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Season 2013/2014

- 1 Jill Douglas
- 2 Chris Cozzio
- 3 Chris Silvester
- 4 Lucy Douglas
- 5 Jack Nicol
- 5A Jess Silvester *
- 5B Rick Cozzio
- 6 Lucy Douglas & Jacob De Pavia
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Dieneke Walker
- 11 Jess Silvester

Season 2014/2015

- 1 Ray Webb
- 2 Lucy Douglas
- 3 Chris Silvester
- 4 Chris Cozzio
- 5 Jack Nicol
- 5A Lucy Douglas *
- 5B Larry Middleton
- 6 Joel Williams
- 7
- 8 Sandy Robertson
- 9
- 10 David Stogdale
- 11 Dani Silvester

* Named the "Mary Bond" Award for the Best Senior Women's Club Champion



GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB PATROL CAPTAINS

Season

	1966/67	1967/68	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73
1	Nil	J. Williams	G. Sach	J. Hewison	J. Barnett	A. Somerville	M. Lee
2		G. Robertson	B. Thorsen	J. Barnett	R. Webb	R. Wilson	J. Barnett
3		B. Thorsen	J. Williams	R. Webb	A. Somerville	J. Barnett	B. Robertson
4			J. Hewison		J. Williams &	R. Webb	A. Somerville
5					R. Wilson		R. Wilson
6							R. Webb
7							
	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
1	C. Smith	P. Webb	Records	P. Webb	B. Robertson	D. Allison	R. Webb
2	A. Somerville	D. Allison	unavailable	R. Webb	C. Green	J. Feller	B. Ussher
3	B. Robertson	C. Smith		C. Green	R. Webb	M. Stephens	B. Robertson
4	R. Webb	R. Webb		R. Lambert	M. Stephens	R. Webb	J. Feller
5	H. Green						
6	P. Webb						
7							
	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
1	B. Ussher	P. Webb	J. Feller	G. Tobias	G. Tobias	B. Berridge	A. Lewis
2	H. Green	P. Vaughan	R. Keating	R. Keating	R. Spillane	A. Webb	G. Snooks
3	G. Hart	H. Green	P. Vaughan	B. Vaughan	A. Webb	G. Snooks	C. Green
4	B. Robertson	P. Neville	H. Green	B. Berridge	B. Berridge	W. Dalton	J. Vaughan
5				H. Green	R. Keating		
6							
7							
	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94
1	D. Dean	B. Pitt	J. Vaughan	D. O'Toole	S. Killey	D. O'Toole	J. Vaughan
2	C. Green	N. Robertson	D. O'Toole	J. Vaughan	J. Vaughan	J. Vaughan	G. Tobias
3	G. Snooks	J. Vaughan	M. Armstrong	N. Robertson	D. O'Toole	J. Nolan	G. Goulet
4	J. Vaughan	D. O'Toole	N. Robertson	S. Killey	G. Goulet	G. Goulet	S. Bourke
5					T. Percy	S. Bourke	C. Addison
6					P. Murphy	P. Murphy	D. Wallis
7						D. Wallis	S. Haylock



PATROL CAPTAINS (CONTINUED)

	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
1	J. Scott	J. Scott	J. Gillick	T. Cox	C. Angelatos	C. Angelatos	G. Goulet
2	G. Tobias	J. Gillick	T. Cox	J. Watt	J. Watt	R. Tracey	N. Robertson
3	G. Goulet	G. Tobias	M. Graham	J. Scott	A. Thom	A. Thom	G. Uhe
4	S. Bourke	S. Chalmers	R. Cozzio	J. Gillick	N. Robertson	N. Robertson	A. Screen
5	C. Addison	J. Watt	J. Scott	M. Travis	G. Goulet	G. Goulet	D. Watt
6	J. Gillick	R. Cozzio	J. Watt	D. Wallis	T. Cox	J. Scott	A. Johnson
7	R. Cozzio	P. Murphy	S. Chalmers	N. Robertson	D. Watt	D. Watt	S. McGrath
8							G. Tobias
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
1	E. Giles	P. Murphy	P. Murphy	P. Murphy	P. Murphy	J. Allison	P. Murphy
2	G. Goulet	E. Giles	R. Tracey	R. Tracey	M. Webb	A. Sutherland	A. Sutherland
3	G. Uhe	D. Taylor	D. Taylor	D. Taylor	G. Goulet	T. Dobell	T. Dobell
4	P. Murphy	G. Uhe	G. Goulet	R. Luckhurst	R. Cozzio	S. Bourke	J. Watt
5	A. Screen	A. Viqensor	A. Viqensor	A. Veqensor	A. Duncan	A. Duncan	S. Bourke
6	D. Watt	S. McGrath	J. Scott	A. Duncan	D. Simpson	J. McCann	D. Simpson
7	S. McGrath	D. Watt	N. Tod	D. Simpson			S. Kirwan
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
1	P. Murphy	P. Murphy	P. Murphy	P. Murphy	I. Roxburgh	I. Roxburgh	G. Matulich
2	A. Collins	B. Robertson	L. Middleton	J. Feller	J. Feller	B. Middleton	B. Middleton
3	T. Dobell	S. Bourke	B. Robertson	K. Miller	J. Silvester	J. Nicol	J. Adams
4	S. Bourke	J. Watt	J. Watt	J. Watt	S. Comey	J. Watt	J. Nicol
5	J. Watt	S. Kirwan	S. Kirwan	S. Kirwan	J. Watt	J. Silvester	J. Watt
6	S. Kirwan						
7							







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