

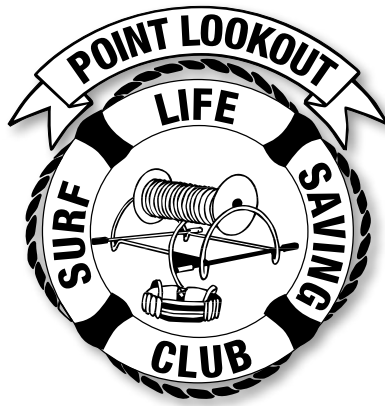


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Foreword

It is my great pleasure and an honour as President of Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club to encourage you to read and indulge yourself with the first sixty years of Surf Life Saving at the "Point".

I am sure all past and present members will read this truly remarkable portrayal of our historical achievements, which will ignite some fond memories, and will be proud of their contribution which has enabled Point Lookout SLSC to boast an outstanding record in patrol service delivery, administration, fundraising, facilities and competition.



George Hill - President, Life Member

Please join with me in congratulating the authors of these historical records: Chair and author – Sharon Brennan, Ian Ames and Terry Daley for their dedication in researching and collating our proud history. Also to Gary Terrell, Natasha Dennis, John Bristow and Darren Woodward who provided valuable assistance.

There have been many changes in and around the Club during the past sixty years but the one thing that has not wavered is our Club Spirit and commitment to the Organisation's Motto of "Vigilance and Service".

I would like to acknowledge all the members who have been associated with Point Lookout SLSC and also take the time to remember those members who are no longer with us.

Thank you and congratulations on sixty wonderful years with many more to come. Please enjoy!

Vigilance and Service Point Lookout

GEORGE HILL

President

Life Member

Introduction

It has given me immense pleasure to coordinate the production of the Club's History Book celebrating 60 wonderful years. It has been a privilege and indeed an educational journey to prepare the Club's first History Book and I am delighted with the result.

Since the Club's inception in 1947, we have come a long way and I am confident that as you read through the book you will recognise just how much our Club has progressed in 60 long years.

The preparation of this history book is thanks to a small but extremely dedicated working committee of Life Members who have made every attempt to capture a solid representation of our 60 year history. Information has been extracted from the records as outlined in the Club Annual Reports and from information gained from various members including personal memoirs from early Foundation Members thus providing an interesting summary of each of the eras.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude, the History Book Committee members who have worked tirelessly to prepare this book.

Firstly to Terry Daley and Ian Ames who have been working on this project for several years and have spent many hours researching information along the way. Both these gentlemen have spent countless hours obtaining the facts and feeding the information through. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts and assistance provided by Gary Terrell, George Hill, Darren Woodward, John Bristow, Natasha Dennis and Annette Daley.

Writing any history book usually falls to a Historian who has vast experience in collating records of events and activities. Whilst we are not Historians as such, we have worked hard to capture an exciting 60 years in summary with support from our colleagues and encouragement from our families. Further highlights can be extracted from the individual Annual Reports which capture a multitude of information and facts.

This history book is dedicated to the past and present members who have contributed to the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club over 60 years. As stated by Alan Gunn (Foundation Member)

We belong to Point Lookout Surf Club - Point Lookout Surf Club does not belong to us - we are but its stewards as we pass by - and history will judge our stewardship.

Finally, Point Lookout SLSC would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of Stradbroke Island, this beautiful place in which we have been privileged to establish our Club.

Please enjoy the read as it takes you through an interesting journey over time.

SHARON BRENNAN
Life Member



Sharon Brennan - Life Member



Chapter One

In The Beginning – “An Island Hideaway”

Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club Founded 1947

Mooloomba*

Blue blue the sky and deeper blue the water.

The waves in futile anger foaming white,
All night long the battering seas have thundered.
Morning now, and soaking sun and warm delight.

Terrible in beauty that fierce gorge of ferment.

Where the sea gashes deeply in the land
Stern rocks enclose it: the grim shark battens there.
On the cliff, the trampled pearfruit stains the sand.

Here seems the home of peace; Time forgets its urging
Peace from nature's turmoil for a moment; then the sea
Splashes like a bomb-burst, as the whale leaps from the threshers;
White and red the azure now, with dying agony.

An abridged version of a poem written at Point Lookout by Roy Bulcock in the 1940s

**Mooloomba was thought to be the Stradbroke Aboriginal word for the headland that was named Point Lookout by Lieutenant James Cook on 17 May, 1770.*



FOUNDATION YEARS 1947

In the early part of the twentieth century, Point Lookout on North Stradbroke Island was a small township that had evolved around Billy North's cattle running lease and commercial and amateur fishing. Its isolation and irregular transport from the mainland meant only the most intrepid fishermen and holiday-makers ever got there.

However, the reputation of the magnificent beaches and rugged beauty of the place, aptly described as an "Island Eden" by Beryl Moore in her 1993 history, *Point Lookout and Its Pioneers*, soon grew and spread and through the 1920s and 1930s Point Lookout developed as a holiday village for adventurous fishermen and their families.

Yet, this piece of paradise came at a price. The isolation meant that accidents requiring first aid had to be treated by the residents themselves and rock and surf rescues, related to the rugged landscape and sometimes dangerous surf conditions, were performed by fellow fishermen or friends or not at all – with resultant tragedies.

During the 1930s, with increasing numbers of visitors to the island, largely due to the regular launch service from Brisbane started by Hayles Cruises in 1935, serious accidents became more frequent with incidents of loss of life. By the 1940s, the Point Lookout Progress Association was concerned enough to erect lifebuoy posts on Main and South Headlands and Cylinder Beach Headland. It is likely that, had it not been for the outbreak of World War II placing North Stradbroke Island as part of Australia's defence perimeter and limiting public access, a Surf Life Saving Club may have been initiated by the residents sooner than 1947.

After the end of World War II in 1945, a new generation of adventure seekers, eager for excitement but without the conflict, discovered the "terrible beauty" of Point Lookout and its gorges. This was how Roy Bulcock described the Point in a tourist brochure he produced to publicise the Samarinda Guest House which he purchased from Bertie Clayton in 1946. Bert Clayton built this guesthouse in the 1930s and called it the Point Lookout Guesthouse. It was then commandeered by the US Army and the RAAF during World War II. It housed personnel who manned the radar base on the Main Headland and anti-aircraft gun emplacements at Point Lookout. Roy Bulcock was a member of a prominent Queensland literary family and author of a classic World War II personal prisoner-of-war account entitled, *Of Death But Once*. Roy wrote this book while he ran the guesthouse and endeavoured to rehabilitate himself from the deprivations he suffered as a prisoner of war. With the formation of the Surf Club, he went on to become a staunch supporter.

Queensland State Centre Aware of the Need for a Surf Club

The immediate post-war years in Australia saw the burgeoning of a distinct beach culture which was enthusiastically embraced, even in remote places like Point Lookout.



Swimming gorge Point Lookout 1936
(Photo from John Oxley Library)



1939 Point Lookout South Headland
(Photo from John Oxley Library)



This did not go unnoticed at the Queensland State Centre of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia as it was then known.

The State Centre Minutes of 8 January, 1947, record that Frank Venning M.B.E., who was then a senior member of the Board of Examiners and regarded by S.L.S.A. historians as the "father of Surf Life Saving in Queensland", "stressed the need for a surf patrol at Point Lookout". The matter was referred to the Board of Examiners for recommendation.

A Circular arising out of State Centre Minutes of 12 February 1947 was sent to South Queensland Clubs appealing for help to form a patrol at Point Lookout.

Further, State Centre Minutes of 28 May, 1947, stated that a box line and belt should be placed at Point Lookout and that the Secretary should contact Mr Ernie Odum, a prominent Amity Point resident and bus proprietor, for further information. Whether this box line was ever delivered is not clear from State Centre Minutes.

However, at about this time, a group of young people, some of whom were members of the Younger Set of the Point Lookout Progress Association, got into difficulties in the South Gorge and had to rescue themselves. Fortunately, on this occasion, there were no casualties. This event encouraged some of the young men of the Younger Set to approach Bob Durbidge, a prominent local fisherman and bus proprietor, to discuss the formation of a Surf Club at Point Lookout under the auspices of the Progress Association. Bob Durbidge had been an outstanding young lifesaver from Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club before World War II. In 1930, as a 17 year old, he was awarded a Royal Humane Society award for bravery for a heroic rescue at Mooloolaba. Bob agreed to approach Queensland State Centre requesting help to train a bronze squad as the nucleus of a Surf Club. State Centre sent Officials Spender, Dingwell, de Hauffen and Schaefer to a number of meetings with the Progress Association during September 1947 to discuss the establishment of the new Club. They also provided a box line and a belt.

By 7 October 1947, Queensland State Centre President, Jack Winders, had acknowledged the formation of the new Club. He requested that State Superintendent Bill Daley and his deputy, Bob Donaldson, spend a weekend at Point Lookout and attend a meeting with the Progress Association and the young volunteers. A committee was elected with Bob Durbidge as the Inaugural President, Glad Rahnsleben as Inaugural Secretary and Bill Ware as Inaugural Treasurer.

On 18 October, 1947, another dramatic event occurred off Pandanus Rock in the Swimming Gorge when a person was seen floating face down in the water. With Bob Durbidge in charge, the fledgling lifesavers, despite very rough seas and considerable danger to themselves, recovered the body. The possibility that the person was still alive spurred Bob Durbidge to risk his own life in retrieving the body in these dangerous conditions. As a result, he was awarded the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Bronze Medallion for bravery on 18 December 1947. This heroic event established the role the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club was to play in the ensuing years in performing dramatic cliff rescues. It also established Bob Durbidge as a perfect role model for the new lifesavers.

Meanwhile, Queensland State Centre was experiencing difficulty in obtaining a surf reel and line to lend to the new Club so that training of the first bronze squad could commence at the Point. However, the State Superintendent, Bill Daley, decided time was of the essence.



He recruited Dave Birtwell, a former Chief Instructor of Mooloolaba S.L.S.C. to spend a weekend at Point Lookout as the guest of the Progress Association to liaise with the new recruits and prominent supporters. Subsequently, Dave Birtwell spent his annual leave at the Point in order to train the prospective lifesavers using the box line donated by State Centre. Dave and his young family stayed in a corrugated tin shed and, despite the unexpected confinement of this primitive holiday shack, in this short time, he provided intensive training to the group of eager young men who formed the first Bronze Squad. Much to the chagrin of the late-nighters among the group, Dave was able to organize the bright-eyed and bushy-tailed recruits out of their natural habitats and onto the beach by 6 a.m. each morning.

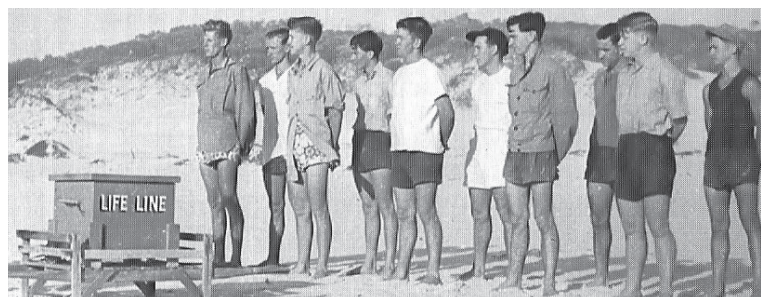
Training also continued back in Brisbane. Swimming training was held at the Valley Baths and R & R drill at the park next to the Woolloongabba Police Station after work two nights a week. As Jim Carlile recalled, the R & R drill at the 'Gabba was always enthusiastically performed perhaps due to the presence of the women's basketball courts next door which also had night training.

Bill Daley came down to Point Lookout every weekend to continue the intense training program and on Saturday, 24 January, 1948, the first Bronze Medallions were awarded to Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club. In addition, Bob Durbidge gained his Instructor's Certificate.

This was a remarkable achievement for a brand new club to go from foundation to its first bronze holders in a little over three months, especially as some Clubs were considered lucky to get a bronze squad through in a full season.

The Foundation Bronze Holders were:

Tony Durbidge	Bus Operator
John Durbidge.....	Bus Operator
Len McAfee	Apprentice Plasterer
Alan Gunn.....	Apprentice Boilermaker
Norm Cramb.....	Apprentice Carpenter
Rob Shields	Apprentice Carpenter
Norm Franz.....	Apprentice Boat Builder



Foundation Members, September 1947. First Bronze Instruction

Bob Durbidge's two sons, Tony and John, were members of the first Bronze Squad and Tony was elected the new Club's first Captain. Other probationary Foundation Members were Kev and Billy Bache, Jack McGrath, Jim Smith, Jim Carlile and Bill Ware.

It is interesting to note here that the Club's first Secretary was a woman, Glad Rahnsleben, who was Point Lookout's Postmistress. This appointment was frowned on by Queensland State Centre who stressed in an item of General Business on 10 December, 1947 that the new Club should only elect male office bearers as its Club officials. The issue of equal participation and rights for women in surf life saving in Australia had been a much debated topic since the 1930s when ladies Lifesaving Clubs of the Royal Life Saving Society in Australia wanted to patrol surf beaches as well as still water venues.

By the end of 1947, State Centre and National Council had ruled that women had a role as social organizers and fund raisers but as **actual lifesavers, including office bearers, they were not allowed**. Women's equality was a thorny topic after World War II and Point Lookout had its share of forward thinking and spirited individuals. However, this was not the reason that Glad took on the role – though no one at the time would have been brave enough to tell her of State Centre's ruling.



Rather, it was due to the fact that Point Lookout was a proud and self-reliant community and the value of every member was of equal importance.

Club Colours – Red, White and Blue

The reason for the choice of Club colours has been largely lost in the mists of time. However, much discussion with Foundation Members, provided a general consensus that Red, White and Blue were chosen due to the patriotic connection to the flags of Australia and the United States, with both having military presence at the Point during World War II.

AFFILIATION WITH SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (S.L.S.A.A.)

The actual date of affiliation of Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club is hazy as the following Queensland State Centre Minutes record:

11 February 1948. Point Lookout Club applied to be affiliated with Queensland State Centre. State Centre referred the application to South Coast Branch with the recommendation that the Club be affiliated with South Coast Branch.

This was implemented by **6 November, 1948** as noted by Ron Tallon O.A.M. in his *History of the First Fifty Years of Surf Life Saving in the South Coast Branch Queensland: 1945-46 to 1994-95*. This is now the accepted affiliation date of Point Lookout S.L.S.C. with South Coast Branch.

However, the difficulty in communication between the Point and South Coast Branch meetings led to the Club's delegate Col Willett appealing to Queensland State Centre in October 1949 to affiliate directly with them.

State Centre denied the request and directed that Point Lookout would have to continue affiliation with South Coast Branch. Point Lookout Club agreed to this direction provided it would not be "put on the mat" if it failed to attend meetings. South Coast superintendent Alan Kennedy agreed to help Point Lookout in further instruction to its members.

This breach in affiliation protocol was serious enough to warrant a column in the *Courier Mail* in October 1949. Point Lookout then re-affiliated with South Coast Branch in the 1949-50 Season. This was recorded incorrectly in Jack Winders' history of Surf Life Saving Queensland, 1970, as "Point Lookout formed 1947 but did not affiliate with the Queensland State Centre until 1950." The reason given by South Coast Branch for opposing Point Lookout's affiliation with Queensland State Centre was that it would have no other Clubs to compete against and competition in drill and lifesaving techniques is the backbone of Surf Life Saving. In time, Point Lookout came to take its place as a fierce and successful competitor at Branch, State and National level.

CLUB ACCOMMODATION – IN THE BEGINNING

The new Surf Club now had an enthusiastic group able to provide effective patrols at Main Beach with rudimentary gear until the promised reel, line and belt arrived. They had an ex World War II hand cranked air raid siren which was employed as a shark alarm. This did not last long as it quickly became clogged with the sand carried on the frequent South Easterlies. On its demise, the Club erected a basic but very effective shark alarm which consisted of a steel pipe hung from a post. When hit with an iron bar, it made a very respectable "ding dong".



The alarm served until, in the late 1950s, the Club acquired a bell from the recently demolished Kangaroo Point State School courtesy of the Bishop family. But they needed the one thing that all groups involved in outdoor activities require and that was a Clubhouse. The Lifesavers' Clubhouse was by then an Australian icon where lifesavers cooked, slept and organized patrols; where the camaraderie that enabled these volunteers to work together was nurtured.

The nature of the Point Lookout community, small and isolated with few permanent residents, meant that there was little accommodation available for weekend visitors.

Club members who had family or friends with holiday houses were luckier than others who had to rely on the availability of rented weekend fishing shacks for accommodation. As the first season progressed, however, Club members endeavoured to share a single shack.



1948-49 season - metal pipe shark alarm on South Headland

This reduced costs and also reinforced the Club spirit that was building in the group. The shack most favoured was the 12 feet by 12 feet corrugated iron structure which housed their first instructor Dave Birtwell and his family over the Christmas Period in 1947. When this became overcrowded or was unavailable, members would bed down in the Durbidge buses.

Meals were very basic as Glad Rahnsleben's small shop carried a very limited range of goods. Cornflakes with powdered milk, tinned meat and dry bread were the usual fare as recalled by the early members.

The local guest houses, *Samarinda* run by Roy Bulcock and *Headland Chalet* run by Keith and Pearl Waller, were staunch supporters of the new Club, realizing its value in protecting the guests on the beach. *Samarinda* offered the boys a meal and hot shower for 3 shillings (30c); the Wallers offered a more salubrious deal of a clean bed and a meal for 30 shillings (\$3) although this took a fair bite out of the pay packet of a young apprentice.

Samarinda also had a selection of 78 rpm Victor Sylvester dance records and a dance floor where the young colts met the local girls and female guests to dance away Saturday nights.

Jim Carlile recalls one weekend when they were all staying at a fishing shack called *Tug Tellum* (read it backwards!) near the bus depot. Late one night, when hunger was uppermost in their minds, a few of them decided to purloin a nice fat chook from Roy Bulcock's chook pen at *Samarinda*.

They stole the chook, wrung its neck and took it to the beach to pluck its feathers hoping the outgoing tide would remove all evidence of the crime.

In their inebriated stupidity and with their lack of expertise in the art of chook plucking, they did not realize that hot water was necessary to loosen the feathers. They took the largely unplucked chook back to the shack and burnt the remaining feathers off in the wood stove. By about 1.30 am they eventually had the bird ready for the table only to find it "tough as old boot leather".

The next morning, it seemed the whole of Point Lookout knew that the lifesavers had stolen and eaten Roy Bulcock's prize rooster as evidenced by the trail of feathers from the beach to their shack.



At the Annual General Meeting of the Club in 1948, Roy was offered a Vice Presidency which he politely declined. However, the true measure of the man was shown in that he remained a staunch supporter of the Club. When ill health forced him to lease *Samarinda* to Blue and Dolly Threlfo in 1949, the Thelfos continued the support which the Bulcocks had always offered.

By the end of 1949, the Club had gained the next wave of probationary and Associate Members who were to prove valuable and energetic participants in the construction of the new clubhouse. They were:

Snowy Batchelor	Graham Harrison	A.E. Peters
Fred Blacklock	R. Hillyard	Norm Rahnsleben
B. Burroughs	Stanley Julius	Tom Shields
Bert Clayton	Jack McGrath	Bev Shillig
Morgan Evans	Verne Miles	Keith Waller
Brian Ferguson	John (Jack) Munro	Les Warner
Jack Halligan	Stan O'Neill	Col Willett

With increasing membership, the need for their own accommodation became more pressing and a tent, borrowed from the Munro family became their first real Clubhouse. Eventually a new ex-U.S. Army Bell tent was purchased from an army disposal store for £5. This was erected on the main headland slightly north of the camping area and about 100 metres from the present bakery and take-away.



Clubs second tent with
C. Willett & L. McAfee 1949

Some of the original members recall with relish the T-bone steaks cooked over an open fire as their first "Clubhouse" meal together.

As 1948 through 1949 progressed, the Club minutes record their efforts in trying to procure two ex-army prefabricated huts, one at Dunwich and one at Amity Point, which, on subsequent examination, proved unsuitable. Meanwhile, "the temporary Clubhouse" – the U.S. Army tent – was serving the members well although they had given up trying to keep food in the tent because of the hearty appetites of the resident goannas.

CAPEMBAH CAFÉ

Fortunately, Matty and Evelyn Bache had opened their fish food café, *Capembah Café* opposite the tent. As they had a son and a nephew, Kev and Bill Bache, in the Surf Club, they kindly offered the lifesavers first class meals at reduced prices.

Matt Bache and his son Kevin were also talented musicians and, with the bush band they formed with the help of some of the Dunwich lads, *Capembah Café* ran dances for the Surf Club to boost their funds.

These dances were lively affairs during holiday times and were so energetic that the café floor subsided from the enthusiastic rendition of the *Boston-Two Step*. Apprentice carpenters in the Club, appreciative of the support of the Bache family, replaced the stumps free of charge. Norm Cramb's parents, Lal and Didi Cramb, also had a tea house and bakery behind *Samarinda* on Lighthouse Hill. They offered the boys discount pies and other savoury delights which were thoroughly enjoyed.



It should be mentioned here that the new Club members had excellent rapport and goodwill with the young indigenous men from Dunwich.

As both Jim Carlile and Stan O'Neill recall, a love of bush music and friendly football games on Main Beach provided common ground and bought the two groups together socially.

The need for a more permanent structure for the Clubhouse remained. A committee was formed to plan a two roomed fibro and timber hut with a flat roof to be built by Christmas 1948 on a site yet to be obtained from Cleveland Shire Council. The Club's preferred site was the South Headland, due to its proximity to the Main Beach.

FIRST GEAR SHED

While the Club was agonizing over their future Clubhouse, they still had to pay off the new gear supplied by State Centre. This was paid for in £5 (\$10) increments and the new surf reel was finally paid off by June 1949.

This surf reel was stored in the first gear shed which was donated to the Club by Mr. J. Murray in late 1948 and was located at the bottom of the stairway leading to Main Beach.

FUND RAISING

Money was raised in as many legal and slightly illegal ways as possible. Lifesavers ran dances in conjunction with the Amity and Point Lookout Progress Associations at *Cabarita Kiosk* at Amity Point.

They obtained permission from Hayles cruises to run raffles on the town boats, with prizes donated by prominent businesses with connections to Amity and Point Lookout. Radio stations 4BC and 4BK and the *Courier Mail* ran appeals for donations at Branch and State Championships. Proceeds from these appeals were distributed by State Centre to all Surf Clubs. State Centre also ran the Annual Life Savers Ball and the chocolate wheel at the Brisbane Exhibition each year and, again, all Clubs shared in the funds raised. The State Government subsidy of 7 shillings and 6 pence for every £1 raised was a welcome input.

Club members ran card evenings at private homes and volunteered their time to work for the Club in opening entries for public competitions run by the *Courier Mail* and *Brisbane Telegraph*. Competitions such as "Find the Ball" and "Write a Title" were very popular in the 40s and 50s and all Surf Clubs in Queensland benefited from the funds paid by the newspapers for this work.

Radio Station 4BK ran an annual "Bulimba Surf Life Savers Quiz" sponsored by Bulimba Brewery in which Clubs competed against others to show that lifesavers had brains as well as brawn. The new Point Lookout Club eagerly participated in this money raising effort as well. Over one school holiday period, the Club tried its hand at commerce and attempted to raise funds by selling ice cold cordial on the beach for sixpence a glass and charged a small fee to play music requests over a hired public address system.

This was common practice at South Coast beaches at this time. As Alan Gunn recalls, the idea was brilliant – the results disastrous. The drinks were bought on tick and never paid for and it cost £3 (\$6) to repair the sand-clogged speakers when they were returned to the Brisbane radio shop.



1948-49 Season. First gear shed, built by J. Murray



SOUTH HEADLAND

Through 1948-49, the Clubhouse sub-committee was still negotiating with the Shire Clerk, Ernie Ellis, to acquire the South Headland. The Council wanted the Clubhouse built on the Main Headland.



Alan Gunn on "Soxy" the brumby
"Patrol Horse" 1949

A number of committee members escorted Mr. Ellis to the South Headland while he was on holidays at the Point and were able to convince him of the necessity to erect the proposed building on the South Headland.

This was ultimately agreed to by Council, with the proviso that the Club would clear the headland of prickly pear which was growing wild all over Point Lookout at the time.

The pear had two extremely irritating features – (i) the nasty prickles which were very difficult to remove and (ii) when they were in season, they produced a sweet fruit which was much sought after by the wild brumbies that lived around Point Lookout. (Refer to second stanza of Roy Bulcock's poem *Mooloomba*) These horses had become a bit of a tourist attraction although, with the exception of one horse called "Soxy" which was broken in by the lifesavers and ridden on the beach as a "patrol horse", they were an environmental menace and a nuisance to almost everyone.

Cleveland Shire Council supplied the Club with the revolutionary new bio-pesticide developed by the C.S.I.R.O. called the cactoblastis moth. These moths eat the pear, eventually destroying it. Being creative thinkers, they also gave the Club poison to apply to the plants in case the ever present South Easterlies blew the little moths away over Moreton Bay. Of course, this is what happened.

With much back-breaking work, the prickly pear was eventually eliminated having been bashed with heavy stakes and poisoned, and the horses were forced to look elsewhere for their sweet treats.

In July 1949, the building committee was authorized to spend £90 (\$180) of Club funds to purchase building materials.



Digging clubhouse foundations 1949/50
J. Durbidge using pick

Later in the year, Club members, girlfriends and members of the Progress Association Younger Set began digging the foundations. The Minutes for September 1949 record that "after much discussion it was decided to erect a building of strong foundations, 12 feet 6 inches by 40 feet (3.5m by 9 m) with a view to further extensions." A lot of foresight there.

The design was drawn up by an architecture student from the Younger Set called Robin Gibson. Gibson went on to become one of Brisbane's most prominent architects being responsible for the design of the Queensland Art Gallery and Cultural Centre at South Bank. The basic design was a timber frame, fibro cladded building with louvres and hopper windows. The skillion roof which was to be used as a shark tower was to be tongue and groove hardwood flooring covered with layers of Malthoid waterproof paper with tar paint between the layers and a final coat of sand on the wet tar. This surface was very uncomfortable on hot summer days with many a foot having to be treated for blisters and burns from both the sun and the melting tar paper.



All Club members gave their time during December 1949 and January 1950 in hand-mixing concrete using beach sand from Samarinda hill, broken rock from the adjacent area and water from 44 gallon drums transported by Bob Durbidge.

When the slab was poured, work proceeded on the frame. The whole construction was overseen by two new Associate members of the Club, Billy Ball and Bill "Ganger" Neilsen, veteran Surfers Paradise lifesavers and well known South Coast builders. "Ganger" Neilsen was the father of the well-known surf shop proprietors the "Brothers Neilson".

Morgan Evans, a local builder also gave a lot of time to this project. Club member Col Willett took two weeks without pay from his job only to be sacked on his return to work. All members made sacrifices of one sort or another in the effort to get this Clubhouse built.



*Mixing concrete for foundations
January 1950. L-R Billy Ball, Morgan
Evans, Col Willett*

On completion, the Clubhouse was furnished with double- and triple-decker bunks constructed by the workers with army surplus mattresses to provide some level of comfort. Lighting was provided by a single kerosene pressure lantern and members' own torches. By the end of January 1950, they were able to move in, albeit without running water or a kitchen. Though the Clubhouse was now liveable with a "dunny" outhouse, members still went to *Capembah Café*, Cramb's tea house and *Samarinda Guest House* for meals and showers. Club Minutes for 1949-1950 continued to stress the need to finish the Clubhouse after the first frenzy of building had abated.

Clubbies were urged to bring saws and hammers with them each weekend while the Executive was working hard to raise more funds and, in particular, to secure a loan of £150 (\$300) from Queensland State Centre.

The U.S. Army tent had served the clubbies well, but at the time the new Clubhouse was being constructed, the tent, which had been dubbed "The Kennel" by Point Lookout residents was blown away during a violent summer storm. Not a trace of it was found. This loss of their temporary Clubhouse could have been catastrophic under other circumstances but it did not phase the young clubbies – their new Clubhouse was in sight!

Sleeping in the new Clubhouse gave a new sense of security and cosiness. However, many members of the 40s and 50s recall the sometimes spooky atmosphere, especially on moonless nights. When Samarinda turned off its generator at 11 pm, most of Point Lookout was shrouded in blackness and silence. To entertain each other, they either played cards by a flickering kerosene lamp or, if the weather was really foul and blowing a South Easterly, they would wrap up in their bunks and frighten each other with ghost stories about the island. The ghost stories had most effect when the blow hole on Whale Rock was howling mournfully. According to Aboriginal legend, a disabled woman was cared for on the main headland by carers of her tribe and, during a severe storm, she was blown off and turned into Whale Rock. The sound from the blowhole was said to be her anguished spirit crying.

With the completion of the first stage of the Clubhouse by the end of 1950, the Club was now in a better position to attract members. Existing clubbies talked friends from their workplaces and mainland football clubs into joining. But the delay in getting following bronze squads through was frustrating for the Club. It took two years to get the second squad through. Once again, isolation was proving an obstacle to the developing Club.



The Point Lookout Progress Association came to the Club's aid once more with Bob Durbidge organizing the business community and Hayles Cruises to give State Centre examiners free transport and accommodation on weekends in an effort to qualify more lifesavers. By the end of the 1952/53 season, 25 Bronze Medallions had been awarded to Point Lookout with squads passing through about 15 months apart.

The slowdown in recruitment which Point Lookout experienced was not simply a local problem. It was an Australia wide issue as noted by Robert Longhurst in *Preserving Lives, Preserving Values: A History of Surf Life Saving in Queensland* (p 177) and remained so until the 1960s.

This generation of members and potential members enjoyed a new found independence and Point Lookout was not alone in having its share of rebellious teenagers. Keith Ranson, the Club's first recipient of the White Laurel Wreath, recalls the early 1950s as difficult years. However, he did much to maintain harmony with the local community and discipline within the club.

By 1952, the Club had obtained a range of vital equipment including a new 18 feet 6 inch rescue ski, an Eve Rocker resuscitation stretcher, another surf reel for training, an ambulance (First Aid) kit and a much needed brand new beach shark lookout tower. This gear was supplied by State Centre and, generally, fully funded or subsidized by the aforementioned fundraising ventures such as the "Find the Ball" competition.

This new beach tower was much kinder on the feet than the Clubhouse roof. However, by 1955, it had rusted away completely and clubbies again resorted to the roof for shark watch.

By the end of the 1953-54 season, the Clubhouse had gained its first extension comprising a kitchen and eating area and a couple of rainwater tanks for a much needed fresh water supply. One of the rainwater tanks also had a hand pump which, when operated by another, would give a good shower, although in the open air! One always made sure that if owed a favour, that favour would be to man the pump to spruce up for the Saturday night dance.

During the 1950s, amongst the excellent members the Club produced, a few who subsequently became Life Members rate a special mention for their efforts in improving living conditions. One of these was Lester McManus.

With connections to the motor trade, Lester supplied the Club with a 12 volt lighting generator and power source which allowed clubbies to play 78 rpm records on an old converted radiogram as well as to see in the dark.

Another was Noel Webb who, also through connections with his trade, obtained, at a good price, a brand new state of the art Port-a-gas stove and bottles from a trade display at the Brisbane Exhibition. These two luxuries almost brought the Club to par with the Gold Coast Clubs which, up until then, had Clubhouses that were the envy of every Point member.

This new stove not only cooked efficiently – which could now be seen in the flickering electric light - but also saved the members from potential death by asphyxiation from the old wood stove fired with damp driftwood collected from the beach.

The third member of this trio is our own living icon of the Surf Life Saving Movement, Colin "Popeye" Le Strange, our longest serving clubbie. With his natural talent and the new amenities he became one of the best cooks this Club has produced.



TRANSPORT – 1940s to 1960s

The only way to reach Stradbroke Island in this period was by boat and the trip itself became a significant part of the Club experience throughout these years. Hayles Cruises operated a passenger launch service to the Island with little competition from 1935, through the war years, 1939-1945, the 1950s and 60s. It finally succumbed to competition from the vehicular barges from Cleveland and Redland Bay and ceased operations in Moreton Bay in the mid-1960s. This launch service was the lifeline of the island, carrying essential supplies of all kinds as well as locals, holiday makers and lifesavers. Initially, the company ran two vessels, the *M.V. Mirabel* and the *M.V. Mirimar* and, in 1947, *M.V. Mirana* was added to this small fleet. The service operated from a wharf just below the northern end of the Victoria Bridge at North Quay. This was the old steel bridge demolished in the early 1970s when the new Victoria Bridge was opened.

During World War II, the Australian Army commandeered the *Mirimar* and *Mirabel* to supply stores and construction materials for the building of defence forts and communication installations on Bribie, Moreton and North Stradbroke Islands. Residents were able to obtain permits to travel to the Islands, even though general access was restricted.

Some members of the Younger Set of the Point Lookout Progress Association who had bona fide passes remember coming to Amity Point via Redcliffe, Bribie and Moreton Islands and across the often treacherous South Bar passage. The launches were sometimes overloaded making for an anxious trip and it was not unusual for the journey to take from 6 to 8 hours.

On arrival at Amity Point, these future Foundation Members of the Surf Club then had to hitch, if they were lucky, a ride to Point Lookout with an Army or RAAF truck, or, if not so lucky, walk the track to the other side of the island.

THE BOAT TRIP

As first decade members, Stan O'Neill, Norm Cramb, Alan Gunn, Len McAfee and Jim Carlile recall, when World War II ended in 1945, Hayles Cruises resumed normal services and the *Mirimar* and *Mirabel* left North Quay at 9 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 1 pm on Saturdays and at 9 am on Sundays.

With the advent of the 40 hour week in 1947 which allowed more leisure time for many workers and their families, Hayles added the faster *Mirana* and began a regular 6 pm Friday night service and a 9 am Saturday run replaced the 1 pm service to meet the demands of those who no longer had to work on Saturday mornings. Island regulars with their offspring and friends could now enjoy a whole weekend at the Point with the Friday night travellers arriving at Point Lookout at about 10.30 pm - if the weather was good.

Hayles three launches were skippered by Frank Smith, Alex Swenson and Geoff Forde. Norm Cramb, a Foundation Member, also became a skipper for Hayles Cruises in the latter years of Hayles operations in Moreton Bay. The launches carried a crew of one deckhand and an engineer and each had a canteen. Mrs Anderson, who doubled as pianist and leader of community singing for the trip, was one of the early canteen managers. In later years, Mrs Gilmore and Gwen Specht operated the canteens.



Hayles M.V. Mirana



These women were great supporters of the Surf Club and very tolerant of the high jinks of the young fellows who travelled regularly. Most lifesavers preferred to travel on the 6 pm Friday night boat from North Quay. This was usually the *Mirana* but on long weekends when bookings were heavy, it was occasionally accompanied by the *Mirabel* carrying passengers to Amity Point and Dunwich.

In 1954 when the S.S. *Koopa* was taken off the Bribie Island run, Hayles began a new service to Bribie Island via Redcliffe Jetty. This service also left from North Quay at 6 pm on Friday night. This resulted in some confusion for travellers who were never sure until they bought their tickets which boat was going to Amity and which boat to Bribie. At peak holiday times, with hundreds of people and their weekend supplies crowded onto Hayles small jetty, confusion often prevailed and there were occasional heated exchanges. It is worth noting here what a daunting sight these weekend supplies presented to the boarding passengers as they waited on the jetty. There were large portmanteaus and overnight bags full of clothes, heavy steel eskies and cardboard boxes of food and groceries, fishing creels and fishing rods, hessian bags of large bottles of XXXX (before the days of cartons), cats, caged birds and the odd tethered dog. When the skipper lifted the rope on the gangplank, pandemonium ensued as the gear was stowed around the passengers seats with the bagged XXXX always the most protected. Lifesavers were last on board as they received a discount return fare of 4 shillings (40c in today's money).

However, for most regulars going to the Island, the Friday night trip was a social highlight to finish the working week. Groups of "weekender" families, friends and associates, fishing mates, lifesavers and other assorted tourists would gravitate to their favourite spots on the boat, there to spend a happy few hours reading, playing cards, drinking from quart size bottles of XXXX Bitter or grouping around amateur musicians with a harmonica or a guitar.

Singsongs around the piano were also popular after a few glasses of beer and the canteen was always full, feeding the hungry the fare of the day which included fresh sandwiches, hot pies, Chico Rolls, tea and coffee. Canteen staff and boat crew turned a blind eye to the illegal gambling at some tables. Amid this hub-bub of onboard activity, lifesavers endeavoured to sell raffle tickets.

By the late 1950s, the second and third waves of volunteer lifesavers began to enjoy the often hilarious 6 pm boat trip which, by now, had become a "rite of passage" for the Point Lookout boys.

Club members of this decade experienced the higher wages and the greater choice of consumer goods which were the result of increasing post-war prosperity.

They hurriedly changed after work on Friday, donning their new T-shirts and fashionable reversible shorts and made a dash for North Quay in time to buy fresh cooked sea-food from one of the cafes as well as a six pack or two of the trendy new Fosters lager in steel cans from a city pub.

It is also worth remembering that, up until this period, it was considered unpatriotic in Queensland to drink anything other than XXXX. Even the home grown competition brewed in Brisbane, Bulimba Gold Top beer, was regarded as the "dreaded green death."

This new blue and gold steel can of Fosters made carrying and drinking on board much more



convenient, though some of the regulars who had struggled for years carrying large bags of XXXX looked down their noses at this change in drinking habits.

There was a new found cockiness amongst the lifesavers of this period, which, unfortunately, lost them some support from the general travellers and made it harder to sell raffle tickets on board.

During the foundation decades, Hayles Cruises allowed the Surf Club to conduct raffles on their boats as part of fund raising. Prizes included 1 dozen bottles of Better Bitter XXXX kindly donated by Jack Halligan, a senior executive of Castlemaine Perkins Brewery who had a house on the island and was an early benefactor to the Surf Club and a highly regarded Point Lookout stalwart. In later years, the purchase of prizes from Hoffnungs warehouse in the city was a regular duty of some Club members.

Around 1959-60, Hayles began another Friday 6 pm service to North Stradbroke to meet the ever increasing demand. This service by the brand new *MV Megeera* ran from Manly Boat Harbour to Dunwich. Some Club members who lived and worked on the Southside found it more convenient to catch the Manly boat and either hitch a ride from Dunwich to the Point or pool funds to hire Ron Stark's taxi as there was no Dunwich to Point Lookout bus service then. Hayles' *Megeera* service evolved as a "never to be forgotten" trip to the island but never to the extent that the North Quay service had. The Surf Club ran successful raffles on board the *Megeera* also as they had developed good rapport with the crew and regulars.

By the time Hayles Cruises closed their Moreton Bay operations in the mid-1960s and moved most of their launches to North Queensland, the lifesavers had regained their standing amongst the boat community and the raffles were well supported again, often netting more than £10 (\$20) a raffle which was a significant contribution to Club funds.

The boat trip was significant in that it provided a distinct break between the world of paid work and city life and the various pleasures and pains of the Point Lookout experience. For Life Member, Terry Daley, the town boat trip of that period remains a personal highlight.

He recalls reclining on the after deck, on top of the tarpaulin covered freight, with a prawn or crab bread roll in one hand and a cold Fosters can in the other. The beauty of the setting sun through the summer storm clouds over Mt Coot-tha as the *Mirana* glided around Hamilton Reach enroute to the Bay remains undimmed in his memory.

The following accounts of some hair-raising trips to the Island by Hayles Cruises were not typical, only memorable. They are true accounts provided by past members. The vast majority of boat trips, however, over the 40 odd years that Hayles provided Transport to North Stradbroke Island were uneventful, yet always pleasurable. Many romances and marriages owe their origins to the trip down the bay and there was never loss of life. The only loss worth noting was that of sobriety.

The town boat trip took from three to four and a half hours, depending on the weather. At that time, before satellite and radar weather forecasting, skippers on the Bay had to obtain weather conditions by listening to radio warnings from ships at sea – or by licking a finger and sticking it out of the wheelhouse!

These basic forecasts allowed the skipper to make the decision as to whether to proceed down the Bay or not. Some trips across the Bay in what turned out to be cyclonic conditions were absolutely hair-raising for all concerned.



Club members across these decades recall one trip with the *Mirabel* bobbing about like a cork on the waves. With the screw out of the water, the engine raced and roared and passengers trembled.

On another occasion, the *Mirimar* came aground on a sandbank where it was stuck for a few hours until the tide turned and freed the launch. On this night, members arrived at the Point at about 3 a.m.

Others recall a night when they stripped down to their togs and assisted the deck crew to prepare life jackets for distribution or helped to clean up copious amounts of regurgitated canteen offerings and XXXX. In such conditions, even dogs without sea legs were sick.

Alan Gunn tells of a particular occasion when a load of building materials was cut loose with an axe and jettisoned in the Rous Channel to prevent the *Mirabel* rolling over with its top heavy cargo.

Understandably, the Hayles skippers developed pride in their prowess and skills as seafarers and friendly rivalry existed as to who was the most likely to "get the mail through" when sea conditions were adverse. Depending on outgoing tides and delay in getting across the Bay, the skipper would decide whether to dock at Dunwich first or Amity Point to disembark passengers and cargo.

On landing at Amity after a rough crossing, a sense of relief would often be felt when feet touched the jetty, although this tenuous connection to the island was not without its own life-threatening hazards. Terry Daley recalls alighting on the jetty which was stacked on one side with freight from a previous trip. As the passengers picked their way carefully towards the shore on the other side of the stacked goods, sudden shrieks from the ladies indicated that the jetty was unstable and collapsing into the Bay! Fortunately, the structure held and there was enough strength left in the interlocking deck timbers to stop it disintegrating completely.

The only casualty on this occasion was a dog who managed to swim safely ashore without the assistance of the ever vigilant Clubbies. On another pitch black night in 1960, Teddy Beyer, a very happy Club member who thought he would get ahead of the crowd of disembarking passengers and get a seat on the bus instead of riding on the roof in the luggage rack, decided to jump onto the jetty before the boat had tied up. Misjudging the distance, he dropped straight into the outgoing tide. Given the dark night and general confusion, it was fortunate for him that his portable radio, perched on top of his floating overnight bag, was still playing music thus giving his mates a direction in which to throw a lifeline. A cartoon representation of this event can be viewed at the Dunwich Museum.

THE BUS TRIP

After surviving the rigours of the Bay trip, travellers to the Point then had to board the bone-shaking bus for the trip across the island. The roads on the Island at this time were mostly unsealed and often very rough.

The trip took the best part of an hour or more especially if departure was delayed as large amounts of luggage had to be loaded onto the roof rack. The buses were converted World War II 4x4 trucks with wooden bench seats and canvas side blinds to keep out the branches and rain. In reality, they often let in more rain than they kept out.



The lifesavers were given a concession fare of 2 shillings (20c) on the bus with the proviso that, if the bus was full of full fare paying passengers, the Club members would ride on the roof with the luggage. To the casual observer this might appear that the lifesavers were second class citizens but this was not the case – even though the chance of being swept off the top of the bus into the Amity swamp by a low hanging branch was a very high possibility.

In the early 1960s the Surf Club started taking its own food provisions to the Point in order to save money. These included export grade meat supplied courtesy of members Rod Doolan and John Bozier who worked at Borthwicks Abattoir at Cannon Hill.

Several members recall it as being the "best meat and sausages they had ever tasted." This extra burden was accepted without complaint by the members because of the dimension of luxury it put into their weekend.

On one crowded and hectic long weekend trip in 1961, Club members struggled to get aboard one of the buses at Amity Point. The old "Iron Horse" 4x4 was the first bus to leave with a full complement of passengers and a roof rack packed with luggage, Club members and the weekend's provisions. Davy Powles (Sprocket) and George Patterson (Sleepy) were in charge of the Club meat and cartons of XXXX.

Due to the heavy load on board, the Iron Horse traversed the bumpy track along the edge of the swamp slowly but the inevitable happened. Sprocket and Sleepy were swept off the roof by a branch, into the swamp along with the Club meat which had been wrapped in a couple of Club jackets to protect it on the journey. Fortunately, the imbibing on the boat trip over had numbed the pain and both members were able to pick themselves up and run to catch the Iron Horse, climbing back up on top to save the rest of the provisions especially the XXXX.



"Iron Horse" on Amity Road

On reaching the Clubhouse, lucky to be alive, they had to tell the rest of the boys that the much anticipated T-bones, sausages and legs of lamb would not be on offer that weekend as they had been abandoned somewhere on the Amity road (now known as Clayton's Road). There were long faces around the breakfast table next morning until Tony Durbidge who was driving the last bus the previous evening turned up at the Clubhouse with a Club jacket and 2 legs of lamb – one squashed down each sleeve, with bone protruding out at the end. Tony had also salvaged the T-bones and sausages which, although sandy, had not been run over as Sprocket's jacket had been. Tony recounted his horror of the night before as, being the last bus travelling cautiously along that rough track, his headlights had picked up the assaulted meat. He stopped the bus and got out, his heart missing a beat as he approached, fearing that the previous bus had run over Sprocket and this was all "the goannas had left of him."

In true Club spirit, the meat was cleaned up and enjoyed albeit with a little more grit than usual. A cartoon representation of this event by Terry Daley can be seen on page 108 of *North Stradbroke Island* by E. Durbidge and J Covacevich (1981).

The bus proprietors, Tony and John Durbidge, were Foundation Members and shared strong camaraderie with the city members who were usually happy to load freight and luggage with their mates the Durbidge brothers in return for their concession fare. This strong bond existed between Durbidge's Red Bus Company and the Surf Club right through from 1940s to the 60s when the company closed down.



EARLY COMPETITION

As the 50s decade ended and the 60s began, the Club had excelled itself in what the Surf Life Saving Movement had a charter for – *saving people from drowning in the surf*. Despite the difficulties in getting the Club up and running, the early members performed their regular Main Beach patrols and executed some notable rescues as detailed in the later Chapter in this book – "Notable Rescues and Bravery Awards".

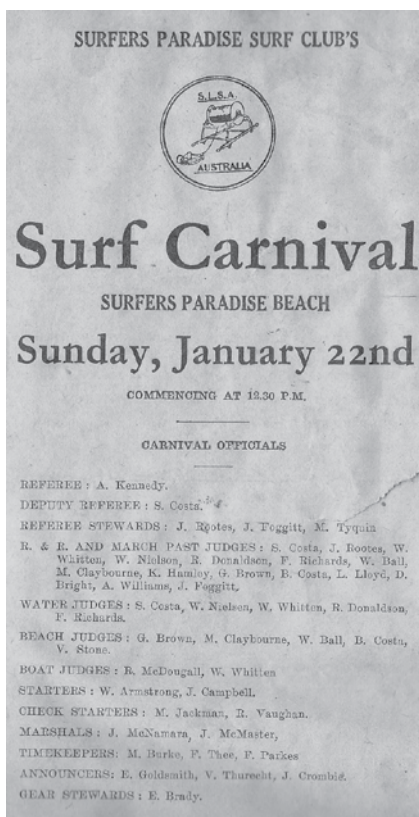
However, due to the small number of members and isolation from effective transport, competition was not the priority it might have been. Bearing in mind, when the Club was having difficulty in affiliating with South Coast Branch, that "competition was the backbone of the movement", the Point Lookout members did make an effort and went to an invitation carnival on January 22nd, 1950 at Surfers Paradise.

Nine members made it to the carnival (see later anecdotal account by Norm Cramb) leaving only two or three members at the Point to patrol the Main Beach from the still unfinished Clubhouse. These members included Graham Harrison, Jim Smith, Len McAfee, Stan O'Neill, Col Willett, Norm Cramb, Kev Bache, John Munro and Norm Franz. They competed in Senior R&R, Beach Sprint, Beach Relay, Musical Flags, Surf Swim and Surf Teams events.

The impetus to get serious in competition was not given another push until the end of the decade when Rod Doolan, the Club's second Life Member, put the pressure on.

As the 60s started, he was given considerable support by Club members generally and by David Powles (third Life Member), Brian Goodger, Graeme Snell, Jim Comerford, Squeaky Thomas, Neil Cairns, John Hutchinson and the Bishop Brothers. These highly motivated members encouraged the new young talent in the Club to compete, which they did with some success.

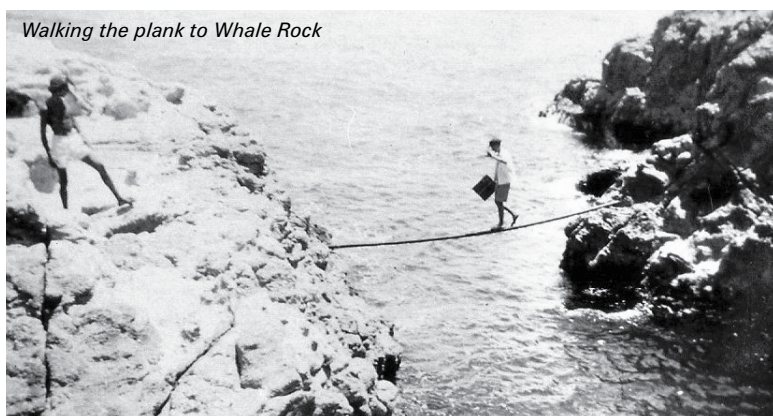
Rod Doolan also became the Club's first accredited Examiner with Queensland State Centre and the Club was settled on firm foundations in all aspects of Surf Lifesaving.



1950 Carnival Program



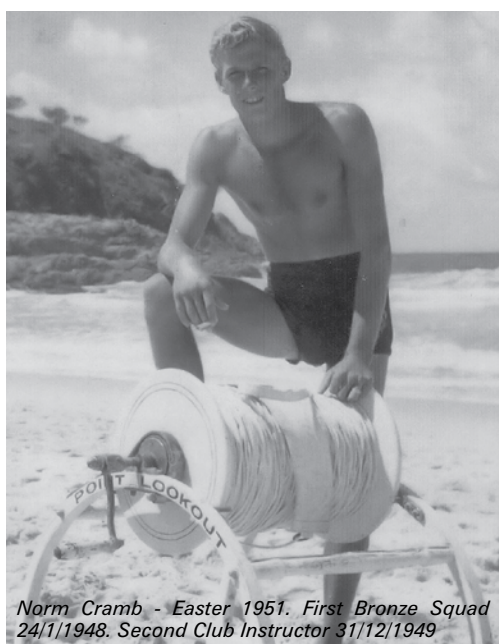
1950-51 season.
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Front L-R B. Ferguson, J. McGrath, N. Cramb, C. Willett, M. Stevens, L. McFarlane



Walking the plank to Whale Rock



Easter 1951. L-R Barry Lobston, Greta, Jack McGrath, Patricia, Col Willett. Skis made by Eric Nightingale & Bill "Ganger" Neilsen

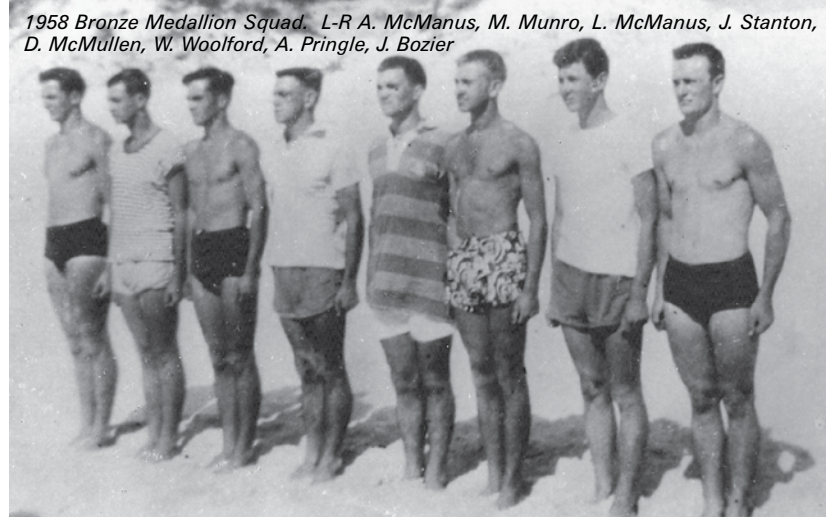


Norm Cramb - Easter 1951. First Bronze Squad 24/1/1948. Second Club Instructor 31/12/1949

Fibro Clubhouse 1950's



1958 Bronze Medallion Squad. L-R A. McManus, M. Munro, L. McManus, J. Stanton, D. McMullen, W. Woolford, A. Pringle, J. Bozier



First 6 man R&R team in competition 1950 at Surfers Paradise Beach





First Bronze squad after successful examination at Point Lookout - 24th January, 1948



1951-52 season



1950-51 season.

Back L-R B. Shillig, M. Stevens, B. Ferguson, J. McGrath, C. Willett. Front L-R D. Hazlett, L. McAfee, L. McFarlane



1953-54 club members



First carnival Pt Lookout SLSC members competed in January 22 1950, Surfers Paradise

Report on examination, First Bronze Squad, 24 January 1948

ORIGINAL THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

REPORT ON EXAMINATION N° 3102

OF THE UNDERMENTIONED MEMBERS OF THE

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Norm Cramb's Bronze Medallion



Point Lookout Younger Set / Progress Association 1946/47



First official patrol togs - Jack McGrath



1946 back of WW2 G.M.C. truck. Eve Bocker, Ellie Rahnsleben, a young Doug Godwin

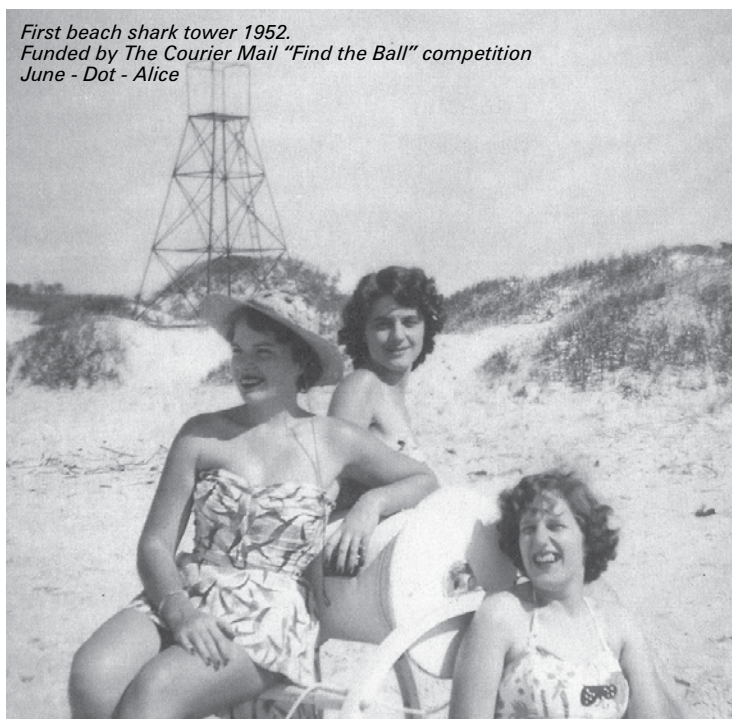
Point Lookout 6 Man R&R. L-R L. McAfee, J. Smith, N. Franz, C. Willett, N. Cramb, G. Harrison



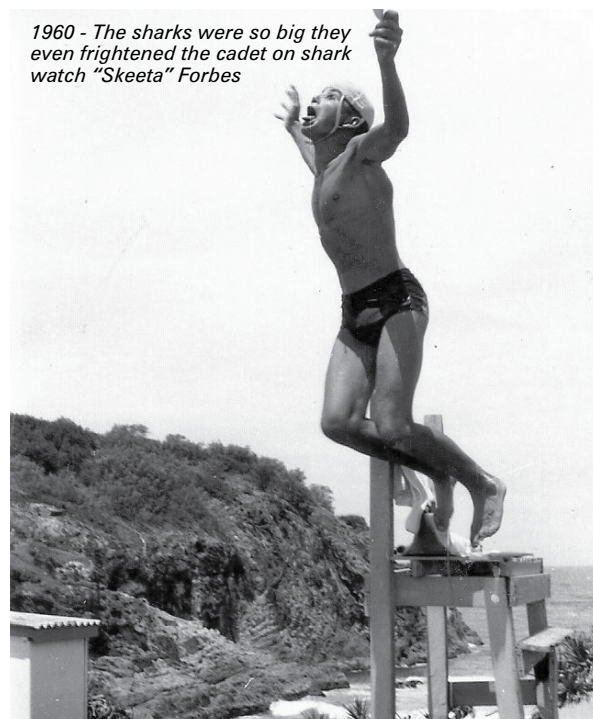
Jan Langford on Samarinda Headland 1947



First beach shark tower 1952.
Funded by The Courier Mail "Find the Ball" competition
June - Dot - Alice



1960 - The sharks were so big they even frightened the cadet on shark watch "Skeeta" Forbes



The logo is a circular emblem with a lifebuoy design. The words "POINT LOOKOUT" are at the top, "LIFE" is in the center, and "CLUB" is at the bottom. The background of the page is a black and white photograph of a beach with palm trees and the ocean.

Chapter Two

The 60s – From Pioneers to Solid Foundations

The 1960s saw much stability and growth of the Club along with the progress of Point Lookout. During this decade a small part of the main Dunwich to Point Lookout road was sealed, electricity was connected and late in the decade running water provided. Horses still ran wild and all Point Lookout roads remained corrugated dirt. The Clubhouse received two major extensions and members competed in many Branch and State Carnivals in a number of events. The Point Lookout Hotel was built in 1961 by Club members Tony Durbidge and Vic Brook and the close association with this fine establishment has been maintained to the present day. Pounds, shillings and pence went out in 1966 replaced by Dollars and Cents.

TRANSPORT

In the early part of the 60s the Hayles Boats – *Mirimar*, *Mirabelle* and *Mirana* continued to run from North Quay to Amity Point and a service from Manly to Dunwich in the Hayles MV Megeera suited many of the Southside members. An ex army landing barge, the *Karboora*, ran from Cleveland to the Dunwich foreshore near the current swimming enclosure but was obviously limited to high tide operations. In 1964, Club members Tony Durbidge and Vic Brook (who had previously built the Point Lookout Hotel), constructed a drive on, drive off barge called *Point Lookout* which operated for about a year before they sold it. In the same year a company called Stradbroke Ferries started up and remains to this day a vital link to North Stradbroke Island and a generous supporter of the Club. Their Evans Deakin built *Myora* started services from Redland Bay to the Dunwich convict causeway. The Hayles passenger ferries ceased service in the mid 60s as barge transport became more regular.

The Durbidge's Red Bus Service continued from Amity Point to the Point but ceased operations towards the end of the decade. Stradbroke Ferries started up a bus service running from the South Brisbane Greyhound Terminal, across the bay on the *Myora* and on to the Point. Some members opted for "island" cars later in the decade. Hitching was often the order of the day although members usually were able to organise a lift while on the barge trip.

CLUB FACILITIES

The original fibro "L" shaped Clubhouse from the early 50s remained intact throughout most of the 60s. A refurbishment in the 1962/63 season saw new windows and a paint job along with the erection of a 2,000 gallon water tank and stand.

In the 1964/65 season the masonry (besser block) first aid room, gear shed and toilet/shower block was constructed. This extension cost £2,600. This allowed for more secure storage of equipment, a proper first aid room facility and proper toilets and showers. It also stood up to cyclones considerably better than the fibro buildings.

Between 1967 and 1969, members led by Club and island identity, Greg Litherland, built the cyclone-proof, flat roofed concrete bunkroom. This was to be the first of a two stage concrete structure which would then see a three section concrete Clubhouse with a central courtyard. It also allowed for future upwards extensions if required. During the construction of this bunkroom,



members will recall "Sherwood Forest" which was a mass of cut tree trunks supporting the massive concrete roof during pours. This bunkroom was funded by a \$1000 loan from South Coast Branch and a \$2000 loan from State Centre along with Club funds.

VEHICLES

Apart from the members who lived on the island, Club vehicles were non-existent. Terry Daley took over his 1932 Chevrolet over the 1961 Christmas holiday break and was able to cruise the island and Main Beach. Lester McManus had an ex army motor cycle which he left at the Clubhouse for weekend use. From around the mid 60s Amity Point member, Greg Litherland, built a purpose made bus come truck which was used to transport members and gear around the island, to Blue Lake and to carnivals. This "green machine" was often loaded to the rafters and beyond with members, surf skis, surf reels and assorted gear with Greg at the wheel in his familiar construction hard hat. Greg was also a craftsman with timber and he built many surf skis (both racing and rescue skis) and timber paddles.

RESCUE EQUIPMENT

In the 1959/60 season, the Club was allocated a new BP sponsored mass rescue ski, the "Indian Sea," designed by Don McKinney of Northcliffe SLSC. In 1963 the Club was allocated a second hand Rainbow Bay SLSC surf boat and in 1964, the Club won a brand new BP sponsored timber surf boat – the "BP Vision", in a South Coast Branch run 2 way carnival against Nobby's Beach.

By the end of the decade, the Club owned 5 surf reels, 2 surf boats and 2 rescue skis.

RESCUES AND EMERGENCIES

The night time rescue of a drowning victim on 28th December, 1962 and a fisherman from Whale Rock on 28th October, 1962 along with Club member Graeme Snell's rescue of a fellow lifesaver during the 1968 Australian Titles are documented in greater detail in Chapter 6 – "Notable Rescues including Bravery Awards".

Club member Ray Carruthers was seriously injured on 6th December, 1964, when he fell approx 50 feet onto rocks in North Gorge. He was rescued by Club members Ross Bishop and Russell Ginn who treated him and drove him to Dunwich where a Cleveland ambulance bearer had arrived by launch from the mainland. Ray Carruthers was treated for fractured wrists and pelvis and multiple lacerations. He was transported to Princess Alexandra Hospital by an ambulance after the launch trip across the bay.

On the 28th March, 1965, a 20 year old male fell approx 20 metres from a point in front of the Captain Cook Memorial into the gorge near Bream Rock. The details of this rescue are also documented in the section of this book on notable rescues.



Top: Terry Daley's Chevrolet 1962

Bottom: Loading skis onto Greg Litherland's "green machine" at Blue Lake 1969

*1969 Army helicopter medivac*

This was the first time an Army Helicopter had been used to medivac a victim to the mainland from Point Lookout. The "MASH" style Bell helicopter arrived from the Amberley Air Base and transported the victim to Victoria Park opposite the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

Another Army medivac was required on 12th January, 1969 when a 4 year old girl fell 30 feet onto rocks in the Swimming Gorge and suffered head injuries.

Club members including Wayne Bishop and Rod Macdonald witnessed the fall and the Club swung into action. The victim was carefully transported to the Club's first aid room and treated by Club doctor Rod Macdonald. The midden heap was cleared for the arrival of the Army helicopter which transported her to the Royal Brisbane Hospital. The young victim made a complete recovery after several days in hospital.

PATROLS

Patrols were carried out on Main Beach with all gear carried down by Club members. After the last patrol on Saturday afternoon the gear was pulled up over the first sand dune then brought back on to the beach in the morning. On Sunday afternoons it again was carried back up to the Clubhouse. Many weekends saw Club members having to double up on patrols. Non bronze members carried out shark patrols from the fixed steel tower on the headland.

FUNDRAISING

House to House Collections included the Country Collections in towns such as Toowoomba, Kingaroy and Warwick. For the first part of the decade the City Collection venue was Redcliffe and then Mount Gravatt. From 1964 the Club collected in the Yeronga area. Members attended the Annual RNA Exhibition for the State Centre Appeals Committee "Chocolate Wheel". Doug McTaggart of McTaggart's Yearling Sales had a house at Point Lookout and supported the Surf Club by allowing them to collect at the RNA Showground gates on sale days. Buyers were always very generous with donations. Raffles on the Hayles Boats were carried out along with raffles on the big days such as Easter and in the Christmas holidays by members walking the streets in the three island towns. The Stradbroke Hotel was built in 1961 and eventually raffles were sold there. Dances were organised at the Clubhouse or Progress Hall located in the camping ground.

*Bram Thompson active in 1960's fundraising*

COMPETITION AND TRAINING

The 60s saw the Club compete in many areas in particular 4 man R & R, Open R & R, Surf Boats, Surf Skis, Beach events, First Aid competition and Champion Lifesaver competition. The Club hosted three South Coast Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnivals in succession from the 1964/65 season.

The Club's first South Coast Branch Title was won on the 20th February, 1966 when Club Captain Ross Bishop and Surf Boat Captain Graeme Snell teamed up to win the Double Ski event.



The Club's first ever State Championship came in the Inaugural S.W. Winders Memorial Open State First Aid Competition held at Caloundra on Anzac Day, 1965. First Aid Officer Brian Goodger teamed up with the experienced Terry Daley to take the title.

The Bishop's house near the Brisbane River at Kangaroo Point became the training base for all surf craft.

The Club had several Examiners and Rod Doolan was selected to judge R & R events in State and Australian Title events.

The Club also had two members – Brian Goodger and Jim Comerford - who participated in a State Centre Touring Team to New Zealand in the 1965/66 season.



Bishop training base

Whilst not a Championship or chosen Representative Team, the members paid for the 18 day tour with the team consisting of 20 members in total including Max Klinger (Manager), Andy Frizzell (Coach) and Marshall Kropp (Captain).

The tour was conducted in December 1965 with the program consisting of a number of competition carnivals from Piha (Auckland) in the extremely cold and tricky conditions to the Taylors Mistake Carnival (Christchurch) and onto Wellington.

There were various stop offs at key tourist attractions in New Zealand and the New Year was seen in aboard the inter-island steamer *Hinemoa* on its way to Christchurch. During the course of this tour Brian Goodger competed in beach events, March Past and rowed in a boat race and Jim Comerford rowed in a boat race along with competing in a few canoe races and was a part of the drinking team.

MEMBERSHIP

Early in the decade (1963/64 season) there were 27 Active Bronze members. By the end of the decade there were 32 Active Bronze, 2 Active Cadet, 7 Active Probationary, 3 Active Reserve, 12 Honorary and 4 Life Members. The "Stradbroke Sharks" Nippers started in the 1967/68 season.

HIGHLIGHTS/MEMORIES FROM 1962 TO 1970:

1961/62 Season

- 4 Man R & R team in training coached by Rod Doolan. The team was Jim Small (patient), Ted Beyer (beltman), Brian Goodger (linesman) and George Patterson (reelsman)

1962/63 Season

- Refurbishment of fibro buildings including windows, fibro sheets and paint
- Purchase and erection of 2000 gallon water tank and stand
- Gear purchases included 1 surf line, 1 torpedo buoy, 1 klaxon shark siren, 1 portable shark tower and 1 set of red R & R costumes and caps
- 15 first aid cases and 1 resuscitation case
- Awards – 2 Examiners, 2 Instructors and 7 Bronze Members
- Carnivals – Point Lookout was defeated by Kurrawa and drew with Bribie in the Annual 2 Way Carnivals



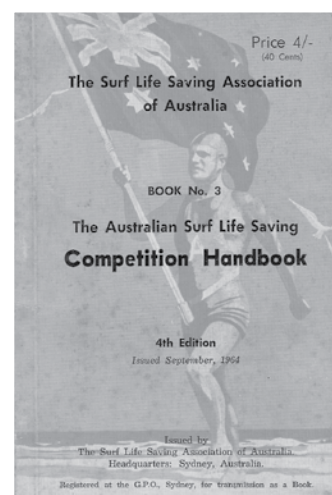
- In the 3 way Baths Carnival between Kurrawa, Bribie and Point Lookout the Club came second to Kurrawa
- John Hutchinson won his heat of the Branch Junior Belt Race and came second overall to the current State Champion
- Annual Income - £824, Annual Expenditure - £667
- Bank Balance £689

1963/64 Season

- Membership – 27 Active Bronze Members
- No records of rescues and first aid cases
- Awards – 3 Instructors and 8 Bronze
- Plans in place for construction of first aid room, gear shed and toilet/shower amenities
- Carnivals – Point Lookout defeats Kurrawa and Bribie in the Annual 2 Way Carnivals and came second in the Annual 3 Way Baths Competition with the same Clubs
- Point Lookout was allocated a second hand Rainbow Bay surf boat and starts training a boat crew
- First boat crew from bow to sweep – Ray Carruthers, Brian Goodger, Ross Bishop, Eddie Hutchinson, Graeme Snell (sweep) and coached by Jim Campbell (Life Member from Burleigh Heads Club)
- Annual Income – £1130 Annual Expenditure – £837
- Bank Balance – £983
- An SOS sent from Kurrawa Surf Club for Point Lookout members to assist them in the running of an Open BP Carnival – Big effort from Point Lookout Club that day – 12 members went to Kurrawa, 6 members to Point Lookout for patrols and 5 members to Warwick for Country House to House

1964/65 Season

- Membership – 30 Active Bronze, 12 Active Probationary and 2 Associate Members
- New extension to commence in off season at a cost of £2,600
- South Coast Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnival held at Point Lookout for the first time
- Club wins a brand new B.P. sponsored surf boat called the *B.P. Vision* in a South Coast Branch run 2 way carnival against Nobby's Beach Surf Club
- 25 first aid cases, 15 rescues (8 with line, 1 with boat and 6 with no gear)
- Club member Ray Carruthers seriously injured in cliff fall in North Gorge on 6th December, 1964
- Awards – 2 Instructors and 6 Bronze
- Chief Instructor Rod Doolan selected to judge R & R at State Titles
- Competition – Point Lookout defeated Kurrawa in Annual 2 Way Carnival
- Point Lookout again came second in the annual 3 way Baths competition
- Point Lookout competed in March Past, R & R, surf boat and surf ski events in all major carnivals
- First competitive surf boat season – 4 races – best result reaching semi final at State Titles
- After the injury to Boat crewman Ray Carruthers on 6/12/64, Neil Cairns took his place. After laying the buoys at the Champion Lifesaver Carnival at Point Lookout the boat went down the mine and crewman Eddie Hutchinson was injured and taken to Brisbane with an injured back. John Hutchinson replaced Eddie in the boat crew.



1960s Competition Handbook



- Club wins its first State Title when Brian Goodger and Terry Daley win the Inaugural S.W. Winders Shield for Open First Aid at Caloundra.
- Annual Income – £1873 - Annual Expenditure – £1087

1965/66 Season

- Membership – 40 Active Bronze, 15 Non Active and 8 Probationary Active
- Noel Webb elected inaugural Life Member
- 12 Rescues (4 with line, 5 with boat and 3 with no gear), 11 first aid cases
- New masonry block gear shed, first aid room and showers/toilets completed
- Awards – 3 Examiners, 2 Instructors and 11 Bronze
- Club again hosts the South Coast Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnival with Junior member Mark Bishop coming second in the Juniors event
- Club's first entrant in the Surf Life Saving Surf Girl Quest with Maree Kennedy from Samarinda Guesthouse at Point Lookout coming third
- Brian Goodger and Jim Comerford selected on the State Centre Touring Team to New Zealand
- Branch Titles – Club wins first ever Branch Title with Ross Bishop and Graeme Snell winning the Open Double Ski
- Club also enters 6 man R & R team and 4 man Senior and Junior R & R Teams
- The A Grade Boat Crew won the South Coast Branch Marathon Boat Race from Burleigh Heads to Surfers Paradise winning a set of experimental hollow shaft oars as first prize. The experiment failed as the B Grade crew broke three oars at the next carnival
- Annual Income - \$5,306 Annual Expenditure \$8,314 (includes building)

1966/67 Season

- Membership – 35 Active Bronze, 3 Active Probationary, 2 Associate, 9 Honorary and 2 Life Members
- Rod Doolan elected second Life Member
- Plans in place for a new concrete bunkroom being stage 1 of a proposed 2 stage flat roof cyclone-proof concrete structure
- Club Examiner Rod Doolan officiates at Australian Titles
- Clubhouse is connected to electric power – plans in place to purchase electric fridge, stove and radio
- 5 rescues (3 with line and 2 without gear), 34 first aid cases
- Awards – 2 Instructors and 6 Bronze
- Locals plan to start up a Nippers Club with the help of Bram Thompson
- Third successive Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnival hosted at Point Lookout
- 2 Way Carnivals – Point Lookout defeated Bribie 78 to 56 and also defeated Nobbys Beach 32 to 21
- Jim Comerford and Mark Bishop retain the S.W. Winders Shield for Open State First aid competition
- Club member and Amity Point resident Greg Litherland builds a purpose-made vehicle to transport members and gear around island and to carnivals
- Annual Income - \$6,389 Annual Expenditure \$2,605
- Bank balance - \$4,414

1967/68 Season

- Membership – 35 Active Bronze, 3 Active Probationary, 11 Honorary and 3 Life Members



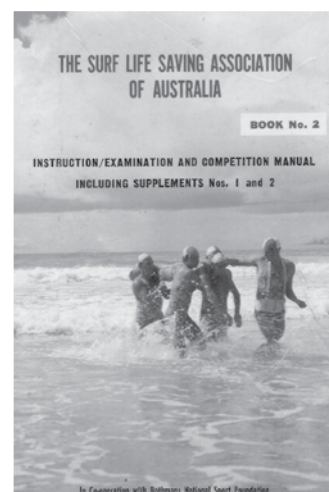
- Dave Powles elected third Life Member
- Construction starts on concrete bunkroom including demolition of part of the original 1951 fibro building
- 9 rescues (7 with line and 2 with no gear), 51 first aid cases and 2 resuscitation cases
- First season of the Stradbroke Sharks "Nippers" Club
- Awards – 1 Instructor and 5 Bronze
- Branch Titles - Club's second Branch Title with Greg Litherland and Mark Bishop winning Open Double Ski
- Club comes second in Marathon Boat Race
- State Titles – Mark Bishop and Mick Flanigan 2nd in Open First Aid
- Annual Expenditure \$2,810 and Annual Income \$3,653
- Bank Balance \$5,080

1968/69 Season

- Membership – 35 Active Bronze, 9 Active Probationary, 3 Active Reserve, 8 Honorary and 4 Life Members
- Lester McManus elected 4th Life Member
- Club obtains \$1,000 loan from Branch and \$2,000 from State Centre
- Ongoing construction of concrete bunkroom
- Club meals cost 50c for seniors and 40c for Juniors
- Club wins South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition
- 7 rescues (4 with line and 3 without gear), 41 first aid cases
- Awards – 4 Instructors and 11 Bronze
- 4th January, 1969 – Beach closed at 1.30 pm after 16 shark alarms
- 5th January, 1969 – Beach closed due to dredge tailings from sand mining operations nearby
- 2 Way Carnival – Point Lookout defeated Bribie Island
- No Branch Title results available
- State Titles – Rod Macdonald and Mark Bishop 2nd in Open First Aid
- Annual Expenditure \$4,482 and Annual Income - \$3,553
- Bank Balance - \$5,478

1969/70 Season

- Membership – 32 Active Bronze, 2 Active Cadet, 7 Active Probationary, 3 Active Reserve, 12 Honorary and 4 Life members
- New concrete bunkroom completed but still not connected to power
- Fundraising BBQs and dances held at Clubhouse
- Meals cost Seniors 50c and Juniors 25c
- Awards – 2 Bronze and 2 Qualifiers
- 8 rescues (4 with line and 4 without gear), 39 first aid cases and 1 resuscitation case
- 1st January, 1970 – beach closed after 60 – 70 sharks cruise along Main Beach
- Club owns 5 surf reels, 2 surf boats and 2 rescue skis
- Branch Titles – Club wins 3rd Branch Title – Mark Bishop and Trevor Walsh win Open Double Ski, Mick Flanigan 2nd in Beach Sprint
- State Titles – Mark Bishop and David Adamson win Open First Aid event
- Annual Income - \$6,457 Annual Expenditure \$5,991
- Bank Balance \$1,292



1969 Surf Life Saving Manual

Tom Mitchell

Teddy Beyer



1960 fibreglass longboards

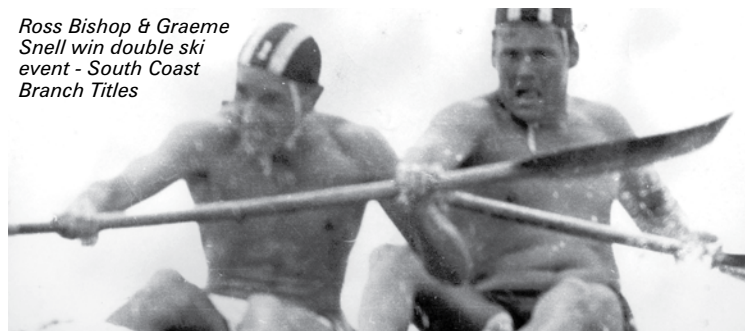
Sub Districts Rugby Union

1967 SYDNEY CUP PREMIERS
POINT LOOKOUT LIFESAVERS



Back Row—J. HEALY, J. PASKINS, T. WALSH, D. GELCLARD, J. McINNES, H. LEWIS, M. FLANIGAN, M. BISHOP
Sitting—G. WILSON, G. SNELL, B. GOODGER, R. PERSON, G. FERGUSON, R. McDONALD, D. COLLINS, F. MOELLER
Insert—C. BARROW (deceased) Absent—N. MORRIS, R. HARRIS, A. COLBURN, I. BRISTOW

Ross Bishop & Graeme Snell win double ski event - South Coast Branch Titles



1960 Lifesavers Col Le Strange, Graham Winwood & Ian Thomas

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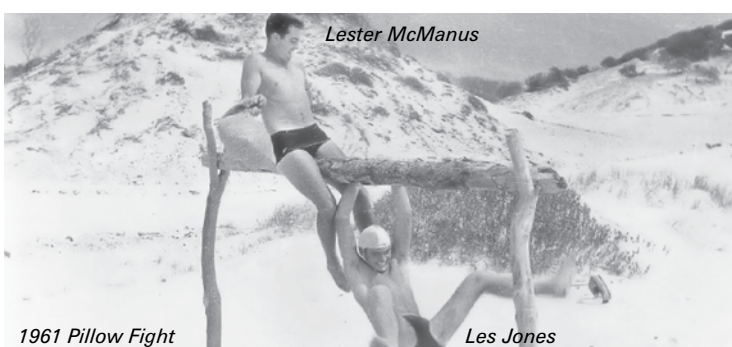


CONSTITUTION, RULES and BY-LAWS

This Constitution, Rules and By-Laws was approved by the Club at a Special General Meeting held at Tingalpa, Brisbane, 13/7/52, and revised and amended at a Special General Meeting held at R.S.L. Hall, Woolloongabba, on 25/7/64.

1964 Constitution & By-Laws

Lester McManus



1961 Pillow Fight

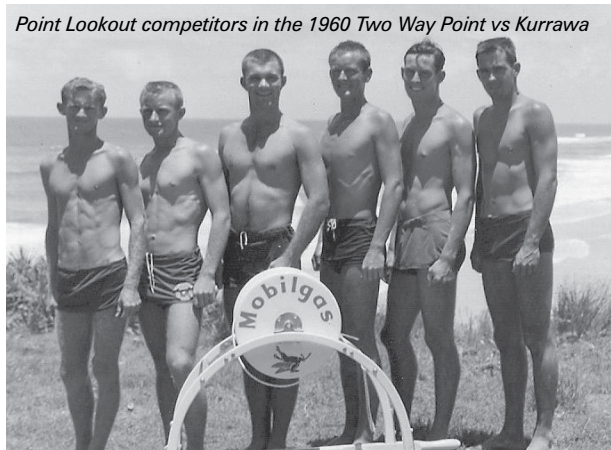
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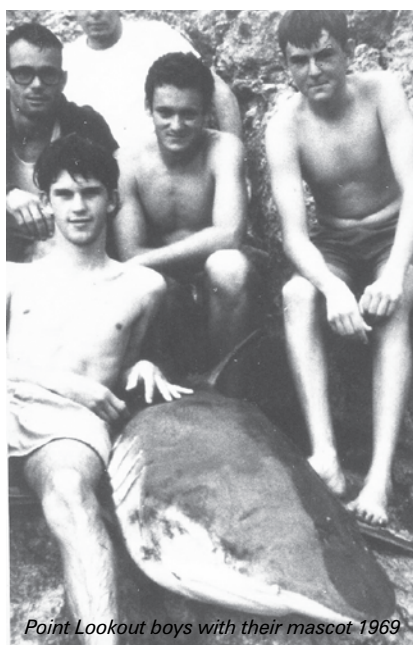
Graeme Snell with wooden double ski



Greg Litherlands bus 1960



Point Lookout competitors in the 1960 Two Way Point vs Kurrawa



Point Lookout boys with their mascot 1969



Point Lookout competitors in the 1961-62 Bribie vs Point carnival



Members in front of the clubhouse 1960



Senior boat crew 1969-70



Club photo 1969



1963 prosperity anchor



1960's eve rocker resuscitation

Chapter Three

The 70s – Change and Progress

The 1970s saw a tremendous amount of change and progress in the Club. Point Lookout was becoming increasingly popular with tourists and holidaymakers. The Club grew in many ways to meet the challenges it was confronted with. The following is a brief account of some of the interesting parts of the journey that was the seventies decade.

TRANSPORT

In the early 70s there were two bay transport options. The Stradbroke Ferries barge *Myora* which ran from Redland Bay to Dunwich, where vehicles had to reverse down the long single lane convict built roadway to the ramp, and the timber launch *Vega* skippered by Harold Walker which ran from the Cleveland Jetty to Dunwich Jetty. The Cleveland Jetty was very long and many a member was left stranded when Harold would depart right on time even if you were running down the Jetty. The Stradbroke Island Coaches bus driven by Bill Lobley ran from the South Brisbane Greyhound Terminal to Dunwich, Amity and the Point via the *Myora*.

In 1974, Stradbroke Ferries commissioned the drive-on drive-off barge *Moongalba* which ran from the new Toondah Harbour Terminal at Cleveland to Dunwich. Not long after this time, the Riverside Coal and Barge Company took over the Redland Bay Terminal and built a berthing ramp to suit the newly commissioned *Riverside Venture* Barge. The Club bought an old 1948 Bayside Bus Lines bus in 1974 for \$940 which was used to commute from Dunwich to Point Lookout. For the remainder of the 70s, members drove to Cleveland, walked on the barge, and travelled to the Point on the old bus. Some members bought an "island" car that was parked at Dunwich through the week. In 1977, the *Riverside Venture* was lengthened by 19.5 metres and the wheelhouse raised two metres. This greatly increased vehicle capacity. In 1978, Stradbroke Ferries completed the reclaimed land project for the Dunwich Terminal. Gradually, bitumen replaced corrugated dirt and sand on parts of the main Dunwich to Point Lookout road.



First club bus 1975 - Jimmy Frangos and Steve Eldridge

CLUB FACILITIES

The start of the decade saw the just completed concrete bunkroom fitted out with bunks, lockers and more importantly power and lights. Running water was connected to the Club doing away with the old water tank housing its array of wrigglers and other living animals. In 1972 work started on the new hall and kitchen and the remaining parts of the original fibro Clubhouse were demolished.

In 1973 the new building was opened in grand style with a big function including politicians, locals and members as well as the launching of the new surf boat – *Valkyrie 2*. Club members built retaining walls and filled the back BBQ area with countless truck-loads of fill and laid turf in 1975 and 1976. A new gear shed was also built by members in 1976 to house the Club's first IRB which hadn't yet been bought. In 1977, work started on the upstairs bar, recreation and training facilities and male and female toilet facilities.



This new extension built on top of the concrete bunkroom was constructed by Ernie Stevenson and Sons along with Club bricklayer Ian Ames and was completed in 1978.



1977 club truck

VEHICLES

The Club's first vehicle was a 4WD donated after the 1973 shark attack. In 1974 this vehicle was replaced with a second hand Toyota Landcruiser purchased from the sand mines – this vehicle saw many years of faithful service in its distinct orange colours. The Club bought the old 1948 Bayside Bus also this year.

A new Toyota Landcruiser was purchased in 1977 along with a large equipment trailer and a competition trailer. In 1979 the old bus died and was replaced by the Nippers old *Blue* Bus. Col Turner's Landrover called *Bill* with its distinct aircraft tyres and Con Frangos' 4WD were also utilised as Club vehicles.

RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Up until 1977, rescues were carried out mainly by belt and torpedo buoy. Rescue boards accounted for a small number of rescues along with the surf boat. In 1977 the Club's first IRB (Inflatable/Inshore Rescue Boat) was purchased – SR37Q. This craft saw many years of service and changed the way in which we did business. The Oxy-Viva Resuscitator was introduced into the Club in 1974 and in its first year was used at three resuscitation cases. The Club took over a VHF radio license (VJ4EY) from the old Dunwich based "Minsands" and with assistance from the Queensland Police Radio Branch through Neil Ames, set up the first Club radio network from the Clubhouse base in the Captain's Room to the 4WD. Eventually the radio network linked the Clubhouse with Main Beach and Cylinder Beach patrols, two 4WD vehicles and the IRB. Later a UHF radio sometimes linked the Club to the



G. Hill in front of the Wales helicopter (1979)

Wales Rescue Helicopter based on the Gold Coast – depending on weather conditions. The Gold Coast Helicopter Rescue Service began operations in 1976/77 and visited Point Lookout in October 1977.

RESCUES AND EMERGENCIES

In the early part of the decade, rescues from the surf were minimal with up to 6 per season along with 20 – 30 first aid cases. With the influx of tourists and some wild weather seasons, the Club was soon carrying out up to 35 rescues and 300 first aid cases a season, along with on average 2 resuscitation cases per year.

The August 1973 shark attack off Main Beach was a defining moment in the Club's history. Surf Life Saving Australia and Royal Humane Society Bravery Awards were bestowed upon Wayne Cole, David Adamson and Richard Munro for their efforts in this successful rescue. Refer to Chapter 6.

Easter has traditionally always been the busiest time at the Point and in 1974 (car accident) and 1975 (cliff fall) our Club members and local Doctor Greg Sheil were busy treating patients while the Army made night-time landings with a medivac helicopter on Main Beach. In 1978 a mass



rescue of 15 people including 11 deaf children at Main Beach was carried out by all attending members in a true mass rescue. There were countless lives saved in many daring rescues during the seventies along with many stitches and broken bones treated in our first aid room. Club Doctor Rod Macdonald and part time local medicos Greg Sheil and Alan Davidson were kept very busy in our first aid room. Seeing these medics in action was an eye opener for Club members assisting.

PATROLS

For the first half of the decade, patrols were limited to Main Beach with a 2 pm finish on Sunday afternoons in order for the members to catch the 3.15 pm bus home from Samarinda. By 1975, the Club introduced 4 hours of patrols at Cylinder Beach on both days, weather permitting.

Some of the older members quite enjoyed the 12 – 2 Saturday patrol at Cylinder with its close proximity to the Point Lookout Hotel. Towards the end of the decade, radio and IRB patrols were introduced and Sunday Main Beach patrols were extended. Gary and Craig Terrell joined the Helicopter Rescue crew in 1978 and carried out helicopter patrols on the Gold Coast and occasionally up to the Point. The 4WD vehicles made carrying heavy patrol gear to and from the beach a little easier from 1974. Late in the decade, a large gear trailer accommodated much of the gear in one trip. The trick was not to bog the vehicle in front of everyone on the soft sand when heading off the beach. From 1977, the IRB would be placed across the Landcruiser tray with members hanging on as the soft sand was negotiated at speed. To bog the truck was an instant carton of beer and loss of 4WD driving prowess.



*Patrols at Cylinder Beach commence
- mid 70s*

FUNDRAISING

Raffles were carried out regularly on Friday nights (prize included 6 large XXXX bottles or a bottle of rum) and Sunday afternoons at the Point Lookout Hotel with prizes including bottles of Dunwich oysters, whole mackerel or snapper. Nippers conducted raffles on Saturday afternoons. Easter Sunday saw all day raffles and huge crowds with prawns, mackerel and reef fish the booty. In 1976, Friday afternoon raffles were introduced at the new Mansfield tavern which made it a mad dash to reach the 6.45 pm barge *Moongalba* at Cleveland.

At the start of the decade the Club continued the Country House to House Collections in Toowoomba as well as the City House to House Collection in the Fairfield area with a combined total of \$371.

In 1974 the Country House to House was abolished and the Club collected in the Milton and City areas with a total of \$1,200 collected. The Club also sold the "Lucky Tickets" at the RNA (Ekka) on allocated dates. Towards the end of the decade the Milton collection also included collecting at street lights which saw a dramatic increase in funds raised and improved agility showed by members dodging traffic.

Surf Girls throughout the decade who represented the Club in the Surf Life Saving Queensland Miss Summer Surf Girl Quest raising vital funds included Annette Wilson, Roslyn Heyder, Gayle Bishop, Lynn Powell, Sally Ann Vivian, Janelle Hillier, Karen Denman, Cathy Riek and Katrina Drews.



In 1970 the Club balance was \$2,100 with Expenditure and Income both approximately \$4,500. At the end of the decade the balance was \$113,000 with Annual Income at \$50,000 and Expenditure at \$20,500.

In 1978/79 the Club formed a Supporters Club which was made up of members' families and partners with the aim of holding Club functions to raise money for equipment and to keep members and their families together socially other than at the Club. Families included the Nunns, Mullens, Brockhursts, Somervilles, Denmans, Cuerels and Rieks. Functions included winter Mainland events such as dances, BBQs, car rallies, wine tasting and wine bottling, Xmas hamper and barge raffles. The first President was Suzanne Brockhurst and Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Nunn. Initial purchases for the Club were two VHF portable radios costing \$600. The second year saw \$1,500 raised which purchased the Club a new stove.

As families moved on, the Supporters Club area struggled to maintain momentum, but the Club always ensured a bar facility was available to its members!



*Ski paddlers Richard Munro
& Trevor Somerville*

COMPETITION AND TRAINING

Pool nights were initially held at the Ithaca Pool and then later transferred to the Spring Hill Pool.

Two way carnivals were regularly held against Bribie Island, Nobbys Beach and Kurrawa along with the keenly contested Present Members v Old Boys Challenge.

The Club won the State First Aid Championship (S.W.Winders Shield) in 1971 (Neil Ames / Mark Bishop), 1972 (Jimmy Comerford / Wayne Bishop), 1973 (Jimmy Comerford / David Adamson) and 1979 (Ian Ames / Jeff Daley).

In 1975 Richard Munro won the Branch Junior Ski event and was selected in the State Junior Taplin Relay team which went on to win Silver in The Australian Titles. In the same year the Club hosted the Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnival. Wayne Cole dominated the Branch Pillow Fight Titles for several years.

In 1977 Trevor Somerville won our first Branch Champion Lifesaver Championship in the senior event. In 1978 the Club hosted its first ever full Branch Titles in huge seas with Sunday events transferred to Adder Rock.

Waves were breaking 400 metres out to sea and the boat buoys had to be excavated from the ocean floor the following weekend in calmer conditions. In the same year, Peter Bertossi won the Cadet section of the Branch Champion Lifesaver Competition.

In the 1979 South Coast Branch Titles, the Club won the Handicap Point Score and came 5th overall out of 11 Clubs.

MEMBERSHIP

At the start of the decade membership included 4 Life Members, 22 Active Bronze (Senior and Junior), 7 Active Reserve, 4 Cadets and 16 Honorary. By the end of the decade membership was



10 Life Members, 43 Active Bronze (Senior and Junior), 6 Active Reserve, 7 Cadet and 78 Associate.

The first female Associate Members were accepted into the Club in 1976/77. Current member Karen Bodger (Denman) was one of these ladies along with Jenny Riek, Cathy Riek, Cathy Murtagh and Lisa Nunn.

WORLD LIFESAVING CONFERENCE AND THE IRB

In November, 1976, Chief Instructor Ian Ames represented the Club at a week-long Conference in Sydney involving representatives from all 231 Australian Surf Life Saving Clubs, all World Lifesaving Countries and the leaders in all the various lifesaving fields. Over this period all delegates witnessed demonstrations in helicopter rescues, jet boat rescues and various first aid and resuscitation techniques. All delegates had the opportunity to crew an Inshore Rescue Boat (IRB).

It was on this day that plans were put in place for Point Lookout to obtain an IRB. Inflatable/Inshore Rescue Boats were changing the face of Surf Lifesaving. In 1977, 80 of Australia's 231 Clubs had an IRB. By the next year this had doubled and the trend continued. The speed at which an IRB could reach a patient and return them to shore was remarkable. Investigating shark sightings became a whole lot safer and in a mass rescue, many people could hold the sides of the craft and get washed into the beach.

IRBs brought speed and safety and Point Lookout took possession of SR37Q in July 1977. So eager were they to get the new IRB, the Chief Instructor and John Gardiner drove to Sydney and picked up the new craft. The maiden voyage from Main Beach to Home Beach was followed soon after their return by the same two members. By the 1977/78 season, crews were training and performing rescues. Point Lookout locals and tourists were very impressed as were all Club members.



Two of the first associate female members K. Denman & C. Murtagh



Testing SR37Q's capabilities in the surf

HIGHLIGHTS/MEMORIES FROM 1970 TO 1980:

1970/71 Season

- 40 mile paddle-a-thon from Story Bridge to Main Beach on timber surf skis by Mark and Wayne Bishop and Trevor Walsh taking 9 hrs 34 mins.
- Club had a team playing in Sub-Districts rugby union competition (winners)
- Gear shed door blown off in a cyclone.
- Club wins S.W. Winders Shield for State First Aid Competition – Neil Ames and Mark Bishop
- Club has two surf girls – Annette Wilson and Roslyn Heyder (\$1,000)
- 2 rescues and 64 first aid cases
- Country House to House at Toowoomba and City Collection at Yeronga (\$371)

1971/72 Season

- Purchase of a gas stove and hot water system
- Club bought first fibreglass surf ski and destroyed it in big surf
- Second hand surf boat bought off Southport SLSC for \$250



- Weekend 12th & 13th February, 1972 no patrols as no members could make it to island as all bay transport cancelled due to cyclone
- Club again wins S.W. Winders Shield for State First Aid Competition – Jimmy Comerford and Wayne Bishop
- 18 Bronze Medallion Awards
- Plans for new kitchen and hall extension being processed
- Life Membership presented to Bram Thompson

1972/73 Season

- New extension costs \$21,500 with \$16,000 borrowed for kitchen, hall, caretakers room and Captain's room
- Surf Girl – Gayle Bishop
- Second torpedo buoy and 3 sets of flippers purchased for patrols.
- Club Junior James Wilson killed in car accident on island in family jeep.
- First official regular patrol at Cylinder beach - 22/12/73 10 am – midday by Lindsay Tomkins and Andrew Ross
- Club again wins S.W. Winders Shield for State First Aid Competition – Jimmy Comerford and David Adamson
- Last season of mid week swim training at Ithaca Baths
- 8 Bronze and 3 Instructors Awards
- Local community rallies behind Club fundraising ventures including BBQs, dances and bingo
- Life Membership presented to Col Le Strange

1973/74 Season

- Shark attack puts Club in the headlines – new phone connected, second hand 4WD donated and Channel 9 films a documentary on Club.
- Bravery awards presented to Wayne Cole, Richard Munro and David Adamson at Royal Carnival held at Coolangatta (shark attack rescue)
- Club employs first caretaker in Jules Pilloud (cranky old Polish guy)
- Cyclones cancel bay transport and community hall collapses into North Gorge with stranded campers put up at Clubhouse – Australia Day floods
- Yacht washed up in Bat Cave and destroyed.
- Easter car accident injures several and Army medivac helicopter required.
- 2nd Feb, 1974 – live unexploded bomb found on Main Beach near patrol after severe erosion – Army bomb squad detonates
- Surf Girl – Lynn Powell (\$1568)
- New Surf Boat *Valkyrie 2* christened along with huge opening day of new Clubhouse extension
- First aid cases – 105 including 7 requiring hospitalisation
- Annual income \$23,200
- Club Results at Branch Titles – Richard Munro 1st Junior Ski and 3rd Junior Iron Man, Point Lookout 2nd in Ski Teams event
- Life Membership presented to Terry Daley

1974/75 Season

- Oxy-Viva Resuscitator used for the first time
- Club radio network set up and operational



- Cliff fall at Easter requires Army medivac helicopter
- Surf Girl – Sally Ann Vivian \$1,550
- 27 Rescues including 3 resuscitation cases
- 214 first aid cases – 9 requiring hospitalisation
- Annual income \$24,386
- Start of Friday night Mansfield Tavern raffles
- Royal Humane Society Bravery Awards to Wayne Cole, Richard Munro and David Adamson presented by the Queensland Governor at Government House.
- Branch Titles – Junior Ski – 1st Richard Munro, 2nd Robert Meissner, Cadet Ski – 2nd Jon Lambert, Junior Boat 2nd
- Club Results at Branch Champion Lifesaver held at Point Lookout – Senior - Wayne Cole 2nd, Junior – Richard Munro 2nd, Cadet – Tony Clark 2nd
- Life Membership presented to John Bristow

1975/76 Season

- Shark meshing starts off Main Beach
- Demonstration by Cabarita SLSC member Gordon Harmon of IRB at Main Beach.
- Sandmining dredge leaves huge tailings hill approx 1 km down Main Beach and christened by members Mt Lewis after Club member Harry Lewis whose protest stopped the dredge's progress
- New Caretaker – Foster Swain replaces Joe.
- New stainless steel beach patrol tower acquired.
- 4 mass rescues – Total 33 rescues and 2 resuscitation cases and 290 first aid cases.
- Surf Girl – Janelle Hillier
- Purchase second Oxy-Viva
- Annual income \$33,000
- Club Results at Branch Titles
 - Ski Teams: 1st
 - Pillow Fight: Wayne Cole 1st and John McInnes 3rd
 - Double Ski: R. Munro and R. Meissner 3rd
 - Senior Ski: R. Meissner 2nd
 - Handicap Points: Point Lookout 2nd

1976/77 Season

- IRB gear shed built
- Off season Moonie (Western Qld) camping trip enjoyed by all.
- Gold Coast Helicopter Rescue Service starts.
- First 5 female Associate Members accepted including Karen Denman (Bodger)
- World Lifesaving International Conference in Sydney attended by Chief Instructor Ian Ames which directly sees the club purchase its first IRB.
- Clubs third Constitution adopted.
- Members build a block retaining wall and fill and turf the area in front of the bunkroom
- Annual Income \$44,600
- 13 Rescues and 239 first aid cases including 1 resuscitation case
- Club Results at Branch Titles
 - Pillow Fight – 1st Wayne Cole
 - Double Ski: 2nd R. Munro and R. Meissner



- Senior Ski: 2nd R. Meissner
- Junior Ski: 3rd Jon Lambert
- Cadet Ski: 2nd Ross Nunn
- Ski Teams: 3rd Point Lookout
- Branch Champion Lifesaver at Point Lookout – Senior 1st Trevor Somerville
- New BBQ area christened in perfect weather conditions for Champion Lifesaver

1977/78 Season

- September 1977 sees members attend the Branch Surf Survival weekend at Tallebudgera with an immediate altercation with Kev Hoskins (Branch Superintendent)
- Full Branch Titles held at Point for first time in huge seas – Sunday events moved to Adder Beach
- Club starts season with a new Toyota Landcruiser 4WD, a new gear trailer and a new IRB – SR37Q
- Training in the off season has crews proficient in IRB operations and rescue techniques
- Club's first two IRB Driver Medallions gained by Wayne Cole and Ian Ames and first two IRB Crewman's Certificates gained by Tony Bertossi and Leo Feuerriegel
- IRB involved in 6 rescues and numerous near rescues
- Mass rescue of 15 people including 11 deaf children off Main Beach
- Oil slick 18 miles long off Main Beach.
- 2 new positions created – Power Craft Officer and Radio Officer
- Introduction of "Screw Up Award" by Roy Denman – Inaugural winner Ian Ames
- Annual Income \$38,700
- 380 first aid cases including 1 resuscitation case
- Club now has radio contact from Base to IRB, 2 vehicles, Main and Cylinder patrols
- Branch Champion Lifesaver Event - Cadet 1st Peter Bertossi
- Club Results at Branch Titles – Held for first time at Point Lookout (total 35 competitors)
 - Pillow Fight: 1st Wayne Cole
 - March Past: 3rd
 - Senior Beach Relay: 3rd
 - Chariot Race Team: 2nd
 - Cadet Iron Man: 3rd Peter Bertossi

1978/79 Season

- Formation of the "Supporters Club" - Inaugural President Suzanne Brockhurst
- Ian Ames and Jeff Daley win their first State Open First Aid title at Mooloolaba and start their 18 year run of this event.
- Surf Girl – Cathy Riek
- 31 rescues and 619 first aid cases
- Club purchases old blue "Nippers" bus to replace Bayside bus
- Old Club orange 4WD becomes a convertible and gets timber doors to prolong its life
- Club has a touch football team in the Brisbane Metropolitan Winter Competition
- UHF radio fitted to Club to contact Gold Coast Command and Helicopter (sometimes)
- Club Results at Branch Titles
 - First Aid - Point Lookout 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th
 - B Grade R&R: 3rd
 - Junior Beach Flags: 2nd Ross Nunn



- Senior Beach Flags: 3rd Craig Terrell
- Junior Beach Sprint: 2nd Peter Bertossi
- Beach Relay: 3rd
- Cadet Ski: 1st R. Somerville, 2nd S. Perry, 3rd D. Brown
- Ski Teams: 3rd
- Handicap Result: 1st
- Overall Points result: 5th
- Branch Champion Lifesaver – Cadet: 3rd Ross Somerville
- State Titles – Mooloolaba – First Aid: 1st I. Ames and J. Daley, Cadet Ski: 3rd Ross Somerville
- Life Membership presented to John McInnes

1979/80 Season

- Wayne Cole starts his first of 6 seasons as President
- Surf Girl – Katrina Drews \$3,000
- 17 rescues and 269 first aid cases and one resuscitation case
- Supporters Club donates \$600 for two portable VHF radios
- The Club is very strong in beach, ski, surf boat and first aid events and competed for the first time with a full March Past team in the Australian Titles under the coaching of George Hill Snr finishing in the top twenty.
- Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnival: Cadet 2nd Danny Walton and Junior 3rd Peter Bertossi
- Individual Branch Title results unavailable however the Club finished 4th overall.
- State Titles
 - Open First Aid: 2nd I. Ames & J. Daley
 - Junior Sprint: 3rd Peter Bertossi
 - Junior Boat crew: State finalists
- Australian Titles – Cadet Beach Relay: finalists
- Life Membership presented to Col Turner



Club photo early 1970s



Proficiency weekend 1979/80



1974-75 Transporting equipment to the South Coast Branch Championship



Aftermath of shark attack 1973



South Coast Branch Championships 1978 at Point Lookout



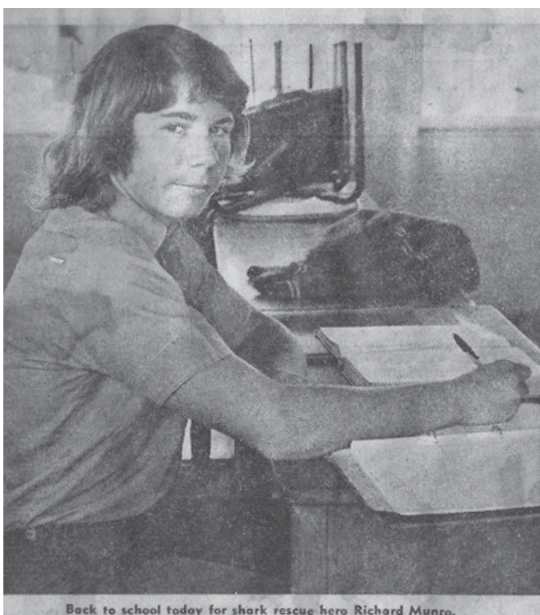
Qualifiers Squad & truck return home from coast



Bronze Squad 1979-80



1977 Members near patrol - Main Beach



Back to school today for shark rescue hero Richard Munro.

'HIGH SHARK DANGER' SHARK ATTACK HERO RELAXES AT SCHOOL IF NO NET

SCHOOLBOY Richard Munro, 16, who was first to help shark victim Bruce Lawler on Saturday today was back at school at Banyo without and fears about sharks or surfing.

Richard, who was surfing only five to 10 yards away, when the attack occurred, paddled to Lawler, dragged him on to his own board, and stayed with Lawler and assisted with first aid operations on the beach. He said today that he knew Lawler only as one of the local surfers.

Today in his classroom at Banyo State High School, Richard said: "I think that Bruce was lucky he was surfing where he was and that there were people around him who knew what to do in an emergency."

Richard is a junior lifesaver and has been instructed in first aid and rescue procedure. He is also an excellent swimmer.

"It was straddling my board with my legs dangling in the water," he said. "Bruce, though, had both his legs up on his board."

"I think what attracted the shark was the noise Bruce was making when he was paddling. I was just sitting still."

"No, I won't let this put me off surfing," Richard said.

SURFERS PARADISE: Beaches without shark nets would remain high risk areas for attacks, Mr. Jack Evans said today.

Mr. Evans is the first man to mesh sharks in Queensland. He began to net them as a voluntary contribution to the Gold Coast surf safety early in the 1980s.

On his first night he took 16 sharks and in two years caught 600. Mr. Evans said the Point Lookout area was a collecting area for sharks.

On Saturday Bruce William Lawler, 16, of Victoria Point, was attacked by a shark at Point Lookout. His right foot was torn off. Royal Brisbane Hospital doctors said today his condition was satisfactory.

Mr. Evans said today: "I think the shark which attacked at Point Lookout would most likely be a Bronze Whaler or a White Pointer."

Mr. Evans owns the Tweed Heads Pet Porpoise Pool and keeps sharks for display and study.

Proprietor of a Point Lookout guesthouse, Mr. T. Kennedy said there had been no moves in the area to have a shark net at Point Lookout.

"Crowds of surfers were back to normal yesterday."

"These boys live for the waves. They know they are taking a calculated risk every time they go in the water," he said.

The beach was closed for 20 minutes yesterday when two sharks were seen.

Mr. Kennedy said some fishermen believe the attack shark still was in the area.

MORE SAVAGE

"Grey Nurse sharks usually attack in a school."

He said meshing was an expensive method of control, it had proved effective.

Media article after shark attack 1973

Help me, help me," as shark struck

THREE lifesavers risked their lives to rescue a young surfboard rider mauled by shark off Point Lookout, Stradbroke Island, yesterday.

The shark chased them as they carried him to safety. It swam around off the beach beauty spot for at least an hour afterwards. Fishermen and others this morning will try to catch it.

Witnesses said the shark otherwise would have been in the area for up to a week and could attack other board riders.

The victim is Bruce Lawler, 15, of 4 Street, Victoria St. The shark bit off his right foot and severely lacerated his right

arm, screaming, "Help me," before being dragged under water, choking at the shark.

He was operated on at Royal Brisbane Hospital and a RAAF helicopter from Amberley flew him on the island.

His condition last night was described as serious.

The attack took place 10 yards off Main Beach, a popular tourist spot.

At risk

Lawler's rescuers, all members of the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club, were swimming around Munro, 16, of 10 Street, Bayside, when Cole, 21, of Paul Street, Stradbroke, and David Adamson, 14, of 10 Strand Avenue, Coorang, saw him.

Mr. Adamson, the club chief instructor, said: "I couldn't think of any other way to help him."

"They did everything we were told, although I was a bit nervous," he said.

As they hauled Lawler to the beach, with the shark following, they saw it swim around the

They threw up a screen around Lawler, and he was treated on the beach by two doctors holidaying at Point Lookout, Dr. Alan Davidson and Dr. Garth Easton.

The lifesavers administered blood plasma and saline solution and a girl holidaymaker held Lawler by the head as tourniquets were applied.

Richard Munro, a pupil at Bayside State High School, was nearest to Lawler when the attack occurred.

Lawler was the only board rider in the surf. Fifteen others were in the short break.

Richard was on a paddle board and Wayne Cole and David Adamson on surf skis.

Richard said: "I was five to 10 feet from the board rider when I saw the shark come up and he was thrown into the water."

"He was screaming, 'Help me, help me.' Then he disappeared. Suddenly he shot to the surface and clambered on to my board."

Air dash

"David came over and brought him in with the shark behind us. It didn't seem to us to ward it off — we were too occupied with the board rider."

The attack happened at 12.30 pm. The lifesavers were in the water and on the beach within five minutes.

Mr. Turner said the

from the Royal Brisbane Hospital, and arrived back with the victim an hour later.

"The shark came out of the water and took the back part of the board when it attacked me," Bruce told his father, Mr. Tom Lawler.

"I tried to punch the shark off when it attacked but the punches did not have much power in them."

"It dragged me down and I was surprised when the shark let go," he said.

Lawler did not lose consciousness.

Contest

He is an apprentice with a Victoria Park concrete contractor. His mother, Mrs. Caroline Lawler, said he "lived only for surfboard riding."

He has been going to Point Lookout every week-end recently competing in a surfboard riding competition held there for the last four week-ends as part of the island's Wildflower Festival.

The club president (Mr. Col Turner) said he would press for bravery awards to be given to the three rescuers.

"But for their courage and the good fortune of having two doctors holidaying here, Lawler would have died," he said.

Lifesavers and others criticised a lack of communications, which they said could have been fatal.



Patrol members with sea snake 1974



Cathy Riek Surf Girl 78/79 with club members



Collapsed public hall - 1974 floods



Members and 10 foot tiger shark jaws 1978

SLSA Qualifying Certificate

"VIGILANCE AND SERVICE"



ESTABLISHED 1907.

This is to Certify that Ian Aubrey Ames
a member of the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club
has qualified under the rules for the

Qualifying Certificate

OF THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

on 7th August
Hon. State Superintendent
[Signature]
President, State Centre

Chapter Four

The 80s – Youth, Women and Expansion

The 1980s saw increased tourist and membership numbers. With greater choice in bay transport including a second barge company and the introduction of water taxis, travel to and from the island was more dependable. This however also coincided with the drop off of senior members staying at the Club. The Club started the decade with an influx of Juniors and Cadets and a drop in Seniors. This challenge was met with enthusiasm from the young Captain, Jeff Daley who led the Club for 4 seasons and then George Hill for the remainder of the decade. Females started the decade as Active members and contributed greatly to the Club's growth.

INTRODUCTION OF FEMALES INTO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Females first officially joined the Surf Life Saving movement as active members in 1980. Previous to this they filled the roles of administrators or fundraising committees. Prior to the history-breaking decision in late 1979, the official reason given by Surf Life Saving Australia in 1953 for refusing to allow women to join the movement as patrolling lifesavers was – *"...women are not strong enough physically to carry a heavy belt and line or to swim competitively in surf races.."*

This statement would be rarely heard around Surf Life Saving Clubs today. Tracie Edmondson wrote in the Australian Surf Lifesaver Magazine July Edition of 1995 – "The bronzed athletic 'males' which were synonymous with Australian lifesavers for most of this century, rapidly gave way to females, equally as gifted in patrolling and competing – and just as appealing to the eye".

The final decision to allow women to join the Association and to give them the opportunity to complete their Bronze Medallion as of July 1, 1980, was due, in some part, to the necessary lift needed due to a slump in membership the organisation was experiencing.

The first female members to gain their Bronze Medallion at Point Lookout were: Desley Green, Helen Lambert, Loretta Newman and Loretta Moss, who gained their award on 22nd November, 1980. From this date forward many females have successfully gained their Bronze Medallion and progressed much further to gain many other surf lifesaving awards and positions within the Club.

TRANSPORT

From 1980 – 87 the two barge companies operated from the mainland to Dunwich. Riverside Ferries *Riverside Venture* operated from Redland Bay and Stradbroke Ferries *Myora* and *Moongalba* operated from Toondah Harbour at Cleveland.

Two Club vehicles which included an 11 seater Toyota minibus and one of the Toyota Landcruisers loaded with supplies left from the Daley's base at Tingalpa on Friday afternoons and returned Sunday evenings. In 1983, a water taxi company started up and shortened the bay crossing to 20 minutes. In 1984 the *Myora* was lengthened.



Myora Barge



Stradbroke Ferries also started up a large water taxi, *The Spirit of Stradbroke* in 1987 as well as taking over the Redland Bay based Riverside Venture renaming it the *Stradbroke Venture*.

This barge had an upper deck built on to further increase vehicle capabilities. Many Senior members opted for "island" cars as they could travel over on the water taxis and get to the Point in the same time it took to cross the bay on the barge. This provided greater flexibility in particular for Senior members.

CLUB FACILITIES

At the start of the decade the upstairs bar, recreation area and toilet facilities were fully operational. With the introduction of female active members in 1980, a section of the concrete bunkroom facing the courtyard was closed off to become the first female bunkroom. The first female shower was a small room built between the male shower block and the male bunkroom. The male bunkroom was extended out under the new upper concrete balcony to provide extra space for the influx in Junior members. In 1984, part of the upstairs balcony closest to Main Beach was built in to become a radio room and shark lookout.

In the early part of the decade a serious move to build a new Clubhouse on a site in front of the Hotel got to the stage of the lease being settled, the plans drawn up, \$50,000 raised towards the cost but with very high interest rates the remaining loan required to build was beyond the Club's means. Not all Club members were disappointed when this building didn't proceed.

VEHICLES

Throughout the decade the Club took advantage of the Sales Tax exemption and purchased a new Toyota Landcruiser 4WD every few years, selling the old one while it still held a fair market value.

This always saw the Club maintaining a new or near new Landcruiser. The old original Landcruiser survived most of this decade but was eventually replaced with a Toyota Troop Carrier.

At the start of the decade the Redland Shire Council donated funds for the Club to purchase a second-hand short wheel based Toyota for mobile patrols. Also at this time the Club purchased a Toyota 11 seater minibus but by the end of the decade this was replaced with a 23 seater Toyota Coaster which has since seen a long life serving the Club.



Moongalba Barge



Stradbroke Venture Barge



Club truck towing gear



RESCUE EQUIPMENT



SR37Q Main Beach 1981

The greatest innovation and improvement in how we carry out rescues occurred in 1977 when the Club's first IRB was purchased. During the 1980s the Club obtained two more IRBs (donated by Redland Shire Council and FAI Insurance) and had a new fibreglass hull attached to the original craft.

The Club radio network kept pace with demand and radios from the Club base were able to contact each IRB, the Club vehicles, both Main and Cylinder Beaches and the Gold Coast Command base and helicopter.

RESCUES AND EMERGENCIES

Medical services on the island and at the Point improved during the 1980s with better roads, an ambulance service and more readily accessible doctors. The Club still responded to a wide variety of emergencies including cliff falls, drownings, car crashes, stabbings and assaults at the Hotel, craft washed out to sea etc. With the introduction of the Wales Rescue helicopter and the Government SES helicopter, medivacs were no longer carried out by the Army choppers.

Many brave rescues were carried out during the decade but one day which deserves special mention is the day in February 1981 with a cyclone not far off the South East Qld coast and the running of the 4BK Surf Pro-Am Board Riding contest off Cylinder Beach. Club members in the IRB rescued swimmers and board-riders from huge seas throughout the day until conditions caused the cancellation of the event. No-one was lost this day which was a remarkable feat. Refer to Chapter 6.

PATROLS

The 1980s heralded a huge increase in patrolling capabilities and responsibilities. Main Beach patrols were extended on both days – starting earlier and finishing later. Cylinder Beach patrols became a permanent fixture for longer hours and as demand required it, patrols were set during peak times at Adder Rock. In addition to the beach patrols, mobile 4WD patrols and IRB patrols were carried out when and where required. Occasional visits from the Gold Coast Rescue Helicopter capped off a very comprehensive patrol capability and service provided by our Club to the visitors and residents of Stradbroke.

FUNDRAISING

In the first part of the decade the Club continued to collect in the City and Milton areas and at traffic lights. In 1980 the total raised was \$2,000.

Later in the decade the Club was allocated a more suitable area – namely the Redlands. This is a huge area on the doorstep of Moreton Bay and the Club continues to collect in this area to this day. In 1989 the Club collected \$7,700.

Surf Girls throughout the decade included Jenny Jard, Stacie Lee, Debbie Comerford, Julie Noble, Tina Murphy, Helen Commons, Krissy Dipple and Maree Kendrick.



In 1980, the Club balance was \$113,000 and Annual Income of \$50,000 and Expenditure of \$20,500. At the end of the decade in 1989 the balance was low due to having just spent \$100,000 on extensions. The Annual Income was \$145,000 with an Expenditure of \$198,500.

COMPETITION AND TRAINING

The 1980s saw the Club excel in many areas of lifesaving including First Aid, beach events, surf boat events, IRB racing, patrol competition and even March Past along with a few R&R placings.

Many Branch and State Titles were won and several placings recorded at National level.

The Club continued to either win or place in the Branch Patrol and First Aid room efficiency competitions. A very pleasing result of the decade with competition is that the Club excelled in three key areas that correspond with actual surf lifesaving skills – first aid, IRBs and patrol competition.

The red, white and blue stood tall and proud very often.

MEMBERSHIP

At the start of the decade membership included 10 Life Members, 43 Active Bronze, 6 Active Reserve, 7 Cadets and 78 Associate Members. At the end of the decade membership had increased to 16 Life Members, 47 Active Bronze, 7 Active Reserve, 7 Cadet, 2 Long Service, 45 Award Members and 111 Associates. Nipper membership in 1990 was 87 male and 41 female.

HIGHLIGHTS/MEMORIES FROM 1980 TO 1990:

1980/81 Season

- New building at Cylinder Beach planned – draft drawings completed
- Purchased a new Landcruiser 4WD Patrol Vehicle
- Extended volunteer patrols to Adder Rock
- South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition – 1st
- South Coast Branch Champion Lifesaver – Senior – M. Brockhurst 2nd, Junior – P. Bertossi 1st
- One Medical Evacuation – Cliff Fall near Pandanus – Gary Terrell and Shane Modini (IRB) Patient – Mr Robert Warland – later died in hospital due to complications
- Rescues of contestants in the Pro Am Surfing Contest – Cyclone Cliff
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Open First Aid, Junior Beach Sprint (P. Bertossi), Junior Beach Relay (G. Hill, R. Robinson, P. Bertossi and S. Brockhurst)
- Peter Bertossi – 3rd State Junior Beach Sprint
- I. Ames/J. Daley – 2nd State First Aid Comp
- Females made an impressive debut into active lifesaving
- Opening of the bar area
- House to House raised \$2,000
- Supporters Club raised \$1,500 to purchase new stove
- Local surfer Craig Frampton suffers leg injuries after Deadman's Beach shark attack



- 2 fisherman drown after being washed into surf off Main Headland between North Gorge and Bat Cave
- First full size March Past team to compete in an Australian Titles and place in the top 20 teams
- 42 rescues, 544 first aid cases and 3 resuscitation cases
- State Government proposes a \$50 million bridge to link the island to the mainland
- Junior Activities – 51 Male and 36 Female, 23 selected for State Titles
- Junior Activities Awards Program introduced for Juniors 7 years and up
- 3 Original members – Stephen and David Rix and Darren Woodward moved into the senior ranks (members since 1974)

1981/82 Season

- Hosted our first ever Open Carnival – Pt Lookout Carnival 14th February
- Surf Girls – Jenny Jard and Stacie Lee
- 19 rescues and 188 first aid cases
- 11 seater Toyota commuter bus purchased to transport members from Daley's house across barge to Point
- New Cylinder Clubhouse plans drawn up and \$50,000 raised, but high interest rates hamper loan negotiations
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Open First Aid and Junior Beach Relay
- I. Ames/J. Daley – 1st Branch, 1st State and 2nd Nationals Open First Aid Competition
- June Long (Administrator) – employed on an hourly basis
- SCB Patrol Efficiency Competition – 2nd and 1st in First Aid Room Competition
- Junior Activities – Steven Gray selected in State Team
- SLSAA – 75th Anniversary Special Award – John Kerr
- Life Membership presented to Neil Cairns



Peter Bertossi on dais - 2nd place

1982/83 Season

- Surf Girl – Debbie Comerford raised \$1,153.54
- 22 rescues, 111 first aid cases and 3 resuscitation cases
- New IRB purchased sponsored by Redland Shire Council (\$6,000)
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Senior Beach Sprint (P. Bertossi), Cadet Beach Sprint (S. Gray)
- I. Ames/J. Daley 1st State First Aid Competition and 3rd at Nationals
- Old Boys bought the Club a new pool table
- Water taxi service starts across bay from Cleveland to Dunwich (20 minute trip)
- Junior Activities – Steven Gray won State Beach Sprint, 2nd State Flags
- Peter Bertossi 2nd Senior Beach Sprint – State Titles and selected in the Old team for the Australian Interstate comp and ran 3rd
- Life Membership presented to Wayne Cole

1983/84 Season

- Amalgamation of Junior/Senior Clubs to commence in 1984/85
- New instruction manual introduced
- 23 rescues, 98 first aid cases and 2 resuscitation cases
- Easter 1984 – Yacht *Vamp* washed up onto Flat Rock



- August, 1984 – Start of “dry” sandmining from last natural dune area from base of Clubhouse to Mt. Lewis approx 1.5km down beach
- I. Ames/J. Daley – 1st in State First Aid Competition and 3rd at Nationals
- New Kitchen improvements – stainless steel shelves, benches and sinks
- Old Boys donated \$2,000 worth of skis and sporting equipment
- Junior March Past Team – 3rd State Championships
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Senior Beach Sprint (P. Bertossi) and Open First Aid
- State Titles - Senior Beach Sprint – 3rd P. Bertossi , Cadet Beach Sprint – 3rd Steven Gray
- Cadet Beach Sprint – 3rd – S. Gray – Australian Titles
- Cadet Beach Flags – 2nd – S. Gray – Australian Titles

1984/85 Season

- Surf Girl – Julie Noble raised \$3,000
- State Inter Branch Patrol Competition – 2nd (G. Batchelor, J. Daley, J. Keen, P. Glancy) First of its kind and Point Lookout was chosen to represent the South Coast Branch
- Fitted out the Radio Lookout Room
- Major First Aid Cases including New Year’s Day – Frenchman’s Beach cliff fall and Hotel stabbing both requiring helicopter medivac and another rescue involving a fisherman washed off Bream Rock
- 25 rescues and 135 first aid cases
- Water taxi burns to waterline during mid week fire
- Severe bushfires across island causing evacuation of Adder Rock camping ground
- Club represents Branch in State Patrol Competition and placed second
- South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition – 2nd
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Open First Aid
- Branch Champion Lifesaver – Senior – Jeff Daley 1st, Junior – Darren Woodward 2nd
- I. Ames/J. Daley 1st in State First Aid Competition and 4th at the Nationals

1985/86 Season

- \$17,000 spent on male toilet block
- Medivac – 3 year old drowning victim at Home Beach – revived
- 43 rescues and 90 first aid cases
- South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Comp – 1st and 1st in First Aid Room Competition
- Selected to represent Branch in State Patrol Competition – 4th
- Julie Keen selected to represent Qld in the Australian Female Surf Lifesaver of the Year Competition
- George Hill rescues a nude female bather on a board
- Attended Branch IRB Championships – Northcliffe
- State IRB Champs held at Bundaberg
- Foundation Members reunion held at the Club
- First Aid cases include 2 serious motorbike accidents
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Open First Aid, Veterans Surf Race (G. Batchelor)
- South Coast Branch Champion Lifesaver – Senior Jeff Daley 1st, Cadet – Steven Kerr 3rd
- I. Ames/J. Daley – State First Aid Competition 2nd
- Life Membership presented to David Adamson

**1986/87 Season**

- South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition – 2nd
- Club wins first ever Branch Patrol Competition (held at Point)
- State Patrol Competition – 2nd (held at the Point) – G.Hill, J. Keen, G. Keen, J. Daley, G. Batchelor, M. Aitken
- Gavin Black represented Qld in the Junior State Team
- House to House raised \$4,777
- 55 rescues and 190 first aid cases
- Surf Girl Tina Murphy raised \$2,300
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Open First Aid, Patrol Team, Cadet Board Riding (J. Kerr)
- I. Ames/J. Daley – State First Aid Competition 2nd
- First time the Club had 3 IRBs
- Life Membership presented to John Mayne

1987/88 Season

- Surf Girl Helen Commons raised nearly \$10,000 (\$9,650)
- South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Comp – 1st and First Aid Room Competition – 1st
- I. Ames/J. Daley – State First Aid Competition – 1st and 3rd at Nationals
- House to House raised \$5,000
- 56 rescues and 160 first aid cases
- Man dies after his 4WD crashes and rolls on rocks in front of Clubhouse
- Old Boys Treasurer (Peter Barnes) severely injured and blinded when shot in the face during a bank hold up in Brisbane
- 20 Years of Nippers
- Small team attends the Australian IRB Titles
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Junior First Aid (R. Bostock/ M. Robinson)
- State Junior First Aid Competition – R. Bostock and M. Robinson (2nd)
- South Coast Branch Patrol Competition at Pt Lookout – 1st Place
- Champion Lifesaver – Senior – J. Daley 2nd, Michael Adams – Junior 2nd
- Stone steps to Main Beach built 1987 by joint Old Boys, Club and Nipper Dad working bee
- Life Membership presented to Gary Terrell

1988/89 Season

- Surf Girl – Krissy Dipple raised \$5,000
- Roster system for patrol used for the first time
- Extension of the verandah, enlarging gear shed underneath
- Old Boys donated an honour board and a huge weekend celebration including Foundation Members Reunion on 30/4/89
- Club hosted Branch Patrol Championships and Champion Lifesaver
- Patrol Competition– 2nd – G. Hill, A. Watts, J. Daley, G. Keen, G. Terrell, G. Batchelor
- Pt Lookout hosted our first Open IRB Carnival at Point – 3m swells
- Good representation at many carnivals including IRB Carnivals
- South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition and First Aid Room – 1st
- 31 rescues, 240 first aid cases and 1 resuscitation case
- FAI donated new IRB
- Branch Titles 1st placings- Open First Aid and Junior First Aid (R. Black and M. Stevenson)
- State First Aid Competition – Open I. Ames/J. Daley 1st – and Junior M. Robinson/R. Bostock 2nd



- Australian Masters Titles – Beach Sprint 40-44 years – Paul Saffigna (1st), Rod Berry – Beach Sprint 45-49 years (3rd) and Beach Relay – R. Berry, G. Batchelor, G. Terrell and P. Saffigna (2nd)

1989/90 Season

- South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition and First Aid Room – 1st
- Club Renovations - \$100,000 Female bunkroom, caretakers room & TV room
- Surf Girl Maree Kendrick raised a record \$10, 000
- George Hill selected to visit Japan on a Lifesaving Exchange
- Club hosted State Patrol Competition
- New Bus purchased – 23 seat Toyota Coaster \$35,500
- 35 rescues, 225 first aid cases and 1 resuscitation case
- House to House raised \$7,700
- June Long finished up after 9 years as Administrator
- Redlands Strawberry Festival Float 1989 designed by Judy Wright
- Branch Titles 1st placings – Open First Aid
- Good representation of masters competitors at various carnivals
- Open State First Aid Competitions – I. Ames/J. Daley – 2nd, M. Stevenson/R. Black – 3rd
- Life Membership presented to Ian Ames

1980-81 Season Club Photo





Junior Beach Relay Team L-R: A. Madden, R. Robinson, D. Walton, G. Hill



1980 Shark hunters with 14 foot tiger John Gardiner, Ian Ames, Tony Bertossi, Jon Lambert



Shane Modini fixing the club boards

Point Lookout SLSC on display in the 1988 Strawberry Festival designed by Judy Wright



Robert Warland Medivac (1980)



Shane Ford, George Hill and Greg Keen on Patrol



All female Bronze Squad. Helen Commons, Donna Jones, Leith Temple, Nicole Jenner



1983 (Standing) John Gardiner, Trevor Somerville, Mark Brockhurt (Kneeling) Richard Munro, Ian Ames



Bronzies stand proud in front of clubhouse



Clubs first quad bike for patrol 1987

State Titles at Tallebudgera 1983
Point Lookout members marching proudly



1989/90 Season Club Photo



Club Photo Mid 80s



Chapter Five

The Modern Era (1990 – 2008)

From the 1990 season, Point Lookout surged forward in many key areas, leading to a number of firsts for the Club. Membership growth, patrol expansion, new technology, competition success, strategic management and Clubhouse extensions can be highlighted as some of the goals and success stories that can be ticked off in the Club history books.

Whilst the Club has seen a new breed of members progress through the ranks through these years, they have managed to hang on to some old traditions generated by members many years ago. Unfortunately, with today's society of litigation, some of the old traditions have had to be done away with.

Many Life Members and former members returned to the Club and some have continued their membership and/or relationship with the Club through the 90s and into the present, passing on their knowledge and stories to the younger generation as well as helping out with fundraising ventures and patrol activities.

One main characteristic that has been maintained since 1990 through to today is the pride and Club spirit of members. The Club really has a "team player" attitude which has assisted in its membership growth.

TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES

From the 1990s to the present day, Stradbroke Ferries continues to be a major sponsor of the Club providing free passage across the bay for Club vehicles. During the patrolling months from September to May, the Club has always travelled on a Friday Night seeing the Club bus and truck (along with a trailer in the later years) make its journey to the Island for the weekend full of food stock, bar supplies, luggage and members. The vehicles and members would return on a Sunday afternoon exhausted after a huge weekend of activities. Barges travelled on during this period included the *Stradbroke Venture*, *Minjeeribah* and the *Quandamooka* and today the barge trip (on a good day weather wise) takes only 45 minutes. Members unable to make the Friday night barge from Cleveland utilise the option of catching the Stradbroke Ferries water taxi seeing them land at Dunwich in 20 minutes. The Club would meet the early morning taxis to ensure that the members could make their patrols on time. Otherwise the Club members would utilise the local bus service to make their way to the Point. Stradbroke Ferries has also greatly assisted the Club with the carrying of building materials for the many renovations undertaken thus saving the Club thousands of dollars. Further support continues to be provided to affiliated Clubs by offering reduced barge travel when the Club hosts carnivals at the Point.



Top: Minjeeribah Barge
Bottom: Escape to Stradbroke Water Taxi

The 2002/03 season saw the need for a new storage facility for the Club vehicles. For many years Noel and Coral Daley had generously allowed the Club vehicles to be stored at their home on Wondall Road. The Club is greatly indebted to them. But the Daleys were selling up and new premises were required. Space was obtained at Stradbroke Ferries property in Cleveland



and the Club was required to build a shed to house the vehicles. Today the vehicles are still accommodated there in what has been a perfect location.

Throughout the 90s through to 2008, a range of Club vehicles have been tried and tested with the Club now utilising a Troop Carrier, Twin Cab Ute (with the SLSQ Lifeguards), 23 Seater Coaster Bus and a Tractor to transport gear down to the beach which was introduced in 2006/07. All the Club vehicles have a regular maintenance program and a designated Vehicle/Mobile Services Officer is elected each year to care for the Club vehicles. The Club has also been very fortunate to have JJ Richards and Sons on board to help cover fuel costs for the vehicles.



Troop Carrier

CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES

The new extensions to the Clubhouse which commenced in the early 90s, to the financial tune of \$147,500, saw a positive face-lift to the Club facilities and growing Club. Phase 1 was the extension of bunkrooms, shower and toilet facilities for the girls, the inclusion of a TV/training area and caretakers quarters away from the bar area and an upgrade of the kitchen to meet commercial standards. The Clubhouse improvements for the members were now a reality moving into the 90s.

Many Club members worked on the extensions at various stages, providing labour and expertise either free of charge or at a reduced cost. Whilst the budget for these extensions was blown out a bit, the project renewed keenness around the Club and with the obvious benefits of the improvements, everyone agreed, was money well spent.

1996/97 saw the Club expand further with second major extensions seeing the external appearance of the Club remodelled.

These extensions comprised of renovations to the hall and kitchen area including timber stairs and flooring, inclusion of public amenities on the ground floor, increased storage and enhanced facilities for the Junior Activities and granositing the Clubhouse.

The Club's development, with the support of the Redland Shire Council, Jupiter's Gaming Fund, the Queensland Government and many others, enabled the remodelling of the existing hall and verandah which was in desperate need of repair, into a much bigger, more comfortable and workable building.

Again, the improved facilities rejuvenated attitude and enthusiasm for an agreed fundraising effort by members to provide for such benefits. The costs involved for these renovations were around \$268,800.

1997/98 saw yet more renovations and extensions commenced, this time to the upstairs bar area. The Club members both with and without trade skills jumped in to support the project. The outcome of the new and improved bar area saw the Point Lookout Supporters Club Inc formed. The Clubhouse today has a Supporters Club, which works on a Restricted License. This allows the Club to open up its facilities to the public/community during the weekend operations.

All revenue earned from the Supporters Club goes towards funding patrol equipment and developing surf life saving techniques in members who are aged from 5 upwards.



From the Club's earliest beginnings, extensions have been gradual and in line with its financial position. The late 90s saw the Club's bank balance recede greatly from its normal healthy status, however with the main stages of progressive Club renovations completed, and the contributions through grants and subsidies, the Club's financial position remained stable though somewhat depleted.

Members young and old now had a Clubhouse to be proud of, but the Club was still in the process of rebuilding the bank balance. The opportunities that stemmed from the extensions allowed for greater fundraising initiatives, staging of events and increased membership levels to be gained in the years that followed.

The year 2000 saw the Club progress with even further renovations which included an upgrade to the first aid room as well as the expansion of the girls' bunkroom to cater for the ever increasing female membership. A new TV/training room was built on top of the first aid room to cater for the educational and recreational needs of members and a more formal entrance was built at the front of the Clubhouse. An interest free loan of \$100,000 was taken up with the Redland Shire Council for this particular upgrade.

By 2001 the majority of the renovations were completed. This had been an extremely successful project in that it maximized the use of available funds, was designed and built to provide comfort and serviceability to members and guests whilst taking full advantage of the Club's idyllic position. It was believed that the Clubhouse facilities and equipment by the end of the 2001/02 season were valued at close to \$2 million dollars.



Modern Clubhouse 2007/08

As the years progressed there were always other improvements that needed to be made to the Clubhouse facilities. Priorities during the 2002/03 season included an upgrade of the male amenities near the bunkroom, fire safety audit, improved caretaker facilities and finally the completion of the courtyard storeroom.

From 2006 the Club was again showing serious signs of wear and tear with major maintenance repairs being identified and a priority list of repairs documented. The Club had suffered some serious building erosion which saw the Clubhouse look very tired and broken down.

The estimated cost for the total repair bill was in the vicinity of \$250,000. Priority works identified included addressing the heavy erosion on support posts and frames outside and inside of the bunkrooms, main hall floor sagging/leaking between frames and replacement of the hardwood flooring needed, water damage in the radio room, courtyard roofing bulkhead leaking and support posts heavily corroded, first aid room external damage and asbestos roof leaking in areas also needing replacement.

Whilst the Club has been successful in securing a few grants in recent years to cover some of the costs, there is still a long way to go to raise the necessary funds to complete the remaining priorities.

With the perfect location for a Surf Life Saving Club, the Club is still constrained by the need to raise vital money to ensure regular maintenance is carried out on the Clubhouse facilities. The Club has come a long way since its inception 60 years ago seeing a unique Clubhouse come to fruition in which the members are very proud and one that the members must work hard to ensure will live on for many decades to come.



Alongside the many members who have volunteered their time to the working bees around the Club, the Building Committees over the years have worked tirelessly to improve the Clubhouse to where it is today. Their main goal was to improve the Clubhouse structure to provide a comfortable and safe building that will accommodate the members needs well into the future and to minimise the need for Officers to worry about the maintenance projects during the season.

Key members who have been instrumental in the progression of the Clubhouse extensions include: George Hill, Matthew Stevenson, Ernie Stevenson and Trevor L'Barrow.

Since the mid to late 90s many new faces joined the Building Committee including Graham Dodd, Jeff Paskin, Wayne Cole, Gavin Black, Brian Barnett, Rick Bodger, Greg Keen, Ian Ames, Terry Gillis, John Gardiner, Greg Nankervis, Nat Dennis, Heather Truman, Russell Field, Dan Potent, Mike Stone, Denis Campbell and Rick Di Trapani.

With the ever expanding developments of Surf Clubs around Australia, Point Lookout has managed to further enhance its Club facilities without the implementation of gaming machines and bistros, aiming to keep the very traditional style of Surf Life Saving alive and well. Point Lookout is one of only a few Clubs in Queensland which still retain bunkroom facilities for members.

ADVANCEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY AND LIFESAVING SKILLS

During the 1990s, dependence on the Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRBs) as the main rescue technique became apparent. Due to speed and efficiency, the IRB remains a great resource for Surf Lifesaving in general. The days of rescue equipment such as the reel, line and belt have long passed, and more advanced types of gear and equipment are now in use on beach patrols.

Resuscitation Methods

The 90s certainly finetuned methods of resuscitation techniques, which have had a myriad of changes since the early 1900s.

We have had patients over a barrel, treated them on their backs and face downwards, operators have worked on both sides of the patient, straddled them and worked from a position in front of the head.

We have treated the patient with gentleness worthy of a newborn babe, and we have proceeded with a vigor which would certainly not be appreciated by a conscious person. And it's all in the interests of progress and humanity

Surf Life Saving in Queensland by J.R. Winders (pg 51)

From the Eve Rocker Method through to the Schafer Method and Holger Nielsen Method and beyond, Surf Life Saving has continued to upgrade methods through trial and error, research and development and advice from various medical experts.

Successful resuscitation today in many cases relies heavily on early defibrillation in which lifesavers and lifeguards around the country now have training. The use of the Air Bag Oxygen



Resuscitators, pocket masks, stifneck collars and 1, 2 and 3 person resuscitation techniques have all become a major part of the Club's training regime.

The 2006/07 season saw a dramatic change in resuscitation techniques with a new rate of 30 compressions to 2 breaths introduced as opposed to 15:2 and the deletion of Expired Air Resuscitation. Emphasis was placed on rotating operators every 2 minutes as well. These changes came in line with the Australian Resuscitation Council guidelines and highlight the need for ongoing training for even experienced lifesavers.

The 1990s saw the Club develop a highly sophisticated radio network at the Point, enabling communication between all three patrolled beaches, Club vehicles, Gold Coast Command (Surf Com) and other Operation Support Services. An improved radio room inclusive of VHF, UHF, HF, phone, public announcement system and shark alarm system has proven extremely valuable during major rescues.

Computer Advances

Computer advancements have entered the Club system with the manual style of membership records, statistics, award information and other Club administration activities now being performed on computer by the Club Secretary and/or Administrator.

During the 1991/92 season, the Club came into the computer age with the purchase of a computer which enabled the Club to go on line with the membership program adopted by Surf Life Saving Queensland. This season saw the membership details transferred from a card system to computer as a total membership program incorporating the Junior Activities. In 1998/99 the Club's financials transferred to computer as well.

Today the Club operates from a comprehensive Surfmate Program covering all membership categories which holds a vast array of data and information. Carnival nominations are also registered electronically through a Carnival Manager Program.

Communication to the broader membership is now in the main sent electronically via emails however the Club still maintains the old mail system for some members to ensure the entire membership base is communicated to.

With technology advancing so fast in today's society, it is difficult at times to keep up with the pace with mobile phones, internet sites, World Wide Web and now Surf Camera Surveillance Systems for many Queensland beaches. The future of technology appears endless.

Major Changes in Surf Life Saving

Members of the Club have seen several upgrades in the Surf Life Saving Training Manual since the 90s with new editions of the manual launched in 1996/97 and again in 2003/04.

There have been some changes in focus in relation to the Bronze Medallion and other Surf Life Saving Awards including:

- The deletion of the traditional belt swims in 1993/94 and the inclusion of stifneck collars and improved methods of spinal carries including spinal boards.
- Emphasis was also placed on the IRB Crewman's responsibilities when the certificate was re-introduced in the 90s and again in 2002/03.



- New awards have been introduced to the spectrum available to members including the Silver Medallion – Life Support and Silver Medallion – Patrol Captain (Beach Management) in 1999/00.
- The 2006/07 season saw a new Bronze Medallion Training and Assessment package introduced whereby all members received a Certificate II in Public Safety. Members were required to complete a series of workbooks to comply with the industry requirements.

As the decades have progressed, there have been some dramatic changes to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws. Since the 90s the Club has proceeded with a number of required Constitutional and By-Law reviews and changes to keep in line with governing bodies. These have lead to updated Constitutions in 1998/99, 2002/03 and again in 2007/08.

These reviews have seen some changes to the Management structures and the inclusion of many new Club Officers to meet the growing demands of the Club. The Club Constitution and By-Laws today are a vital resource to ensuring the operations and procedures within the Club.

With the ever growing requirement of the Club to meet the day to day administrative duties necessary to keep the Club functioning, a part-time administrator was again employed to assist the Executive and Club Officers. This support has proven to be of great assistance in supporting Club Officers during the week when they have been performing their professional working jobs.

OPERATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Efficient and effective patrols and rescues by Surf Life Saving Clubs have been enhanced by Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) Special Services now known as Operation Support Services.

These include the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service, Jet Rescue Boats, Jet Skis, Communication Stations, Off Shore Rescue Boats and Duty Officers, all combining to provide a total lifesaving network. With the support of such services, the provision of patrols as a network has improved the lifesavers ability to do their job well.

Point Lookout has been fortunate enough to have many members within the Club involved in the SLSQ Operation Support Services based predominantly in South East Queensland. This helps such members refine their lifesaving skills, making them a greater asset to the Club. A Club's reputation is enhanced when it can boast of members in all facets of Surf Life Saving.

The *Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service* (formerly called the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service) provides extended patrol activities with rescues often undertaken in difficult and dangerous conditions. The service plays an important role in search and rescue and the sophisticated aircraft are capable of attending emergency incidents and supporting the beach patrols when required. The service looks for lifesavers with a high level of commitment, skill and fitness to help out in South East Queensland.

In December, 1976, surf lifesavers took to the skies for the first time and began patrolling Gold Coast beaches from Northern NSW through to Southport during summer weekends. Another similar Service was established by SLSQ on the Sunshine Coast in 1977. Even in those early days it was evident that aerial patrols were a vital component of Surf Life Saving's patrol network to meet the ever increasing demands of water safety. The services commenced full time (all year) operations in 1979 (Sunshine Coast) and 1983 (Gold Coast).



Since the commencement of this Service, Point Lookout has had numerous members involved in the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Services including:



Gary Terrell - Crewman 17 years

- Gary Terrell (17 years predominantly in the Gold Coast Service)
- Jeff Daley
- Sharon Brennan (1st female in Gold Coast Service – 5 years)
- Simon Johnstone (10 years in Gold Coast Service)
- Mal Aitken
- Garry Hammond
- Michael Stone
- George Hill
- Craig Terrell
- Gil Rhodes
- John Brennan
- Joshua Potent

Gary Terrell recalls his first rescue with the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service (1978/79):

"The Wales Helicopter was called out on a Saturday afternoon to South Stradbroke Island with Athol Jory (Pilot), Garry Hammond and I (Crew), to investigate the situation after a report of a 72 year old woman had gone missing. We performed a parallel run along the shore line, and her body was spotted and I jumped into the surf where she was floating face down in a rip. After securing her body, the aircraft and rescuer were transported to shore where resuscitation was commenced. Athol flew back to the Gold Coast Hospital to pick up a doctor as we continued to perform CPR on the beach. The South East winds were so strong that sand was forming around the patient's body and eyes which made it difficult when the Doctor checked the pupils. CPR continued for a few minutes after the Doctor arrived and sadly she was pronounced dead. Her body was transported back by the Water Police".



"Vigilance One" Fixed Wing Aircraft

The Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Services have provided an excellent service to the community. However in 1991 Surf Life Saving Queensland set out to review its patrolling services with a view towards the need for a vast expansion in aerial surveillance so as to prevent emergencies from developing in the more serious aspects of actual rescue operations. An SLSQ Aerial Services Committee was established to put in place the foundation for a *Fixed Wing Aircraft* Surveillance Service and Club member George Hill was a member of this committee.

This service was known as *VIGILANCE ONE* and provided aerial patrols from Northern NSW to Noosa, working in conjunctions with the other emergency services to enhance and maximise the Association's surveillance network.

Capabilities included marine sighting, life raft drops, radio communications and search surveillance. The crew selected for the service were required to train and obtain their Air Observers qualifications which involved general Search and Rescue Operations but also various aspects of safety around the aircraft, basic aeronautical knowledge, radio data, map reading and the physiology of flight. Members from the Point Lookout SLSC involved in this service, contributing many hours of volunteer service included Gary Terrell (Crew Captain), Sharon Brennan (first female in the service) and Michael Stone.



This service ceased operation in April 1996 but remains significant in the history of Surf Lifesaving in Queensland.

Jet Rescue Boats (JRBs) and the *Communication Centre* otherwise known as *SURFCOM* on the Gold Coast have also had Point Lookout members involved since the late 90s. The Jet Boat Service commenced in the early 70s and its focus was to patrol the outer breaks off the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast. The unique advantage of a Jet Rescue Boat is its capability to operate close inshore in "white water" to affect a rescue. The craft's ability to patrol long, open stretches of unsupervised beaches is another area of patrol work the Jet Rescue Boat is ideally suited to. The L'Barrow brothers (Jeff and Adrian) took on the thrill and excitement of patrolling with these craft during the 90s - a first for the Club.

Donna Walton (nee Armstrong) became the first Club member to be accepted into Gold Coast Command (Surf-Com) as a crewperson. A SurfCom Operator is responsible for the coordination of Operation Support Service Teams and liaison with other Emergency Services on the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

Donna's involvement as part of the SurfCom crew saw her recognized as a Crewperson of the Year for the Gold Coast Region. In more recent years Louise Hogben joined the service and is regularly rostered on patrol duties for SurfCom on the Gold Coast. Louise was also recognized for her efforts in 2005/06 when she was awarded the Gold Coast Crewperson of the Year. Since Gold Coast Command commenced in the late 70s, the service has come a long way with radios becoming a necessary piece of lifesaving equipment.



Surf Com Operator - Louise Hogben

Jet Skis (or RWCs – Rescue Water Craft) have now become an integral part of the lifesaving network with many members becoming proficient in Jet Ski Operations and patrols on the Gold Coast over recent years. The late 90s saw Surf Life Saving Australia introduce the RWCs into the fleet of power craft after extensive trialling which proved their value as a rescue vehicle. The RWC or otherwise known as Wave Runner is primarily responsible for patrolling outside the flagged area and warning people swimming in other areas of the potential dangers. Capable of being operated by only one lifesaver, the RWC is an excellent surveillance platform, sitting high enough out of the water to allow the operator good overall vision.



Rescue Water Craft (RWC)

The 2007/08 season saw the inclusion of an additional Surf Life Saving Queensland Support Service established on North Stradbroke Island with many members gaining their RWC license and performing rostered patrols from Amity Point to Point Lookout. The official Wave Runner 9 Service started in late December 2007 with Keith Weinert as the Area Captain. This Service in its first few months proved successful having performed a number of critical rescues and preventative actions. With the addition of the Wave Runner 9 Service to the beaches of North Stradbroke Island, this has value added yet another degree of safety to the bathing public.

Members involved in the Jet Ski Operations over the years include:

Greg Keen	Keith Weinert	Paul Walton	Rick Di Trapani
Michael Stone	George Hill	Tony Carle	
Rick Bodger	Bruce Middleton	Keith Potent	

New recruits who commenced their RWC Induction in 2007/08 include:

Scott Stephenson	Alanna Bodger	Chris Hanley
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Donna Bozoky
 Scott Clarkson
 Aaron Cole
 David Finter
 Jenaya Bodger
 Josh Middleton

Sue Bozoky
 Sandra Middleton
 Wayne Cole
 Joshua Potent
 Gary Terrell
 Wade Harrison

Terry Bozoky
 Jason Nankervis
 Gavin Black
 Kim Stallard
 David Westby
 Matt Potent

Through Surf Life Saving Queensland a volunteer *Duty Officer* program was implemented whereby members would perform rostered patrol duty along the coastline during the patrolling season. The Duty Officer positions were designed to utilise suitably qualified lifesavers to enhance lifesaving service delivery and to minimise potential risk to the bathing public. The role of the Duty Officer is to assist with the integration and coordination of Club lifesaving services and Operations Support and to liaise with SurfCom and external stakeholders in relation to the deployment of lifesaving services. The Lifesaving Duty Officer also has the responsibility of coordinating major incidents through Patrol Captains and Operations Support Crew Captains. George Hill was one Club member who performed Duty Officer patrols on the Gold Coast

COMPETITION SUCCESS

During the 90s, the Point Lookout SLSC emerged in the competition arena flying the Red, White and Blue with pride. Whilst not identified as a high profile competition Club, the 90s saw some predominant forces and results in the more traditional lifesaving competition events such as Patrol Competition, First Aid, Champion Lifesaver and IRB Racing.

There have been many great individual and team results at Club, Branch, State, National and International levels which are proud achievements for the Club.

The best performances have stemmed from team events, with the Clubs greatest achievements being in Surf Rescue Events (First Aid, Champion Lifesaver and Patrol Competition) and IRB Competitions.

First Aid is an event Ian Ames and Jeff Daley have dominated for many years, placing regularly at a National level. The 96/97 season saw broader participation from the junior ranks and the results were very promising. Leisa McMahon (nee Henderson) and Adrian L'Barrow, both members who started as nippers with the Club, gained first place in the Under 18 First Aid Competition at the 1997 Australian Titles held at Kurrawa Beach. In 2005/06, Sarah Pangrazio and Anne-Maree Westby also gained first place at the Australian Championships in the U19 First Aid Competition.

First Aid is itself an important function of Surf Lifesaving and was introduced as a competitive event at the Australian Championships in 1982. Club competitors have put in outstanding efforts in this event since the 60s. Refer to Chapter 8.

The Patrol Competition is an event in which the Club has become very strong in since the 1990s. The Patrol Championships at Branch, State and National level could well be regarded as one of the most important events in Surf Life Saving. It is the core of what Surf Lifesaving is all about and an event the Club prides itself in.

The Open Patrol Competition has been a strongly supported event by Point Lookout members for many years. At Australian Championships level the Club hit the scene as Australian Medallists in 1995/96 beginning a run of consecutive placings at this level.



Team members including Matthew Stevenson, Sharon Brennan, Troy Wright, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin and Simon Johnstone were instrumental in keeping the momentum going during the 90s and their training and dedication paid off.

The new era of members gaining great success in the new millennium included: Joshua Mabin, Joshua Potent, Chris Hodgkinson, Keith Potent, Matthew Potent, Jenaya Bodger, Scott Stephenson, Gavin Black and Jared Hargreaves. A broader overview of the success stories in the Patrol Competition are outlined in Chapter 8.

Alongside the Patrol Competition, Point Lookout has been well represented in the Champion Lifesaver Event. As an individual event based not only around practical events, the competitor must also be conversant with the theory of lifesaving, resuscitation and oxy-viva.

The achievements of members such as Sharon Brennan, Simon Johnstone, Chad Murray, Troy Wright and Jenaya Bodger have seen them become very competent lifesavers and role models to other members competing in this event.

In 1999/2000 the Female Champion Lifesaver Event was introduced at the State and Australian Championships. Sharon Brennan dominated in this event gaining three consecutive wins at a State Level and three Australian Silver Medals at the Kurrawa Championships. In 2003/04, Jenaya Bodger represented the Club proudly in the event winning the Gold Medal at the Australian Championships. This was a first in the Club's history.

The Masters beach competitors over the years have shown that the older members still haven't lost their touch and ability with Rick Bodger, Greg Keen, Russell Nicol and Michael Stone gaining a Silver Medal at the 1993 Australian Titles. Greg Keen also gained third in the sprints. At the 1998 Australian Titles, Julie Keen won Gold in the 40 – 44 years Masters Flags and Bronze in the 40 – 44 years Masters Single Ski event. Julie continued to show her fitness and skills by gaining further Australian medals in the Masters events in flags, tube and ski in later years.

We have also seen other members gain Australian Medals in the Masters Championships including Beryl Kenny gaining third in the 50 – 54 years Sprints and Flags in 2002/03 and Leith Goebel winning the Gold in the Rescue Tube in 2003/04.

The Point Lookout SLSC has been a keen competitor in IRB Competition since the mid 80s. The members have continually improved over the years and this has seen many members become better surf lifesavers through their participation and competition. The 90s saw the Club become even stronger in IRB competition with members gaining Australian and World Titles.

One of the Club's biggest highlights in 1997 was winning the point score at the Australian IRB Titles held at Trigg Island SLSC in Perth. With team members such as Greg Keen, Chad Murray, Naomi Eaborn (Patient), Tony Dodd, Ben Wyeth and Clinton Green (Patient) gaining medals and all other team members placing well in the heats, quarters, semis and final, the Club was able to take out the carnival point score. To achieve an overall point score at this level of competition was a first for the Club.

With total satisfaction and pride the Club will savour this victory for a long time. The Club has now become very well known to Clubs around the country for its



Masters Competitors



*1989 Australian IRB Titles Team
- Nobbys (NSW)*



expertise and dominance in IRB Competition.

Strong performances during the 90s through to today have been evident in the achievements of Greg Keen who has won 8 Australian Medals in IRB Competition. Other successful IRB achievements are outlined in Chapter 8.

As well as the members who have been fortunate enough to win medals, many others have put in a great deal of training over the years and participated in other competition arenas. After 10 years break, there was a resurgence in boat crews from 1990-1992 and again from 1997. The late 90s saw many Junior and Senior Teams compete in a variety of surf boat carnivals alongside the Point Lookout Female Boat Crew and Masters Boaties.

The Club fielded R&R in the early 90s in the 5 person event and the introduction of 2 and 5 person R&R into the Junior Activities (nipper ranks) also occurred in the 90s.

The Club has fielded March Past Teams at Branch, State and Australian Titles, proudly holding their heads high as the announcers talk about the Club on North Stradbroke Island. The Junior Activities "Nipper" March Past Team in the 90s emerged as a strong force to be reckoned with and many great results have been achieved.

Not all competitors can place in the medals and Point Lookout competitors have never let their side down if they weren't in the winning category. Participation has been a key factor in the Club attitude to competition.

The supporters of the Club's competitors over the years have always been just as proud of the results whether they win, lose or not even finish. Often the surf competitors were faced with testing conditions, or simply were drawn into a heat with the likes of Uncle Toby's or Kellogg's elite ironman/woman.

In more recent years, the Club has had members become accredited as coaches and officials which are all vital for the growth of competition. It is a source of pride to see when attending a carnival that there are Point Lookout Club members supporting the movement at all levels by lending a hand as an official. The contributions of members such as David Powles, Jim

Comerford, Judith Johnstone, Jeff and Patricia Paskin, Judy Loble, Ian Wright, George Hill, Greg Keen, Roxanne McLean, Karen and Rick Bodger, John and Sharon Brennan, Wayne Laundry, Dan and Ingrid Potent, David Jones, Tony Carle, Michelle Westby and the list goes on, are invaluable to the Club and the Surf Lifesaving movement in general.

John Brennan, an active patrolling member of the Club, was appointed as the Australian Championships Referee (2006-2009), which is a great achievement for him. He is the youngest person ever to be appointed to such a prestigious position.



John Brennan leads the colour party at the 2006 Aussie Titles

On the coaching side we have had many members become accredited in a range of disciplines which have helped the Club develop and train its members. Club members who have gained accreditation include:

Gavin Black	Rick Bodger	Terry Bozoky	Sharon Brennan
Ken Burge	Tony Carle	George Hill	Greg Keen
Julie Keen	Beryl Kenny	Peter Lacoste	Jeff L'Barrow
Roxanne McLean	Gary Morthorpe	Chad Murray	Greg Nankervis



Jeff Paskin
Rod Truman

Ashley Stone
Paul Walton

Michael Stone
David Westby

Paul Thirkettle

Regardless of who has competed, or what chance the Club has had of winning, the Club members have always performed in a sportsman-like manner. Carnivals play a major role in Surf Club life as they bring people together from other Clubs and promote a sense of comradeship along with fine tuning lifesaving skills.

The results since the 1990s are a reflection of the Club's overall development of competitors and the Club's ability to maintain the high standard of surf lifesaving for which it is renowned.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising has always been an integral part of Club membership. With the Clubhouse undergoing major renovations every few years, coupled with the everyday costs of living becoming increasingly higher and insurance costs increasing, it was critical that the Club members stepped up to the mark with active fundraising.

Since the 1990s Club members have continued to undertake core fundraising activities including *Pub Raffles* and *House to House Collections*.

The traditional raffles held at the Point Lookout Hotel plus at various hotels on the mainland including the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, Manly Hotel, Redlands Sporting Club, Cleveland RSL and Cleveland Sands Hotel to name a few, have enabled the Club to have a steady stream of income.

Traditionally, the raffle duties were performed by the active members however today we see a greater involvement from other membership categories. Non-active members also get behind the fundraising ventures. Judy Loble has been one of the Clubs outstanding fundraisers, actively selling raffle tickets at the Point Lookout Hotel for over 20 years. The Point Lookout Hotel has been a strong supporter of the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club and the Club members are happy to see the Hotel back in full swing with a new makeover since its closure / restricted services in 2005/06.

The *House to House Collection* has been one of the Club's success stories in the modern era, seeing this fundraising activity as its biggest. Over the last 18 seasons alone the Club has continued to reach greater results, often seeing Point Lookout SLSC raise the highest amount across the State. As a compulsory activity for active members, the House to House Collection has seen a strong presence from all membership categories from Junior Activities to Life Members.



Club members promoting House to House Appeal "We need your help"

As evidenced from collection figures, this targeted fundraising campaign inclusive of incentive prizes has seen the Club profiled as a leader in this particular surf lifesaving fundraiser. A snapshot of funds raised in the modern era includes:

1991/92 Season.....	Raises \$10,500
1997/98 Season.....	Raises \$15,000
2002/03 Season.....	Raises \$22,564



2003/04 Season.....Raises \$31,648
 2007/08 Season.....Raises \$50,254 (Club and Overall Queensland Club Record)

For many years the Annual House to House Collection was held state-wide in September in the lead up to start of the patrolling season.

After a consultation period, the Surf Life Saving Foundation made a decision to move this state-wide collection to December to coincide with the start of summer and the fact that many would soon be going on school holidays highlighting the important presence of surf lifesavers.

Whilst initially the Club felt it may be detrimental to its proven financial success in this collection, the Club still managed to reap the rewards from a concentrated and committed approach to this annual fundraising event.

The Club was very fortunate to have been able to collect at the traffic lights throughout the decades which was a great way to raise a quick boost to funds. The Club members would wear their patrol uniforms and people in cars would throw the money in the tin in an effort to donate to a worthy cause. Sadly, traffic light collections were banned during the 1993/94 season due to safety issues which saw a great fundraising source come to an end. This was replaced by a more concentrated effort on selling art union tickets which saw a greater percentage returned back to the Club from the ticket sales.

As opportunities have arisen, the Club has pounced at every chance to take up additional fundraising activities.

The *Australian Championships Workforce* is one venture that originated from tendering the Club's services at a Queensland State Championships, selling T-Shirts and doing the rubbish to participating in 10 years as workforce for the Australian Championships at Kurrawa Beach.

The Club's first year of service at the Queensland State Championships in 1995/96 saw the Club members raise \$3,100. The following year the Club won the contract for the Australian Championships Workforce, which through the efforts of a number of Club members volunteering their services throughout the week, saw the Club raise approximately \$7,000. As the years progressed, the Club formed an excellent working group of Club members who dedicated their time and effort to this major fundraising activity for the Club. This fundraising venture can best be explained as follows:



Members prepare to walk the streets for the annual House to House



Aussie Titles Workforce Co-ordinators
 G. Hill, G. Black & N. Dennis

10 Years of Australian Titles Workforce! by Natasha Dennis

Time flies when you're having fun! In 2006, the Club completed its last week of workforce at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Kurrawa Beach, which saw the end of the era. The tender for workforce netted the Club \$25,000+ each year for a full weeks work.

Our Club has successfully tendered for the workforce for 10 years, starting jointly with Broadbeach SLSC, and then taking it on ourselves in the last couple of years, with assistance from our mates at Bribie Island SLSC.

When the Club originally started the workforce, it involved the selling of merchandise in the big Administration tent, and doing crash patrol – fairly easy stuff in the big scheme of things. By the



last year, the workforce was running a tendering business and had progressed to assisting with site set up, delivering meals to officials, crash patrol covering 12 areas, rubbish pick-up, as well as full catering for our own workforce.

At the helm of the workforce efforts was George Hill, who organised our tender quote each year, and determined the numbers we needed to pull it all off. Second in charge, and managing crash patrol was initially Matt Stevenson, who then handed the reigns to Gavin Black.

Chief of crash patrol oversaw approx. 30 members each day, ensuring each competition area had sufficient numbers, delivered meals to members via quad bike, and was a liaison point between our workforce, officials, organisers, duty boats etc. Catering was covered by Karen Bodger, who undertook a massive job every year, ensuring the Point Lookout members were always better fed than the officials themselves.

Administration and support was provided by Natasha Dennis, rubbish was captained by the Old Boys (usually Lenny Morris), and meals delivered were capably organised by Gary Terrell. These individuals planned and organised the workforce endeavours for several months and weeks leading up to the event, a massive job.

The organisation of the annual workforce effort involved preparing all the required gear (esbies, tents, microwaves, radios, tables and chairs, BBQ, sunscreen and whistles) as well as ensuring there were adequate numbers to capably cover all areas. The menu had to be planned, bought, delivered and executed. Hire vehicles had to be collected and returned, trailers packed and unpacked.

To all of those members involved with these tasks, we appreciate your efforts as it was a massive job to get the week organised every year!

Many members took days off or even the whole week off their usual paying jobs to attend the workforce, and there were several members who committed to the full week for the entire 10 years.

There are so many highlights from the Club's experiences at Aussie Titles Workforce and it brought the Club together and reflected the camaraderie, hard work, team spirit, fun attitude that Point Lookout is renowned for.

The workforce members were often called upon to perform duties outside our tender requirements, such as patrolling the beaches after the carnival had finished, or setting up presentation areas, and it was always challenging to manage the logistics when the carnival got moved to another location due to big seas, or we had to allow for Board Riding events at another beach. To the credit of our hardworking members, we always managed!

Who could forget Chad Murray, who later handed the role over to Chris Hodgkinson, pushing big Pammie up the tower every year?!?!? Or the sound of the quad bike coming, knowing that it would be laden with Sara Lee muffins, hot dogs, warm soup or other such delights?!?!? Sitting down after a cold long day, for our "quota" of beers each night and tucking into Karen's spaghetti bolognese or beef stroganoff?!?!? Arguments between crash patrol participants as to whose tower was the heaviest to lift – the boaties or the water sections???

Despite the long days in the scorching sun, or the cold days in the howling wind and rain, they



Australian Titles Workforce Team



Lifting Towers at the Australian Championships

were 10 years of great memories, a true reflection of what our Club is capable of, and a valuable opportunity for us to earn \$25,000 for a weeks work every year.

Surf Girls

Through the efforts of many Surf Girls, their families and committees, the Club has been well represented in this quest since 1990 with 12 ladies successfully raising vital funds as part of this event.

Two great achievements from our modern era entrants have been the success of Maree Hill who won the Miss Summer Surf Girl Appeal Category in 1997/98 raising over \$65,000 and Adele Crow who also won the Miss Summer Surf Girl Appeal Category in 2004/05 raising over \$70,000. A full overview of the Clubs involvement in the Miss Summer Surf Girl Quest is provided in Chapter 7.

Grants, Sponsorship and Subsidies

The Modern Era has also seen greater opportunities to obtain funding from grants and sponsorship and, through the support of Club members with expertise and knowledge in these fields, the Club has become more proficient at making applications for grants and sponsorship thus enabling the Club to achieve successful outcomes.

The Redland Shire Council now Redland City Council has always supported the Club through its Annual Services Subsidy Program and the Club is forever grateful for this continued support. In 1997/98 an increase in this subsidy was granted from \$10,000 to \$15,000 which was very much appreciated. The Queensland Government has also supported the Club annually.

As Treasurer Maree Hill states in the 2006/07 Annual Report:

"It is certainly getting harder to grab that fundraising dollar and instill in some members that fundraising is as necessary as putting a patrol on the beach, as without the income that fundraising generates we could not survive. We are still a Club that relies heavily on community support, in-kind donations, sponsors and securing grants wherever possible.

Our success, or survival you may call it, can be attributed to the support we receive from our loyal Supporters and Sponsors and those kind people who have donated monies, services and goods to the Club.

Whether it be a small or large contribution, your support enables the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club the ability to provide quality lifesaving services to the bathing public of North Stradbroke Island".

Education and Training Courses

Another fundraising adventure the Club entered into in June 2005 was an *Education and Training Program for Schools and Outside Organisations (ETRASO)*. The program was set up to supply a surf awareness course accredited by Surf Life Saving Queensland as part of an accommodation package offered by the Club to interested groups. Interest continues to grow with this program from many schools, church groups and the like as well as a very successful Bronze Camp



Program set up with a Canadian Lifeguard Group which has been running for more than 5 years. Driving this program are Life Members Wayne Cole and Gary Terrell who have been instrumental in raising the profile of the program, alongside the prestige and reputation of the Club, which in turn has seen some much needed funds raised.

SUPPORTERS CLUB

Throughout the 80s and 90s, the Club hosted large events at the bar including the Annual Point Lookout IRB Classic Carnival, Bad Heads (band) nights, New Years Eve functions, all of which netted the Club some much needed funds. This allowed the Club to invest in some bar-related equipment such as a new stereo, TV, video, pie oven, coke machine, and focussed on making the bar area more comfortable for club members and patrons. The Cadet and Junior members continue to make great use of the pool table, kindly donated by the Old Boys Association in the 70s.

In the season of 1992/93, the Bar income was \$15,850.14 and Expenditure was \$14,706.60 (not including current stock held). By the season of 1996/97, the bar was making a Gross Profit of \$9,317.07, less expenses for bar improvements and bar sponsored activities, so netted a profit of \$4,967.35, of which the infamous coke machine made almost \$1,000.

In the Clubs 50th season (1997/98), \$270,000 was spent on Clubhouse extensions, which included new and improved bar facilities and a superb deck, giving never-ending views of Main Beach and the Swimmers Gorge.

At the turn of the Century, the Club started becoming more professional and applied for a Restricted Club Permit, with nominal hours approved per week. Great memorabilia was being displayed in the bar area, and Foundation Gold Membership was offered to Sponsors, Supporters and Club members alike for a one-off membership fee.

In 2004/05, the Supporters Club introduced paid staff to run the bar on Saturday nights, to present a professional image, comply with liquor licensing requirements and to give active Club members a break.

Gwen Specht was a regular bar staffer on Saturday afternoons, ensuring the bar facilities could be open to the public.

By 2006/07, the Club was hosting its 6th Annual Prawns at the Point function, which was raising in excess of \$8,000, and weddings and Clubhouse hire continued to provide excellent sources of income. To further develop this income stream it was decided by the Club to engage a professional booking agency and all responsibility for bookings, advertising and management of Clubhouse Hire now rests with Stradbroke Island Holidays.

PATROLS, RESCUES AND EQUIPMENT

Patrols continue to be the Club's core business as the members work hard to ensure a safe aquatic environment is provided to the many visitors to North Stradbroke Island. The Club stands by Surf Life Saving Queensland's goal of "Zero Preventable Drownings and Injuries along Queensland Beaches".



Canadian Bronze Medallion Group



"The Point Bar"



Gwen Specht behind the bar



Whilst history records show that there have been 8 drownings on North Stradbroke Island between 1999 and 2008, these tragedies have occurred outside of patrol hours.

Since 1990 the Club has come a long way in lifesaving service delivery to the beaches at Point Lookout. In 1990/91, Cylinder Beach became a fully rostered patrol service by the volunteer surf lifesavers. Traditionally, the Club had worked on a volunteer basis with patrols being filled by members who were present each weekend. There was no guarantee of how many members would be present to fulfil the patrols from weekend to weekend so many members had to back up on extra patrols.

The 1993/94 season saw Adder Rock patrolled for the first time creating history in Surf Lifesaving. No other Club in Australia was patrolling 3 beaches using only volunteer surf lifesavers thus making Point Lookout unique. This same season the Redland Shire Council contracted 2 Lifeguards to patrol during school holidays. Today the Professional Lifeguard Service is all year round which provides a great profile for the Island and ensures greater safety to the bathing public.

Whilst Club members have always performed roving patrols to neighbouring beaches, the 1999/00 season saw the Club's patrol agreement extended to include the provision of regular roving patrols via IRB and 4WD along the beach, thus providing a total lifesaving service to the Island.

Since the roster system has been in place, the Club has in general worked on 3 patrol groups rostered per weekend on the basis of 3 patrols per day i.e. each group patrols one patrol on Saturday and one on Sunday. This roster system enables the group members and officers to be responsible for the duties that weekend. In 2001/02 the Club trialled a ½ day patrol system similar to the "coasties" working on 12 groups. This lasted only 6 months before reverting back to the old system.

In 2004/05 the Club made a concerted effort to increase its service delivery even further to extend its patrolling hours on a Sunday through to 5.00 pm. Given the isolation of the island and the fact that the majority of the patrolling membership base needed to return to the mainland on a Sunday afternoon in preparation for work the next day, this extension placed a great deal of pressure on members, often leaving only a handful of members at the Clubhouse to finish up the patrols for the day. The Club has since returned to finishing at 4.00 pm on Sundays.

The work load for the Club patrolling lifesavers continues to keep them very busy in the summer months and during peak holiday periods.

Since the 1990s the Club has continued to perform major and minor rescues, resuscitations and first aid treatments for cliff fall patients and mass rescues, swimmers caught in rips, surfing injuries, marine stingers, octopus bites, overturned boats, general first aid and have even treated stingray injuries. Major rescues in the Modern Era have become more prevalent with the increase in tourism to North Stradbroke Island and a comprehensive summary of seven of these rescues is outlined in Chapter 6.

Visitations to the island continue to grow each year and a snapshot of the Clubs patrol statistics is shown below highlighting a dramatic increase in preventative actions:



SEASON	RESCUES	P/ACTIONS	FIRST AID
1990/91	47	859	296
1999/00	106	1238	343
2006/07	32	3689	294

The patrolling gear and equipment has seen some advancement which has assisted patrolling members by having greater resources available to perform their duties even better.

Various patrol gear trailers have been designed and trialled over the years and now the Club has the ability to load up the trailer with all the patrol gear ready for transport to the beach. The days of Club members walking ALL the gear down have long passed.

Since 2001, new patrol equipment has been on the beaches including a feather system flag for greater identification of the patrolled area. Large bases are now part of the patrol equipment to help secure the flag and allow for additional beach signage. Combined board/tube stands, report boards and improved patrol towers have been welcome additions to the gear and equipment. A soft pack inclusive of first aid equipment and oxygen equipment was introduced, along with greater emphasis on bum bags with vital initial equipment and incident report logs are also being used.

Various IRBs have been trialled including a new Arancia and Gemini boat and a new permanent repeater station has been positioned on the island for better communication between the beaches. Simple upgrades including IRB Driver radio holsters have made things that little bit easier for patrolling members.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has continued to prosper in general within the Point Lookout SLSC. Given the commitment that members make to be a part of such a unique Club, the isolation has not been a significant deterrent to the membership base. There have definitely been some years where the Club's core patrolling membership categories have remained static or decreased leaving some patrol groups relatively thin given the Club's commitment to patrolling several beaches.

Overall trends in some of the core membership categories are outlined below:

SEASON	CADETS	JUNIORS	SENIORS	NIPPERS	TOTAL
1990/91	27	30	27	139	413
1999/00	7	37	64	183	582
2002/03	10	36	52	187	602
2006/07	35	16	42	175	569
2007/08	30	33	43	200+	653

The challenge for the Point Lookout SLSC is to focus on not only recruiting new members but also retaining existing members. A strong base of members will ensure the Club continues to grow and strengthen.



Modern Era Beach Signage



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Since the late 90s, the Club has really focused on catering for its youth membership base realising that the Club's youth are the future. The Club has shown a tremendous amount of financial support for Youth Development Programs providing a commitment to members attending Youth/Leadership Programs from Branch through to National Level, supporting educational tours for the cadets/juniors, resourcing activities to keep the members active and entertained whilst staying at the Club and increasing recognition awards within the Club to cater for a variety of areas worthy of recognition.



*Successful Club members attend the State Development Camps
L-R: L. Campbell, B. Jackson, M. Weightman, A. Stallard, M. Potent*

From 1994 – 1997, Point Lookout hosted the Surf Life Saving Queensland run State Leadership Development Camp seeing Association members from all over Queensland spend a weekend at the Club and learn about Surf Life Saving "Point Lookout Style" in amongst a range of other important topics. Since the inception of the Youth Development Programs in Queensland, Point Lookout Club members have been selected on numerous occasions to be leaders on such programs and have played an instrumental role in the success of the many programs.

A focus has also been placed on providing broader educational experiences for the Cadets and Juniors through a range of Club Programs that have seen the Club Officers organising educational lifesaving tours to Sydney, Byron Bay, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast. In more recent years a Cadet "Island" Education Program was established, designed to show the youth aspects of island life other than Point Lookout. The program includes visits to the Dunwich Museum, Myora Springs, Brown Lake, Koala Reserve (Amity), Lighthouse, talking with Mal Paskin (Department of Primary Industries/ Shark Meshing), participating in a High and Low Ropes Adventure and learning more about the Aboriginal culture.

Since the 1996/97 season, the Club through its various Officers has successfully run a live-in camp for the Surf Rescue Certificate/Bronze Medallion candidates. Internally known as "*Kamp Kwaliti*" this program has grown from strength to strength since its inception with a focus of not only seeing the members gain their respective awards but also of building on camaraderie and mateship elements and respect for Surf Life Saving and the Club.

With the addition of a Membership Development Officer in 1999, this position was soon included on the Club Management as the Director of Membership.

During the Constitution and By Law Reviews a range of additional Officers positions were included that assisted in representing a range of membership categories including Cadet Officer and Youth Development Officer.

An increased focus on Member Protection saw new policies and procedures introduced into the Club. With new Government Legislative Requirements, the Club was required to have Working with Children Checks completed i.e. "Blue Cards", and, with a focus on improving our procedures, Parent Information Nights, Induction Checklists and Officers Briefings were introduced to support the Association's Chaperone Policies and Codes of Conduct.

The Club's commitment to Youth Development was applauded in 2001/2002 when the Club was honoured with the Youth Development "Club of the Year" Award for Surf Life Saving Queensland.



An extract from the 2001/02 Annual Report from a document titled "Good Practice in Youth Development"

"Membership and Youth Development is a process which benefits all people, whatever their starting points or circumstances."

It concentrates on building the personal strengths that create positive attributes in people and is about providing all members with positive experiences and opportunities which enhance their strength and capacity and which affirm them as contributors to their communities and shapers of their own future"

SOCIAL

The members involved in the Club from the 1990s to present, would have encountered a social event or perhaps too many in their time. Like any Club, Point Lookout SLSC and its members are no strangers to having a good time. Without going into too much detail, here is a trip down memory lane:

- Old Boys Moreton Fishing Trips and Christmas Parties
- Spoonless Cornies Competition
- Albion Dogs
- Bad Heads / Funaddicts/ Love Child/ Special Patrol Group (S.P.G)/Koyotes/ Pippy Lips
- Original Bronze Squad Reunion
- 50th / 60th Anniversary Celebrations
- IRB Classics at Point Lookout
- New Years Eve Themes – Doctors, Nurses, Patients, Devo, Toga Party, Super Heroes, School Days
- Fashion Parades, Cocktail Nights
- End of Season Drinks... And the name of the game is
- Beach Footy, Water Polo and the Courtyarders Indoor Cricket Team
- Spring Hill Bath Swims and City Nights
- Bribie Two Ways
- Lifesaver Touch Footy Team
- All Day Raffles at the Straddie Hotel
- Bundaberg Rum Distillery Tour
- Dracula's
- Club Wave
- Black Tie and Board Shorts Night
- Trivia Nights and Talent Nights
- Christmas Lunch at the Surf Club
- Golf Days
- Ms Point Lookout with a Twist
- Bare foot bowls days
- Brown Lake Activities during Christmas Holidays when IRBs were allowed
- Club Championships
- Snorkelling adventures and mal sessions out back
- Aussie Titles Workforce – End of day sessions



Super Heros "New Years Eve"



2007 THE YEAR OF THE SURF LIFE SAVER

In May 2004, the Australian Government announced that 2007 would officially be known as the Year of the Surf Lifesaver (YSL), the first time a community-based organisation has received such an honour.



Year of the Surf Lifesaver Flag flying proudly

The Year of the Surf Life Saver marked the 100th Anniversary of Surf Life Saving, an organisation which has saved over 500,000 lives on Australia's beaches since its inception. The Year of the Surf Life Saver also highlighted the important role surf lifesavers and Surf Life Saving Clubs play in keeping Australian beaches safe and in creating Australian beach culture. Without safe beaches who knows how different our lifestyle and culture may have been?

The YSL mission was to engage the Australian community in recognising the contribution of the surf lifesaver in the past, present and future and, to maintain the relevance and sustainability of Surf Life Saving.

The Year of the Surf Lifesaver touched all Australians in a meaningful way through avenues such as:

- Improving water safety education for the Australian public and school children across the nation
- Increasing public knowledge of the historic role of surf lifesavers in the development of Australian culture.
- Promoting awareness of Surf Life Saving's key capabilities.
- Strongly position the organisation for the future through donations and new members.

The Year of the Surf Lifesaver provided a great profile for Surf Lifesaving and it is hoped that the community at large will always value the integral role that the volunteer surf lifesavers play.

As Mike Gibson quoted in the Sydney Daily Telegraph in April 1996:

"When I think of all the good things about this country, when I think of what it is about being Australian that makes me feel proud, one of the first images that comes to mind is our Surf Lifesavers. Young Australians who do this (patrol) for absolutely nothing, other than a sense of pride, and the knowledge that they are out there saving lives, keeping our beaches safe for you and me and most importantly for our kids."

HIGHLIGHTS/MEMORIES FROM 1990 TO PRESENT (2008):

1990/91

- George Hill named Queensland and Australian Lifesaver of the Year
- Resurgence in boat rowing guided by Roy Store and John Clark (3 crews)
- Purchase of a new surf boat and a second hand one – Surf Boat Revival Committee
- Surf Girl – Sharon Wright (Brennan) raised \$14,000
- 7 members gained their Advanced Surf Lifesavers Certificate
- Close working relationship between the Seniors and Juniors
- Patrols extended to full capacity at Cylinder Beach



- Radios – Cylinder Beach base set in a waterproof box, IRBD holster tested for durability, water proof bags for beach radios
- Total membership is 413 members
- Club spent \$233, 800 on extensions, new 4WD, Surf Boats, renovations and insurances
- Meghan Flanigan selected into the Queensland Team
- Rescue of swimmer from rocks at Frenchman's Beach near "suicide rock"
- First Aid Competition – I. Ames/J. Daley – 1st State and 6th Australian

1991/92

- SLSQ introduced an aerial surveillance service – Vigilance 1 in which the Club had 3 members involved – Gary Terrell, Mike Stone and Sharon Wright.
- Surf Girl Rhonda Bostock raised \$8,000
- House to House Collection raised \$10,500
- Cliff fall victim rescued and brought back to life by members.
- Club wins the South Coast Branch Patrol Inspection Competition.
- U15 Patrol Competition Teams place 1st and 2nd at State Titles
- Open First Aid Team places 2nd at Australian Titles (J. Daley / M. Stevenson)
- Strong competitive team sees the Club place 8th overall at the State Titles with I. Ames/J. Daley winning Open First Aid, G. Black – U18 Flags (1st), G. Kugler – U18 Flags (3rd) and U18 Relay – G. Black, G. Kugler, J. L'Barrow and M. Latham (3rd)
- Club entered computer age purchasing its first computer and going on line with a total membership program.
- Multi-lingual signs placed at Main and Cylinder Beach
- Julie Keen – First female to march in Queensland Colour Party at State Championships.
- Position of Cadet Officer introduced under the guidance of Gary Terrell.
- Junior Activities have 156 nippers registered.
- Junior March Past Team wins State Titles
- Meghan Flanigan and Matthew Mabin selected in Branch Team
- Australian Masters Championships – G. Keen 3rd in Masters Sprint



Julie Keen - QLD Colour Party State Titles

1992/93

- Surf Girl Emma Hoger raised \$9,100
- House to House Collection raised \$10,000
- South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition 1st
- Senior State Titles – 35 competitors/officials travel to Mackay
- State Surf Rescue Championships – Junior Patrol Competition 1st (T. Farr, T. Wright, S. Oliphant) and U18 Champion Lifesaver – Chad Murray 3rd
- Australian Masters Beach Relay 2nd (R. Bodger, G. Keen, R. Nicol and M. Stone)
- Boat burning bonanza down the beach
- Handicap Surf Race event returns
- Cadet of the Year Award introduced
- Search for a missing diver
- Education to the local community on safety awareness
- Junior Activities State Titles – 2nd in 2 person R&R and U13 Beach Relay

**1993/94**

- Adder Rock patrolled for the first time (Sept, Xmas/New Year and Easter)
- Lifeguard contracted for the first time by Redland Shire Council
- Traffic Light collections were banned and focus redirected to the sale of art union tickets
- House to House Collection raised \$10,000
- Main Beach closed 1/3 of the season (197 hours)
- Belt swims were deleted from the Bronze Medallion
- Pool swims averaged 36 members
- Club hosted Branch and State Patrol Competition, U11 – U14 Branch Selections and IRB Classic
- Point Lookout wins IRB Rescue Race at the Australian IRB Championships – Driver Greg Keen, Patient Samantha Johnstone
- South Coast Branch First Aid Room Competition – 1st
- State Titles prominent results included U18 First Aid – 1st (C. Paskin/B. Kite), 2nd, (A. Thompson/K. Dodd), U16 Patrol Competition Team 1 (2nd), Open Patrol Competition Team (2nd), U14 Champion Lifesaver (L. Buckley) – 1st
- Australian Titles – U18 First Aid (C. Paskin/B. Kite) placed 2nd

1994/95

- Redland Shire Council offered the Club \$75,000 to include public amenities in the proposed new extensions
- Surf Girl Maree Black raised \$24,000
- House to House Collection raised \$11,000
- New vehicle shed built at the Daley's Place
- Clubhouse Directors Reunion held at the Club
- Vale – Joe Cotterill passed away
- Raffles commenced at the Manly Hotel
- Junior Club Spirit and IRB Achievement Awards introduced in the Club
- State Championships – Open First Aid – I. Ames/J. Daley (3rd), U18 First Aid – C. Paskin/A. Thompson (1st), Open Patrol Competition (3rd)
- Australian Titles – U18 First Aid Competition – C. Paskin/A. Thompson 2nd
- Australian IRB Championships – (1st) Open Men's Rescue Tube Race – G. Keen, C. Murray and D. Mabin
- Life Membership Jeff Daley

1995/96

- Club won the State Government "Volunteer Involvement Program" Recognition Award and represented Queensland at the National VIP Recognition Awards in Canberra
- Natasha Dennis won Queensland Volunteer of the Year and Jeff Paskin Queensland Examiner of the Year
- Rebuilding project commenced in April
- 12th January, 1996 – Club members Steven and Daniel Price were tragically killed in a plane crash on the Island, together with their best friend Pat Leben and pilot Shane Holland
- Surf Girl Lisa Byrne raised \$10,300
- House to House raised \$12,300, State Titles Workforce raised \$3,100
- State Titles – Open Patrol Competition (2nd), U16 Patrol Competition (1st), U18 Champion Lifesaver – T. Wright (2nd), U14 Champion Lifesaver – T. Farr (3rd), U18 First Aid – K. Dodd/A. L'Barrow (1st)



- Australian Titles – Open Patrol Competition (3rd), IRB Rescue Race (2nd), IRB Team Rescue Race (3rd)

1996/97

- U18 First Aid Team of Leisa McMahon and Adrian L'Barrow win Gold at the Australian Championships
- Club IRB Team wins Australian IRB Championships Point Score in Perth
- Surf Girl Amanda Gallon raised \$6,600
- First time the Club members provided workforce for the Australian Championships raising \$7,777
- New Blue Book Training Manual introduced
- Vale – Darren "Mouth" Mullen passed away in January 1997 at the age of 35
- Surf Boats resurged again and entered in carnivals at all levels
- Cylinder gear trailer was introduced
- Total Club expenditure was \$429,800 – Income was \$355,600 including grants for building works
- Club renovations including hall area, public amenities, storage and enhanced facilities for the nippers, additional training room completed
- State Championship results across the board in beach, masters, champion lifesaver, patrol competition and first aid
- Open Patrol Competition Team placed 3rd at Australians
- IRB Rescue Tube Race – Australian Gold – G. Keen, C. Murray and N. Eaborn
- Kamp Kwaliti Lifesaving Live-In Camp conducted for the first time
- Life Membership George Hill

1997/98

- Club celebrates its 50th Anniversary
- Jeff Daley and Ian Ames hang up their competition first aid shoes
- Club wins the South Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition and First Aid Room Competition
- BP sponsored a brand new fully equipped IRB motor
- Redland Shire Council increased the Club's subsidy from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and the Club also received a \$3,000 Youth Development Grant
- House to House new record \$15,000
- Point Lookout Supporters Club Inc was formed with a Restricted License to fall in line with Government Licensing and Liquor Laws
- Maree Kendrick won the Miss Summer Surf Girl Appeals raising over \$65,000
- Vale – Life Member Bram Thompson passed away
- Original Bronze Squad Day Function held at the Club
- Hosted 3 major carnivals as well as supplying workforce for Australian Championships
- Julie Keen wins Gold in the Masters at Aussies in 40 – 44 years flags
- Extensions and renovations to the upstairs bar area
- Ian Ames retires as Club Treasurer after 12 years in the position
- Small team represents the Club at the World Lifesaving Championships in New Zealand with Greg Litherland placing 3rd in Masters Sprint and 2 km Run and Men's IRB Rescue Tube Race placing 2nd – G. Keen, C. Murray and S. Brennan

1998/99

- New storage facility at Cylinder Beach
- Surf Girl Leisa McMahon raised \$63,855



- Club's financials go computerized
- Commenced hiring out the Clubhouse as a fundraising venture
- Inaugural Parent Information Night held
- Strong U18 Junior Membership
- Vale – Ron Mullen (Wrinkley) passed away in February 1999
- Club Constitution Reviewed and Management structure changes made

1999/00

- Resurgence of Island families back strong in the Club
- Surf Girl Emma Lowry raised \$13,734.15
- House to House raised \$16,118.50 (Highest in Queensland)
- Rescue of Judge John Jerrard who donated funds to the Club
- Rick Winsor (nipper) rescues 5 people
- Extended patrolling services by using the vehicle *Vigilance 1* to perform roving patrols to areas of the island not patrolled. Purchased with the assistance of SLSQ
- 249 awards gained by members including nippers
- Rescues 106 and Preventative Actions 1238
- New Awards Silver Medallion – Life Support and Patrol Captain introduced
- Six surf boat crews including a women's crew
- Senior Membership total 582 and Junior Activities Membership 183
- Island raffles raised approx. \$4,500 and Mainland raffles raised approx \$5,000
- Free patrol uniforms and IRB Rash Shirts sponsored by SLSF/Ergon
- Vale – George Hill Senior who passed away on June 2000
- Small team represent the Club at the World Lifesaving Championships held in Manly (Sydney) with the Women's IRB Rescue Tube Race placing 2nd – N. Dennis, S. Brennan and C. Murray

2000/01

- GST introduced – upgraded accounting system and chart of accounts to come in line with SLSQ and DES
- Interest free loan of \$100,000 taken up with Redland Shire Council for the upgrade of the first aid room and other clubhouse facilities
- Repeater station placed on the island allowing coverage at Dunwich, from Amity through to all beaches and all the way to the Jumpin Pin
- Aussie Gold to the Open Female IRB Tube Rescue Race – N. Dennis, S. Brennan and C. Murray
- 5 Year Club Development Plan in place
- First Aid Room included in Cylinder Shed. Club First Aid Room operated out of a donga during construction
- Major renovations completed
- House to House raised \$19,438 and Australian Titles Workforce \$11,774
- Matt Potent – Queensland Nipper of the Year, Jenaya Bodger – Queensland Cadet of the Year, Ashley Stone – Andy Frizzell OAM/OBE Award for Services to Junior Activities
- Coochiemudlo SLSC commenced – Pt Lookout members help train up members to BM Level
- Introduction of Mobile 1 – Toyota Diesel Landcruiser Troop Carrier and departure of *Vigilance 1*
- Emails became very popular on the administration side "You've got mail"
- Good transition from Nippers to Cadets, increase in members registered as Long Service Members seeing them retained for over 10 years
- International Year of the Volunteer



- Vale – Leo Feuerriegel passed away

2001/02

- Clubhouse, facilities and equipment value close to 2 million
- Members Protection Policy implemented nationally taking a strong position to uphold the rights of its members. Actions and behaviour acceptable in the past is no longer tolerated
- Club undertakes a Constitution update again which was adopted in January 2002
- Grievance Officer was appointed as a new position in the Club
- JAC remains self sufficient and also profitable. A large number of nipper parents gained awards
- Grants / donations totalling over \$33,000 were gained which provided new gear trailers, training equipment etc
- Peta Lawlor – Queensland Instructor of the Year and the Club wins the Queensland Youth Development Club of the Year Award
- Club received a new IRB and Motor from BP – Club has 8 motors and 5 boats in top working order
- More improvements made to the Club including carpeting and new mattresses for the boys, new cold room, hot water system for the girls, installation of a dishwasher and new fridge for members' private food
- Members assisted by volunteering their time to assist in the delivery of the 2001 Goodwill Games – SLS Event
- Trialled board riding events in Club Champs
- Foundation Gold Membership introduced into the Supporters Club
- Vale – Rod "Doc" Macdonald
- Aussie Titles Workforce raises \$23,955 and House to House raises over \$22,000
- Total Beach Patrol Hours performed - 6,210.75, 58 rescues and 1409 Preventative Actions
- Total membership 648 members – Nippers recorded 197 members

2002/03

- In excess of 12,500 members of the public visited the Club's patrolled beaches
- Strong Club focus and direction to "One Club – One Direction" philosophy
- Dan Potent – Queensland Examiner of the Year and Alanna Bodger – Queensland Cadet of the Year
- Major expenditure – male amenities, a new IRB and replacement Club bus
- Office Bearers Retreat held at Kindilin
- Administrator employed on a part time basis to assist the Hon Secretary
- Aussie Titles Workforce raised \$29,950 and House to House raised \$22,564
- Introduction of Defibrillators – 16 members accredited
- 235 Awards gained – IRB Crewman's Award re-introduced
- Membership total 602
- Introduction of SurfCom and major changes to the formerly known Gold Coast Command. Radio equipment was re-programmed to come in line with SurfCom. Club has 9 UHF hand held radios
- Noel and Coral Daley sell up and new storage facility options required for Club vehicles
- Josh Potent selected to represent Qld Government on a Pan Pacific Youth Exchange Program
- Club wins the South Coast Branch First Aid Room Inspection
- Vale – Jack McGrath – April 2003
- Lifeguard rescue by Josh Potent and David Anthony on Ged Fitzgerald– 11th December



- Matthew Stevenson Honoured with Life Membership

2003/04

- Life Membership Honours – Sharon Brennan (Club), George Hill (Branch), Gary Terrell (State)
- Jenaya Bodger wins Open Female Champion Lifesaver at Aussies and Leith Goebel wins gold in the Masters Tube Race (45-49 Years)
- Trialled ½ day patrols with 12 patrol groups (6 months)
- New Club Structure in place with 17 members on Management
- 45 rescues, 412 First Aid cases, 15,000 visitors, Preventative Actions – 1432
- Total hours performed by all members – 5908
- House to House raised – \$31,648, Aussie Titles Workforce raised \$30,766
- Lack of older active senior members and many young office bearers
- 32nd edition of Training Manual circulated (Sept 03)
- Strong representation at all Youth Development Programs
- Preseason info night, integrated U14/cadet program, member inductions, office bearers workshop, chaperone policy, club open day, recruitment talks at schools
- Josh Potent – awarded the Sir Adrian Curlewis Scholarship for SLSQ
- New bus purchased along with 3 new spinal boards
- New patrol tower for Main Beach plus new Arancia IRB and Gemini twin keel IRB
- Vale – Ian Jarvis and Annette Young passed away
- New IRB Racing Format – Club winning IRB Premiership Series

2004/05

- New Surf Sports Competition age groups introduced
- Inaugural National Service Medals awarded to Gavin Black, Sharon Brennan, Simon Johnstone and Matthew Stevenson
- Extended patrol hours introduced to include 8.00 – 5.00 pm on a Sunday
- Surf Safety Courses for school groups conducted by the Club
- Train Small Groups and Plan, Conduct and Review Awards introduced
- Employed a Club Administrator
- Adele Crow – Summer Surf Girl – raised \$70,631 and won the Miss Summer Surf Girl Appeal Award
- Aussie Titles Workforce raised \$32,304, House to House raised \$20,555
- 104 rescues, 2100 preventative actions, 16 searches, 2 spinals and 415 first aid cases
- Matthew Potent – Queensland Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award
- New permanent repeater station - upgrade – 10 new radios purchased through a grant
- Permanent paid person put in place to service the Point Bar on a Saturday afternoon
- Brand new soft packs introduced (combined oxy-viva, defibrillator and first aid supplies)
- Aussie Gold to the Open Women's IRB Teams Rescue Race – N.Dennis, J. Bodger, A. Crow, K. Rodgers, J. Nankervis and M. Gilpin
- Australian Titles - U15 First Aid – S. Pangrazio/A. Westby (2nd), Open Patrol Competition Team (2nd)
- Vale - John Mayne – Life Member passed away

2005/06

- Shark Attack at Amity Point– members assisted in the aftermath (counselling)
- North Gorge Rescue – Aaron Cole, Jason Nankervis, Brad Truman and Gavin Black
- Education and Training for Schools and Outside Organisations going strong with GT and Wayne Cole coordinating



- New collection date set by SLS Foundation for House to House – Changed to December
- Straddie Hotel closed its doors (January 2006) for upgrade/renovations
- Farewelled Kurrawa (Australian Championships) – One of the Club's biggest fundraisers. Club raised \$34,565 from work force contract
- 25 years of Women in Surf Life Saving
- Gold at Aussies – U19 First Aid – Sarah Pangrazio and Anne Marie Westby
- New patrol gear launched with new sponsor – Club receives 3 new sets
- Cadet Island Education Camp commence organised by Adele Crow and Scott Stephenson
- ATV Induction
- Natasha Dennis – Honoured with Life Membership

2006/07

- Significant Year – 2007 Year of the Surf Lifesaver
- Jenaya Bodger – Surf Girl and first female Club Captain
- House to House raised \$25,323
- New Resuscitation methods and rates introduced 30:2 ratio
- Difficult year – new officers to positions, patrol members down, communication break down
- Lifeguards supported Club with Adder Rock patrols – Xmas, Easter and Sunday afternoons
- New Bronze Medallion training and assessment – Cert II in Public Safety Award introduced
- Tight budget / struggles with budget – declining cash balance, tougher fundraising, island hotel renovations, no Australian Titles Workforce, House to House moved to December, girls bunkroom maintenance, need to repair columns and wall areas and roof replacement
- New IRB donated by Wynnum Manly Leagues Club
- New Troop Carrier purchased along with a tractor being introduced to the Club's fleet of vehicles
- 17 weddings held at the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club
- Australian Titles – U17 First Aid – Kelvina Campbell and Sarah Sammut (2nd)
- 2006 Australian IRB Championship – 3rd Overall
- Education and Training for Schools and Outside Organisations
- Above program from June 05 – approximately 1120 students participated

2007/08

- Club celebrated its 60th Anniversary and Junior Activities celebrated its 40th Anniversary
- 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner held at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club
- Jet Ski (RWC) Patrol Service – Wave Runner 9 commenced at Point Lookout with many members commencing their RWC qualifications
- 36 Rescues (including RWC), 85 First Aid Cases and 3951 Preventative Actions
- Junior Activities have over 200 members registered (highest ever)
- Surf Girl – Jasmine Box raised \$35,581
- House to House raised \$50,254 plus a further \$22,000 pledged which was an all time fundraising record by the Club and any Club in Queensland for this Appeal
- Successful Cadet/Junior Trip to Sydney organised by David Westby
- Constitution and By-Laws reviewed and updated
- Foundation Member – Norm Cramb passed away
- Vale – Old Boys President – John Clark passed away



Ingrid Potent - Patrolling from the Radio Room



Keeping a watchful eye on the swimmers



*Club Members perform a demonstration at a sponsors luncheon
L-R: L. Campbell, A. Bodger, C. Hodgkinson, J. Hargreaves*



*Keeping a watchful eye on the swimmers
(Simon Johnstone)*



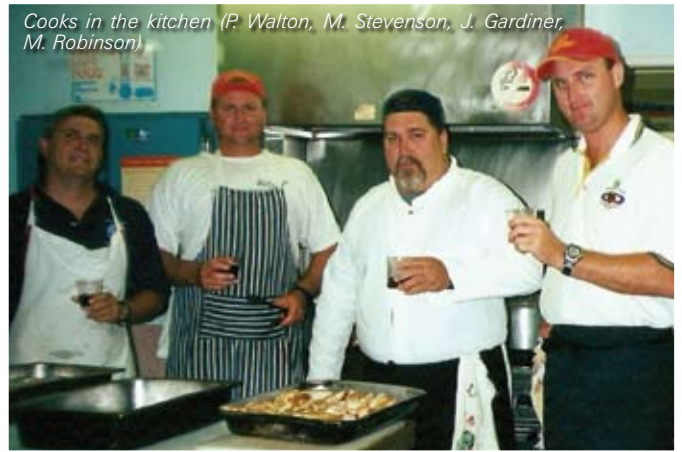
*Depth of experience patrolling the beaches
L-R: L. Goebel, G. Terrell, S. Modini, J. Keen, D. Finter, S. Brennan*



G. Keen & T. Dodd performing a rescue



Main Beach Patrol after huge seas



Cooks in the kitchen (P Walton, M. Stevenson, J. Gardiner, M. Robinson)



Pt Lookout Guys Touch Football Team



G. Hill - Club President 2007/08



On Patrol - Vigilance & Service



New Surf Rescue Certificate Holders



All Day Raffles at the Stradbroke Hotel
L-R: G. Hill, J. Lally, J. Clark, G. Black, T. Dodd



Beachies prepare for a busy season 1990/91
L-R: G. Kugler, J. L'Barrow, S. Wright, G. Black, M. Latham



Leith Temple wins Australian Masters Gold
in Tube Race (2003/04)



Cylinder Beach Gear & Equipment Trailer



2006 Point Lookout IRB Team



Looking vigilant to sea



Members embark on State Titles in Mackay (92/93)



Club Tractor (2006)



Rescue, Rescue, Rescue, Baby Turtle found on beach (J. Nankervis)



Cadet Camp 2006 with Mal Paskin



Roving patrols in Club Vehicles



First female captain Jenaya Bodger



Pt Lookout Girls Netball Team



Always proud of vital sponsorship

Chapter Six

Notable Rescues including Bravery Awards

Incident One – Body Recovery from Swimming Gorge – October 1947



Robert (Bob) Durbidge

On the afternoon of 18th October, 1947, a 37 year old British man, Randall Coulthard, who had recently migrated to Australia, went for a swim in the Swimming Gorge (South Gorge) from a point on the rocks off South Headland (Clubhouse Headland). His clothes were found neatly folded at this place on the rocks. It appears the victim may have hit his head and broken his neck when entering the water.

He was noticed floating face down in the swimming gorge in very rough seas produced by strong south-easterly wind conditions. Two children were sent to find Robert Durbidge (Bob) who lived at Point Lookout and ran the local bus service and ice works as well as being a professional fisherman. Bob was a fit 34 year old man and had been a lifesaver for many years with the Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club. In 1930, as a 17 year old, Bob received a Royal Humane Society Certificate of Merit for a surf rescue at Mooloolaba.

October 1947 was a period where the Surf Club was in the process of formation and the training of the first bronze squad had commenced. Bob was closely involved in the formation and training of the first bronze squad, which included his two sons, John and Tony. Some of this squad were with Bob when he was located and they all ran to the headland above Pandanus Rock and down the "goat track" to the water's edge. Word had also reached the Samarinda Guesthouse about the situation and Stan O'Neill, who was nearby, obtained a rope and along with another man raced to the scene.

On his arrival, Bob observed the body of a man in the swimming gorge being battered against Pandanus Rock by the heavy surge and undertow. He was aware of the dangers involved in such seas and told the others, who included Norm Cramb, Kev Bache, Rob Shield, Alan Gunn, John and Tony Durbidge and Len McAfee to stay on the rocks and under no circumstances to enter the water.

In very turbulent seas, Bob reached the victim's body and attempted to manoeuvre the victim onto Pandanus Rock assisted by the others. After a long struggle, a large wave separated the rescuer from the victim and Bob Durbidge was forced to save himself. He managed to climb onto Pandanus Rock suffering multiple barnacle lacerations.

At this point it was very obvious the victim was deceased. The body was being swept in and out of the small gorge behind Pandanus Rock. As some of the group of young men edged towards the floating victim, a wave knocked Alan Gunn, Len McAfee and Norm Cramb off their feet into the water and then a surge threw them back up the rocks. They clambered back to safety but all suffered deep barnacle gouges over their bodies. It was extremely dangerous to retrieve the victim's body around this location in these seas and the rope was used to lasso the body and haul it onto Pandanus Rock.

The victim's body was carried to a safer location where resuscitation was attempted without success. The rescue/body recovery took several hours. The victim's body was taken to Samarinda



Guesthouse where it remained until Police from Cleveland arrived later that night. A holidaying Melbourne doctor pronounced the man dead.

The injured men, including Bob Durbidge, were treated by a nurse for the barnacle lacerations. The treatment included the application of methylated spirits and a scrubbing brush to minimise infection.

For his efforts in attempting to retrieve the victim, and at great risk to his own life, Bob Durbidge was awarded the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Bronze Medallion. He went on to become the Club's first President for the 1947 – 48 season. Many of the young men involved went on to become Foundation Members of the Club and gained their Bronze Medallion. Tony Durbidge became the Club's first Captain.

Note :- This account produced by Ian Ames after interviews with eye witnesses Alan Gunn, Len McAfee, Tony Durbidge and Stan O'Neill and reading Bob Durbidge's police statement along with several media reports of the incident. 1/8/08.

Incident Two – Body Recovery in North Gorge – April 1955

On 24th April 1955, at approximately noon, Club members were notified at the Clubhouse that a body was seen floating in the Swimming Gorge. Members searched the area with no success and returned to the Clubhouse. A short time later, members were notified there was a body floating in North Gorge. Members responded with the Box Line and sighted the body of a woman, approximately 25 years old, being washed the full length in and out of North Gorge.

In large seas, Roy Denman (then 19 years) donned the belt and entered the water at a point near the back entrance of the Cathedral in North Gorge. After battling the seas, Roy Denman reached and secured the woman and was dragged in and up the rocky cliff, receiving extensive lacerations to all parts of his body. Resuscitation was attempted for approximately four hours but the woman did not respond. A second person was found floating face down at a point in the mouth of North Gorge out from Whale Rock, and as an attempt was about to be made to retrieve this victim (a male approximately 27 years old), witnesses called a halt to the attempt as the victim was seen to be attacked by two large sharks simultaneously, leaving very little remains.

Mention must be made of the efforts of members who tried in vain to paddle a rescue surf ski from the beach to the area, but were unable to beat the huge seas.

For his effort in performing the rescue of the young woman, Roy Denman received (a) The Royal Humane Society of Australia Bronze Medallion, (b) The National Fitness Award for the Most Outstanding Act of the Year, Australia wide, (c) the SLSA Bronze Medallion and (d) a presentation of a Mantle Clock donated in esteem by the residents of Point Lookout.



Roy Denman

Incident Three – Fisherman Rescued off Swimming Gorge – February 1959

On Saturday, 21st February 1959, at approximately 5.30 am, a person notified Club members that a male aged approximately 50 years was in trouble in massive south-east seas approximately 30 metres away from, and in line with, Whale Rock on the Main Beach side.



The Governor presenting Bravery Award to David Powles



Alan Pringle receives his Bravery Award

All Club members responded (approximately 15 members) and Rod Doolan dived from the headland near the Swimming Gorge side of the Cathedral and battled his way through massive seas to secure and support the patient who was exhausted and intoxicated.

An attempt was made to swim a belt out from the Swimming Gorge by David Powles and Lester McManus but was unsuccessful in the huge seas.

At the time Rod Doolan was trying to bring the patient in against the seaward current from the Gorge, two sharks were seen circling the two. Alan Pringle made it out through the Swimming Gorge (without a belt) and assisted Rod Doolan with the patient, and together they made headway back towards the beach and at a point approximately 30 metres out, were hit by an enormous wave and washed into the beach. Due to the size of the seas, members relayed signals and instructions from the sea to the beach via vantage points along the main headland.

For their parts in this rescue, Rodney Doolan received the Royal Humane Society Bronze Medallion and David Powles and Alan Pringle both received the Royal Humane Society Certificate of Merit. John Bozier also received a letter of Commendation for his involvement with the incident.

Incident Four – Whale Rock Night Rescue – October 1962

Sunday Mail Report – October 28, 1962

"Lifesavers used torches to light the surf in a spectacular rescue from Whale Rock off Stradbroke Island, last night. They rigged a bosun's chair to bring an injured fisherman ashore and a stretcher to haul him 50 feet up a cliff. The fisherman, Mr. Peter Laprika, of Brisbane, was marooned on Whale Rock when he fell from a cable "bridge". The rock, a favourite spot for fisherman, is offshore from Point Lookout.

Fishermen reach it by hauling themselves along the cable stretched above the water. Mr. Laprinka was on his way across the cable at 7 pm when he fell. He dropped into the water but managed to swim to the rock. Lifesavers from Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club rigged a bosun's chair working by torchlight.

Then Club member Alan Pringle, 22, of Brisbane, used the chair to swing across the cable and bring back Mr. Laprinka to shore. Mr. Laprinka, unable to climb, was hauled up the cliff face and helped to a doctor two miles away."

Addendum – Terry Daley's recollection of events:

"When the members hauled the stretcher up the cliff and carried him to a doctor staying at the Point Lookout Hotel, the patient was examined and then told that he had no serious injuries and could have a beer if he wanted to. He then proceeded to express his eternal gratitude to the Club members and offered to supply them with XXXX all night, to which the members readily agreed. However, after the first round of drinks, he regained his aplomb and told the members the drinks were off. Someone suggested that he be taken back to Whale Rock to look for his wallet."



Incident Five – Fatal Night Fishing Trip – December 1962

On Friday, December 28, 1962, the Courier Mail reported that a man had drowned in the sea at Point Lookout at about 9 pm on the previous night. He had slipped from rocks while trying to gaff a fish. Lifesavers recovered his body half an hour later.

The victim was a married man, holidaying at Point Lookout with his family. He had been fishing from rocks with two friends. One of his friends hooked a jewfish, and as the victim climbed down the rocks to gaff it, he slipped and fell into the sea.

At the coroner's inquest it was claimed that the man may have been saved had a life buoy which had been removed from its position on the headland been available when his companion sought it. NOTE: Point Lookout Progress Association positioned four life buoys on posts for use by members of the public from approx 1945 located adjacent North Gorge, near Whale Rock and on South Headland and on Cylinder Beach Headland.

Eyewitness account:

"Club members once informed of the incident ran to the campground to organise everyone with a bright torch or tilly lamp to proceed around the main headland to light up the water. The victim was nowhere to be seen in the area where his friend had last seen him. Though the sea was lit up from the North Gorge to the Swimming Gorge with an eerie light, it was not until "Trader" Ron Moore drove his jeep into the swimming gorge that his head lights picked up the body about 50 metres out.

The man's body was recovered and the newly acquired "mouth to mouth" resuscitation technique was applied for over 1 hour by several Club members. The victim was then pronounced dead by Dr Robert Paterson, a regular to the island who was holidaying at Point Lookout.

The man's family was present at the attempted resuscitation. All Club members involved in this incident were deeply moved by the distress of the family and did all they could to support them in their grief."

Incident Six – Cliff Fall in front of Bat Cave – March 1965

On the 28th March, 1965, several Club members were involved in the rescue of a 20 year old male who fell from the cliff in front of the Captain Cook Memorial into the water in front of Bream Rock Gorge also known as Bat Cave. The youth had been skylarking at the top of the cliff with his mates when he fell some 20 metres into the water. The time was 1.30 pm on a Sunday afternoon and sea conditions were fortunately very calm.

Club members were packing up ready for the trip to Amity Point when they were alerted. Past member Peter Bristow, who lived at the Point just near the shop heard the distressed companion of the injured man and raced to the scene. A message was sent to the Clubhouse for assistance.

Peter located the man in the water and carefully moved him in towards Bream Rock Gorge where it was calmer and supported him until other members including Ross Bishop and Tony Jennings arrived. Due to the seriousness of the man's injuries including extensive lacerations, head injuries and spinal injuries, it was obvious that a delicate rescue would be required. Today



a helicopter would lower a basket stretcher and carefully winch the patient from the awkward position.

In 1965 this was not an option and to make matters worse the Club's three stretchers had been used over the weekend and had been transported to the mainland with injured patients.

A makeshift stretcher, that had previously been the door to the generator room and was more recently used as the Club's fundraising "unders and overs" table was used.

With the use of ropes at either end, the patient was carefully manoeuvred firstly onto Bream Rock and then up to the top of the cliff in an extremely well executed rescue. At this stage the Club members who had to return to the mainland scrambled for the bus which had delayed its departure.

An army helicopter was called and arrived late in the afternoon to medivac the patient to hospital. The patient received multiple fractures and whilst surviving the fall, was to be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

For his role in this creditable rescue, Peter Bristow received the Royal Humane Society Silver Medal.

Footnote: Regarding the "unders and overs" stretcher – TV cameras were on hand where the helicopter landed at Victoria Park to film the patient and the Club's stretcher with obvious paintwork on top. Later, members Frank Moeller and Graeme Snell retrieved the door from Police Headquarters and were congratulated on the Club's outstanding efforts.

Incident Seven – Rescue during 1968 Australian Titles Ski Race

The following is an account of a "lifesaving" rescue during a lifesaving carnival by Club member Graeme Snell.

"A memorable carnival event for me was at the 1968 Australian Titles at North Cronulla. I was paddling out in the heats of the single ski, and as I came over a wave I saw a hand disappear below the surface of the water just off the bow of my ski. I jumped off the ski and pulled the man to the surface. I later found out that he was a competitor in an earlier heat and he had been cleaned up by a boat. We were in the middle of the competition area but no one could see us. Eventually the crew of a swamped surf boat saw us and gave me a hand to support him on my ski while I gave him mouth to mouth. Eventually we were spotted and a Jet Boat came to the rescue and took him to the beach, where Rod Macdonald was one of the medicos that treated him."

Footnote: The victim survived his ordeal and Club officials protested to carnival officials that Graeme be allowed to race in another heat to no avail. Graeme Snell gained his bronze in November, 1963.

He was a keen competitor particularly in ski and surf boat events. Graeme teamed up with Club Captain Ross Bishop on 20th February, 1966 to win the Club's first ever Branch Title in the Double Ski Race.

He was the Club's Surf Boat Captain from 1964 to 1969 a period where the Club had up to three boat crews. Rod Macdonald gained his Bronze in January, 1968 and his expertise as a doctor was most beneficial to Club members, locals and tourists alike.



Many times he was on hand to treat emergencies at the Point in the Club's well equipped First Aid Room. In his brief active time at the Club he held the positions of First Aid Officer, Clubhouse Director and Deputy President before moving to New Zealand.

Incident Eight – Cathedral to North Gorge – April 1971

On 17th April 1971, at approximately 10.30 am, during typical large south-easterly sea conditions, members at the Clubhouse were notified that a fisherman had been washed off rocks near the entrance to the Cathedral, on Main Beach side and was in difficulties.

The few members who were in attendance that weekend responded including Neil Ames, Craig Terrell and Leigh Andrews. They took a reel out along the main headland towards Whale Rock.

Neil Ames, ran ahead of Craig and Leigh, dived into the big seas from the cliff wall and swam to and assisted the victim. Due to the huge seas towards shore and the strong seaward current in the Gorge, it was necessary to swim the victim around to either North Gorge or Frenchman's Beach.

A spectator on the headland threw a surf mat into the surf which Neil Ames gathered and supported his patient. Craig and Leigh summed up the situation and took the reel down to the end of North Gorge. Seas in the Gorge were massive and when Leigh donned the belt and attempted to head out, he was hit by a huge wave which picked up the reel and dumped it onto Craig Terrell.

Meanwhile, Neil Ames and the patient reached the mouth of North Gorge and here a decision had to be made – to chance getting injured on the rocks in North Gorge, or battle out around the remaining headland and try to make it onto a dangerous Frenchman's Beach.

He chose North Gorge and miraculously, lifesaver and patient made it to the end without being seriously injured, being washed through the narrow channel near the end of the Gorge. Both men received multiple cuts.

Incident Nine – Shark Attack Rescue – August 1973

On Saturday, 25th August 1973, at approximately 7.30 am, three Surf Club members were to rescue a victim of a shark attack approximately 200 metres off Main Beach. Wayne Cole and David Adamson on surf skis had just caught a wave towards the beach from the second break and were about to return seawards.

Richard Munro, straddling his Malibu board at the second break with a surfboard rider, Bruce Lawler, saw what he thought was a playful porpoise knock Lawler off his surfboard only two metres away. When the water turned red and Lawler shot to the surface screaming, Richard fully comprehended what had happened. Whilst assisting the victim onto his board, Richard called for help from Wayne and Dave. Meanwhile, the shark was cruising beneath and around him. With the victim on his board and suffering massive blood loss due to a severed foot at the ankle and shredded flesh and bone from the knee, Richard paddled to a point where he met with Wayne and Dave. Lawler was transferred onto Dave Adamson's larger wooden surf ski.



R. Munro, D. Adamson, W. Cole



Wayne and Richard went ahead to warn other surfers in the shore break with the shark in pursuit and swimming in circles around them. Meanwhile, Club members at the Clubhouse realised what had happened and arrived on the beach with the Shark Kit and associated gear.

After being dumped in the shore break with the shark still nearby, the victim was placed on the beach and all treatments were carried out there by members and by two doctors who administered blood plasma drips. An army helicopter was called and the victim was medivaced to Royal Brisbane Hospital for emergency surgery. The victim survived the attack, however his right leg had to be amputated just below the knee.



1973 Shark Attack

For their parts in this rescue, Wayne Cole, Richard Munro and David Adamson each received the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia's Bronze Medal. In addition, Richard Munro received the Royal Humane Society Clarke Silver Medal (only one Clarke Silver Medal is awarded nationwide all year, with Richard's award being selected from 61 bravery awards for the year). Wayne Cole and David Adamson each received the Royal Humane Society Silver Medal.

A piece of the victim's surfboard is located on display at the Club and clearly shows the shark's teeth marks and gum indentations.

Incident Ten – Belt Rescue off Main Beach – November 1975

On 16th November 1975, at approximately 11.30 am, two youths were swept out from Main Beach in large south-easterly sea conditions. One youth was washed ashore from 100 metres out by a huge wave and was retrieved from the shore break by members. The second youth was swept further out to sea and was heading towards and beyond Whale Rock.

A beltman (Dave Cuerel) went out from Main Beach but his line became tangled around South Rock and he subsequently was washed onto the rock receiving extensive lacerations. A torpedo buoy towed by Brian Franklin went out from Main Beach in pursuit of the now speeding and panicky youth who was caught in a swift current amongst huge seas. Gary Terrell, with a torpedo buoy, and Ray Johnson dived off the front of the Club Headland and headed on a course to intercept the victim.

A reel was taken into the Swimming Gorge and Ian Ames towed a belt out through the Gorge, with Craig Terrell on the reel. The victim was reached by the two torpedo buoys and swimmers at a point approximately 20 metres out from and in line with the entrance of the Cathedral, and still heading seaward in 12 foot plus waves.

The beltman from the Swimming Gorge arrived and the patient (now supported) and four members prepared themselves at a point near Whale Rock for the thrill-seeker voyage back to shore against the swift current and big seas. Paul Bishop and John McInnes relayed all signals from two points high on the main headland from the group at sea to the linesmen in the Gorge. At the point that the beltman reached the victim and members near Whale Rock, there was one layer of line left on the reel drum. Despite getting cleaned up by a few waves, the victims and members were returned safely to shore.

The cliff falls and incidents of fishermen being swept off rocks continue to occur each year.



Since 1977, the Club has been equipped with an Inflatable Inshore Rescue Boat which has figured in many rescues in huge seas near our cliffs, and although still a very dangerous procedure, has reduced the risk to our own members performing these rescues.

Incident Eleven – Pandanus Cliff Fall – January 1981 (Origin of the Robert Warland Trophy)

On New Years Day, 1981, two Club members, Gary Terrell and Shane Modini, took the Club's Inshore Rescue Boat from Main Beach for a routine patrol of the seas around the gorges and headlands. While heading towards the cliff face at Pandanus Rock, Shane witnessed a person fall from the headland above to the water, virtually straight ahead of them. Immediately, they sped over to the area where the victim had landed. The weather was overcast and the seas, although fairly calm, were surging near the cliff face.

After a short search, they discovered a middle aged man submerged several feet under the surface. It was sheer coincidence that the IRB was in the water and actually headed towards the cliff face, and instead of a delay of at least 10 minutes to receive a call for help, the victim was pulled from the water in approximately 30 seconds from the time he hit the water. As the victim was unconscious and submerged, this delay would have meant certain death. Once in the boat, immediate first aid was carried out.

This included opening the airway which, due to the short time the victim had stopped breathing, was sufficient for breathing to start spontaneously, followed by the victim regaining consciousness. Gary assessed the massive tissue damage to the right thigh and left calf of the patient, and headed straight for the beach, with Shane signalling for assistance.

On the beach, Wayne Cole and Mark Brockhurst assisted and fortunately, a female doctor and a male nurse were on hand to treat the serious wounds. The Westpac Rescue Helicopter was called and arrived with another doctor and equipment from Southport Hospital, and the victim was stabilised and then flown to Royal Brisbane Hospital for immediate surgery.

The patient, Mr Robert Warland, was making a speedy recovery and was only a few days away from being released when tragically, a blood clot from one of the wounds dislodged, and made its way to his lung with fatal results. This was most distressing to all involved, as Mr Warland had made plans to come over to the Point and socialise with Club members in the near future.

Mr Warland's family were so impressed by the Club's actions, that they requested monies to be donated to the Club in lieu of flowers at the funeral. The Club decided to purchase a memorial plaque dedicated in memory of Mr Warland, and on it are inscribed the names of those members who each season perform daring rescues or perform life saving first aid and resuscitation. Justifiably, Gary Terrell and Shane Modini were the first members to be inscribed on this plaque, which is hanging in the recreation area of the Surf Club at Point Lookout.

Incident Twelve – Cyclone off Cylinder – February 1981

On Saturday, 14th February 1981, whilst watching the Surf Pro-Am Classic Boardriding Contest off Cylinder Beach, two cadet members, George Hill and Robert Robertson, noticed two young boys about 10 years old, enter the water below Cylinder Headland, and almost immediately find themselves in serious difficulties.



Conditions at the time were atrocious with a cyclone (Cyclone Cliff) centred approximately 40 miles directly out to sea from Point Lookout, stirring up massive cyclonic seas and torrential rain at times.

The two cadets headed down the headland towards the water and advised senior member Mark Brockhurst of the situation, and all three entered the water after the two boys who were caught in a very swift sweep heading parallel to the beach northward towards the hotel, amongst heavy seas. Tony Reader and Loretta Newman summed up the situation and drove the Club 4WD to Cylinder Beach and then Home Beach, keeping an eye on all, some 200 metres out to sea.

The three members reached the first of the now separated and terrified boys, and Robert stayed with this patient, while Mark and George set sail for the second patient. They caught up with him near the Hotel, and still well out to sea, managed to support him as the big sets of white water kept rolling in.

Both groups managed to get together, and luckily a boardrider on his way to shore arrived and his board was used to support the two boys, whilst waiting for the Club's IRB which arrived with Gary Terrell and John Wright on board.

The IRB, loaded with five people, slowly headed for shore, along with the other two holding on as sea anchors as the waves hit, and eventually all made it to shore on Home Beach, midway between the Hotel and Adder Rock – a long distance and time to be in big seas approximately 200 metres out to sea.

The two lads survived, but this is another case of a certain double tragedy being avoided by outstanding efforts of three Club members in particular.

Footnote – Also on the above morning, before conditions became so wild that the boardriding competition was called off, several members manned the Club's IRB ferrying boardriders through the huge seas to a rideable area, and then retrieving them when they were caught in the dangerous northerly sweep. Photos on hand, taken from the headland, show the IRB as a mere speck amongst massive walls of white water and waves several kilometres long, and travelling very quickly. On occasions, the white water was out-speeding the IRB, which was flat out with a 25 hp motor on board.

These members, Gary Terrell and John Wright as one crew, and Ian Ames and Dave Finter as the other crew, battled the largest seas the IRBs had ever faced at that time, and that no lives were lost on the day, with boardriders being hopelessly swept about in the wild seas, is a credit to their courage, skill and on occasion, luck. A great number of lives were potentially "saved" that day, and the Club earnt tremendous respect, talked about freely by locals and visitors alike for years after that day.

Incident Thirteen – North Gorge Cliff Rescue – April 1982

On Monday, 12th April 1982, a 17 year old youth fell from the cliff on the southern wall of North Gorge onto rocks below, sustaining a fractured ankle, concussion, deep cuts to the head, and multiple abrasions to the body. The fall took place late in the afternoon after a long weekend, and most members had left the Point for the mainland. The Club was notified, and the remaining members responded with the cliff rescue stretcher, oxy-viva and first aid equipment.



There were two possible ways of getting to the victim from the end of North Gorge – one way was to climb around the cliff face with the gear, the other was to make their way out through the Gorge, and climb up onto the rock platform to the victim. The latter was the quickest, but also very hazardous, due to the surging torrents of water that made its way up to the end of the Gorge, as the waves broke at the mouth of the Gorge. John Gardiner and George Hill made a break for it with the gear and got caught. One minute in water up to their calves, the next minute water over their heads and carrying them seawards on the outward surge.

After getting cleaned up on the rocks, they managed to make it up to the victim with the gear, where the Camp Ranger was comforting the youth. They applied field dressings to the wounds and cared for the patient until ambulance officer John Lever arrived to fully treat the wounds.

When all was set, a break was picked between the surges, and the stretcher and patient lowered down to waiting members in the Gorge, who then raced to safety to the end of the Gorge. Police, Club members, the Ambulance Officer, and Ranger then carried the victim to safety, where he was further treated, then transported to hospital by the ambulance.

This type of cliff fall incident unfortunately happens at least once or twice a year, but the position where the victim landed, made the operation much more hazardous.

Incident Fourteen – Night Rescue off Flinders Beach – May 1982

On Saturday, 2nd May 1982, at approximately 7.30 pm, Club members at the Point Lookout Hotel saw two flares in the sky over Shag Rock. Immediately, they returned to the Surf Club and made ready the Club's IRB to head for the area around Shag Rock. With the aid of a dolphin torch, the IRB Crew, George Hill and Peter Bertossi, reached an anchored trawler and were advised of the situation.

Earlier that afternoon at about 2 pm, the trawler skipper took off in a small row boat for shore to meet people at the Hotel and had arranged to be back on board by a set time. When this time had well and truly lapsed, the crew of the trawler set off the flares. What had happened to the skipper is as follows – his row boat developed a leak on the way to shore and subsequently submerged about halfway to the beach. Due to the very heavy south easterly winds and northerly sweep, the man could not reach shore and was being washed north and towards Moreton Island. He left the submerged boat and tried to swim, however the sweep was too strong.

The man, at the stage the IRB was searching for him, had been in the water for some six hours and understandably exhausted. The search continued in an area off Flinders Beach, and at one stage (it was found out later) the IRB had actually come within 10 metres of the man, but due to the sound of the motor and the fact that the man had lost his voice from lack of water etc, contact wasn't made. The man just about gave up hope at this stage.

Meanwhile, the Club's 4WD vehicle had become hopelessly bogged on Flinders Beach and was going nowhere. The victim noticed the lights of the vehicle, put in one last big effort, and finally reached the beach, and to the surprise of members at the truck, announced who he was. This is one of those stories you read about now and again, that all too often end up in tragedy, but fortunately on this occasion, did not. The victim assured members later that had he not seen the lights of the vehicle at the time he did, he most certainly would have given up.



This incident has been included not for the sake of any brave acts (although it is definitely hairy being in a boat out to sea with only a torch) but more so to highlight the fact that because members organised a search, a life was again saved – even if it was because the truck got bogged. Also, the members did treat the victim after his ordeal.

Incident Fifteen – Huge Wave Takes Fisherman – March 1985

At approximately 11 am on a windy and wet Saturday, 9th March, 1985, life was about to change rapidly for the worse for a fisherman off the headland near Whale Rock. A wave estimated by bystanders at approximately 8 metres high washed a 23 year old male into treacherous surf near the Cathedral. Main Beach was closed with cyclonic South-Easterly winds and treacherous surf conditions. The Swimming Gorge was like a white water washing machine with large waves coming from all angles. Huge sets started hundreds of metres out to sea. Meanwhile, back at the Clubhouse keeping warm and dry were the two lucky Main Beach patrol members keeping an eye out on the zero persons on the beach.

Word got to the Clubhouse of the situation and a general location was ascertained that the victim went into the surf somewhere near the Cathedral and Whale Rock. Club Power Craft Captain Shane Ford and his patrol partner Ian Ames raced to Main Beach and launched the IRB which was a feat in itself. Club members raced to the headland above the Cathedral with signal flags and radios. The IRB crew made it through dangerous surf towards the location but there was no sign of the victim. Bystanders then said they had seen the victim being washed out to sea and north towards North Gorge.

The IRB followed and Club members on the headland repositioned. Radio communications were poor. Pointing and shouting were the order of the day. Again there was no sighting near the mouth of North Gorge.

Then a Club member further around the headland towards the Captain Cook Memorial sighted a fully clothed person struggling in big seas approximately 300 metres out from Frenchman's Beach and heading North East out to sea.

The IRB crew got the message and made a sighting as the victim rose skywards on a huge swell. With the person now approximately 400 metres off Frenchman's Beach and amongst large waves, the timing of the rescue pickup was critical as flipping the craft this far out would more than likely be fatal for all three. First attempt was aborted as a large wave stood up just as both crew were on the port side. To the dismay of the near drowned victim the IRB powered away doing a tight circuit and quickly lining up for another attempt.

At the second attempt, both crew and victim were on the port side. The craft was off balance and a 15 foot wave was about to hit so the driver flattened it and crewman and patient fell back into the boat. The IRB stood vertical with motor roaring and just made it over the wave. The crew quickly got sorted. The victim had sprained his ankle, possibly even broken it, during the ordeal but this was the least of his troubles as he was close to going under fully clothed and in big seas. The crew returned to Main Beach following a huge wave from out past the shark buoys to the beach where Club members steadied the craft and cared for the lucky victim. He survived his ordeal and the IRB had chalked up another "certain" life saved.



Incident Sixteen – Tube Rescue off Suicide Rocks – April 1991

On Wednesday, 3 April 1991, members from the Junior Activities (Nippers) had been conducting a training camp at the Clubhouse with the assistance of members from the senior ranks. A young man wandered into the Club advising that some friends were in trouble whilst surfing down at Frenchman's Beach. Sharon Wright, Julie Wright, Darren Woodward, Trevor L'Barrow, Gavin Kugler and Mick Flanigan took rescue tubes, first aid equipment and the Cylinder Beach radio base set to the beach. On reaching Frenchman's, they found that the boy in trouble had managed to cling to a group of rocks near "Suicide", some 50 or so metres out.

On assessing the situation, because of the current around the rocks and unpredictable surf, a tube rescue with flippers was made by Gavin Kugler who on reaching the boy aged about 14 years who was quite distressed and cut up by the rocks, was asked "when was the helicopter coming?". Gavin returned to the beach with the patient assisted by Sharon Wright and Darren Woodward. On reaching the beach, first aid was administered to the boy and also to Gavin who received cuts and abrasions from the rocks. Radio contact was maintained with the Club and an ambulance was organised to transfer the patient for further treatment.

Incident Seventeen – CPR for Cliff Fall Victim – November 1991

The events of Saturday 9th November, 1991 will be remembered as one of the rare occasions when a Surf Life Saving Club as a whole can display its character. The day commenced with the usual 8 am patrols at Main and Cylinder Beaches, with the conditions at Main Beach dictating the use of the yellow flag.

At approximately 9.30 am, with improving conditions of half to one metre of swell, this was changed to a green flag. At approximately 10.15 am, the patrol was alerted by yelling from the headland first noticed by Roxanne Jacobsen and Gil Rhodes and the Patrol Captain Dave Dockray. Although no-one knew at the time, a 21 year old male (Darren Salmon of Holland Park) had awakened after sleeping on top of the Headland. He had fallen 15 metres down the cliff to a ledge, stood up, overbalanced and fallen another 15 metres down the rock wall and into the surf below.

The IRB was launched by Dave Dockray, with Gil Rhodes as crewman – at this time, Roxanne Jacobsen took over control of the patrol activities. With the assistance of directions from the man's friends on top of the headland, Dave and Gil were quickly able to locate the seriously injured man floating just below the surface of the water, and a few metres from the rock wall (between Pandanus and Whale Rock). They lifted him into the craft and placed him in a position where his airway could be cleared and maintained for the journey back to the beach. At this time (whilst driving the rescue craft back) Point Lookout Base was advised that the patient was seriously injured, not breathing, had no apparent pulse, and that the ambulance was needed.

Up to this point, a young cadet, Samantha Johnstone, was manning the radio station at Point Lookout Base. When the seriousness of the incident became obvious, these duties were taken over by Julie Keen, with George Hill taking over the radio co-ordination on the beach. When the rescue craft returned to the beach (it is estimated that the patient was submersed approximately 4 to 5 minutes) he was quickly transferred into the patrol enclosure where it was confirmed that he had no pulse and was not breathing.



CPR was commenced by Sharon Wright (compressions) and Dave Dockray (using mouth to mask because of fluid regurgitation) and assisted by Greg Keen, Don Black and Paul Thirkettle (oxy-viva and general stabilisation of patient) and Tony Blake monitoring the pulse. After approximately 5 minutes of resuscitation, a feeble pulse and shallow breathing commenced. From this time, Matt Stevenson (assisted by Richard Black) commenced to assess and give first aid treatment for the patient's head, throat and chest injuries, with Richard Black taking notes of all details, vital signs, and all activities etc.

The ambulance arrived to assist in stabilisation of the patient until the helicopter arrived with a medivac doctor in attendance. The patient was on the beach for about 2 hours before medical professionals were able to stabilise his condition sufficiently for the helicopter journey to the Princess Alexandra Hospital. It is pleasing to report that Darren made the road to recovery.

Incident Eighteen – Diver Rescued Out to Sea – January 1993

On 1st January 1993, Club members were called to assist in the search of diver, Peter Fernside, missing off Point Lookout. The Club was alerted to the situation by his diving companion, Chris Pierce, who reported that they had been diving off Suicide Rock from about 2.45 pm.

At approximately 4 pm, Chris had lost Peter, a diver with some 4 years experience, who had been caught in a very strong current. The current took Peter south, and he ditched his weight belt and float because he was getting caught in surf around the rocks near Frenchman's Beach. He kept his face mask and snorkel. Peter signalled to a sail boat for help but was not seen, and kept drifting with the current. He said that he tried not to panic, but was beginning to get leg cramps, and did get a bit worried when visited by sharks and fish, but he had his spear gun ready and loaded.

At the Clubhouse, members were alerted to the situation at approximately 4.30 pm and immediately the IRB was launched and commenced a search pattern from the last location, and the 4WD vehicle equipped with stretcher, first aid equipment, oxygen equipment and members with handheld radios were dispatched as lookouts around Deadman's and along Frenchman's Beaches, and around the headlands towards the Point. A lookout was stationed at the Captain Cook Memorial, keeping an eye on the IRB and could see Frenchman's entire Beach.

From the Clubhouse Radio Room, information was passed onto Gold Coast Command (Heli 1) and the Police.

A doctor was on the beach and enquired as to what was going on, and was placed on standby. At approximately 6.10 pm, the green tip of a snorkel was spotted by IRB crewman Chad Murray 30 cm out of the water, and a very relieved Peter Fernside was picked up by our IRB heading south with the current off Whale Rock.

Members involved included: Chad Murray, Gary Terrell, Julie Wright, Natasha Dennis, Samantha Johnstone, Meghan Flannigan, Troy Wright, Russell Farr, Tony Dodd, Peter McGarry, Sharon Wright, Ben Wyeth, Gavin Black, Donna Walton, Claire Paskin, Belinda Underwood, Tannas Loskill, Shelley Stevens, Justin Ball and Adam Waller.



Incident Nineteen – Mass Rescue Earns Big Donation – January 2000

On Sunday, 23rd January 2000, patrolling members were kept busy with a mass rescue at Main Beach when a number of beach goers got into trouble around midday. The beach conditions were very testing and swimmers were advised to stay in shallow waters. A yellow flag was flying and a large rip was situated at the Northern end of the beach with many flash rips appearing throughout the day. At approximately 12.15 pm. Three swimmers got into difficulty simultaneously and John Brennan and Kurt Weinert were despatched with rescue tubes. As the rip current became stronger, the swimmers in difficulty began to panic. John Brennan was able to safely return two swimmers to shore however the strong currents had drifted the boogie board rider closer to the rocky Clubhouse Headland where he was being brushed up and down the rocks.

Patrol Captain Sharon Brennan, despatched Michael Finter to assist the boogie board rider on the rocks and by this time, fellow Club members who were training in the IRBs had also ventured over to assist including Rick Bodger, Joe Geran, Kerry Dodd and Peta Lawlor. Tony Dodd and Ken Burge had witnessed the situation at hand from the Clubhouse and did not hesitate to assist.

Both lifesavers jumped off the headland to encourage and assist the boogie board rider to move away from the rocks so that the IRB could pick him up.

Several attempts were made by the IRBs and lifesavers to retrieve the boogie board rider because of the tricky conditions and the restricted area for the IRBs to manoeuvre.

At one stage the IRB had nearly secured the patient when they were forced to let go to prevent the craft being flipped over by a huge wave. By this time the patient had extensive cuts and abrasions to his body, arms and legs.

Finally after several attempts the IRB was successful in picking up the patient and returning him to shore where he was treated initially by the patrol members prior to the ambulance arriving and the patient being transported away for a check up. The beach remained closed for the remainder of the day.

This particular rescue again demonstrates the complexity of the type of rescues that our lifesavers have to undertake particularly with the many headlands and rocky crevices that surround our beautiful beaches on North Stradbroke Island.

The lifesavers are seldom thanked for their efforts when rescuing and assisting the bathing public who get into difficulty. On this occasion, the boogie board rider was a Family Court Judge who wrote to the Club thanking the members for their great acts of bravery and professionalism and for saving his life.

He stated that the Club members set a very high standard of voluntary rescue and care and he donated a cheque for \$4,000. The Club was extremely grateful for his donation and thanked him for his acknowledgment and recognition of the work that our volunteers do.



Incident Twenty – Lifeguards Perform Rescue on Main Beach – December 2002



J. Potent & D. Anthony (Bribie) receive SLSA Citation of Merit

Joshua Potent and David Anthony – two Surf Life Saving Queensland Lifeguards patrolling on North Stradbroke Island were praised for their heroic efforts in saving a swimmer caught in treacherous surf. Joshua was on patrol at Main Beach on December 11, 2002 when a swimmer aged about 60 was caught in a rip and swept 70 m offshore towards the headland. Josh grabbed his rescue board and paddled out to the swimmer, but strong surf pummelled Josh onto the rocks as he tried to drag the man onto the board.

Josh suffered deep cuts and his board was smashed into 3 pieces as he put it between the rocks and the man to stop the swimmer being battered by the waves. Josh clambered onto the rocks trying to pull the man with him but the man was sucked back into a crevice by the waves. Josh had to leave him and run 70m back along the shore to his Jet Ski.

After radioing to Lifeguard David at Cylinder Beach, Josh enlisted some bystanders to pull the Jet Ski to the water and one joined him to go back out to the stricken swimmer. He was stuck in the crevice and had been bashed against the rocks and was unconscious. Deciding it was too dangerous to take a member of the public into the situation, Josh rode the Jet Ski back to the shore where David had arrived with a rescue tube.

David swam out to the man, securing him to the tube but believed it was pointless trying to swim back against the surging tide. The only way was over the rocks.

A group of people had gathered and they helped pull the patient up to a flat area where resuscitation efforts began. Four doctors holidaying at the island helped the lifeguards give CPR. They continued for more than 20 minutes until paramedics arrived and administered adrenalin. The man was flown by helicopter to hospital, however despite all efforts the victim did not survive.

Both Joshua Potent and David Anthony were honoured with the SLSA – Citation of Merit for their roles in this notable rescue.

Incident Twenty One – North Gorge Fatal Rescue – February 2006

At approximately 1.30 pm on Sunday 26th February 2006, Club members were called to North Gorge following the report that a person had fallen into the Gorge.

Four of the Club's members risked their own lives to try and rescue a young man who had fallen from Point Lookout's notoriously dangerous North Gorge.

Club Captain, Brad Truman and Director of Lifesaving, Gavin Black, were called to the scene. For more than 10 minutes they tried to pull the young man out of the water from their Inflatable Rescue Boat.

All the while, Gavin and Brad had to manoeuvre their boat, which was caught in the midst of a very heavy swell, to ensure that it did not crash into the two cliff faces that surrounded the Gorge. Despite repeated attempts, the crew could not get any closer to pulling the young man out of the surf.



17 year old Jason Nankervis swam from the beach and 19 year old Aaron Cole jumped from the rocks in an attempt to rescue the young man, who was now being pounded against the rocks at the base of the Gorge.

Despite immense danger to themselves, Jason and Aaron decided to risk their own lives to save another young man's life. Jason and Aaron were able to rescue the unconscious young man. He was taken to shore, whereupon lifesavers and paramedics desperately tried to revive him. Sadly, the young man was unable to be revived.

The young man was a student who had arrived from India on a two year student visa.

Our condolences go to the family and friends on their loss. Almost 40 Club members were involved in the rescue effort, with volunteers providing invaluable assistance in the form of locating and delivering equipment, comforting friends and providing crowd control. For their part in this rescue, Aaron Cole and Jason Nankervis received the SLSA Meritorious Award - Bronze Medallion. In addition, Gavin Black and Brad Truman received the SLSA Certificate of Merit and the Club was recognised with a SLSA Group Certificate of Merit. The above mentioned members were also presented with an SLSQ Lifesaving Excellence Award for their outstanding vigilance and service whilst performing this rescue.

Note: Details of this rescue were presented by Mr Daryl Briskey MLA in his report to the first session of the 51st Parliament of Queensland reported in Hansard 28-30th March, 2006.

Incident Twenty Two – Rescue of Swimmers Near Cathedral – April 2007

On Sunday 22 April, 2007 a group of young men, on a bucks weekend, decided to swim from Main Beach to the Cathedral. They were not dressed appropriately, swimming in heavy, knee-length shorts, but thought they would give it a go. They made it successfully to the other end of the Cathedral, however one of the group did not feel confident to make the swim back.

The Main Beach IRB, driven by Rick Bodger and crewed by Sandra Middleton was doing a routine patrol from Main Beach along Frenchman's Beach. It was a perfect sunny Main Beach day, with the water crystal clear, and that Straddie blue-green colour. They went as far as The Group and headed back towards Main. As they approached North Gorge one of the young men was on the rock at the entrance to the gorge indicating that his mate was unable to swim back to Main Beach. It was a relatively calm day, however at the end of the Cathedral and near the entrance to North Gorge the sets were causing sucking, washing machine like conditions.

Knowing that they could not get the boat into the spot needed to pick up the swimmer, Rick asked the man if he could swim to the boat.

The young man felt that he could manage this but as soon as he hit the water the lifesavers knew he was in trouble. As he wallowed around in the waves he was making no attempt to swim to the IRB and Sandra was sent in with a rescue tube to get him.

Rick radioed the situation to Clubhouse Base. Unfortunately there was no further assistance that could be rendered by other Club members. Sandra secured the rescue tube around the patient and proceeded to swim back towards the IRB. A set had just hit and Sandra was unable to swim against it. She was being pushed back towards the rock as the water washed over them, over and over again.



At this point Sandra recalls that she really didn't know how she was going to be able to swim the patient out as the waves were too powerful to swim against. "We were being tossed around like corks till the set passed and then I was able to make some headway towards the IRB" she said.

Unbeknownst to lifesavers at the time, another young man who was a stronger swimmer, had entered the water to help his struggling mate.

During the time that Sandra and the victim were being washed around by the set, the second victim had swum towards the rock on the ocean side and another mate was attempting to drag him out of the water and onto the rock. He was not successful in this attempt and when the set abated, he too was able to swim to the IRB.

The rescue took approximately three minutes. For Rick there was nothing he could do until Sandra had made it back to the IRB and he was all the time concerned about the next set of waves approaching. A tourist on the headland had videoed the rescue and the Club has footage of the rescue.

Those watching were cheering and clapping as the rescue was completed. The gentleman filming summed it up beautifully...as the patients were being dragged into the IRB he had one thing to say "...idiots...".

The first patient, a 24 year old male, had swallowed a fair bit of water and regurgitated this as he lay on the floor of the IRB during travel back to Main Beach. The man was treated with oxygen therapy and made his way from the beach unaided, shaken, embarrassed and very lucky. The second patient, a 23 year old male, had scratches on his abdomen and arms from being dragged onto the rocks. First Aid treatment was administered and he also left the beach unaided.



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Chapter Seven

Our Summer Surf Girls

Surf lifesavers may be the life of the beach – but as volunteers they also need a life source. The vital funds that keep the Club operating are generated through the tireless efforts of volunteers, alongside the strong relationships from Club sponsors and support from the community.

The Summer Surf Girl Program has been running continuously since 1964/65 and is Surf Life Saving Queensland's (SLSQ) largest Club-based fundraising event. It is a 9-12 month fundraising initiative for Surf Life Saving Clubs in Queensland and Point Lookout has embraced the program for many years.

In 2007 the records highlighted that the Summer Surf Girl's 43 year history had raised a staggering 8 million dollars collectively for lifesaving services in Queensland. On average, the quest in more recent years raises approximately \$350,000 for Surf Life Saving Clubs in Queensland each year.

It is not a beauty quest or pageant and judges are looking for a member who can act as an ambassador for SLSQ and help promote the work of volunteer surf lifesavers where the vital funds are needed. Community spirit and Surf Life Saving knowledge are also important attributes.

Today there are 5 categories: the overall Summer Surf Girl, Runner Up, Fundraiser (Appeal) , Personality and Innovation.

In the early days, girls entering the quest had to be single, over 17 years of age and no more than 25 years. To be eligible, the entrants and their Committees had to raise a minimum of \$500. The entrants would be judged on personality, physical appearance, dress sense and general knowledge. All funds raised by the Surf Girls went into a State-wide pool. At the end of the quest, expenses would be deducted and Clubs would share the balance of the pool proportionate to the funds raised by each Club entrant. These funds were then used for the purchase and maintenance of lifesaving equipment.

Elaine Cash in the 1954/55 season was one of the original ladies who commenced fundraising for the Point Lookout Surf Club via a quest. At the age of 17, Elaine was the winner of the first beach girl contest held at Point Lookout. She was awarded the title of "Miss Point Lookout" in a contest conducted by the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club. Back in the 1950s the "Girl of the Golden Beaches" Contest was a popular quest conducted by the Brisbane Telegraph and Radio Station 4BC on the Gold Coast. Whilst not officially a Surf Life Saving Contest the "Girl of the Golden Beaches" Contest led to the implementation of the Surf Life Saving Queensland Miss Summer Surf Girl Quest of later years. Unfortunately records are limited however the Club recognises Elaine's efforts and foresight.

The first Surf Life Saving Queensland Summer Surf Girl Quest was conducted in Brisbane in 1965. Joy Chambers from Kurrawa SLSC was the inaugural winner and went onto a high profile television career.

Point Lookout's first ever entrant in the SLSQ Miss Summer Surf Girl Quest was local girl Maree



Kennedy in 1965/66. Maree bought honour to the Club by gaining third place in the quest.

After this initial representation there was a short gap where the Club had no entrant and in 1970/71 the Club entered two Surf Girls being the first of two occasions that this was achieved by the Club. The representatives were Annette Wilson and Roslyn Heyder.

Lester McManus (President) stated that "Between the two ladies they raised close on \$1,000 for the Club and this money enabled the Club to pay back the remainder of the debt which we owed for the erection of the new bunk room".

Wayne Bishop recorded in the 1970/71 Annual Report "As you all know the Club has been hard pressed for funds, but the bank account received a shot in the arm after the Surf Girl Quest. For the first time in the Club's history we had two Surf Girls and they should both be congratulated for the \$1,000 raised between them".

As a unique fundraiser for the two girls, three young lifesavers paddled surf skis from the Story Bridge to Point Lookout on the northern end of Stradbroke Island. Brothers Mark and Wayne Bishop and Trevor Walsh departed on their marathon paddle at 1.00 a.m. on March 20, 1971. The fundraiser involved anybody having a guess at how long the paddle would take for 20 cents. There was a \$20 prize for the closest estimate. The Paddle-A-Thon was an attempt to break the record for the 40 mile paddle on a single surf ski. The challenge was to beat Club mates former time of 12 hours. The time clocked in by the boys on the timber surf skis was 9 hours and 34 minutes.

In 1971 the type of prizes that the entrants could look forward to winning included:

- Pacific Island cruises for girls raising more than \$1,000
- Cobb and Co – 22 day outback track camp tour of 7000 miles, visiting 6 States with \$100 spending money.
- A Hillman Hunter car from Austral Motors
- \$200 savings account from Commonwealth Bank
- A year's hosiery from Kolotex
- Sportswear wardrobe by Sportsgirl
- A modelling and grooming course from June Dally-Watkins
- Two travelling cases from Voyager Travel Goods and a Jantzen Swimsuit
- \$25 worth of corsetry
- Surf Boat to the Club represented by the winning girl.

The Miss Surf Girl Appeal Winner would win:

- A \$500 canteen of cutlery from Coca-Cola Bottlers Ltd
- \$50 spending money from Woolworths and \$40 from Coles
- A travel case from Duro
- A Cobb and Co return trip to Rockhampton plus 2 days accommodation
- A grooming and fitness course
- \$10 worth of corsetry.

Today the prizes for the Conrad Jupiter's Summer Surf Girl Program include:

Summer Surf Girl Winner:

- Suzuki Car by Suzuki and Zupps Southport



- June Dally Watkins Model Course valued at \$850
- Hare's Hair Gift Voucher
- 1GB IPOD Shuffle from the Good Guys
- Flowers from the Flower Garden
- Club receives \$7,500 worth of lifesaving equipment

Summer Surf Girl Fundraiser receives:

- International Holiday for two people
- Elite 5 piece luggage set
- June Dally Watkins Model Course valued at \$850
- Hare's Hair Gift Voucher
- 1GB IPOD Shuffle from the Good Guys
- Flowers from the Flower Garden
- Club receives \$5,500 worth of lifesaving equipment

A range of prizes are also awarded to the Summer Surf Girl Runner Up, Summer Surf Girl Award for Innovation and Summer Surf Girl Personality. To be eligible to enter the quest the Summer Surf Girls must raise a minimum of \$5,000.

At the time of writing Conrad Jupiter's had sponsored the Quest for 14 years acting as the naming rights sponsor for the Summer Surf Girl Program. This commitment made the program an enormous success, returning millions of dollars to the Surf Life Saving Clubs.

In 1971/72 Jan Skyring represented the Club followed by Gayle Bishop in 1972/73 and Lynn Powell in 1973/74. Lynn raised a grand sum of \$1,568.46 which was a tremendous effort considering she had a late start in the quest.

In 1974/75, Sally Ann Vivian represented the Club raising \$1,550. Compared to the average attained by the other Surf Girls, this was a praiseworthy sum according to Col Turner (President). Janelle Hillier was quick to be confirmed to represent the Club for the 1975/76 season.

Season 1976/77 was unique in that the Club held its own Surf Girl Quest with dances etc which netted the Club \$2,500. As Leo Feuerriegel stated in his Treasurer's Report "A special thanks must go to Karen Denman (Bodger), Karen Harcourt, Beryl Campbell, Robin Wharton and Gail Hopker, without whose participations in the "Miss Redlands Quest" we could not have made it the financial success it was – Thanks Girls".

In 1978/79 Surf Girl Cathy Riek performed admirably for the Club. Cathy and her working group including Tony Reader, George Hill and Richard Munro were tremendous fundraisers. Functions held included a Cabaret, Car Rally and Raffles. Cathy qualified in the final 12 and as John Kerr stated in the Annual Report "If you had been watching this on the television broadcast, I'm sure that you too would have felt the pride that we, the Club representatives present in the audience, felt of her".

In 1979/80, Katrina Drews stepped up to the mark to represent the Club raising a mammoth \$3,000. As Paul Bishop stated in his Captain's Report "I feel I accurately reflect the members' feeling on judging night, when I say "we were robbed!!". The judging was held at the Chevron Hotel in Surfers Paradise.



The 1980's saw eight (8) girls represent Point Lookout in the Quest. In 1981/82 Jenny Jard and Stacie Lee both represented the Club.

Debbie Comerford was the next entrant in the 1982/83 season. Debbie and her Committee raised a total of \$1,153.54. As President Wayne Cole stated "Our boys were very proud at the judging and saw the way Debbie honoured the Club in her final placing and fundraising effort".

1984/85 Julie Noble with a relatively short period of time to raise money, successfully raised in excess of \$3,000 and represented the Club brilliantly. The next year the Club had no representative and as Col "Popeye" Le Strange wrote in his President's report:

"This season the Club did not enter a Surf Girl in the Annual Surf Girl Quest being a matter of principle. It is our opinion that the original aims of this quest was for genuinely interested girls associated with a Surf Club to raise funds for that Club and compete amongst similarly interested girls in the quest. It is well known that in recent years some "glamour" Clubs merely enter a top line model to win the Club and the girl the top prizes".

Needless to say the Club was straight back into the fundraising in 1986/87 with Tina Murphy (Daley). Tina along with her boyfriend (now husband) Tony Daley, their families and friends raised some \$2,300 for the Club through various functions including weekend sausage sizzles and the New Years Eve South Pacific Night.

The judging took place at Jupiter's Casino and as "Popeye" again wrote in the Annual Report as President "Although Tina was unsuccessful in winning the title, she had long before won the admiration of members and friends alike for her enthusiasm and unselfishness in raising funds for, and representing Point Lookout SLSC".

1987/88 saw former Nipperette Helen Commons take on the fundraising journey. With the help of her family and Committee, in particular George Hill and Darren Woodward, Helen raised a record \$9,650 and reached the finals which made the Club not only the proudest Club but also the loudest Club at Jupiter's Casino.

Krissy Dipple (Woodward) was next to represent the Club in 1988/89. Krissy and her small band of workers raised in excess of \$5,000 and Krissy was selected in the finals. George Hill in his Captain's Report listed his unforgettable moments in relation to the Surf Girl Night:

- Most Outstanding Surf Girl – Krissy Dipple
- Ugliest in the Photo – Laurie Lawrence and Peter Jackson (tied)
- Worst Personality – Agro

In 1989/90, Maree Kendrick represented the Club as an 18 year old doing a fantastic job seeing her raise over \$10,000 which was a new record for the Club.

As stated by Ian Ames (Treasurer): "Maree, your attitude and performance all season was tremendous, and Point Lookout could not have wished for a better ambassador". The Miss Summer Surf Girl Quest was televised after the entrants had spent several days filming at Seaworld with the final judging held at the ANA Hotel on the Gold Coast.

No truer were those words, when the Club saw Maree not only represent Point Lookout a second time in 1994/95 raising \$24,000 with the sensational efforts of Maree and her Committee, but



creating history in the Club by representing the Club a third time in 1997/98 raising a staggering \$64,400 which saw her honoured with the Miss Summer Surf Girl Appeal Award. Maree's final year saw the Club push very hard for a concerted Club fundraising effort with a goal to raise record funds in an attempt to challenge the Surf Girl Appeals Title.

Fundraising efforts included the Australian Titles Workforce, Point Lookout IRB Carnival, Straddle Fishing Classic, Art Unions, Island Raffles, Manly Raffles, Wynnum Leagues Club Raffles, and Nipper Raffles along with a range of traditional Surf Girl Functions including Seafood Night, Wine Tasting, Fashion Parade and Miss Point Lookout.

This concentrated fundraising effort enabled the Club's goal to be achieved and this could not have been made possible without the dedicated Surf Girl and her Committee and the great majority of members from Seniors, Juniors and the Old Boys. Well Done Maree.

The late 80s / early 90s saw the event become so popular that several of the quests were televised around Queensland.

The 1990s saw the Miss Summer Surf Girl Quest represented by Point Lookout in all years except for one. In 1990/91 Sharon Wright (Brennan) represented the Club and raised a whopping \$14,000 being the highest ever raised by a Point Lookout entrant at that time. As Ian Ames quoted in his Treasurers Report – "Our Club was very fortunate to be represented by current active member and former Nipper Sharon Wright. Sharon epitomises what the quest is all about – an active beach girl intent on helping her Club. Thanks Sharon for an outstanding effort and for a long association with the Club".

Sharon had set her sights on raising funds to assist in covering costs for the new female bunkroom and her fundraising would have gone a long way towards this. Records indicate that the money raised was the second major fundraising source for the season.

1991/92 saw another active member enter the Quest with Rhonda Bostock representing the Red, White and Blue. Rhonda performed admirably and raised \$8,000 with the help of her family and Committee. As quoted by George Hill (Club Captain) – "One of the best quest nights in years".

1992/93 saw Emma Hoyer don the Point Lookout SLSC sash. Emma represented the Club with elegance and style. Emma not only raised a vital \$9,100 but also provided the Club with a magnificent ambassador for which the Club was truly appreciative.

1993/94 was the only season in the 1990s that was not represented. As previously mentioned Maree represented the Club in the 1994/95 season and 1995/96 saw Lisa Byrne step up to the mark.

Lisa's reign as Summer Surf Girl started late but then it was all systems go. The Committee set a goal of \$15,000 in 7 months and whilst this was unable to be achieved, Lisa was proud to raise \$10,921.30 for the Club.

The 1996/97 season saw Amanda Gallon (Rhodes) become the Club's next entrant. Her reason for accepting the role was that she wanted to help out her Surf Club in some way and that she did. After a season of fundraising ventures such as raffles, car rallies, RNA tickets, Bowls Days,



Shooters Nights, Garage Sales and Art Unions to name a few, Amanda and her Committee raised \$8,116. In Amanda's words "It certainly is hard work, but at the same time, it is an experience of a life time".

1998/99 was represented by Leisa McMahon (Henderson) who had progressed from Nippers through to Seniors. Leisa and her dedicated Committee raised an outstanding \$63,855 dollars. Leisa recalls that when she stood up on stage on the Saturday Night in front of judges, sponsors and over 450 guests, and spoke about the Surf Club, she found it hard to describe the feeling and was so proud to be a member of Point Lookout.

The 1990s was wrapped up by Surf Girl Entrant Emma Lowry (Walton) in 1999/2000. Emma had some unique fundraising activities including a swimwear night at the Clubhouse with entertainment provided by Gloria Gaymore, Frank Songatra and Shania Twang. Other fundraisers included Bowls Day, Golf Day, Haircuts at the Club, Cake Drive and various raffles. Through the efforts of Emma and her Committee a cheque for \$13,734.15 was received from the Surf Life Saving Foundation.

At the turn of the Century there were a few seasons where the Club had no entrants in the Miss Summer Surf Girl Quest. Club efforts were still focused on fundraising in general within the Club activities. Point Lookout re-emerged on the scene in 2004/05 with another former nipper who had progressed through the ranks, Adele Crow.

Adele and her hard working Committee raised an all time record for Point Lookout SLSC raising an amazing \$70,631.50. For the 12 months of her fundraising program, Adele held many functions including a successful Sportsman's Luncheon, Prawns at the Point, Golf Day, Bowls Day, Pizza and Pasta Night, Cow Dung Bingo, Raffles, Raffles, Raffles and many more. Adele's fundraising efforts saw her honoured with the Summer Surf Girl Highest Fundraiser Award (Appeal) and the Judges Encouragement Award which is an outstanding effort. Adele was a great ambassador not only for the Club but for Surf Life Saving and for her win the Club received \$5,000 of Lifesaving Rescue Equipment.

2006/07 saw former nipper Jenaya Bodger take on a very busy season when she accepted the role as not only the Miss Summer Surf Girl Entrant but also the role of Club Captain. Jenaya and her Committee put a lot of effort into a range of fundraising activities introducing a few new ventures including Club 200, Up the Tower and the Pin Point Challenge which saw her raise a total of \$32,405.35. Jenaya represented Point Lookout with dedication and pride and as she reported in the 2006/07 Annual Report she had a fantastic time down the coast for the judging week and made a bunch of great new friends. Jenaya learnt a lot about the media, Surf Life Saving and about herself. As many of the ladies who have represented Point Lookout would say – "It is a worthwhile experience and one that you will never forget".

2007/08 saw the Club's participation in the SLSQ Miss Summer Surf Girl Quest for the 29th Season.

As a relatively new member to the Club, Jasmine Box stepped up to the mark with great enthusiasm and a keenness to raise funds for the Club. The efforts of Jasmine and her Committee saw her raise \$35,581 for the Club.



The Club is most appreciative of the efforts of all the beautiful ladies who have taken up the fundraising challenge on behalf of the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club. The efforts of not only the ladies, but their families and partners and indeed the many members and supporters who regularly attended the various functions in support of the Club's entrant are admirable.

MISS SUMMER SURF GIRL ENTRANTS

1954-55	ELAINE CASH *	1987-88	HELEN COMMONS
1965-66	MAREE KENNEDY	1988-89	KRISSY DIPPLE
1970-71	ANNETTE WILSON ROSLYN HYDER	1989-90	MAREE KENDRICK
1971-72	JAN SKYRING	1990-91	SHARON WRIGHT
1972-73	GAYLE BISHOP	1991-92	RHONDA BOSTOCK
1973-74	LYNN POWELL	1992-93	EMMA HOGER
1974-75	SALLY-ANN VIVIAN	1994-95	MAREE BLAKE
1975-76	JANELLE HILLIER	1995-96	LISA BYRNE
1976-77	KAREN DENMAN	1996-97	AMANDA GALLON
1978-79	CATHY RIEK	1997-98	MAREE KENDRICK
1979-80	KATRINA DREWS	1998-99	LEISA McMAHON
1981-82	JENNY JARD STACIE LEE	1999-2000	EMMA LOWRY
1982-83	DEBBIE COMERFORD	2004-05	ADELE CROW
1984-85	JULIE NOBLE	2006-07	JENAYA BODGER
1986-87	TINA MURPHY	2007-08	JASMINE BOX

* Note: Miss Point Lookout Quest Only

Elaine Cash 54/55



Maree Kennedy 65/66



Roslyn Hyder 70/71



Gayle Bishop 72/73



Sally Ann Vivian 74/75

Maree Kendrick
Miss Summer Surf Girl
Appeal Winner 97/98



Treasurer John McInnes
with the group of girls who
entered the Miss Redlands
Quest 1976-77



Cathy Riek 78/79



Katrina Drews 79/80



Julie Noble 84/85



Tina Murphy 86/87



Helen Commons 87/88



Krissy Dipple 88/89



Maree Kendrick 89/90



Sharon Wright 90/91



Rhonda Bostock 91/92



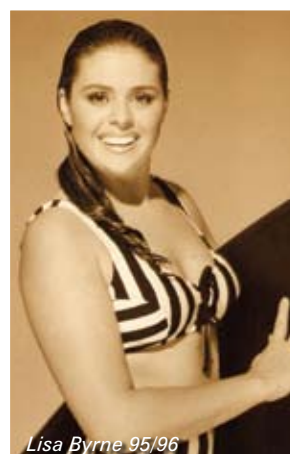
Emma Hoyer 92/93



Maree Blake 94/95



Adele Crow -
Miss Summer Surf Girl
Fundraiser
(Appeal) Winner 2004/05



Lisa Byrne 95/96



Amanda Gallan 96/97



Leisa McMahon 98/99



Emma Lowry 99/00



Adele Crow 2004/05



Jenaya Bodger 06/07



Jasmine Box 07/08

Chapter Eight

SURF SPORTS EVENTS – HISTORICAL BRIEFS

Champion Lifesaver History

The Champion Lifesaver event provides individual competitors with the opportunity to demonstrate in a competitive manner not only the physical skills but also the lifesaving and knowledge skills required of a surf lifesaver. The event is determined on a point score basis with the competitor scoring the highest points being declared the winner. Points in the current era are awarded for physical skills including beach sprint, surf race, board race and tube race, alongside a 40 question theory paper and resuscitation. Since the inception of the Champion Lifesaver Event there have been other elements that made up components of the event during the eras but have since been deleted. Some of the old inclusions to the event included:

- Run, swim, run (now competitors do a surf race only format)
- Oxy-viva pre-operational check (10 points)
- Interview

1965 saw Point Lookout host its first ever Carnival. This was the Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnival. Whilst Branch Senior and Junior Champion Lifesaver Events commenced in the South Coast Branch in 1945/46, the Club's first member to place in an event was Mark Bishop who gained second in the Junior Champion Lifesaver in the 1965/66 season. The Cadet Champion Lifesaver Event commenced in the 1973/74 season.

Point Lookout continued to host the Champion Lifesaver Carnival over 3 consecutive years (64/65, 65/66, 66/67) enhancing its ability to showcase the Club's capability to host a successful carnival. The Champion Lifesaver Carnival held on the 15th March 1967 saw Greg Litherland place 5th in the Senior Champion Lifesaver Event. Mark Bishop finished 3rd in the Junior Champion Lifesaver Event winning 3 sections namely the Beach Sprint, Musical Flags and Resuscitation and General Lifesaving Knowledge.

The Champion Lifesaver Carnivals were again held at Point Lookout during the 1974/75, 1975/76 and 1976/77 seasons with great success.

A quote from 1976/77 Annual Report highlights this success – *“For the third time in succession we hosted the Champion Lifesaver Carnival which was once again a great success. The food was immaculate and every member who chipped in and worked is to be congratulated on a fine effort. The weather was excellent and the BBQ area that we worked so hard for was finally christened. Several members put countless hours of hard work both into the organising and the actual running of the catering arrangements”.*

Carnival results during the 60s and 70s in the Champion Lifesaver Events show some good performances from the members in the Senior, Junior and Cadets categories.

Competitors such as Wayne Cole, Richard Munro, Ian Ames, Tony Clark, Tony Bertossi, Jon Lambert, Rob Wilson, Ross Nunn, Ross Somerville, Danny Walton, Peter Bertossi and Mark Brockhurst all represented the Club at Branch Level. One of the great achievements in the 70s was Trevor Sommerville winning the Branch Championships during the 1976/77 season in



Sharon Brennan - Australian Silver Medallist 1999/00 - 2001/02
Queensland Gold Medallist 1999/00 - 2001/02

the Senior event – a first for the Club. The Branch Cadet Champion Lifesaver commenced in 1973/74 and Peter Bertossi won this age category in the 1977/78 season.

1978/79 saw the introduction of a State Champion Lifesaver Competition whereby an elimination process from the Branch Carnival was implemented. The 1980s saw Point Lookout continue to be represented in various age categories with success at Branch level including: Mark Brockhurst gaining 2nd in 1980/81 then qualifying through to the State in which he placed 7th.

Other members who won their respective age groups at Branch level were:

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| ■ Peter Bertossi..... | 1980/81 | Juniors |
| ■ Jeff Daley | 1984/85 | Seniors |
| ■ Jeff Daley | 1985/86 | Seniors |

Three upcoming members Darren Woodward, Michael Adams and Steven Kerr also donned the cap to compete in the Champion Lifesaver event at Branch level during the 80s in the Cadet/Junior age groups.

From the 1990s the Club embraced the Champion Lifesaver event even more passionately seeing a core group of members competing at Branch level with many members qualifying through to State level. Surf Sports competition in the 90s saw an increase in age groups and Champion Lifesaver Events went from Senior, Junior, Cadet to Open, U18, U16 and U14 along with the inclusion of female events in 1994/95 at Branch.

Prominent results in the 90s at Branch and State Levels included:

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| ■ Gavin Kugler | 1991/92 | U18 | 1st Branch |
| ■ Chad Murray | 1992/93 | U18 | 3rd State |
| ■ Lesley Buckley | 1993/94 | U14 | 1st Branch, 1st State |
| ■ Troy Wright | 1993/94 | U18 | 1st Branch |
| | 1995/96 | U18 (M) | 1st Branch |
| | 1996/97 | Open (M) | 1st Branch, 2nd State |
| ■ Sharon Wright | 1994/95 | Open (F) | 1st Branch |
| | 1995/96 | Open (F) | 1st Branch |
| | 1999/00 | Open (F) | 1st Branch, 1st State, 2nd Aussies |
| ■ Paul Kemp | 1995/96 | Open (M) | 1st Branch |
| ■ Skye Oliphant | 1995/96 | U18 (F) | 1st Branch |
| ■ Travis Farr | 1995/96 | U14 (M) | 1st Branch, 3rd State |
| ■ Chris Thirkettle | 1996/97 | U18 (M) | 1st Branch |
| | 1997/98 | U18 (M) | 1st Branch |
| ■ Chris Hodgkinson | 1997/98 | U14 (M) | 1st Branch, 2nd State |
| | 1999/00 | U16 (M) | 1st Branch, 1st State |
| ■ Joshua Mabin | 1998/99 | U16 (M) | 1st Branch, 6th State |
| | 1999/00 | U18 (M) | 2nd Branch, 6th State |
| ■ Jenaya Bodger | 1999/00 | U14 (F) | 2nd Branch, 2nd State |

The 1993/94 season saw the U14 Champion Lifesaver Event included at a State Level. At the Australian Championships, the Open Male Champion Lifesaver became an inaugural event in the 1997/98 season with the Female Champion Lifesaver becoming an inaugural event at both the State Surf Rescue Championships and the Australian Championships in 1999/2000. Prior to this season, women competed against men. Sharon Brennan first hit the podium at the Australians in the inaugural year placing 2nd by one point. Sharon maintained her 2nd position



at a National level for 3 consecutive years before retiring to a coaching then officiating role respectively within the event.

The strength and support for the Champion Lifesaver Events from all States saw the inclusion of all other age groups from U15s to Open at the Australian Championships in the 2004/05 season.

The new millennium saw the Club continue its winning form seeing many great results from some fresh new faces in the Senior Club. Many of the members who showed keenness in the Champion Lifesaver Event had progressed through Nippers into the Senior Club:

■ Matt Potent	2000/01	U14 (M)	1st Branch
■ Karina Meldrum	2000/01	U14 (F)	1st Branch
■ Joshua Mabin	2000/01	U19 (M)	2nd Branch, 5th State
■ Jenaya Bodger	2000/01	U16 (F)	1st Branch, 4th State
	2002/03	U19 (F)	2nd Branch, 2nd State
	2003/04	Open (F)	2nd Branch, 1st State, 1st Aussies
■ Chris Hodgkinson	2000/01	U19 (M)	1st Branch, 3rd State
	2001/02	U19 (M)	1st Branch, 1st State
■ Sharon Brennan	2000/01	Open (F)	2nd Branch, 1st State, 2nd Aussies
	2001/02	Open (F)	2nd Branch, 1st State, 2nd Aussies
■ Jason Nankervis	2001/02	U14 (M)	1st Branch
	2002/03	U16 (M)	1st Branch
■ Alanna Bodger	2001/02	U14 (F)	1st Branch
	2003/04	U16 (F)	1st Branch
■ Leonie Keen	2001/02	U14 (F)	2nd Branch, 1st State
	2002/03	U16 (F)	1st Branch, 1st State
■ Candice Young	2001/02	U19 (F)	1st Branch
■ Melanie Anderson	2002/03	U14 (F)	1st Branch

In the 2003/04 season, Jenaya Bodger won the Australian Gold Medal in the Open Female Champion Lifesaver Event held at Kurrumba Beach. Jenaya's win was a proud moment not only for her but for the Club as it was the first time ever an Australian Gold had been won in this event by a Point Lookout member.

The South Coast Branch has also been a strong advocate for Lifesaving Events showing its commitment by conducting events for U12 – U14s in Champion Lifesaver, Patrol Competition and First Aid since the 2002/03 season. The Point Lookout Junior Activities members have achieved many great results in these events showing the Club's depth and commitment to Surf Rescue Events.

The Club applauds the senior members who have given this unique multi-discipline event a go including Simon Johnstone, Belinda Underwood, Fiona Pyke, Laura Newton, Keith Potent, Rob Gil, Cassie Hoare, Tim Park, Adele Crow, Daniel Finter, Joel Burge, Daniel Mabin, Kurt Weinert, Beau Jackson, Jemima Eveans, Madeline Hanley and Stacey Todd to name a few.

Acknowledgement and gratitude is extended to the Senior members of the Patrol Competition Teams who dedicated many hours of coaching and training to the younger members of the Club who have shown an interest in the Champion Lifesaver events which have proven to be very successful.



Jenaya Bodger - Australian Gold Medallist 2003/04
Queensland Gold Medallist 2003/04



Patrol Competition History

"Probably the most significant competition introduced by the Association during its long history, is the Patrol Competition. It is significant because of the direct interface with our primary role of patrol and rescue work" said Ron Rankin – President Surf Life Saving Queensland (1990).

The aim of the Patrol Competition Event is to demonstrate how lifesavers work as a team in performing some or all of the skills associated with surf rescue patrol work. This team event consists of 6 active members from the same Club in the Open Events and 4 active members in the younger age groups.

The event involves a number of physical skills, practical and theory tasks involving racing, rescue and first aid situations.

With the event divided into four sections, competitors are required to perform a surf race (formerly a run, swim, run) and a board/tube rescue relay race. All competitors sit for a theory paper and several members of the team are required to demonstrate their resuscitation through to an advanced level whilst being assessed.

One of the biggest components of the event is the lifesaving scenario or task. Each team is given the same task involving rescues, first aid and other situations that confront patrols. The teams are assessed on the following:

- Patrol Captain's effective use of the patrol to carry out the task
- The initiative of the Patrol Captain
- Effecting the rescues
- Effective utilisation of patrol equipment
- Effective use of communications and signals
- Correct assessment and treatment of patients
- Use of log books

Whilst teams are waiting to perform their scenario and/or resuscitation, competitors are isolated prior to marshalling for the event.

The inception of the Patrol Competition at a State Level in Queensland was in the 1984/85 season and the Open Patrol Championship was introduced into the Australian Championships Program in the 1986/1987 season. The Under 17s event was introduced in the 2004/05 season.

Over the years there have been a few changes to the event with some aspects no longer included. Areas that have since been deleted or changed are:

- Awards Assessment – Teams gained points for the number of awards that the combined team members had between them.
- Teams were also eligible to select their team members to perform the Resuscitation and Board/Tube Relay Event. Today all areas are drawn so each and every team member must be fully versed on all disciplines and skills.
- The Junior Patrol Competition when first introduced was a 3 person team and now consists of a 4 person team.
- All competitors in the Open, U19 and U17 Patrol Competition must hold an ARC qualification.

Point Lookout SLSC has had a long involvement with this event showing strong commitment to training which has resulted in some outstanding achievements at all levels.

**Australian Championship Results include:**

1993/94	Swansea Belmont 4th Matthew Stevenson, Sharon Wright (Brennan), Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Troy Wright
1995/96	Kurrawa Beach 3rd Matthew Stevenson, Sharon Wright, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Troy Wright
1996/97	Kurrawa Beach 3rd Matthew Stevenson, Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Troy Wright
1997/98	Kurrawa Beach 3rd Matthew Stevenson, Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Michael Latham
1998/99	Kurrawa Beach 5th Matthew Stevenson, Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Simon Johnstone
1999/00	Kurrawa Beach 3rd Sharon Brennan, Daniel Mabin, Josh Mabin, Simon Johnstone, Kurt Weinert
2001/02	Kurrawa Beach 3rd Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray, Joshua Mabin, Joshua Potent, Chris Hodgkinson
2002/03	Kurrawa Beach 2nd Joshua Potent, Joshua Mabin, Jenaya Bodger, Keith Potent, Scott Stephenson
2003/04	Kurrawa Beach 2nd Joshua Mabin, Joshua Potent, Keith Potent, Jenaya Bodger, Gavin Black, Chris Hodgkinson
2004/05	Kurrawa Beach 2nd Joshua Potent, Keith Potent, Jenaya Bodger, Chris Hodgkinson, Matthew Potent, Jared Hargreaves

The Patrol Competition is an event in which the Club has become very strong in since the late 1980s and it prides itself on its achievements and in building on the experience of its competitors.

The event is often regarded as one of the most important events in Surf Life Saving. It is the core of what Surf Lifesaving is all about.

The Open Patrol Competition has been a strongly supported event by Point Lookout members for many years. At an Australian Championships level the Club hit the scene as Australian Medallists in 1995/96 seeing a run of consecutive placings at this level for a number of years. Team members including Matthew Stevenson, Sharon Wright (Brennan), Troy Wright, Chad Murray, and Daniel Mabin were instrumental in keeping the momentum going during the 90s and their training and dedication paid off. During the 1996 National Championships, the Patrol Competition was conducted in cyclonic conditions, so severe that a young lifesaver lost his life in a Surf Boat Event. Despite the danger the competition proceeded, demonstrating the dedication and courage that lifesavers bring to what is so much more than a sport.



1997/1998 again saw the Patrol Competition team place 3rd narrowly missing 2nd place. Michael Latham was recruited into the team in the absence of Troy Wright bringing new talent and enthusiasm. Simon Johnstone, Kurt Weinert and Joshua Mabin also debuted in the team during the next two seasons successfully gaining 3rd, with Simon and Kurt achieving their first ever Surf Life Saving Australian Medal.

After a long period of core members mentioned above participating in this event, the time came when a new cohort of competitors took over the event showing great keenness to keep the traditions and success of the Club in this event alive. The new era of members gaining great success included: Joshua Mabin, Joshua Potent, Chris Hodgkinson, Keith Potent, Matthew Potent, Jenaya Bodger, Scott Stephenson, Gavin Black, and Jared Hargreaves.

Results at a State Level in the Patrol Championships since its inception have included:

1984/85	2nd	Point Lookout was chosen to represent South Coast Branch (SCB) in the State Inter-Branch Patrol Competition. The team consisted of 4 members - Jeff Daley, Julie Keen, Peter Glancy and Greg Batchelor. Julie recalls that the Club was chosen based on the results of the Branch Patrol Inspection Competition in which Point Lookout had won.
1985/86	4th	Point Lookout was again chosen to represent the SCB in the Inter-Branch Patrol Competition held in Mackay. The team consisted of Jeff Daley, Andy Watts, Peter Glancy, Julie Keen, George Hill and Greg Batchelor.
1986/87	2nd	Point Lookout won the inaugural Branch Open Patrol Competition and placed second to Alexandra Headlands at the State Patrol Competition. There was an element of joy as this placing forced current Australian Champions Currumbin into third place. The team members consisted of George Hill, Greg Keen, Julie Keen, Jeff Daley, Greg Batchelor and Mal Aitken. For a Club that prides itself on putting lifesaving first, this was a "real thrill" claimed Greg Batchelor.
1989/90		The Club hosted the State Patrol Competition at Point Lookout
1992/93	1st	Inaugural U15 Junior Patrol Competition Team Event introduced at State. Team of Russell Farr, Troy Wright and Skye Oliphant won both the Branch and State Championships.
1993/94	2nd	U16 Patrol Competition – Troy Wright, Skye Oliphant, Lesley Buckley
	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team 1 – Matt Stevenson, Simon Johnstone, Chad Murray, Sharon Wright, Matthew Robinson
1994/95	3rd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Matt Stevenson, Sharon Wright, Simon Johnstone, Gavin Black, Chad Murray
1995/96	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team - Matt Stevenson, Sharon Wright, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Troy Wright
	1st	U16 Patrol Competition Team – Laura Newton, Naomi Eaborn, Grant Owen, Rebecca McMahon
1996/97	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Matt Stevenson, Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray, Troy Wright, Daniel Mabin



1997/98	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Matt Stevenson, Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Michael Latham
	2nd	U16 Patrol Competition Team – Keith Potent, Josh Potent, Josh Mabin
1998/99	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Matt Stevenson, Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Simon Johnstone
	5th	U16 Patrol Competition Team – Josh Potent, Josh Mabin, Chris Hodgkinson, Michael Finter
1999/00	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Daniel Mabin, Sharon Brennan, Josh Mabin, Kurt Weinert, Tyron Kurth
2000/01	4th	U16 Patrol Competition Team – Joel Burge, Beau Jackson, Jenaya Bodger, Aaron Cole
2001/02	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray, Chris Hodgkinson, Josh Mabin, Josh Potent
	2nd	U16 Patrol Competition Team – Joel Burge, Jenaya Bodger, Leonie Keen, Alanna Bodger
2002/03	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Josh Potent, Keith Potent, Josh Mabin, Scott Stephenson, Jenaya Bodger
	1st	U16 Patrol Competition Team – Matt Potent, Alanna Bodger, Leonie Keen, Jason Nankervis
2003/04	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Josh Potent, Keith Potent, Josh Mabin, Jenaya Bodger, Chris Hodgkinson, Gavin Black
	1st	U19 Patrol Competition Team – Luke Campbell, Matt Potent, Jason Nankervis, Karina Meldrum
2004/05	2nd	Open Patrol Competition Team – Josh Potent, Keith Potent, Matt Potent, Jenaya Bodger, Jared Hargreaves, Chris Hodgkinson
2007/08	2nd	U19 Patrol Competition Team – Kelvina Campbell, Matthew Gage, Troy Somerville, William Hagan

With a qualifying system in place for teams to progress from Branch level through to State and Australian Championships, it was imperative that the competitors performed their best at all levels. Traditionally the Club fielded a number of teams at Branch level as a developmental strategy to provide the members with some experience in the event. The training also aided members in becoming better surf lifesavers as they were regularly doing resuscitation and theory training alongside fitness and scenario based training on the beach.

Since 2004 the Club has not fielded teams in as many categories as it has done in the past. However it is hoped that future seasons will again see an energetic bunch of competitors step up to the mark demonstrating the commitment shown by former competitors and achieving good results at all levels.



Patrol Competition in action during scenario (98/99)

Australian Championship - 3rd place, 1999/00



U19 Patrol Competition Team at Branch Championships (Point Lookout)



Australian Championship - 2nd place, 2003/04



Australian Championships - 3rd place, 2001/02



Australian Championship - 2nd place, 2004/05

State Surf Rescue Championship Club Team



3rd - Patrol Competition Team 1995/96. First Australian Medal for the club in this event

Australian Championship Team - 3rd place, 96/97



Competitors perform well at the South Coast Branch Surf Rescue Championships held at the Point



Point Lookout Patrol Competition Team - State Titles 1987, 2nd



Competitors prepare for the water work



First Aid Competition History

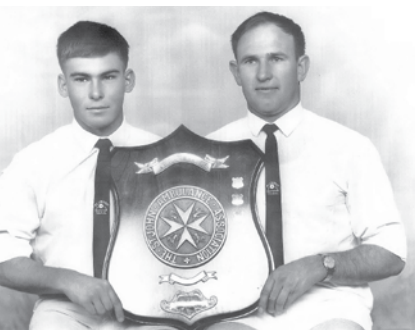
The S.W. Winders Memorial Trophy Shield was instigated in 1965 to perpetuate the memory of Bill Winders who had contributed much to the work of both the Queensland State Centre of SLSA and the St John's Ambulance Association.

The Open Queensland First Aid Competition was run from this date at the Queensland Surf Life Saving Championships by St John's Ambulance officials in conjunction with State Centre officials.

The inaugural competition was held on Anzac Day 1965 at Caloundra and was won by Point Lookout. The team was Brian Goodger and Terry Daley.

The First Aid Competition is a team event designed to promote and to demonstrate a high standard of First Aid prowess by Association members. The event involves a simulated accident scenario whereby the two team members are judged on their assessments, diagnosis and treatment of the patients within a set time.

Every effort is made to achieve realism with the scenario and in the presentation of casualties and to also give the competitors the right atmosphere by using casualty make-up, acting and staging. Injuries in the main are similar to those that a Club First Aid member may be called upon to treat.



Mark Bishop & Jim Comerford
1966-67 State Titles
S.W. Winders Shield

Over the years scenarios have included:

- Spearing with a beach umbrella
- Surf Boat overturning
- Heart attack on the beach
- Falls down rock walls or over fences
- Helicopter and vehicle crashes

The following is a list of Point Lookout successes in Queensland competitions (first place) and later the medallists at National level when the event was introduced into the Australian Championships.

Queensland Championships – Gold Medallists:

1965	Brian Goodger / Terry Daley
1967	Jim Comerford / Mark Bishop
1970	Mark Bishop / David Adamson
1971	Mark Bishop / Neil Ames
1972	Jim Comerford / Wayne Bishop
1973	Jim Comerford / David Adamson
1979	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley
1982	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley
1983	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley
1984	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley
1985	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley
1988	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley
1989	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley
1991	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley
1992	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley



Ian Ames & Jeff Daley in action



Queensland Championships – Silver Medallists:

- 1997 Claire Paskin / Aaron Thompson
1998 Claire Paskin / Aaron Thompson

Ian Ames and Jeff Daley also had several placings at a State level over the years.

First Aid Competition for the Active Junior Age Group was introduced in 1988 at the State Championships and this was known as the Drury Clarke shield after Dr. Drury Clarke.

Point Lookout's achievements in this age group included:

- 1988 2nd Rhonda Bostock / Matthew Robinson
1989 2nd Rhonda Bostock / Matthew Robinson

From the early 90s there were several changes to the competition age categories.

Under 18 Results included:

- 1993 2nd Claire Paskin / Brenton Kite
1994 1st Claire Paskin / Brenton Kite
1994 2nd Aaron Thompson / Kerry Dodd
1995 1st Claire Paskin / Aaron Thompson
1996 1st Kerry Dodd / Adrian L'Barrow
1997 1st Adrian L'Barrow / Leisa McMahon
1998 3rd Scott Stephenson / Laura Newton
2000 3rd Josh Potent / Josh Mabin

Other State First Aid Categories (by the year):

- 2000 U/16 2nd Tyron Kurth / Adele Crow
2001 U/19 3rd Tyron Kurth / Adele Crow
2002 U/16 2nd Beau Jackson / Cassie Burge
2002 U/19 3rd Tyron Kurth / Adele Crow
2004 U/12 1st Loring Gregory / Amelia Stewart
2004 U/12 2nd William Hagan / Lucas Clark
2004 U/13 1st Kelvina Campbell / Troy Somerville
2004 U/14 1st Anne Marie Westby / Sarah Pangrazio
2004 U/14 3rd Danielle Walsh / Hayley Keen
2004 U/16 2nd Aaron Sully / Ben Pangrazio
2004 U/19 3rd Luke Campbell / Candice Young
2005 U/15 2nd Anne Marie Westby / Sarah Pengrazio
2006 U/15 1st Kelvina Campbell / Sarah Summat
2006 U/19 2nd Anne Marie Westby/ Sarah Pengrazio
2007 U/17 2nd Kelvina Campbell / Sarah Summat
2008 U15 3rd Mikaela Foot / Sian Middleton
2008 U17 3rd Amelia Stewart / Loring Gregory
2008 U19 3rd Amelia Stewart / Loring Gregory
2008 Open 3rd Chris Hodgkinson / Kelvina Campbell



Claire Paskin & Brenton Kite
2nd U18 First Aid
Australian Titles 1994



Kelvina Campbell & Sarah Sammut
2nd U17 First Aid
Australian Titles 2007



Adrian L'Barrow & Leisa McMahon
Australian Gold Medallist
U18 First Aid 1997

Australian Open First Aid Competition was introduced in 1982 with Point Lookout's Achievements listed below:

1982	2nd	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley	Moanna Beach, S.A.
1983	3rd	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley	Clifton Beach, Tas.
1984	3rd	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley	Kurrawa Beach, Qld.
1988	3rd	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley	Kurrawa Beach, Qld.
1989	2nd	Ian Ames / Jeff Daley	Burleigh Heads, Qld.
1992	2nd	Jeff Daley / Matt Stevenson	Narrabeen, NSW

Australian Under 18 Competition Results:

1994	2nd	Claire Paskin / Brenton Kite	Swansea, NSW
1995	2nd	Claire Paskin / Aaron Thompson	
1997	1st	Leisa McMahon / Adrian L'Barrow	

Australian Under 17 and Under 19 Competition Results:

2006	U/19	1st	Anne Marie Westby / Sarah Pangrazio
2007	U/17	2nd	Sarah Summat / Kelvina Campbell

Australian Under 15 Competition Results:

2005	3rd	Anne Marie Westby / Sarah Pangrazio	
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Anne Marie Westby & Sarah Pangrazio
3rd Australian Championships
U15 First Aid 2005



I. Ames and J. Daley (left) presented with S.W. Winders Shield by St John's Paul Myers (Right) T. Daley (first winner) and D. Boulton (State Centre)



Anne Marie Westby & Sarah Pangrazio
Australian Gold Medallists
U19 First Aid 2006



First Aid Competitors Richard Black & Matthew Stevenson



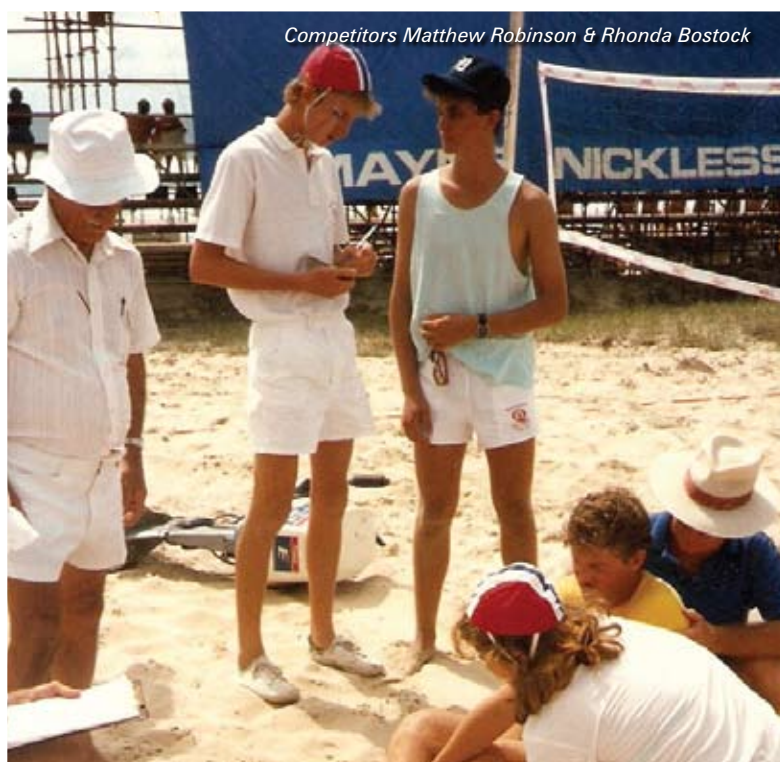
Ian Ames & Jeff Daley win 9 State First Aid Championships



Ian Ames & Jeff Daley in action



Competitors from the late 80's / early 90's
Back: M. Robinson, R. Black, M. Stevenson
Front: J. Daley, R. Bostock, I. Ames



Competitors Matthew Robinson & Rhonda Bostock



IRB Competition Racing

The first carnival attended by the Point Lookout IRB Racing Team was the 1985/86 Branch Titles at Northcliffe. A small team of 8 members competed, and the team progressed to State Titles that year at Bundaberg, where they placed an impressive 4th overall out of 22 Clubs.

The following season, the team had grown slightly to 10 members, and were placed 5th overall at the State Titles held at Sunshine Beach. In 1987/88, the Club hosted its first Branch IRB Titles. This was also the first year that Point Lookout was represented at the Australian IRB Titles, held at Maroubra. The small team of 8 were all out of the competition by mid Saturday afternoon, missed the March Past event, and went to the footy semis instead.

In 1988/89, the first Point Lookout IRB Classic was held, with 13 Queensland Clubs attending, and one from New Zealand. The surf was huge, and the carnival was moved to Home Beach, where the surf was 3 to 4 metres. Three people were taken to hospital by helicopter! Point Lookout team members (Darren Woodward, Greg Keen and Peter McGarry) made their first Australian final (held at Newcastle Beach, moved to Nobbies Beach), coming 6th in the Assembly Race.

With the Point Lookout IRB Classic growing in popularity, the Point Lookout team won the overall point score for the first time in 1991/92 (winning a new motor), and also went on to win the overall Branch Titles Point Score and the overall Point Score at the North Burleigh Carnival (winning another new motor!). This was the first season for Under 21 competition.

At the State Titles held at Currumbin, the team came 2nd overall on the point score.

Following the State Titles in 1991/92, several Clubs' motors were sent to a TAFE College for tests, and Point Lookout's motor (which had never been pulled apart) was scrutineered and the Club was disqualified. The Club disputed this decision and set upon a course of action to reinstate the team to compete at the Australian IRB Championships and to clear team mechanic Joe Cotterill's name. This was eventually successful.

At the Australian Titles of 1991/92, held at Mooloolaba, the team won our first Australian medal, placing 3rd in the Mass Rescue Race. The tube team of Greg Keen, Chad Murray and Sharon Wright won their final by a country mile but were disqualified 15 minutes later.

In the 1993/94 season, the Racing Team placed 2nd overall in the point score at the State Titles, and 3rd overall at the Australian Titles held at Freshwater. The team won the Rescue Race, and were 2nd in the Tube Race, capping off an incredibly successful season!

The success continued in the 1994/95 season, with the Racing Team winning the Branch Titles point score, placing 2nd in the State Titles point score and 2nd overall at the Australian Titles in Thirroul. The team won the Tube Race and were 2nd in the Rescue Race.

In the 1995/96 season, the Racing Team was placed 2nd overall at the State Titles, and 2nd overall at the Australian Titles held at Torquay, with a 2nd in the Rescue Race and a 3rd in the Teams Race.

In 1996/97, women had their first taste of racing, with Point Lookout having two teams, which placed 2nd and 3rd at the State Titles.



But, by far, the most successful year for IRB Racing was 1996/97. The team placed 2nd overall at the State Titles, and made the long trek to Perth for the Australian IRB Championships. Winning the Tube Race and coming 3rd in the Rescue Race, the team claimed the overall point score. What a weekend for Point Lookout! 45 people travelled to Perth with 30 of them travelling on to celebrate in Bali.

In 1997/98, a contingency of Point Lookout members travelled to Auckland (New Zealand) to compete in the World Titles, and the team of Greg Keen, Chad Murray and Sharon Brennan placed 2nd in the Tube Race. Two years later, a contingent travelled to Manly (NSW) to again contest the World Titles, and the team of Natasha Dennis, Sharon Brennan and Chad Murray placed 2nd in the Tube Race.

In order to maintain existing racing equipment to remain competitive, the Racing Team became heavily involved in fundraising activities, including the assembly of wheelbarrows at Bunnings (what fun!!), garage sales, raffles, water safety at triathlons and Brisbane River festivals.

After the retirement of stalwart legend racer Greg Keen, the Racing Team was captained by Daniel Mabin, and the Club set off to Perth again in 2001, this time competing at Scarborough, where the women crews succeeded in making all of their finals, and bringing home 2 medals.

This is where racing ended temporarily until 2003, whilst a suspension was in place pending a review of injuries, rules, equipment, and procedures. The outcome of the review resulted in the introduction of sealed motors as one of the major changes of the new racing regime.

Since the reintroduction of racing, the Racing Team has been coached by Gavin Black, and were the inaugural winners of the point score championship in 2002/03, and 2003/04. The women's crew of Natasha Dennis and Jenaya Bodger was selected to represent Point Lookout and Queensland in the new Warriors on Water series but unfortunately the first event did not get off the ground!

At the reintroduction of the Australian IRB Championships in 2005, held at Tallebudgera, the Racing Team showed its strength by picking up a Gold and two Silver medals for the women's crews, and a 4th placing by Brad Truman and Scott Stephenson in the Open Men's Rescue Race, which resulted in the team being placed 3rd overall by just one point.

The 2005/06 racing season saw a contingent head to NSW to compete in the Warriors on Water series, and also saw the team don new wetsuits which had enormous effect on morale and success.

The team also travelled to South West Rocks for the Australian IRB Titles, which again saw success by the two women crews, picking up 4 lots of medals in total, and again placed the team 3rd overall. This season also saw the retirement of female racer Natasha Dennis, and Team Manager Karen Bodger.

IRB Racing continues to be a strong competitive arena for Point Lookout, and has enabled its drivers to hone their rescue and reactive skills where it matters the most – saving lives on North Stradbroke Island. The IRB Team drivers and crews are renowned for capably handling big surf conditions, something they train in nearly every weekend on their home turf.

**Australian Titles Medallists include:**

1991/92	3rd	Open Male Mass Rescue	Greg Keen, Julie Wright, Sam Johnstone, Grant Millard
1993/94	1st	Open Male Rescue Race	Greg Keen, Sam Johnstone
	2nd	Open Male Tube Race	Greg Keen, Chad Murray, Julie Wright
1994/95	1st	Open Male Tube Race	Greg Keen, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin
	2nd	Open Male Rescue Race	Greg Keen, Sam Johnstone
1995/96	2nd	Open Male Rescue Race	Greg Keen, Sam Johnstone
	3rd	Open Male Teams Race	Grant Millard, Ben Wyeth, Tony Dodd, Michael Latham, Matt Fisher
1996/97	1st	Open Male Tube Race	Greg Keen, Chad Murray, Naomi Eaborn
	3rd	Open Male Rescue Race	Ben Wyeth, Tony Dodd, Clinton Green
1997/98	3rd	Open Male Rescue Race	Peter McGarry, Michael Latham, Keith Potent
1999/00	3rd	Open Male Tube Race	Greg Keen, Chad Murray, Sharon Brennan
	2nd	Open Male Assembly Rescue Race	Peter McGarry, Chad Murray, Sam Johnstone
2000/01	1st	Open Female Tube Race	Natasha Dennis, Sharon Brennan, Chad Murray
	3rd	Open Female Rescue Race	Natasha Dennis, Emma Lowry, Tracey Allen
2004/05	1st	Open Female Teams Race	Natasha Dennis, Jenaya Bodger, Kelly Rogers, Adele Crow, Matt Gilpin, Jason Nankervis
	2nd	Open Female Tube Race	Natasha Dennis, Jenaya Bodger, Josh Potent
	2nd	Open Female Rescue Race	Kelly Rogers, Adele Crow, Jason Nankervis
2005/06	2nd	Open Female Teams Race	Natasha Dennis, Jenaya Bodger, Kelly Rogers, Adele Crow, Christopher Hodgkinson, Madeline Weightman
	2nd	Open Female Tube Race	Natasha Dennis, Jenaya Bodger, Christopher Hodgkinson
	3rd	Open Female Tube Race	Kelly Rogers, Adele Crow, Josh Potent
	3rd	Open Female Mass Rescue	Kelly Rogers, Adele Crow, Christopher Hodgkinson, Jason Nankervis
2006/07	3rd	Open Male Mass Rescue	Jason Nankervis, Matt Gilpin, Alanna Bodger, Jasmine Box



2nd Open Male Tube Race

Jason Nankervis, Josh Potent, Troy Somerville

Australian IRB Championships Point Score

1993/94	3rd	Freshwater
1994/95	2nd	Thirroul
1995/96	2nd	Torquay
1996/97	FIRST	Trigg Island, WA
1997/98	7th	Avalon Beach, NSW
1998/99	6th	Glenelg Beach, SA
1999/00	5th	Kawana, QLD
2000/01	4th	Scarborough, WA

At the completion of the Australian Titles in Trigg Island, WA in 2001, IRB Racing was temporarily suspended to implement new rules and procedures. Upon its return in 2003, racing was limited to state-based competitions until 2005, where racing at an Australian level returned.

Team Results from State-Based Competitions:

2002 – Overall Point Score winners
 2003 – Overall Point Score winners
 2004 – 2nd on the Overall Point Score

Team Results from Australian Titles:

2005 – Tallebudgera, QLD 3rd
 2006 – South West Rocks, NSW 3rd
 2007 – South West Rocks, NSW 9th



1986 State IRB Championships
 L-R: S. White, J. Valentino, S. Ford, G. Keen, G. Hill (front)



Australian IRB Championships Point Score Point Lookout SLSC 1st 1996/97

2nd Open Mens Tube
Race World Titles -
New Zealand 97/98
L-R: G. Keen, S. Brennan,
C. Murray



Aussie Gold - Womens IRB Tube Rescue 00/01
Driver: N. Dennis. Crew: S. Brennan. Patient: C. Murray



Aussie Gold - IRB Rescue Tube Race 94/95
L-R: C. Murray, G. Keen, D. Mabin



Greg Keen - 8 times
Australian Medallists



1st IRB Rescue Race 93/94
G. Keen, Sam Johnstone

World Titles (2000) Women's IRB Rescue Tube Race
L-R: N. Dennis, C. Murray, S. Brennan



Aussie Gold - Women's IRB Teams Rescue Race 04/05
L-R: N. Dennis, M. Gilpin, J. Nankervis, K. Rogers, A. Crow, J. Bodger



Aussie Gold - IRB Rescue Tube Race 96/97
L-R: G. Keen, N. Eaborn, C. Murray



Surf Boat Racing History

There is no better sight in Surf Lifesaving than a surf boat gliding down the face of a large wave out the back, the four rowers have trailed oars and moved up the back, and the sweep masterfully guiding the craft in a straight line 300 metres into the beach. It doesn't always happen that way – but it is a great sight and an even greater feeling for the crew who have experienced the thrill.

Point Lookout SLSC received its first surf boat in 1963 – a second-hand timber boat from Rainbow Bay Surf Life Saving Club. This was allocated by South Coast Branch and was predominantly intended for use as a surf rescue craft.

The next season, in 1964, the Club won a B.P. sponsored brand new timber boat – the B.P. Vision. South Coast Branch decided that Point Lookout and Nobby's Beach would contest a 2 way carnival – the winner receiving the boat. This was the first season a Senior crew trained and competed in surf boat competition. The first crew included Ray Carruthers, Brian Goodger, Ross Bishop, Eddie Hutchinson, Graeme Snell (Sweep) and coached by Jimmy Campbell – a Life Member from Burleigh Heads Surf Life Saving Club.

During the history of Surf Boats at Point Lookout, there have been four distinct boating dynasties:

1. 1964 – 1969 Boat Captain Graeme Snell
2. 1973 – 1978 Boat Captain Wayne Cole
3. 1990 – 1992 Boat Captain Roy Store
4. 1996 – 2004 Boat Captain Rod Truman

During these distinct eras, new boats were acquired for competition and second-hand boats for training, often with several crews in action. Non competitive members were encouraged to have a row and enjoy the thrill of being wiped out at the "Point" or if they were lucky, crack a wave into the beach. Reef fishing off "The Group" was also one of the favourite pastimes, along with broaching the boat amongst the board riders off Main Beach.

Other Club Surf Boat Captains along the way were George Patterson (first Boat Captain), Trevor Walsh, Greg Litherland, Jeff Paskin, Scott Warton, John Gardiner, Jeff Daley, Bruce Aitken, Tony Daley, Jeff and Adrian L'Barrow and Terry Bozoky.

Highlights of these Boating Eras:

1964 – 1969

The first boat crew has been previously mentioned. They competed in 4 races and reached the semi finals at the State Titles. In 1964, Ray Carruthers was injured in a cliff fall in North Gorge and was replaced in the crew by Neil Cairns. Whilst laying the buoys for the Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnival at the Point in 1965, the boat went down the mine and Eddie Hutchinson was taken to Brisbane with an injured back. His place in the crew was taken by John Hutchinson. This crew went on to win the Branch Marathon Boat Race from Burleigh Heads to Surfers Paradise.

The next season saw some of this crew "go to sea" literally, in the Merchant Navy and the new crew included Brian Goodger, Jim Healy, Frank Moeller, Ron Webb and Greg Litherland.



A second in the Branch Marathon Boat Race followed and a second-hand boat from Bribie Island – the "Gerald Gooch" was acquired. Other boaties towards the end of the 60s included Barry Reding, Tony Jennings and Jeff Paskin. Several marathon rowing trips from Cleveland to the Point were made via South Passage Bar near Amity Point. Two backward flip "wipeouts" in the 64/65 season tested the courage of current and potential boaties. This period saw the introduction of surf boats to the Point.

1973 – 1978

When Col Turner became President in the early 70s there was neither a decent surf boat nor a crew in training. He believed a new surf boat would revive both team and Club spirit and set about enlisting many Point Lookout locals as "Vice Presidents," with a purpose of raising funds and being involved with the Club. With sufficient funds raised, a new Claude Boyd built timber boat was purchased and named *Valkyrie 2* in dedication to the efforts of one of the key "local" fundraisers – Ken Cashin. Wayne Cole was the proud Boat Captain and the Club entered a new era of Surf Boat Competition. The senior crew including Leigh Andrews, Ray Wilson, Scott Warton and Wayne Cole came 4th in the Branch Titles.

The next season saw a Junior team including John Gardiner, John Kircher, David Kircher, Phil Klemm and Ken Burge, swept by Wayne Cole, place second in the Branch Titles. In the 1977 Branch Titles, the Senior crew came 5th and in the same year the Club acquired a unique surf boat from the North Queensland Ellis Beach Surf Life Saving Club. It was a seven-year old left-handed aluminium surf boat which provided far less maintenance problems than the timber boats. This craft is still at the Point to this day. In 1978, Point Lookout had three crews – Senior, Reserve and Juniors competing in several carnivals. This "aluminium" boat has seen many years of competition, training and social boat trips and was even used as a giant esky full of "VB" in the carpark of the Point Lookout Hotel at one of the Stradbroke Fishing Classic events.

1979 – 1980

Whilst not an actual "surf boat dynasty," in this season, under the guidance of coach Sid Rogers, and sweep Wayne Cole, the club entered three crews in the Australian Titles. The Junior crew placed 3rd at the State Titles with Ross Nunn, Jeff Daley, Paul Dean, Mal Aitken and Wayne Cole as sweep. In the aluminium boat and a borrowed boat from Miami Surf Life Saving Club, members participated in one of the busiest surf boat seasons for years. One interesting event occurred during a training session at Cylinder Beach when the boat crew made the mistake of coming in through the flags near swimmers. The boat was subsequently "confiscated" by the Patrol Captain – much to the displeasure of the Surf Boat Coach.

1990 – 1992

From a talk in the Club bar at the end of the previous season involving Roy Store, Jeff Daley, Graham Dodd and Michael Stone, about resurrecting the Club's boating department, to the achievements of the 90/91 season is an amazing story. Boat Captain Roy Store drove the Club "boating revival vehicle" in the off season with recruitment, fundraising and sponsorship.

The end result – a brand new fiberglass composite tank boat (modern era construction that replaced timber boats), a second hand training boat, oars, sweeps and trailers along with two experienced Burleigh Heads boaties in John Clark and Gary Clayphan, and a Junior crew coming 2nd in Branch Titles, semi finals of State Titles and quarter finals of the Perth Australian Titles. The new "Straddie Hotel Motel" boat with its distinct "shark jaws" bow was uniquely Point Lookout.



This Junior crew comprised Scott Holleran, Jeff L'Barrow, Matthew Hayes, Damian Clayphan and swept by Gary Clayphan. A second crew also competed throughout the season – John Clark, Graham Dodd, Roy Store and Jeff Paskin.

1996 – 2004

Rod Truman resurrected the "shipping department" in 1996 with an emphasis on getting members to have a go at rowing. Within two seasons, the first Point Lookout crew in seven years had competed at Branch, State and Australian Titles. Two Masters crews were training and a near new second hand composite fiberglass tank boat was purchased. Self funded with sponsorship and fundraising activities, a second boat was later purchased and modified. In 1999, the Masters crew of Rod Truman, Peter Owen, Bruce Beveridge and Ashley Stone with Jeff Daley sweeping won the Branch Title.

The next season saw six crews rowing including the first Point Lookout Female Crew of Jenny Dunn, Ingrid Potent, Sharon Lovitt and Laura Newton with Rod Truman sweeping. This team came 5th in the Branch Titles and the semi finals of the State Titles. The Masters crew mentioned previously came 2nd in the Branch Titles and competed in 8 carnivals throughout the season.

In 2001, five crews were training with Jeff Daley's Masters making it into the quarter finals of the Australian Titles. In 2002, the Masters crew swept by Michael Stone gained a 3rd place in the Branch Titles. An Under 19 crew comprising Kiel Weinert, Joel Burge, Dale Kimlin and Rhys Pascoe formed and competed for two years. The next season saw a modified version Masters team of Ashley Stone, Phil Weightman, Bruce Beveridge and Mike Stone with Rod Truman sweeping, compete in the Branch and State Titles.

In more recent seasons, Terry Bozoky has been in charge of the Club's "shipping department" with the emphasis being on participation. Most Saturdays the members are encouraged to go for a row off Cylinder Beach and to blow the cobwebs out of the boat and themselves. The Club currently owns three surf boats – the indestructible aluminium left hander, and two fibreglass composite tank boats.

Surf boats are a proud tradition within the Surf Lifesaving movement. Who will lead and be involved in the Club's next "Surf Boat Dynasty"?



First New Surf Boat - B.P Vision 1964



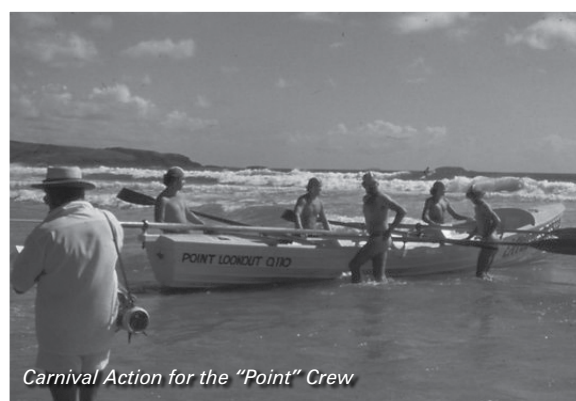
B.P Vision Main Beach 1969



Junior Boat Crew 1991 Australian Titles Perth



Junior Boat Crew and Straddie Hotel Boat 1991



Carnival Action for the "Point" Crew



Aluminium Datsun Surf Boat 1978



B.P Vision in the mid 60s



Off to a Carnival - Mid 60s



Jeff Daley (front) and Boaties - late 90s



Sid Rogers (coach) and Boaties 1979



Senior Boat Crew - approx 1965



Wayne Cole Sweeping Junior Boat Crew 1974



Wayne Cole's Junior Boat Crew - late 70s



Valkyrie 2 in Action



Chapter Nine

Point Lookout SLSC “Old Boys”

The idea to form an Old Boys Association was hatched at the Annual Dinner at the Mansfield Hotel in 1975 and a meeting was arranged for that September at the Surf Club. Dave Powell was elected President and John Bristow, although absent, was elected Secretary. The meeting was well attended, however, no one could be found to take on the job as Treasurer. Jeff Paskin was elected in April the following year.

The Presidents over the years have included Alan Smith, Terry Daley, Kim Turner, John Bristow and John Clark. With the sudden death of “Clarkie” in April, 2008 - we were without a President until Tony Dodd stepped up to the mark. John Clark’s death left a huge void in the Old Boys ranks and he will be sorely missed long into the future.

Other members to hold office during those first 10 -15 years were Tom Riek, Merv Mears, Ray Wilson and Peter Barnes. Peter was a long serving Treasurer until he lost his sight after sustaining a gunshot wound during a bank hold up in 1987. Peter continues to have an interest in the Club although the world of travel takes up a lot of his time these days. Records from the Old Boys during this period are not complete because during the time when Ray Wilson was Secretary his dog ate most of them.

During the early days, the Surf Club managed to secure the Norman Hotel as a raffle venue and the boys sold their raffle tickets there every Saturday for over 10 years. The money raised put the Old Boys Association in a strong financial position and allowed them to assist the Surf Club in many ways. Just to mention a few: it was Old Boys money that built the bar, purchased a pool table and provided Honour Boards for the Surf Club. Old Boy Terry Daley rates a special mention for his ongoing work with the Club Honour Boards. The Old Boys also help out at regular working bees at the Club.

In the early days of the Old Boys, the members and families would head over to the Point for an Annual Surf Carnival. The Old Boys usually won the carnival, ‘fair play’ being the order of the day and Panadol an essential for the Sunday morning after. With the onset of old age and tired bones, these carnivals gave way to cricket matches. Another of the major events in the early days was the Christmas Tree which saw tremendous efforts by the wives/mothers who undertook the buying of the presents and the organising of the food. Lots of venues were used but the most popular was Coochiemudlo Island. Jim Comerford and Smallie were the main stays as Santa.

In the mid to late 80s, the Old Boys lost their raffle venue and the Association appeared to lose its way a little. However, with a small band of dedicated members it kept going. The Old Boys then received a boost in the form of a group of Nipper dads who joined up and have stayed loyal and hard working to this day. The ranks have also been swelled by others, mainly from the Wynnum community who have a genuine interest in the Surf Club. During this time John Clark and John Bristow have shared the roles of President and Secretary, with Clarkie holding the position of President for the last seven years or so. Secretaries during these times were Jeff Paskin, Graham Dodd, Geoff Crow and Jeff Daley.

Merv Mears has been the long term Recruitment Officer and hopefully the future will see him finally sign someone up. The modern era has seen the likes of Tony Dodd and Terry Gillis take on executive positions within the Old Boys. Terry took on the role as Treasurer in 2006 and Tony held the position of Secretary for 3 years prior to stepping up as President. This was seen as somewhat of a changing of the guard and all looks good for the future.



Over the past 10 years or so the Old Boys have been doing raffles at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. This valued support from the Leagues Club has helped the Old Boys bank balance to grow strongly. This has allowed the Association to provide financial support to the Surf Club in the form of memorabilia (again Terry Daley), the Summer Surf Girl, Trophy Night and House to House to name a few. The Old Boys have also provided workers for the Aussie Titles and the IRB "Rubber Duckie" Carnivals over many years. It was great to see the Old Boys back in force on the beach at the 2007 IRB Carnival at the Point.

In 1990, the Old Boys organised a camping and fishing trip to Moreton Island. This was to be a bonding weekend between the Old Boys and the active members. From memory, the weather was perfect, the food was great, the beer was cold and the rum kept everyone warm during story time around the fire at night. Someone may have even caught a fish!!! Everyone came home raving about the weekend and from then on, set in concrete, the Moreton Trip would be an annual event. 2008 is recorded as the 19th Moreton Trip for the Old Boys. The adage that 'loose lips sinks ships' holds true for the Moreton Trip, so if you wish to know what goes on you'll have to join the Old Boys.

The Old Boys Constitution, drafted by Rod Doolan and adopted in 1976, had not changed up until 2008. Through the efforts of George Hill, John Clark and Tony Dodd a new model was adapted by the Surf Club and the Old Boys seeing the two Clubs move closer together. This amalgamation also solved the problem of insurance cover when the Old Boys are involved in official Surf Club duties. The Old Boys plan good years ahead so to all those friends of Point Lookout SLSC, if you would like to join the Old Boys Committee you will be made very welcome.

*Old Boys - Moreton Fishing Trip**Old Boys at the Australian Championships (Workforce)**Old Boys Christmas Party**Old Boys Fishing Trip - Moreton Island 1991*



Chapter Ten

Point Lookout SLSC Junior Activities

The Introduction of the Junior Association into Surf Life Saving

Whilst Junior Activities or Nippers in Queensland have only been officially recognised since 1968, they did emerge briefly back in 1920. A few families, residents of Coolangatta and Tweed Heads, banded together and arranged an activity on Kirra Beach for children aged 9 – 14 years.

These juniors received encouragement and support from the Kirra Club and, in 1921, they received their first “Junior” size reel - made of 2” x 1” pipe with an old paint drum for a barrel with a stone placed inside the tin. For a line they used lengths of discarded rope knotted together and attached to an old cork belt. The Juniors eventually raised enough funds, by catching prawns in Coolangatta Creek and selling them to their parents, to purchase a brand new reel.

From these early beginnings emerged the “Cadets” as we know them today. These young lads played an important role on the beaches during World War II while their older counterparts were away on active duty. Records show that Nippers were active in the Surfers Paradise and Burleigh Heads Clubs until the early 60s when NSW Surf Life Saving Officers recognised their potential and moved to form Nipper Clubs with boys 8 years and over.

Queensland increased the interest, and in 1965/66 the Maroochydore Cygnets were formed. A group of South Coast Branch Officials, Kev Thompson, Garth Andrews, John Ogilvie, John Young and Peter Fitzpatrick, under the leadership of Ron Tallon canvassed local schools for members. They introduced proper administrative controls and standardisation of competition conditions and procedures.

By 1968 the Queensland Surf Nipper Association was officially formed and a Constitution adopted. Affiliation of Branches and Clubs who had been conducting activities for the 7 to 14 year olds took place. The first State Championships were held at Burleigh Heads on 3rd March, 1969. A Branch rotational system to host these Championships was formulated allowing every area of the State the opportunity to show and promote their attractions to visitors as well as giving a variety of different kinds of surf and weather conditions.

Although the Association’s aims and objectives were to encourage these youngsters to continue their interest and become surf lifesavers, not very much lifesaving training was included. This continued until the 1979 – 80 season when the Resuscitation Certificate became a requirement for eligibility to compete in carnivals.

Junior Activities “Nippers” at Point Lookout

Point Lookout SLSC has been involved in the evolution of the Junior Activities movement for more than 40 years. It has developed traditions which remain strong as it enters its 5th decade. From the early beginnings with a handful of local lads to now providing a solid source of future patrolling surf lifesavers at Point Lookout, the Club’s Junior Activities history is something that all who have participated should be proud of - be it as a bona fide nipper; or as someone who contributed to the successful running of the program over the past 40 years.



Assembled below is a recollection that provides the opportunity to reflect on what is a very special part of the history of the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club.

In the Beginning

In early 1967 Bram Thompson (Hon Secretary) provided a brief to the Club expressing his interest in forming a Nipper Club for boys aged 8 – 13 years. At the time, Surf Life Saving Australia was keen to foster the formation of Nipper Clubs at all beach resorts in Australia with the intent to divert the energy of these youngsters into worthwhile activities. The Clubs in the main were organised by the parents of young children who resided in the local area or who regularly attended the beach. Modelled on what was happening in New South Wales, the Clubs would meet on a Saturday or Sunday wearing distinctive T-Shirts with the Club name on the back. A variety of events would be run including sprints, relay, musical flags, chariot race, pillow fight, wading races, swim races, resuscitation and R&R. However these depended on the local organising committee and the availability of parents or old members to give instructions.

After seeing the interest of several local boys, Bram was confident that a strong Nipper Club could be formed at Point Lookout. Bram had also indicated that it might even be possible to have a Dunwich Nipper Club and Amity Point Nipper Club formed, however this never eventuated. The objectives of the Nipper Clubs included channelling the activities of youngsters into organised and supervised contests, giving them an interest, letting them feel important as part of the Club and, as a last aim, providing a training ground for possible future lifesavers who have instilled into them at an early age the sense of right and wrong, along with principles of sportsmanship and correct social behaviour.

Bram extended an invitation to the residents of Stradbroke Island and advised that, if any locals were interested in forming the Nipper Club, Bram and the members of the Executive would be prepared to discuss fully its formation and how the Club could best help in the formation and running of the Club.



Bram Thompson and a group of the "early" Nippers at Cylinder Beach 1968

The Stradbroke Island Nippers Association (Stradbroke Sharks) began in October 1967 and was active in 1967-68 with the meetings held in Titanium and Zirconium Industries (TAZI) office, Dunwich, with C. Mills as President. At that time, only boys were eligible to join, and only people from Stradbroke Island were in the Club as it was formed primarily to provide island boys with some form of organised healthy activity.

At first there was great enthusiasm and as Gwen Specht recalls *"We tried to raise money through BBQs and the local Stradbroke Hotel kindly donated a keg to raffle. All the food was donated and with the profits we were able to purchase swimming togs (\$4.84) and certificates for our members. We would arrive at the beach at about 9.00 am and the parents would instruct the children in sprints, wades and flags and we would also hold swim races, but only the boys who were good swimmers were allowed to enter the water."*

The Nippers were run by people like Noela Lawlor Ailsa Perry, George Nothling, Joan Greener, Ron Stark, Mary Surawski, Don Sellin, Janine Durbidge and myself in the early days. There was lots of support from the local business houses and this made fundraising a lot easier. Each Saturday two Senior members would be asked to come down to the beach and give us a hand. We didn't have boards in those days and there were no awards for each age group but the kids



learnt all we could teach them about the surf. The Juniors didn't use the Club facilities initially as we were classed as two separate Clubs, but in the duration of time this changed. During the second season we started to participate in Carnivals".

Transport to the mainland was an even greater problem then, than it is now, and it was a major effort to get boys to carnivals. For example, on the 20th January 1968, 14 boys travelled by barge to Redland Bay, then by car to Southport, where they watched the Southport Dolphins training before going to the carnival at Nobbys Beach, where eight Clubs were participating. The purpose of that carnival was to choose 28 boys for a team to compete against Port Macquarie (NSW) and Point Danger Branch on the Australia Day weekend at Tallebudgera the following Sunday.

Hand written historical carnival reports state "We were quite astounded by our success considering we had only been going for a period of three weeks, and those other Clubs for two seasons. Two of our lads were nominated to compete against NSW. Peter Greener was an outstanding success winning Musical Flags, Sprint Race, Wading and the Senior and Junior Swimming Race. Shane Kennedy was the other boy nominated – he won the Sprint Race and the Wading Race and Russell Specht was another close runner-up". After many years absence from the Club, Russell successfully gained his Bronze Medallion in December 1987 at the age of 30.



Nipper March Past Team 1969

In these days of major participation by women in Surf Lifesaving, it is interesting to note the comments recorded in the report after the Nobbys Carnival, "In all, we came home much wiser as to the running of a Nipper Club and the drive which is needed behind such an organisation. The number of fathers taking an interest in this down the Coast is astounding, and some of the organisers were surprised to find women acting as delegates".

This initial strong involvement of women in Point Lookout Nippers established a tradition that is still followed.

It is interesting to reflect back on the minutes of the Stradbroke Island Nipper Association meeting dated 6th February, 1968. The following business was discussed:

- Membership fees - a fee of 50 cents was to accompany the membership form
- Transport fee from Dunwich to the Point - 20 cents per child to cover the cost of Mrs Perry's Transport
- Affiliation fees
- Uniforms
- Approved that the boys do a small test before being handed their membership certificate
- Purchase of a mini reel when funds become available.
- The bank balance at this point in time was \$71.30.
- Practice – a notice to be placed in Mr George Nothling's window so all concerned would know arrangements. Boys to assemble at Mrs Perry's house by 9.30 am each Saturday.
- Fundraising – the boys from Point Lookout had already raised \$7 by selling tickets door to door. BBQs had also been arranged.

After this magnificent beginning, there was a gradual decline in the Nipper activities, particularly after the Greener and the Mills families left the island.



A Fresh Start – 1974 to 1988

After considerable discussion with members of the local community; and with the support of the Senior Club President – Col Turner, Nippers recommenced during the 1974 / 1975 patrolling season. This began with the appointment of local identity Bobby Grey as President and Mrs Felicity Stanton as Secretary at a meeting held at the Point Lookout Hotel on the 18th December 1974. The commitment from the Senior Club in the early years was vital in getting the Saturday morning programs under way and it is from there, a close liaison between the two groups evolved. The then 8 year old Darren Woodward vividly recalls being rescued by Gary Terrell that season when the Seniors took an active role in training Nippers. From that time and to this day, Nippers moved from strength to strength.

A bus was purchased to transport the children across the island on Saturday mornings. Reg Rix would drive the bus, picking up children in Dunwich, Amity Point and Point Lookout, and of course the road was dirt and very bumpy in those days!

Jean Walton would sometimes be the only other adult present, and Jean recalls that it was rather hectic at training sessions on the beach. The big blue bus became synonymous with the team from Point Lookout – the *Stradbroke Sharks* – and provided a focal point for fostering the strong sense of Club spirit and individuality that characterises Point Lookout. In those days, the team would catch an early morning barge to drive straight to carnivals. Officials would wait until the bus arrived before commencing the carnival – truly a reflection of the high esteem in which Point Lookout was held.



First Island Bus that Transported the Nippers across the Island 1976

Nobbys Beach Club was a great help in getting Point Lookout started in the early years – specifically thanks to the coordination of Barry and Dawn Gotje who moved to Point Lookout from the Gold Coast in the early '70s. Point Lookout hosted Nobbys Club in a "Two-Way" Carnival which provided the opportunity for the island boys to test their abilities against one of the more powerful Clubs on the coast at the time. A small team of competitors was selected from this carnival to participate in the 1976 Branch Titles.

Due to the success of Point Lookout's team with Terry Gotje (now competing for his adopted Point Lookout) bringing home a gold medal in the 10 years Beach Sprint, and silver medal in the 10 years Beach Flags, 4 island boys were selected to compete at the Queensland State Championships that year.

They were to be held at Kings Beach Caloundra but were later moved to Mooloolaba due to inclement weather. Peter Bertossi, Terry Gotje, Darren Woodward and Christopher Clarey all reached the finals of the events they were selected to compete in.

Following years saw teams of varying sizes qualify for State Titles at Emu Park (providing the opportunity for a first ever plane flight for some), Gold and Sunshine Coasts and even as far away as ETTY Bay (Cairns). This provided a novelty for those who attended by having to wear panty hose as the standard means for marine stinger protection in those days!

Point Lookout's participation in carnivals up and down the coast from that point in time became an institution. The "red with two white and one blue stripe" cap was highly prominent in all age



groups and, due to the Club's small size, whenever a team member achieved a notable result, it was not uncommon for the entire group inside the old green and white canvas tent to go crazy with excitement, much to the amusement of the more experienced and prominent Clubs whose tents were pitched beside the Point's.

It was moments such as these that promoted a sense of unity across such a young team which you could almost sense was the envy of the "Coastie" Clubs. Such was the benefit of participating in Nippers at Point Lookout.

Although the Juniors experienced notable individual success over the years, the name Point Lookout became synonymous with the March Past event in the late '70s and into the '80s. Whilst the current era of Surf Lifesaving has seen this event decline in its prominence in recent years when compared to more high profile events such as Ironman, the March Past was somewhat of an "Opening Ceremony" for every carnival thus providing the chance for Clubs to make their mark early in the carnival program. While not obvious due to the controlled nature of the event, competition was exciting with Point Lookout coming up against the seasoned performers in Bundaberg and Alexandra Headlands amongst others. It was with Alex in particular that the Point not only developed a fierce rivalry on the beach but also a mutual admiration and respect that carried over into the senior ranks for some of the members.

Days can be recalled where at the end of the carnival, George Hill Senior and Alex's Coach, Reg Perrin would be over in a corner of the refreshment tent giving each other a debrief of where each thought the other could improve the next time around.

The highlight came in 1978. With the State Titles moved to Kirra Beach from Northcliffe due to dangerous conditions, the young men from Point Lookout marched out for what was only their second State Championship having finished a credible 5th at Emu Park in their first season. In those days once the event was completed, teams retired to their tents and prepared for the remainder of the carnival. Once results were tallied, renowned announcer at Nipper Championship events – Percy Berigan – would deliver the results from third place to first. Everyone would freeze with anticipation! "In 3rd place with a score of 17 points – BUNDABERG; In 2nd place with a score of 15.5 points – ALEXANDRA HEADLAND and in 1st place with a score of 12.5 points (at that time a State Championship record till the following year) – POINT LOOKOUT!" Whilst winning that first State Championship for the Club was amazing, equally as encouraging was the response from fellow South Coast Branch Clubs who had seen Point Lookout's small team evolve from a handful of boys who had to be billeted out over night at carnivals to a team that was now the State Champions in the blue ribbon event of the day.



G. Hill Senior Coach of the March Past Team for many years

In keeping with the theme "it is harder to maintain than it is to obtain", the Point arrived at Ettu Bay the following year as red hot favourites. The friendly but fierce rivalry between the 3 powerhouses of Bundaberg, Alexandra Headlands and the Point had continued again throughout the season. Ettu Bay in the month of March is very wet.

However on this particular day, as the Point suited up for the March Past, the clouds parted and the sun shone through and at the completion of the event as the Club were marching off the main arena, as quickly as the clouds parted, they closed in and the rain returned. History shows that the Point marched into a 2nd consecutive State Championship with a total deduction of 10.5 points.



To be a part of back to back Championships in such a precision event where you cannot be affected by the uncertainty of the surf was rare. Looking back now, Club coach George Hill Senior was elevated to the ranks of a Nipper March Past coaching legend by his peers (Reggie Perren and Co) at the Etty Bay event. To turn a wild bunch of "Straddie" boys into State Champions two years in a row (with further success to come) was an amazing feat in such a short period of time. To be held in that regard by his peers meant more to George than actually winning the gold. For the lucky boys who participated in the event in those early years, it was an experience that will never be forgotten.

Success breeds success. Usually, the event directly after the March Past was the All Age Relay which was typically a show piece of Clubs' strength in beach events.

More often than not, if Point Lookout fared well in March Past they would almost certainly do well in the All Age Relay. Whilst the Point didn't crack a State Championship in this event, they did take out Branch and Gold Coast City Championships against more fancied teams that more often than not had a couple of members of the State Team lining up for them.

Whilst not taking anything away from some of the amazing individual results the Point Lookout Juniors gained over the years, history shows that Point Lookout has had its best results in team events. Maybe that is why the Club shares a team spirit that remains the envy of other Surf Life Saving Clubs.

In the early years, Southport very kindly made their Nipper Clubhouse available so the team could stay overnight on Saturday and not be late for carnivals. In those days it was considered safe to "explore" the local surroundings of an evening. This included seeing how many Motel swimming pools the nippers could swim in without getting busted by a Motel Manager!

On more than one occasion the Nippers can recall being approached by the Motel Manager requesting what room number they were staying in. When asked one time, "Room number 32 Sir!" came the reply from one of the nippers. The Manager was quick to respond with "on your way boys – there are only 30 rooms in my Motel".

Many Nippers and parents fondly recall those sleepless nights on the Clubhouse floor with excitement at fever pitch in anticipation of the carnival. This became more of a challenge when Nipperettes were also included in the sleepovers!

George Hill (Senior) was legendary with his playing of the guitar and telling jokes till all hours. Travelling together on the bus enabled the war cry to be practised (loudly of course) and it must have been enough to strike fear into the hearts of other Clubs when the bus pulled up with everyone in full voice singing. Due to the increase in numbers in the Club, two buses were needed for transport across the Island, so the old bus was sold – the end of an era many recall nostalgically.

To provide a comparable activity for girls, a Nipperette Association was formed in 1978 and there were 46 girls registered in 1978/79. Separate carnivals for boys and girls were usually held. Point Lookout Nipperettes were highly successful at carnivals and were noted for beating the boys March Past Team when combined carnivals were held. Boys and girls were amalgamated in 1981/82 and in the 1984/1985 season, Nipper and Senior Clubs were formally amalgamated in a move which would ultimately benefit the Club as a whole in the years to come.



From Strength to Strength – The Next 20 Years

The Junior Activities program has evolved to become a large source of patrolling members at Point Lookout. This is a clear indication of the value of the program and also vindicates the decision to combine both Associations into a single entity. As such, a detailed report is included in the Clubs Annual Report every year highlighting the achievements of Junior Activities. The second 20 years of Junior Activities has seen them progress rapidly to where it is today.

From 1980 a strong focus was placed on the Junior Activities members gaining an age award covering areas such as Resuscitation, Surf Awareness, Surf Safety and First Aid. These were known as the Junior Achievement Awards. Resources produced by Surf Life Saving Australia supported the Age Managers who were responsible for teaching these awards.

Many Nippers from this era would remember the cloth badges and stickers gained and the infamous "S" Badge swim that had to be completed and the badge worn on Club togs prior to taking part in water related competition. The "S" Badge and certificate sticker system were later superseded with a new program called the Surf Education Program and this was again under review in 2008 with a proposed new and improved Junior Resource Manual.

A bonus to the implementation of the Junior Awards Program was that many parents were encouraged to become both proficient in resuscitation and more aware of water safety. The requirement in the modern era for all Water Safety Officers to have a minimum qualification of the Surf Rescue Certificate saw many parents in Point Lookout gain the Bronze Medallion and higher levels of qualifications.

On the competition front, the Point Lookout Nippers have continued to grow from strength to strength. As was achieved in the first 20 years of Nippers in Point Lookout, competitors continued to show dominance in the March Past event along with many beach events seeing several members gain medals at State Championships.

The knowledge, expertise, commitment and dedication of George Hill Senior's coaching prowess was passed down the line to many other significant long term coaches in the Club including Ian Jarvis, Sharon Wright (Brennan) and Tracey Store. More recent years have seen some young and enthusiastic coaches take on the role including Hailey Eaborn, Anne Marie Westby and Kelvina Campbell.



*State Championships March Past Coach
- Ian Jarvis 87/88*

Success in the March Past event has continued in time seeing the Point Lookout Juniors medal in the top 3 on many occasions. The victorious March Past teams have shown the results of all their hard work which often included mid-week training and training during free time on Nipper days. Two significant gold medal occasions in the March Past event included the 1986/87 win at the State Championships in Ettu Bay under Ian Jarvis as coach and the 1991/92 season at the State Championships held at Tugun under Sharon Wright as the coach. This occasion saw a record loss of only 8 points which was 4 points clear of arch rivals Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park which was then coached by George Hill Senior.

There were other significant performances by our Junior members in team and individual events at the Junior State Championships. These were predominantly in the beach events, however in the later years, successful results began to emerge in the water events also. 1987 was the last State Championships to include the 7, 8 and 9 years olds. From



this season on, this level of competition focussed on 10 – 13 years olds in an attempt to reduce the pressures of competition for the youngsters.

Point Lookout Junior Activities are proud to boast that several members have earned selection into the Queensland State Teams. Members including Denis McDonald, Steve Gray, Miles Scott, Gavin Black, Chris Saffigna and Meghan Flanigan to name a few have proudly represented Queensland.

Since the inception of the Junior Association, the rules and conditions of competition have been monitored and tailored to the growing needs of the Juniors. Club Junior Officials may remember the early days when Queensland worked from a half a dozen pages of rules governing the junior competition and the little "red book" otherwise known as the Nipper Official's bible. Over time there have been several versions of the National Competition Manual until 1992 when the SLSA Competition Manual was reprinted to include Junior and Senior events.

Other competition related dates of interest include:

- 1972 – Polystyrene boards were introduced
- 1977 – Graduation to fibreglass boards for the 10 – 13 year olds
- 1994 – Introduction of the Junior 2 and 5 person R&R events



Meghan Flanigan sprints down the track

Membership in the Junior Activities since the 1980s has grown substantially. The logistics of transporting the junior members from the mainland to the Point every Saturday has always been a challenge; however this situation has never deterred the Club. The Junior members would walk onto the barge in mass and be transported from Dunwich to Point Lookout for the day's activities. The early 90s saw a move to hire 3 Bayside buses which ventured to the Island every Saturday full of children and their parents eager for a great day at the beach. Whilst this approach came at a cost, the Juniors worked hard to fundraise each year to assist in covering the costs. One of the outstanding performances in the fundraising area has been the efforts of Judy Lobley who has been a quiet achiever going about her fundraising each week for over 20 years.

Another member who has continued to be a tremendous support to the Point Lookout Junior Activities is Ian "Macca" McKenzie who has been driving the Nipper buses for many years.

Junior membership around the mid 80s saw more mainland members travelling each week, far exceeding the island residents. However there was another strong resurgence of island Nippers in the late 90s / early 2000. The early 90s saw Nipper total figures around 156 and numbers have continued to grow with Junior Activities membership numbers over 200 in 2007/08. The past 20 seasons has seen the Club take on Under 7s or what was known as the *Green Caps* during various seasons and with the inclusion of Under 6s and Under 7s again in more recent years, the Club has again embraced the younger age groups.

Over time, the Junior Activities members have received some great support from the Senior Club with many Senior members supporting the training and skill development of the Nippers. This recognition and praise of the Senior members has been recorded in several Annual Reports over the years.

There have been some good flow on effects from Junior Activities with many members recognised on the Long Service Shield for completing all years in Nippers through to first year Cadets. Nippers graduating into the Senior ranks have received due recognition and through the introduction of a Cadet Officer, this transition in the later years has been very successful.



A typical Saturday Program would see a wave of Nippers and parents land at the Point and take over Main Beach.

If beach conditions were too rough, the option to operate from Cylinder Beach was always available and this was a bonus. Prior to the buses arriving, the gear trailers would be prepared on the beaches and tents erected in readiness for the day. Age group leaders and coaches would methodically go about their business and make it all happen. Supported by a sea of Water Safety Officers in their bright orange wet shirts and caps, the children were always in safe hands. Over the years, many of the Junior Activities Reports expressed their appreciation of the band of workers who continue to rally together to form the Junior Activities Committee and work tirelessly throughout the season to make sure the kids are well cared for and receive every opportunity to advance their skills as future surf lifesavers of the Club.

From preparing lunches to selling raffle tickets and merchandise, there is always a job to be done and the team efforts over the years are to be acknowledged.

Since the 1990s, the Club has played host to various carnivals including the Selection Carnival, U11 – U14 Carnival and U8 – U10s Carnival. The opportunity to host these events has enabled the Club to showcase its ability to manage successful events on the Island despite its isolation.



Nippers enjoying a carnival

The Point Lookout Junior Activities has continued to maintain its status as a "family" Club. The last 20 years has seen the Juniors host two way carnivals and fun weekends with other Clubs including Kurrawa, Northcliffe and Palm Beach to name a few. Southport SLSC continued to support the Club when the Point Lookout competitors needed a place to stay. Who could forget the sleeping bag races, McDonalds trips and the parents trying to settle the kids down at night as they dozed off to the tunes of snoring and sleep talking.

Junior Development Camps for 13 year olds were introduced in 1991 and since these programs have been initiated, several members have attended both Branch and State Programs. Such programs enabled the attendees to gain further lifesaving skills and knowledge whilst also meeting other members from all over Queensland. The camaraderie and friendships gained from these programs will last a life time.

Two of the biggest highlights in recent years came in the 2000/01 season when Matthew Potent won the Pelerman Queensland Nipper of the Year and Ashley Stone won the Queensland Andy Frizzell OAM, OBE Award for Service to Junior Activities. Matt was selected as one of 6 finalists and after a lengthy interview process was named the overall winner at the State Championships. Top Effort.

Junior Activities continues to be an integral part of the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club and despite the logistical challenges presented to the Junior Activities Committees each year, the Juniors are still healthy and growing steadily. The past 40 years has seen many dedicated Nippers and their parents come and go and many of the Nippers have progressed into the Senior ranks to take on key Club positions. Who knows what the future of the Junior Activities at Point Lookout will look like in another 20 years. Regardless, it is hoped that the future will bring as much happiness and fulfilment to future Nippers and parents as it has done so for the past 40 years. From its humble beginnings as Point Lookout Nippers to its current strength the Point Lookout Junior Activities program stands as testament to the foresight of Bram Thompson and to his tireless dedication to achieving his aim back in the 1960s.



The March Past Team

By George Hill Senior

*Here come the Stradbroke's,
We're known as the Sharks,
We are the marchpast,
That don't lose many marks.*

*There goes our captain
Carrying our flag;
There goes our beltman,
The line without a sag.*

*Just look at our reelman,
The reel is nice and true
How about three cheers
For the red, white and blue.*

*Our axemen are covering
Like they've done before;
But look at our back line,
They're our mighty four.*

*They've won the Branch Titles,
Three times, it's true;
So how about three cheers
For the red, white and blue.*

*We're flying to North Queensland
Up to Ettu Bay;
We'll meet over 30 Clubs
From beaches far away.*

*Now if we win the Queensland
And we hope we do,
It'll be us lads from Stradbroke Isle
In the red, white and blue.*

Georgie's Team

by Bill Glasson

*You'll perhaps recall the story that we told to you last year,
How our "Nippers" went competing up to "Rocky" with their gear.
Though they didn't win a medal – "Bundy" had it signed and sealed
They went well and learnt a lot and finished right up with the field.*

*So another winter came and went and George Hill said "Now men,
I'll march you up and down the beach, and up and down again,
We'll try until we get it right, we'll practise 'til we're beat,
So lift your knees and swing your arms, be tidy clean and neat.*

*The "Bundy" boys have had their turn, this time it's up to you,
We'll march in all the carnivals we can, and win a few.
And when the big one comes along, in our red, blue and white,
We'll show the other "Nippers" how the Stradbroke Sharks can bite.*

*Well that's the way it happened, Georgie worked them all like steam,
Till they marched like clockwork soldiers and became the leading team,
And their record was unblemished like a Stanthorpe export peach,
When they lined up for the Qld Titles down on Greenmount Beach.*

*Mums and dads were all excited, Georgie said a silent prayer,
As the teams lined up from Burleigh, Nobbys, Bundaberg and Ayr,
"Nips" from Alexandra Headlands, Emu Park and Ettu Bay,
Bribie, Mermaid Beach and Northcliffe, and a team from Noosa Way.*

*There were lots and lots of others, but our "Nippers" showed no fear,
Fit and solid for the big one, they would do their best this year
They stepped out like little Anzacs on the "march up beach and halt"
While the judges eyed them closely and could hardly find a fault.*

*Everyone had palpitation who was going to win the prize,
Georgie said he couldn't swallow, there were lots of watery eyes,
But applause rang out like thunder, mums and dads began to smile,
When they heard "the champs this year are the boys from Stradbroke Isle".*

*Well the seasons nearly finished so they'll pack away their gear,
But they'll keep it clean and polished and be back again next year.
For a lot of them will be there in the "Nipper" age group still,
Half the team or more and that includes their coach and pal George Hill.*



The Next Generation



Marshalling for the Board Relay



Nippers seek shade under board

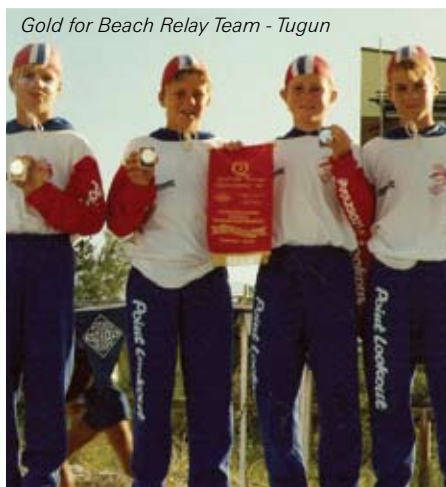


Beach Relay Team



"Nipper Mates"

Gold for Beach Relay Team - Tugun



L. Modini & Z. Modini perform a board rescue



Young Nippers ready to hit the Ocean



Focused on the Flag at Training (1995)

"Strawberry Festival" Nippers on display as part of the 1988 parade



All Age Beach Relay Team



Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Nippers



Point Lookout SLSC "Nippers" Trophy Night



Branch Championships 1985/86



Standing Tall & Proud



Precision and Posture



State Titles Palm Beach 1970



G. Hill - Holding Club Flag



Point Lookout wins Gold in March Past 91/92

March Past Team wins Gold



Steven Gray



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Appendix 1: Club Executive Positions

Season	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Chief Instructor
1947/48	Bob Durbidge	Glad Rahnsleben	Bill Ware	Tony Durbidge	Bill Daley
1948/49	Tom Shields	John Shields	Jim Smith	Tony Durbidge	Robbie Shields
1949/50	Keith Waller John Munro	Stan Julian Stan O'Neil	Jim Smith	Tony Durbidge Norm Franz Norm Cramb	Len McAfee
1950/51	John Munro	Stan O'Neil	Jim Smith	Jim Smith Mick Stevens	Norm Cramb
1951/52	John Munro	Stan O'Neil Len McAfee	Lou Flowers	Lou Greenhill	Col Willett
1952/53	John Munro	Ces Dahl	Keith Ranson	Lou Greenhill Des Hazlett	Sonny Brown
1953/54	Len Evans	Keith Ranson	Doug Godwin	Jim Rosevear Keith Ranson	Sonny Brown
1954/55	Len Evans	Keith Ranson	Graham Marshall	Roy Denman	Roy Denman
1955/56	Len Evans Ron Moore	Keith Ranson	Doug Godwin	Roy Denman Col Le Strange	None Elected
1956/57	Ron Moore Chas Godwin	Mal Munro Peter Bristow	Noel Webb	Col Le Strange Nigel Masterman	Noel Webb
1957/58	Chas Godwin	Bill Woolford	Noel Webb	Nigel Masterman Noel Webb	Noel Webb
1958/59	Ron Moore	Bill Woolford Daryl McMullen	Noel Webb	Noel Webb Arthur McManus	Noel Webb David Powles
1959/60	Chas Godwin	Daryl McMullen	Noel Webb	Arthur McManus Rod Doolan	Noel Webb
1960/61	Chas Godwin Keith Waller	Ian Thomas	Noel Webb	Rod Doolan David Powles	Rod Doolan
1961/62	Rod Doolan	Ian Thomas	Noel Webb	David Powles	Rod Doolan
1962/63	Noel Webb	Ian Thomas	Noel Webb	David Powles	Rod Doolan
1963/64	Lester McManus	Graham Winwood	Noel Webb	Terry Daley Eric Armson	Rod Doolan
1964/65	Lester McManus	Bram Thompson	Noel Webb	Ross Bishop	Rod Doolan
1965/66	Rod Doolan	Bram Thompson	Noel Webb	Ross Bishop	Brian Goodger
1966/67	Rod Doolan	Bram Thompson	Noel Webb	Brian Goodger	Brian Goodger
1967/68	Rod Doolan	Bram Thompson	Frank Moeller	Brian Goodger	Jim Comerford
1968/69	Lester McManus	Bram Thompson	Frank Moeller	Mark Bishop	Brian Goodger
1969/70	Lester McManus	Bram Thompson	John McInnes	Frank Moeller	Mark Bishop
1970/71	Lester McManus	Bram Thompson	John McInnes	David Collins Mark Bishop	Kim Turner
1971/72	Col Turner	Bram Thompson	David Collins	Mark Bishop Kim Turner	Kim Turner
1972/73	Col Turner	Bram Thompson	John McInnes	Lindsay Tomkins	Dave Adamson
1973/74	Col Turner	Allan Smith	John McInnes	Lindsay Tomkins	Dave Adamson
1974/75	Col Turner	Allan Smith	John McInnes	Wayne Cole	Dave Adamson Ian Ames
1975/76	Col Turner	Michael Baker	John McInnes	Wayne Cole	Ian Ames
1976/77	Con Frangos	Tom Riek	Leo Feuerriegel	Wayne Cole	Ian Ames
1977/78	Con Frangos	Tom Riek	Leo Feuerriegel	Ian Ames Wayne Cole Trevor Sommerville	Richard Munro



Season	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Chief Instructor
1978/79	Con Frangos	Tom Riek	Wayne Cole	Trevor Sommerville	Richard Munro
1979/80	Wayne Cole	Tony Reader	Bill Toohey	Paul Bishop	Richard Munro
1980/81	Wayne Cole	Tony Reader	Bill Toohey John Kerr	Paul Bishop Tony Bertossi	Michael Stone
1981/82	Wayne Cole	Tony Reader	John Kerr	Tony Bertossi Jeff Daley	Bruce Aitken Ross Somerville
1982/83	Wayne Cole	Mark Schnitzerling	John Kerr	Jeff Daley	Mal Aitken
1983/84	Wayne Cole	Mark Schnitzerling	John Kerr	Jeff Daley	George Hill
1984/85	Wayne Cole	Peter Glancy	Mark Schnitzerling	Jeff Daley	Andrew Watts
1985/86	Col Le Strange	Peter Glancy	Mark Schnitzerling	George Hill	Gary Morgan
1986/87	Col Le Strange	Peter Glancy	Ian Ames	George Hill	Julie Keen
1987/88	Greg Batchelor	Peter Glancy	Ian Ames	George Hill	Gary Terrell
1988/89	Greg Batchelor	Julie Keen	Ian Ames	George Hill	Gary Terrell
1989/90	Greg Batchelor	Julie Keen	Ian Ames	George Hill	Darren Woodward
1990/91	Greg Batchelor	Julie Keen	Ian Ames	George Hill	
1991/92	Greg Batchelor Jeff Daley	Julie Keen	Ian Ames	George Hill	
1992/93	Jeff Daley	Julie Keen	Ian Ames	George Hill	
1993/94	Jeff Daley	Natasha Dennis	Ian Ames	Matthew Stevenson	
1994/95	Graham Dodd	Natasha Dennis	Ian Ames	Matthew Stevenson	Michael Latham
1995/96	Graham Dodd	Natasha Dennis	Ian Ames	Matthew Stevenson	Michael Latham
1996/97	George Hill	Natasha Dennis	Ian Ames	Matthew Stevenson	
1997/98	George Hill	Natasha Dennis	Ian Ames	Matthew Stevenson	Aaron Thompson
1998/99	George Hill	Natasha Dennis	Julie Keen	Matthew Stevenson	Aaron Thompson
1999/00	Graham Dodd	Dianne Crow	Julie Keen	Tony Dodd	Peta Lawlor
2000/01	Graham Dodd	Dianne Crow	Julie Keen	Gavin Black	Peta Lawlor
2001/02	Graham Dodd	Dianne Crow	Maree Hill	Gavin Black	Peta Lawlor
2002/03	Darren Woodward	Dianne Crow	Maree Hill	Gavin Black	Peta Lawlor
2003/04	Darren Woodward	Dianne Crow	Maree Hill	Joshua Potent	Luke Campbell
2004/05	David Westby	Natasha Dennis	Maree Hill	Joshua Potent	Keith Potent Ingrid Potent
2005/06	David Westby	Julie Keen	Maree Hill	Brad Truman	Ingrid Potent Gary Morthorpe
2006/07	David Westby	Sandra Middleton	Maree Hill	Jenaya Bodger	Gary Morthorpe
2007/08	George Hill	Sandra Middleton	Maree Hill	Jenaya Bodger	Gary Morthorpe



Appendix 2: Life Members



Noel Webb 1965



Rod Doolan 1966



David Powles 1967



Lester McManus 1968



*Bram Thompson 1971



Col Le Strange 1972



Terry Daley 1973



John Bristow 1974



John McInnes 1978



Col Turner 1979



Neil Cairns 1981



Wayne Cole 1982



Dave Adamson 1985



*John Mayne 1986



Gary Terrell 1987



Ian Ames 1989



Jeff Daley 1994



George Hill 1996



Julie Keen 1997



Matthew Stevenson 2002



Sharon Brennan 2003



Natasha Dennis 2005

* Denotes Deceased

Note: Gavin Black Life Membership 2009



Club Presidents



**Bob Durbidge*
1947/48



**Tom Shields*
1948/49



**Keith Waller*
1949/50, 60/61



**John Munro*
1949/50 – 1952/53



**Len Evans*
1953/54 – 1955/56



**Ron Moore*
1955/56, 56/57, 58/59



Chas Godwin
1956/57, 57/58, 59/60, 60/61



Rod Doolan
1961/62, 65/66, 66/67, 67/68



Noel Webb
1962/63



Lester McManus
1963/64, 64/65, 68/69, 69/70, 70/71



Col Turner
1971/72 – 1975/76



**Con Frangos*
1976/77 – 1978/79



Wayne Cole
1979/80 – 1984/85



Col Le Strange
1985/86 – 1986/87



Greg Batchelor
1987/88 – 1991/92



Jeff Daley
1991/92 – 1993/94



Graham Dodd
1994/95, 95/96, 99/00, 00/01, 01/02



George Hill
1996/97, 97/98, 98/99, 07/08



Darren Woodward
2002/03 – 2003/04



David Westby
2004/05 – 2006/07

** Denotes Deceased*



Appendix 3: Australian Championship Records

Point Lookout SLSC – Australian Medallists

1981/82	2nd	Open First Aid	I. Ames / J. Daley
1982/83	3rd	Open First Aid	I. Ames / J. Daley
1983/84	2nd	U16 Beach Sprint	S. Gray
1983/84	2nd	U16 Beach Flags	S. Gray
1983/84	3rd	Open First Aid	I. Ames / J. Daley
1987/88	3rd	Open First Aid	I. Ames / J. Daley
1988/89	2nd	Open First Aid	I. Ames / J. Daley
1991/92	2nd	Open First Aid	J. Daley / M. Stevenson
1991/92	3rd	IRB Mass Rescue	G. Keen, J. Wright (Gillis), Sam Johnstone, G. Millard
1993/94	1st	IRB Rescue Race	G. Keen, Sam Johnstone
1993/94	2nd	IRB Rescue Tube Race	G. Keen, C. Murray, J. Wright (Gillis)
1993/94	2nd	U18 First Aid	C. Paskin / B. Kite
1994/95	2nd	U18 First Aid	C. Paskin / A. Thompson
1994/95	2nd	IRB Rescue Race	G. Keen, Sam Johnstone
1994/95	1st	IRB Rescue Tube Race	G. Keen, C. Murray, D. Mabin
1995/96	3rd	Open Patrol Competition	M. Stevenson, S. Brennan, T. Wright, C. Murray, D. Mabin
1995/96	2nd	IRB Rescue Race	G. Keen, Sam Johnstone
1995/96	3rd	IRB Teams Race	T. Dodd, B. Wyeth, M. Latham, M. Fisher, G. Millard
1996/97	1st	U18 First Aid	L. McMahon / A. L'Barrow
1996/97	1st	IRB Rescue Tube Race	G. Keen, C. Murray, N. Eaborn
1996/97	3rd	IRB Rescue Race	T. Dodd, B. Wyeth, C. Green
1996/97	3rd	Open Patrol Competition	M. Stevenson, S. Brennan, T. Wright, C. Murray, D. Mabin
1997/98	3rd	Open Patrol Competition	M. Stevenson, S. Brennan, M. Latham, C. Murray, D. Mabin
1997/98	3rd	Open Men's IRB Rescue Race	P. McGarry, M. Latham, K. Potent
1999/00	3rd	Open Patrol Competition	D. Mabin, S. Brennan, J. Mabin, Simon Johnstone, K. Weinert
1999/00	2nd	Open Women's Champion Lifesaver	S. Brennan
1999/00	3rd	Open Men's IRB Rescue Tube Race	G. Keen, C. Murray, S. Brennan
1999/00	2nd	Open Men's IRB Assembly Rescue Race	P. McGarry, C. Murray, Sam Johnstone
2000/01	2nd	Open Women's Champion Lifesaver	S. Brennan
2000/01	1st	Open Women's IRB Tube Rescue Race	N. Dennis, S. Brennan, C. Murray
2000/01	3rd	Open Women's IRB Rescue Race	N. Dennis, E. Lowry, T. Allen
2001/02	2nd	Open Women's Champion Lifesaver	S. Brennan
2001/02	3rd	Open Patrol Competition	S. Brennan, C. Murray, J. Mabin, J. Potent, C. Hodgkinson
2002/03	2nd	Open Patrol Competition	J. Potent, J. Mabin, K. Potent, S. Stephenson, J. Bodger
2003/04	2nd	Open Patrol Competition	J. Potent, J. Mabin, K. Potent, G. Black, J. Bodger, C. Hodgkinson
2003/04	1st	Open Women's Champion Lifesaver	J. Bodger
2004/05	3rd	U15 First Aid	S. Pangrazio / A. Westby
2004/05	2nd	Open Patrol Competition	J. Potent, K. Potent, M. Potent, J. Bodger, C. Hodgkinson, J. Hargreaves
2004/05	1st	Open Women's IRB Teams Rescue Race	N. Dennis, J. Bodger, A. Crow, K. Rogers, J. Nankervis, M. Gilpin
2004/05	2nd	Open Women's IRB Tube Rescue Race	N. Dennis, J. Bodger, J. Potent
2004/05	2nd	Open Women's IRB Rescue Race	K. Rogers, A. Crow, J. Nankervis
2005/06	1st	U19 First Aid	S. Pangrazio / A. Westby
2005/06	2nd	Open Women's IRB Rescue Tube Race	N. Dennis, J. Bodger, C. Hodgkinson
2005/06	2nd	Open Women's IRB Teams Race	N. Dennis, J. Bodger, K. Rogers, A. Crow, C. Hodgkinson, M. Weightman
2005/06	3rd	Open Women's IRB Tube Rescue Race	K. Rogers, A. Crow, J. Potent
2005/06	3rd	Open Women's IRB Mass Rescue Race	K. Rogers, A. Crow, C. Hodgkinson, J. Nankervis
2006/07	2nd	U17 First Aid	K. Campbell / S. Sammut
2006/07	3rd	Open Men's IRB Mass Rescue Race	J. Nankervis, M. Gilpin, A. Bodger, J. Box
2006/07	2nd	Open Men's IRB Rescue Tube Race	J. Potent, J. Nankervis, T. Somerville



Point Lookout SLSC – Masters Australian Medalists

Season	Placing	Event	Competitors
1991/92	3rd	30-34 Men's Sprint	G. Keen
1992/93	2nd	Masters Beach Relay	R. Bodger, G. Keen, R. Nicol, M. Stone
1997/98	1st	40-44 Women's Flags	J. Keen
1997/98	3rd	40-44 Women's Ski	J. Keen
1998/99	2nd	40-44 Women's Flags	J. Keen
1998/99	3rd	40-44 Women's Tube Race	J. Keen
1999/00	2nd	40-44 Women's Flags	J. Keen
2002/03	3rd	50-54 Women's Flags	B. Kenny
2002/03	3rd	50-54 Women's Sprint	B. Kenny
2003/04	1st	45-49 Women's Tube Race	L. Goebel

Point Lookout SLSC – World Medalists

Season	Placing	Event	Competitors
1997/98	2nd	Men's IRB Rescue Tube Race	G. Keen, C. Murray, S. Brennan
1997/98	3rd	Masters Sprint	G. Litherland
1997/98	3rd	Masters 2km Run	G. Litherland
1999/00	2nd	Women's IRB Rescue Tube Race	N. Dennis, S. Brennan, C. Murray

Appendix 4:

Patrol Hours Honour Board

Information recorded from the Robert Warland Memorial Trophy as at June 2008.

500 HOURS		600 HOURS		800 HOURS		1000 HOURS		1100 HOURS		1200 HOURS		1300 HOURS		1400 HOURS		1500 HOURS		1600 HOURS		1700 HOURS		1800 HOURS		1900 HOURS	
Tony Jennings	1964/1965	David Westby	2006/2007	George Hill	1990/1991	Scott Stephenson	2005/2006	Gary Terrell	1984/1985	Gary Terrell	1985/1986	Gary Terrell	1989/1990	Gary Terrell	1990/1991	Gary Terrell	1994/1995	Gary Terrell	2000/2001	Gary Terrell	2003/2004	Gary Terrell	2005/2006	Gary Terrell	2007/2008
Ross Bishop	1967/1968	Kim Stallard	2006/2007	Shane Modini	1990/1991	Aaron Cole	2007/2008	Greg Keen	1997/1998	George Hill	2001/2002	George Hill	2005/2006	Shane Modini	2007/2008										
Graeme Snell	1968/1969	Jason Nankervis	2006/2007	Julie Keen	1996/1997	Joshua Potent	2007/2008	George Hill	1998/1999	Greg Keen	2002/2003	Greg Keen	2006/2007												
Gary Terrell	1975/1976	Wayne Cole	2006/2007	Anthony Dodd	1997/1998			Shane Modini	2000/2001	Shane Modini	2002/2003	Shane Modini	2006/2007												
Paul Bishop	1976/1977	Elizabeth Hodgkinson	2007/2008	Matthew Stevenson	1997/1998			Matthew Stevenson	1998/1999	Matthew Thompson	2000/2001	Matthew Stevenson	2006/2007												
Craig Terrell	1978/1979	Ricci Smith	2007/2008	Matthew Thompson	1997/1998			Bruce Beveridge	2000/2001	Bruce Beveridge	2002/2003	Bruce Beveridge	2006/2007												
Ian Ames	1978/1979	Calan Lovitt	2007/2008	Natasha Dennis	1998/1999			Daniel Finter	2004/2005	Daniel Finter	2006/2007	Daniel Finter	2006/2007												
Ross Nunn	1982/1983	Gary Morthorpe	2007/2008	Bruce Beveridge	1998/1999			Gavin Black	2004/2005	Gavin Black	2006/2007	Gavin Black	2006/2007												
Shane Ford	1982/1983			Greg Keen	1999/2000			David Finter	2006/2007	David Finter	2007/2008	David Finter	2007/2008												
John Gardiner	1983/1984			Daniel Finter	2001/2002			Julie Keen	2006/2007																
Jeffrey Daley	1983/1984			Sharon Wright	1996/1997			Peta Lawlor	2006/2007																
Neil Cairns	1984/1985			Matthew Thompson	1996/1997																				
Greg Keen	1986/1987			Paul Walton	1995/1996																				
George Hill	1986/1987			Lisa Byrne	1997/1998																				
David Finter	1987/1988			Natasha Dennis	1997/1998																				
Shane Modini	1987/1988			Bruce Beveridge	1998/1999																				
Malcolm Aitken	1988/1989			Daniel Finter	1998/1999																				
Julie Keen	1989/1990			Simon Johnstone	1998/1999																				
Robert Wilson	1991/1992			Jeffrey L'Barrow	1998/1999																				
Anthony Dodd	1994/1995			Julie Wright	1998/1999																				
Matthew Stevenson	1994/1995			Gavin Black	1999/2000																				
Sharon Wright	1994/1995			Kerry Dodd	1999/2000																				
Paul Walton	1994/1995			Shelley Johnstone	1999/2000																				
Jeffrey L'Barrow	1995/1996			Aaron Thompson	1999/2000																				
Julie Wright	1995/1996			Peta Lawlor	2000/2001																				
Grant North	1995/1996			Peter McGarry	2000/2001																				
Simon Johnstone	1995/1996			Grant North	2000/2001																				
Lisa Byrne	1996/1997			Scott Stephenson	2000/2001																				
Natasha Dennis	1996/1997			Rick Bodger	2001/2002																				
Kerry Dodd	1996/1997			Michael Finter	2002/2003																				
Gil Rhodes	1996/1997			Daniel Mabin	2002/2003																				
Matthew Thompson	1996/1997			Jared Hargreaves	2003/2004																				
Darren Woodward	1996/1997			Aaron Cole	2004/2005																				
Ben Wyeth	1996/1997			Joshua Potent	2004/2005																				
Bruce Beveridge	1997/1998			Bradley Truman	2005/2006																				
Gavin Black	1997/1998			Christopher Hodgkinson	2005/2006																				
Rick Bodger	1997/1998			Keith Weinert	2006/2007																				
Terry Gillis	1997/1998			Joshua Mabin	2006/2007																				
Peter McGarry	1997/1998			Jason Nankervis	2007/2008																				
Shelley Stevens	1997/1998			Jenaya Bodger	2007/2008																				
Daniel Finter	1998/1999			David Westby	2007/2008																				
Michael Latham	1998/1999			Graeme Turner	2007/2008																				
Daniel Mabin	1998/1999			Calan Lovitt	2007/2008																				
Peta Lawlor	1998/1999			Keith Potent	2007/2008																				
Aaron Thompson	1998/1999			Matthew Sheffield	2007/2008																				
Jeffrey Paskin	1999/2000			Kim Stallard	2007/2008																				
Angus Johnstone	2000/2001																								
Adrian L'Barrow	2000/2001																								
Chad Murray	2000/2001																								
Scott Stephenson	2000/2001																								
Michael Finter	2001/2002																								
Jared Hargreaves	2001/2002																								
Craig Newton	2001/2002																								
Aaron Cole	2002/2003																								
Joshua Mabin	2002/2003																								
Joshua Potent	2003/2004																								
Keith Potent	2003/2004																								
Bradley Truman	2003/2004																								
Peter Walsh	2003/2004																								
Christopher Hodgkinson	2004/2005																								
Michael Stone	2004/2005																								
Keith Weinert	2005/2006																								
Luke Campbell	2005/2006																								
Jenaya Bodger	2006/2007																								
Matthew Sheffield	2006/2007																								
Tony South	2006/2007																								
Graeme Turner	2006/2007																								

Appendix 5: Surf Life Saving Australia Honours

SLSA NATIONAL PATROL SERVICE AWARDS

The National Patrol Service Awards recognise members for their long service to lifesaving patrols.

10 YEARS	
George Hill	1992/1993
Shane Modini	1992/1993
Julie Keen	1992/1993
Shane Ford	1992/1993
Greg Keen	1992/1993
David Adamson	1993/1994
Rob Wilson	1993/1994
Greg Batchelor	1994/1995
Paul Walton	1994/1995
Mal Aitken	1994/1995
Rick Bodger	1994/1995
Matthew Stevenson	1995/1996
Sharon Wright (Brennan)	1995/1996
Simon Johnstone	1995/1996
Jeffrey Paskin	1995/1996
Peter Bertossi	1996/1997
Darren Woodward	1996/1997
Gavin Black	1997/1998
John Gardiner	1997/1998
Terry Gillis	1997/1998
Jeffrey L'Barrow	1997/1998
Michael Latham	1997/1998
Peter McGarry	1997/1998
Julie Wright (Gillis)	1997/1998
Natasha Dennis	1998/1999
Anthony Dodd	1998/1999
Chad Murray	1998/1999
Bruce Beveridge	2000/2001
Samantha Johnstone	2000/2001
Shelley Johnstone	2000/2001
Daniel Mabin	2002/2003
Mike Stone	2002/2003
Craig Terrell (back date)	2002/2003
Wayne Cole	2002/2003
Peter Walsh	2002/2003
Ken Burge	2002/2003
Daniel Finter	2003/2004
Scott Stephenson	2003/2004
Peta Lawlor	2003/2004
Bradley Truman	2005/2006
Joshua Potent	2005/2006
Heidi Potent	2006/2007

15 YEARS	
Gary Terrell	1986/1987
Jeff Daley	1992/1993
Craig Terrell	1993/1994
George Hill	1993/1994
Greg Keen	1994/1995
Shane Modini	1994/1995
Julie Keen	1995/1996
Jeffrey Paskin	1995/1996
David Finter	1996/1997
Rick Bodger	1999/2000
Sharon Brennan	2001/2002
Matthew Stevenson	2001/2002
Grant North	2001/2002
Paul Walton	2001/2002
Terry Gillis	2001/2002
Simon Johnstone	2002/2003
Natasha Dennis	2003/2004
Gavin Black	2003/2004
Anthony Dodd	2003/2004

20 YEARS	
Gary Terrell	1995/1996
Craig Terrell	1995/1996
George Hill	1998/1999
Shane Modini	2000/2001
Julie Keen	2001/2002
Greg Keen	2001/2002
Rick Bodger	2004/2005
Sharon Brennan	2005/2006
Simon Johnstone	2006/2007

25 YEARS	
George Hill	2004/2005
Greg Keen	2004/2005
Shane Modini	2007/2008

30 YEARS	
Gary Terrell	1995/1996

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

These awards recognise members for their sustained membership of Surf Life Saving.

25 YEARS NATIONAL LONG SERVICE BADGE	
Jeff Paskin	1997/1998
Tony Jennings	1997/1998
Craig Terrell	1997/1998
Gary Terrell	1997/1998
John Clark	1997/1998
Jeffrey Daley	2002/2003
David Finter	2002/2003
George Hill	2003/2004
Shane Modini	2003/2004
Greg Keen	2004/2005
Julie Keen	2005/2006
Karen Bodger	2005/2006
Darren Woodward	2005/2006
John Gardiner	2005/2006
Rick Bodger	2006/2007

30 YEARS NATIONAL LONG SERVICE BADGE	
David Finter	2005/2006
Ian Ames	2005/2006
Jeffrey Daley	2005/2006
John McInnes	2005/2006
Wayne Cole	2005/2006
Gary Terrell	2005/2006
Jeffrey Paskin	2006/2007

40 YEARS NATIONAL LONG SERVICE BADGE	
Terrance Daley	2005/2006
David Powles	2005/2006
John Bristow	2005/2006
Jeffrey Paskin	2006/2007
Gary Terrell	2007/2008
Wayne Cole	2007/2008
John McInnes	2007/2008

50 YEARS NATIONAL LONG SERVICE BADGE	
Colin Le Strange	

NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL

The National Medal was established by the Commonwealth Government of Australia in 1975 as one of the original elements of the distinctive Australian system of honours and awards. The medal recognises long service in organisations that protect life and property at some risk to their members. The commencement date of eligible service for SLSA is 18 September 1986.

Gavin Black	2004/2005
Sharon Brennan	2004/2005
Simon Johnstone	2004/2005
Matthew Stevenson	2004/2005
Gary Terrell	2006/2007
George Hill	2007/2008

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDAL

To commemorate Australian Sporting Achievements in the year 2000

Ian Ames
John Brennan
Jeffrey Daley
Greg Keen

SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA – LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

George Hill	1990/1991
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INTERNATIONAL LIFESAVING CITATION OF MERIT

George Hill	1999/2000
Julie Keen	1999/2000
Greg Keen	1999/2000
Gary Terrell	2000/2001
Col Le Strange	2005/2006
Jeffrey Daley	2000/2001
Ian Ames	2000/2001
Sharon Brennan	2003/2004
John Brennan	2003/2004
Matthew Stevenson	2003/2004
Rick Bodger	2004/2005
Wayne Cole	2005/2006
Natasha Dennis	2005/2006



NATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM REPRESENTATION

Jim Comerford	State Centre Touring Team to New Zealand	1965/66
Brian Goodger	State Centre Touring Team to New Zealand	1965/66
George Hill	Lifesaving Exchange Program to Japan	1989/90
Simon Johnstone	IRB Instructors Program Hong Kong	1994/95
Paul Walton	IRB Instructors Program Taiwan	1995/96
Sharon Brennan	Assistant Team Manager for Elite Athlete Development Team (NZ)	1997/98

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Brennan	Referee (2006-2008)	
George Hill	Sectional Referee	(Champion Lifesaver)
Jeff Paskin	Sectional Referee	(First Aid)
Sharon Brennan	Sectional Referee	(Patrol Competition)
Greg Keen	Sectional Referee	(Water)



Appendix 6:

Surf Life Saving Queensland Honours

Julie Keen	1985/1986	Selected to Represent Qld in the Australian Female Lifesaver of the Year
George Hill	1990/1991	Queensland Lifesaver of the Year
Jeffrey Paskin	1995/1996	Queensland Examiner of the Year
Natasha Dennis	1995/1996	Queensland Volunteer of the Year
Jenaya Bodger	1999/2000	Queensland Nipper of the Year
Matthew Potent	2000/2001	Queensland Nipper of the Year
Jenaya Bodger	2000/2001	Queensland Cadet of the Year
Ashley Stone	2000/2001	Andy Frizzell Award for Service to Junior Activities
Point Lookout SLSC	2001/2002	Queensland Youth Development Club of the Year
Peta Lawlor	2001/2002	Queensland Instructor of the Year
Alanna Bodger	2002/2003	Queensland Cadet of the Year
Daniel Potent	2002/2003	Queensland Examiner of the Year
Joshua Potent	2003/2004	Queensland Sir Adrian Curlewis Scholarship
Gary Terrell	2003/2004	Surf Life Saving Queensland Life Membership
Matthew Potent	2004/2005	Queensland U18 Junior Lifesaver of the Year
Luke Campbell	2004/2005	Queensland Young Lifesaver of the Year - High Commendation
Aaron Cole	2005/2006	Commendation for Individual Excellence in Lifesaving
Jason Nankervis	2005/2006	Commendation for Individual Excellence in Lifesaving
Gavin Black	2005/2006	Commendation for Individual Excellence in Lifesaving
Brad Truman	2005/2006	Commendation for Individual Excellence in Lifesaving

SLSQ LIFE SAVING SERVICE AWARDS

Matthew Stevenson	1999/2000	Outstanding Service as a Patrol Captain (5 years +)
Gavin Black	1999/2000	Outstanding Service as a Patrol Captain (5 Years)
Tony Dodd	1999/2000	Outstanding Service as a Patrol Captain (5 Years)
James Comerford	2000/2001	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Gold (20+ Years)
David Powles	2000/2001	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Gold (20+ Years)
Daniel Mabin	2000/2001	Outstanding Service as a Patrol Captain (5 Years)
Greg Keen	2000/2001	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Bronze (10 Years)
George Hill	2000/2001	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Bronze (10 Years)
Matthew Thompson	2002/2003	Outstanding Service as a Patrol Captain – 1996/97 to 2000/01
Sharon Brennan	2002/2003	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Bronze (10 Years)
Peta Lawlor	2002/2003	Outstanding Service as a Chief Instructor (1999 - 2003)
Gavin Black	2002/2003	Outstanding Service as a Club Captain (2000 - 2003)
Jeffrey Paskin	2002/2003	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Bronze (10 Years)
Daniel Finter	2003/2004	Outstanding Service as a Patrol Captain – 1999/00 to 2003/04
Joshua Potent	2005/2006	Outstanding Service as a Patrol Captain – 2001/02 - 2005/06
Sharon Brennan	2005/2006	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Silver (15 Years)
Wayne Cole	2005/2006	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Gold (20+ Years)
Gary Terrell	2005/2006	Outstanding Service as an Assessor – Gold (20+ Years)
Gary Morthorpe	2007/2008	Outstanding Service as a Chief Training Officer (2005/06 to 2007/08)
Calan Lovitt	2007/2008	Over 200+ Patrol Hours during the 2007/2008 Season

SLSQ FRONTLINE FIRST LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Dianne Crow	2003/2004	George Hill	2003/2004
Sharon Brennan	2003/2004	John Brennan	2003/2004
Natasha Dennis	2004/2005	Ashley Stone	2004/2005
Gavin Black	2004/2005	Maree Hill	2005/2006
Julie Keen	2005/2006		

SLSQ WOMEN IN LIFESAVING RECOGNITION AWARDS

Bronze Certificates

Karen Bodger	Level 1 Official 5 Years
Donna Bozoky	Over 250 patrol hours
Elizabeth Hodgkinson	Over 250 patrol hours
Louise Hogben	Over 250 patrol hours
Heidi Potent	Over 250 patrol hours
Ingrid Potent	Over 250 patrol hours

Gold Certificates

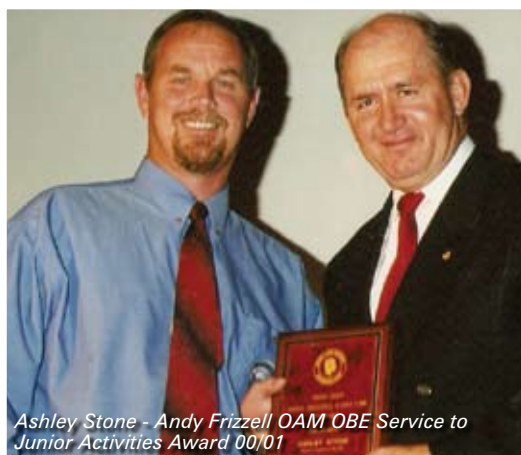
Sharon Brennan	Support Services – 5 years & performed over 1000 patrol hours
Natasha Dennis	Performed over 1000 patrol hours
Julie Keen	Club Officer 15 years +

Silver Certificates

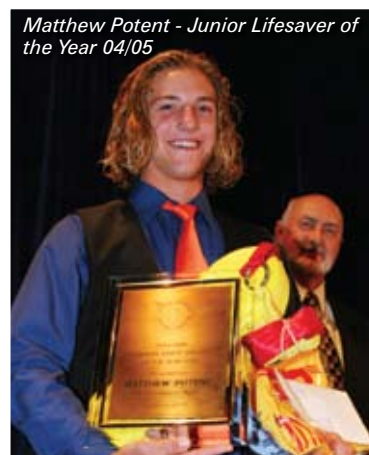
Sarah Pangrazio	Australian Gold Medallist
Anne Marie Westby	Australian Gold Medallist
Leith Goebel	Australian Gold Medallist
Jenaya Bodger	Australian Gold Medallist
Shelley Johnstone	Over 600 patrol hours
Kelly Rogers	Australian Gold Medallist
Adele Crow	Australian Gold Medallist
Julie Gillis	Over 600 patrol hours
Peta Lawlor	Over 600 patrol hours
Judith Johnstone	Level 2 Official – 5 years +
Judy Lobley	Level 2 Official – 5 years +
Maree Hill	Club Officer 10 years +



George Hill - QLD Lifesaver of the Year 95/96



Ashley Stone - Andy Frizzell OAM OBE Service to Junior Activities Award 00/01



Matthew Potent - Junior Lifesaver of the Year 04/05



Jeff Paskin - QLD Assessor of the Year 95/96



Joshua Potent - QLD Sir Adrian Curlewis Scholar 03/04



Alanna Bodger - QLD Cadet Lifesaver of the Year 02/03



Natasha Dennis - QLD Volunteer of the Year 95/96



Peta Lawlor - QLD Instructor of the Year 01/02



Dan Potent - QLD Assessor of the Year 02/03



George Hill - Australian Lifesaver of the Year 90/91



Matthew Potent QLD Nipper of the Year 00/01



Jenaya Bodger QLD - Cadet Lifesaver of the Year 00/01



Julie Keen QLD Representative for Female Lifesaver of the Year 85/86

Appendix 7: South Coast Branch Awards

HONOURS

George Hill	1986/1987	South Coast Branch Lifesaver of the Year
Gary Terrell	1987/1988	South Coast Branch Lifesaver of the Year
George Hill	1990/1991	South Coast Branch Lifesaver of the Year
Natasha Dennis	1995/1996	South Coast Branch Volunteer of the Year
Jeff Paskin	1995/1996	South Coast Branch Assessor of the Year
George Hill	1997/1998	South Coast Branch Lifesaver of the Year
Sharon Brennan	2000/2001	South Coast Branch Lifesaver of the Year
Matthew Potent	2000/2001	South Coast Branch Nipper of the Year
Jenaya Bodger	2000/2001	South Coast Branch Cadet of the Year
John Brennan	2001/2002	South Coast Branch Official of the Year
Gavin Black	2001/2002	South Coast Branch Lifesaver of the Year
Joel Burge	2001/2002	South Coast Branch Young Lifesaver of the Year
Peta Lawlor	2001/2002	South Coast Branch Instructor of the Year
Dianne Crow	2001/2002	South Coast Branch Volunteer of the Year
Alanna Bodger	2002/2003	South Coast Branch Cadet Lifesaver of the Year
Luke Campbell	2002/2003	South Coast Branch Young Lifesaver of the Year
Daniel Potent	2002/2003	South Coast Branch Assessor of the Year
George Hill	2003/2004	South Coast Branch Life Membership
Calan Lovitt	2007/2008	South Coast Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year
Aaron Gage	2007/2008	South Coast Branch Nipper of the Year
George Hill	2007/2008	South Coast Branch Clive Hammond Medal

SOUTH COAST BRANCH PATROL EFFICIENCY COMPETITION

Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club has been successful in winning this competition on several occasions since the competition commenced in the 1960/61 season.

Successful Seasons include:

1968/69	1989/90	1996/97
1979/80	1991/92	1997/98
1980/81	1992/93	1999/00
1985/86	1993/94	2001/02
1987/88	1994/95	2006/07
1988/89	1995/96	

SOUTH COAST BRANCH FIRST AID ROOM COMPETITION

Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club has been successful in winning this competition on several occasions since the competition commenced in 1974.

1974/75	1986/87	1990/91
1981/82	1987/88	1991/92
1984/85	1988/89	1992/93
1985/86	1989/90	1993/94

Appendix 8: Point Lookout SLSC Club Recognition Awards

Season	Club Esteem	Best Trier	Outstanding Carnival Competitor	Best Patrol Member	Screw Up	Chief Stirrer
1962/63			John Hutchinson			
1963/64	Bram Thompson		Eric Armsen			
1964/65	Neil Cairns		Brian Goodger			
1965/66	Greg Litherland		Graeme Snell			
1968/69	Neil Ames					
1969/70	David Adamson		Mark Bishop	Gary Terrell		Jeff Paskin
1970/71				Gary Terrell		
1974/75		Ian Ames				
1975/76		Phil Klemm				
1976/77		John Gardiner & Leo Feuerigel				
1977/78		Peter Walsh				
1978/79		Jeff Daley		Ian Ames		

NOTE: Records in the Club Annual Reports were very limited

Season	Club Esteem (James Wilson)	Best Trier (Tom Riek)	Outstanding Achievement (Bill Potter)	Best Fundraiser	Best Patrol Member	Best Carnival Competitor (Wayne Cole)	Most Improved Swimmer	Screw Up
1979/80	Ron Mullen	Bruce Aitken	Peter Bertossi	Supporters Club	Shane Ford	Peter Bertossi	Tony Reader	
1980/81	David Finter	George Hill Jnr	Tony Bertossi	Dave Collins	Shane Modini	Peter Bertossi	Jane Dobbie	Mark Bucknall
1981/82	Tony Reader	Julie Wright (Keen)	Gary Terrell	Greg Keen	Jane Dobbie	Ian Ames/Jeff Daley	Martin McIntyre	Tony Bertossi
1982/83	Shane Ford	Loretta Newman	Peter Bertossi	Jenny Jard	Jeff Daley	Ian Ames/Jeff Daley	Mitchell McIntyre	Jeff Daley
1983/84	Gary Terrell	Darren Ford	George Hill Snr	Col Le Strange	George Hill Jnr	Steven Gray	Leanne Feuerigel	
1984/85	Julie Keen	Paul Walton	Jeff Daley	George Hill Jnr	Gary Terrell	Greg Batchelor	Michael Adams	Shane Ford
1985/86	Ian Ames	Brent Allsop	Peter Glancy	Mal Aitken	George Hill	Jeff Daley	Steven White	Darren Woodward
1986/87	Shane Modini	Steve White/ Paul Walton	Col Le Strange	Graham Preston	Mal Aitken	Patrol Competition Team**	Matt Robinson	Mal Aitken/ Greg Keen
1987/88	George Hill	Matt Stevenson	Peter Glancy	John Evenis	Gary Terrell	Ian Ames/Jeff Daley	Terry Gillis	Paul Saffigna
1988/89	Julie Keen	Grant North	Roy Store	Dave Walton	Greg Keen	Paul Saffigna	Peter Kugler	Grant North
1989/90	George Hill	Tony Blake	Paul Walton	Maree Kendrick	Simon Johnstone	"A" Grade IRB Assembly Team**	Melissa Donnelly	Rob Wilson
1990/91	Greg Keen	Julie Wright (Gillis)	George Hill	Sharon Wright	Greg Keen	Junior Boat Crew	Donna Walton	Jeff L'Barrow

** 1986/87 Patrol Competition Team - George Hill, Greg Batchelor, Julie Keen, Mal Aitken, Greg Keen, Jeff Daley

** 1989/90 "A" Grade IRB Assembly Team - Darren Woodward, Greg Keen, George Hill, Peter McGarry

** 1990/91 Junior Boat Crew – Scott Holleran, Jeff L'Barrow, Matthew Hayes, Damien Clayphan, Gary Clayphan (Sweep)

Season	Club Esteem (James Wilson)	Best Trier (Darren Mullen)	Outstanding Achievement (Bill Potter)	Best Fundraiser	Best Patrol Member	Best Carnival Competitor (Wayne Cole)	Most Improved Swimmer	Fastest Pool Swim
1991/92		Gil Rhodes	Gavin Kugler	Judy Lobley		U18 Beach Relay Team **	Shane Edie	Chad Murray
1992/93	Greg Litherland	Gil Rhodes	George Hill	Emma Hoger	Gil Rhodes	Gavin Kugler	Bruce Beveridge	Chad Murray
1993/94	Shelley Stevens	Daniel Mabin		Judy Lobley	Damian Underwood	Claire Paskin / Brenton Kite	Fiona Pyke	Chad Murray
1994/95	Natasha Dennis	Tony Dodd	Gary Terrell	Maree Blake	Bruce Beveridge	Greg Keen / Sam Johnstone	Carly Rodd	Chad Murray
1995/96	Matt Stevenson	Matt Thompson	Heather Truman	Maree Kendrick		IRB Rescue Tube Team **	Kirsty Osborne	Chad Murray / Troy Wright
1996/97	Matt Stevenson	Troy Wright	Building Committee	Maree Kendrick	Leisa McMahon	Leisa McMahon / Adrian L'Barrow	Rachael Rodd	Chad Murray
1997/98	Sharon Brennan	Brian Barnett	Ian Ames	Surf Girl Committee **	Peter McGarry	Open IRB Tube Rescue Team **	Peta Lawlor	Troy Wright
1998/99	Natasha Dennis	Tony Dodd	Natasha Dennis	Leisa McMahon	Robert Penhallurick	Julie Keen	Taryn Johanson	Chad Murray
1999/00	Peta Lawlor	Tyron Kurth	Gary Terrell	Rachael Rodd	Matthew Stevenson	Sharon Brennan	Aaron Sultana	Chad Murray
2000/01	Natasha Dennis	Jared Hargreaves	Gary Terrell / Dan Potent	Natasha Dennis	Melissa Murray	Sharon Brennan	Emma Lowry	Chad Murray
2001/02	George Hill	Adele Crow	Peta Lawlor	Julie Wright (Gillis)	Luke Campbell	Sharon Brennan	Tarik Telesnitsky	Chad Murray
2002/03	Sharon Brennan	Dianne Crow	Col Le Strange	Judy Lobley	Shelley Johnstone	Open Patrol Comp Team **	Michael Finter	Sam Corrigan
2003/04	Dianne Crow	Luke Campbell	Gary Terrell	Ford Jackson	David Finter	Jenaya Bodger	Kimberley Thurlow	Stacey Todd

** 1991/92 U18 Beach Relay Team - Gavin Black, Gavin Kugler, Jeff L'Barrow, Michael Latham

** 1997/98 IRB Rescue Tube Team – Greg Keen, Chad Murray, Sharon Brennan

** 1997/98 Surf Girl Committee – Julie Keen, Karen Bodger, Di Crow, Tony Dodd, Heather Truman, George Hill, Carly Rodd, Natasha Dennis

** 2002/03 Open Patrol Comp Team - Josh Potent, Josh Mabin, Keith Potent, Scott Stephenson, Jenaya Bodger

Season	Club Esteem (James Wilson)	Best Trier (Darren Mullen)	Outstanding Achievement	Best Fundraiser	Best Patrol Member	Best Carnival Competitor (Wayne Cole)	Most Improved Swimmer	Fastest Pool Swim
2004/05	Gavin Black	Ingrid Potent	Adele Crow	Adele Crow	Scott Stephenson	Open Patrol Comp Team **	Jared Hargreaves	Chris Hodgkinson
2005/06	Wayne Cole	Tony South	Aaron Cole Jason Nankervis	G. Black, G. Hill N. Dennis, K. Bodger, G. Terrell	Keith Weinert	A. Westby / S. Pangrazio N. Dennis, J. Bodger, K. Rogers, A. Crow	Matt Gage	Hannah Diefenbach
2006/07	Jason Nankervis	Dennis Campbell	Josh Potent / Vince Wildey	Surf Girl Committee **	Aaron Sultana	K. Campbell, S. Sammut, N. Dennis J. Bodger, C. Hodgkinson		Steel Forbes
2007/08	Sandra Middleton	Matt Cosgrove	David Westby	Sean Fallon	Shane Modini	IRB Rescue Tube Team J. Potent, J. Nankervis, T. Sommerville		Alanna Bodger

** 2004/05 Open Patrol Competition Team - Josh Potent, Matt Potent, Keith Potent, Jenaya Bodger, Chris Hodgkinson, Jared Hargreaves

** 2006/07 Surf Girl Committee – Sean Fallon, Heidi Potent, Kerrie Sully, Belinda Hawxwell, David Westby, Karen Bodger

Point Lookout SLSC Club Recognition Awards continued...

Season	Most Improved Member	Junior Club Spirit (Steven Price)	Cadet Club Spirit (Daniel Price)	Most Dedicated Carnival Competitor	Official of the Year	Assessor of the Year	IRB Achievement	George Hill Snr Memorial Award for Junior Activities	Screw Up
1991/92	Tony Dodd								Lisa Byrne
1992/93	Fiona Pyke								Matt Stevenson
1993/94	Matt Thompson								Tony Dodd
1994/95	Belinda Underwood	Daniel Mabin / Matt Thompson							Ben Wyeth
1995/96	Adrian L'Barrow	Adrian L'Barrow	Laura Newton	Open Patrol ** Competition Team					Juniors for "frying" Captain
1996/97	Aaron Thompson	Daniel Finter	Nathan Bird	The Boat Crew	Judith Johnstone	Jeff Paskin	Greg Keen		Adrian L'Barrow
1997/98	Jared Hargreaves	Daniel Finter	Joshua Mabin	Nathan Bird	Wayne Laundry	Trevor L'Barrow	Brad Truman		Matt "Emu" Robinson
1998/99	Brad Truman	Nathan Bird	Michael Finter	Masters Surf Boat Crews	Brian Barnett	Dan Potent / Barry Dunn		Greg Keen	Dan Potent
1999/00	Tyron Kurth	Chris Hodgkinson	Joel Burge	Chris Hodgkinson	Judith Johnstone	Jeff Paskin	Brad Truman		Casey Titchener
2000/01	Louise Hogben	Jared Hargreaves	Beau Dean Jackson	Chris Hodgkinson	Judith Johnstone	Jeff Paskin	Natasha Dennis		Kurt Weinert
2001/02	Rhys Pascoe	Joel Burge	Matthew Potent	Leonie Keen	John Brennan	Dan Potent	Matt Sheffield		Karen Bodger
2002/03	Keith Weinert	Luke Campbell	Alanna Bodger	Leonie Keen / Alanna Bodger	Rick Bodger / Tony Carle	Dan Potent	Keith Weinert / Kim Stallard	Judy Lobley	Peter Walsh
2003/04	Matthew Potent	Matthew Potent	Chris Gilpin / Brennan Stoyles	Alanna Bodger	John Brennan	Ingrid Potent	Sandra Middleton	Ashley Stone	Dan Potent

** 1995/96 Open Patrol Competition Team - Matthew Stevenson, Sharon Wright, Chad Murray, Daniel Mabin, Troy Wright

Season	Most Improved Member	Junior Club Spirit (Steven Price)	Cadet Club Spirit (Daniel Price)	Most Dedicated Carnival Competitor	Official of the Year	Assessor of the Year	IRB Achievement	George Hill Snr Memorial Award for Junior Activities	Screw Up
2004/05	Scott Stephenson	Stacey Todd / Matt Potent	Calan Lovitt	Anne-Marie Westby / Sarah Pangrazio	Rick Bodger	Keith Weinert	Kim Stallard	David Westby	Keith Weinert
2005/06	James Duignan	Calan Lovitt	Matt Gage	Andrew Field	Karen Bodger	Wayne Cole	Gavin Black / Brad Truman	Sam Di Trapani, Dennis Campbell, Rosemary Thurlow	
2006/07	Matthew Stone	Matthew Stone	Aimee Craig	Natasha Dennis	Rick Bodger / Greg Keen	Wayne Cole	Jason Nankervis	Tony South	Tony Dodd
2007/08	Josh Cutting	Calan Lovitt	Kelvin Ducray	IRB Race Team	Judith Johnstone	Wayne Cole	Terry Bozoky	Kervyn Iacopi Kelly Young	Tony South



Appendix 9: National and State Youth/Leadership Development Programs

NOTE: Some records could not be found in Club Annual Reports

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

STATE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (18-25)

Name	Year	Special Achievements
Donna Bozoky	2005/06	
Stacey Todd	2005/06	
Jared Hargreaves	2005/06	
Luke Campbell	2004/05	Camp Scholarship
Jenaya Bodger	2004/05	
Adele Crow	2003/04	Best Team Player
Candice Young	2003/04	
Matt Sheffield	2003/04	
Michael Finter	2003/04	
Heidi Potent	2002/03	Camp Scholarship
Chris Hodgkinson	2002/03	Camp Encouragement
Keith Potent	2001/02	
Joshua Potent	2001/02	Camp Scholarship
Louise Byrne (Hogben)	2000/01	
Mark Farrell	2000/01	
Brad Truman	1999/00	
Daniel Finter	1999/00	
Aaron Thompson	1998/99	
Peta Lawlor	1997/98	
Matthew Thompson	1997/98	
Natasha Dennis	1990/91	
Jeff L'Barrow	1990/91	

STATE CADET/JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Name	Year	Special Achievements
Matt Gage	2006/07	
Josh Middleton	2006/07	
Amelia Stewart	2005/06	
William Hagan	2005/06	
Loring Gregory	2005/06	
Katie White	2005/06	
Kelvina Campbell	2004/05	
Troy Somerville	2004/05	Camp Scholarship
James Hanley	2004/05	
Shannon Cotterill	2004/05	
Madeline Hanley	2003/04	Lifesaver of the Camp
Danielle Walsh	2003/04	Camp Scholarship
Anne Marie Westby	2003/04	
Madeline Weightman	2002/03	
Leonie Keen	2001/02	
Jason Nankervis	2001/02	
Alanna Bodger	2001/02	
Cassie Burge	2001/02	Camp Scholarship
Liam Crow	2000/01	
Matthew Potent	2000/01	
Tara Stone	2000/01	
Luke Campbell	1999/00	Camp Scholarship
Jenaya Bodger	1999/00	
Aaron Cole	1999/00	
Elizabeth Hodgkinson	1999/00	
Adele Crow	1998/99	
Travis Clark	1997/98	
Brendan Stone	1997/98	
Chris Hodgkinson	1997/98	
Cassandra Hoare	1997/98	
Tim Carothers	1991/92	
Megan Davies	1991/92	
Michael Broadbeant	1991/92	
Steven Price	1991/92	
Meghan Flanigan	1991/92	
Leisa McMahon	1991/92	
Troy Wright	1991/92	First Ever Junior Camp

STATE CADET/JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Name	Year	Special Achievements
Calan Lovitt	2007/08	
Troy Somerville	2007/08	
Matt Gage	2006/07	
Harry Clark	2006/07	
Brennan Stoyles	2004/05	
Chris Gilpin	2004/05	
Karina Meldrum	2003/04	
Jason Nankervis	2003/04	
Julian Eveans	2003/04	
Beau Jackson	2002/03	Camp Scholarship
Matthew Potent	2002/03	
Aaron Stallard	2002/03	
Aaron Cole	2002/03	
Luke Campbell	2002/03	Best Team Player
Adele Crow	2001/02	
Joel Burge	2001/02	
Candice Young	2001/02	Camp Scholarship
Tyron Kurth	2001/02	Lifesaver of the Camp
Jenaya Bodger	2001/02	
Josh Potent	2000/01	
Keith Potent	2000/01	Lifesaver of the Camp
Jared Hargreaves	1999/00	Camp Scholarship
Scott Stephenson	1997/98	NOTE: Inaugural State Camp

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGES/TOURS

Luke Campbell	Surf Life Saving Northern Region - New Zealand Leadership Development Program (2006)
Joshua Potent	Pan Pacific Youth Exchange Program to Osaka Queensland Government (2002/03)

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Name	Year
Luke Campbell	2005
Jenaya Bodger	2005
Adele Crow	2004
Christopher Hodgkinson	2003
Joshua Potent	2002
Keith Potent	2002
Louise Byrne (Hogben)	2001
Brad Truman	2000
Aaron Thompson	1999
Matthew Thompson	1998
Gavin Black	1995
Simon Johnstone	1995
Matthew Stevenson	1992
Sharon Brennan	1992



Appendix 10: Operation Support Services

Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service (Lifesaver 5 and 6)

Name	Achievements	Crewmans Award Gained	Instructors Gained
Gary Terrell (5 & 6)	10 Year Service Award Presented 1984/85 Crewman (15 Years) 2 Seasons as Chief Examiner	1st October 1978	14th September 1980
Craig Terrell	Crewman (3 Years)	NOTE: Examiners Certificate gained 3rd May 1984 8th October 1978	
Garry Hammond	Instructor	1st October 1978	26th August 1979
Mal Aitken	Crewman	1984	
Jeffrey Daley	Crewman	1987	
George Hill	Crewman (18 months)	25th July 1993	
Sharon Wright (Brennan)	First Female in Gold Coast Service (5 years)	25th July 1993	
Michael Stone	Crewman	25th July 1993	
Gil Rhodes	Crewman (6 Years)	26th October 1997	
Simon Johnstone	10 Year Service Award	15th September 1996	
John Brennan	Crewman (3 Years)	15th September 1996	
Joshua Potent	Crewman (1 season)	29th December 2001	

Jet Rescue Boat Service

Name	Position	Crewmans Award Gained
Jeff L'Barrow	Crewman	24th January 1998
Adrian L'Barrow	Crewman	24th January 1998

Vigilance 1 Fixed Wing Aircraft

Flew surveillance flights from Coolangatta Airport South to Cudgen, North past North Stradbroke Island, Moreton and Bribie Islands along the Sunshine Coast to Double Island Point and return to Coolangatta Operational between the years of 1992 – 1996.

Name	Achievements	Award Gained
Gary Terrell	First Crew Captain	10th October 1993
Michael Stone	Crewman	10th October 1993
Sharon Wright (Brennan)	First Female Crew Member	10th October 1993

Gold Coast Command - Surf Com

Name	Position	Achievements
Donna Walton	Crew member	Crewperson of the Year Award (Season unknown)
Louise Byrne (Hogben)	Crew member	Crewperson of the Year Award 2006/07

Jet Ski – Rescue Water Vehicle

Name	Award Gained	RWC Induction Course Attendees (December 2007)	
Rick Bodger	3rd November 2001	Aaron Cole	Jenaya Bodger
Greg Keen	7th July 2001	Wayne Cole	Terry Bozoky
Paul Walton	2nd August 2003	David Finter	Gary Terrell
Tony Carle	23rd November 2003	Chris Hanley	Sandra Middleton
Keith Weinert	10th January 2004	Jason Nankervis	Scott Clarkson
Keith Potent	22nd July 2004	Joshua Potent	Donna Bozoky
Bruce Middleton	22nd February 2004	Matt Potent	Alanna Bodger
Rick Di Trapani	28th August 2005	Kim Stallard	Sue Bozoky
Michael Stone	25th September 2005	David Westby	Josh Middleton
George Hill	1st February 2008	Gavin Black	
Achievements	Keith Weinert Terry Bozoky	Awarded Area 6 Crewperson of the Year 2006/2007 Awarded Area 9 Crewperson of the Year 2007/2008	

Duty Officer	George Hill
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Appendix 11: Club Championship Results

Season	Open Champion
1947/48	
1948/49	Norm Franz
1949/50	Len McAfee
1950/51	Col Willett
1951/52	Lou Greenhill
1952/53	
1953/54	
1954/55	
1955/56	
1956/57	
1957/58	
1958/59	Teddy Beyer
1959/60	Rod Doolan
1960/61	Teddy Beyer
1961/62	Eric Armson
1962/63	Jim Small
1963/64	Barry Reding
1964/65	Teddy Beyer
1965/66	Graeme Snell

Season	Open Champion	Senior Champion	Junior Champion	Cadet Champion
1962/63		Jim Small	Barry Reding	
1963/64		Eric Arnsen	Barry Reding	
1964/65		Ted Beyer	Mark Bishop	
1965/66		Graeme Snell	Mark Bishop	
1966/67	Jim Small	Jim Small	Tony Newman	
1967/68	Mark Bishop	Mark Bishop	Wayne Bishop	
1968/69	Mark Bishop	Mark Bishop	Wayne Bishop	
1969/70	Mark Bishop	Mark Bishop	Neil Ames	
1970/71	Mark Bishop	Mark Bishop	Ray Wilson	
1971/72		Wayne Bishop	Ray Wilson	
1972/73	Richard Munro	Gary Terrell	Trevor Somerville	
1973/74		Ray Wilson	Trevor Somerville	Tony Bertossi
1974/75	Richard Munro	Wayne Cole	Richard Munro	Robin Kircher
1975/76	Richard Munro	Richard Munro	Trevor Somerville	Jon Lambert
1976/77	Trevor Somerville	Trevor Somerville	Tony Bertossi	Ross Nunn
1977/78	Richard Munro	Richard Munro	Ross Nunn	Peter Bertossi
1978/79	Trevor Somerville	Trevor Somerville	Rob Wilson	Ross Somerville
1979/80	Tony Bertossi	Tony Bertossi	Ross Somerville	Danny Walton
1980/81	Mark Brockhurst	Mark Brockhurst	R.Munro/PBertossi	Matt Madden
1981/82	Greg Batchelor	Greg Batchelor	George Hill	Gary Morgan
1982/83	Greg Batchelor	Greg Batchelor	G. Hill / A. Watts	Leanne Feuerriegel
1983/84		Greg Batchelor	Andy Watts	Darren Mandall
1984/85	Gary Morgan	Jeff Daley	Darren Mandall	Steven Kerr
1985/86	Greg Batchelor	Greg Batchelor	Michael Adams	Jamie Kerr
1986/87	Andy Watts	Mal Aitken	Steven Kerr	Jamie Kerr
1987/88	Jeff Daley	Jeff Daley	Matt Robinson	Talbot Kite
1988/89	Matt Robinson	Darren Woodward	Matt Robinson	Chris Saffigna
1989/90	George Hill	Greg Batchelor	Peter McGarry	Gavin Kugler
1990/91	Gary Terrell	George Hill	Simon Johnstone	Chad Murray
1991/92	Chad Murray	Damien Clayphan	Chad Murray	Brendan Lindsay

Indicates No Event or No Record

Season	Open Champion	Senior Male	Senior Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Cadet Male	Cadet Female
1992/93	Chad Murray	Simon Johnstone	Sharon Wright	Chad Murray		Troy Wright	
1993/94	Troy Wright	Gavin Black	Sharon Wright	Chad Murray		Steven Price	
1994/95	Chad Murray	Chad Murray	Sharon Wright	Troy Wright		Chris Thirkettle	
1995/96	Troy Wright	Chad Murray	Sharon Brennan	Troy Wright		Chris Thirkettle	
1996/97	Troy Wright	Troy Wright	Laura Newton	Grant Owen		Travis Farr	
1997/98	Daniel Mabin	Chad Murray	Sharon Brennan	Daniel Finter (U18)	Laura Newton (U18)	Josh Mabin (U16)	Lauren Owen (U16)
1998/99	Daniel Mabin	Daniel Mabin	Sharon Brennan	Daniel Finter (U18)	Rebecca Clark (U18)	Matt Eaborn (U16)	Cassie Hoare (U16)
1999/00	Daniel Mabin	Daniel Mabin	Laura Newton	Josh Mabin (U18)	Kylie Dunn (U18)	Chris Hodgkinson (U16)	Candice Young (U16)
2000/01	Daniel Mabin	Daniel Mabin	Julie Keen	Josh Mabin (U18)	Taryn Johanson (U18)	Rhys Pascoe (U16)	Jenaya Bodger (U16)
2001/02	Chris Hodgkinson	Chad Murray	Sharon Brennan	Chris Hodgkinson (U19)	Candice Young (U19)	Rhys Pascoe (U16)	Jenaya Bodger (U16)
2002/03	Keith Potent	Keith Potent	Shelley Johnstone	Chris Hodgkinson (U19)	Jenaya Bodger (U19)	Matt Potent (U16)	Leonie Keen (U16)
2003/04	Chris Hodgkinson	Chris Hodgkinson	Louise Hogben	Matt Potent (U19)	Jenaya Bodger (U19)	Jason Nankervis (U16)	Leonie Keen (U16)
2004/05	Chris Hodgkinson	Chris Hodgkinson	Jenaya Bodger	Matt Potent	Stacey Todd	Calan Lovitt	Hayley Keen
2005/06	Chris Hodgkinson	Chris Hodgkinson	Jenaya Bodger	Calan Lovitt (U17)	Hayley Keen (U17)	Troy Somerville (U15)	Shannon Cotterill (U15)
2006/07	Chris Hodgkinson	Chris Hodgkinson	Alanna Bodger	William Hagan	Hayley Keen		
2007/08	Josh Potent	Chris Hodgkinson	Jenaya Bodger	James Hanley	Hayley Keen	Arthur Hanley	Olivia Walsh

Season	30+ Male	30+ Female	40+ (Male/Female)
2002/03	Michael Stone	Julie Keen	
2003/04	Simon Johnstone	Leith Goebel	
2004/05	Simon Johnstone	Leith Goebel	Dale Cooper

Season	30+ Male	30+ Female	40+ (Male/Female)
2005/06	Terry Bozoky	Julie Keen	Greg Keen
2006/07			Greg Keen
2007/08	Greg Keen	Julie Keen	

Season	Resuscitation	Theory	First Aid
1962/63	Teddy Beyer		
1963/64	Barry Reding		
1964/65	Mark Bishop		
1965/66	Graeme Snell		
1966/67	Mick Flanigan		
1967/68	H. Lewis		
1968/69	Frank Moeller		
1969/70	Kim Turner		
1970/71	Gary Terrell		
1971/72	Gary Terrell	Dave Adamson	
1972/73	Scott Warton	Leigh Andrews	
1973/74			
1974/75	Ray Johnson	Ian Ames	
1975/76	Gary Mychaels	Ian Ames	
1976/77	Ray Wilson	Leanne Feuerriegel	
1977/78	Ken Burge	Ian Ames	
1978/79	Richard Munro	Peter Bertossi	Jeff Daley
1979/80	Tony Bertossi	Peter Bertossi	Peter Bertossi
1980/81	Gary Terrell	Peter Bertossi	Ray Warland
1981/82	Greg Batchelor	Gary Terrell	George Hill
1982/83	Peter Glancy	Darren Mullen	Ian Ames
1983/84	Wayne Smith	G. Terrell/J. Keen	Gary Terrell
1984/85	Peter Glancy	G. Keen/J.Keen	Julie Keen

Season	Resuscitation	Theory	First Aid
1985/86	Darren Woodward	Gary Morgan	Jeff Daley
1986/87	Julie Keen	Darren Woodward	Mal Aitken
1987/88	Mal Aitken	Andy Watts	Jeff Daley
1988/89	Sharon Wright	George Hill	Matt Stevenson
1989/90	Sharon Wright	Terry Gillis	George Hill
1990/91		Rhonda Bostock	Gary Terrell
1991/92		Sharon Wright	Sharon Wright
1992/93			Michael Latham
1993/94		Troy Wright	Sharon Wright
1994/95	Michael Latham	Sharon Wright	
1995/96	Gil Rhodes	Sharon Brennan	Sharon Brennan
1996/97	Sharon Brennan	Sharon Brennan	Aaron Thompson
1997/98	Sharon Brennan	Sharon Brennan	Aaron Thompson
1998/99	Gavin Black	Sharon Brennan	Jared Hargreaves
1999/00	Gavin Black	Sharon Brennan	Jared Hargreaves
2000/01	Sharon Brennan	Sharon Brennan	Kim Smith
2001/02	Louise Hogben	Candice Young	Kim Smith
2002/03	Keith Potent	Josh Potent	Luke Campbell
2003/04	Chris Hodgkinson	J.Potent/K.Potent	Luke Campbell
2004/05	Josh Potent	Josh Potent	Luke Campbell
2005/06	Josh Potent	Josh Potent	Luke Campbell
2006/07	C. Hodgkinson/M. Gage	Josh Potent	Chris Hodgkinson
2007/08	J. Potent/J. Bodger	Josh Potent	Josh Potent

Appendix 12:

Point Lookout Junior Activities Honour Board

Season	Chairperson	Secretary	Treasurer	Nipper/Nipperette of the Year
1967/68	C. Mills	Janine Durbidge	Joan Greener	No Records
1968/69	Don Snellin	Edward Brown	Gwen Specht	No Records
1969/70	Patrick Wilkinson	Margaret Bull	Gwen Specht	No Records
1970/71	Patrick Wilkinson	Joan Greener	Gwen Specht	No Records
1971/72	NO NIPPERS			
1972/73	NO NIPPERS			
1973/74	Bob Gray	Felicity Stanton	Unknown	No Records
1974/75	Bob Gray	Felicity Stanton	Reg Rix	No Records
1975/76	Reg Rix	Felicity Stanton	Marilyn Woodhouse	Terry Gotje
1976/77	Reg Rix	Carol Grattidge	Ailsa Perry	Terry Gotje and Helen Lambert
1977/78	Reg Rix	Jill Taylor/Judy Madden	Mollie Scott/Jill Taylor	Simon Perry and Terri Perry
1978/79	John McKenzie	Margaret Lahey	Dianne Smithers	Dennis McDonald and Terri Perry
1979/80	John McKenzie	Margaret Lahey	Dianne Smithers	Dennis McDonald and Terri Perry
1980/81	Don Lahey	Jan Boys	Ian Jarvis	Steven Gray and Lisa Smithers
1981/82	Don Lahey	Helen Jarvis	Dorothy Rix	Steven Gray and Lisa Smithers
1982/83	Don Lahey	Helen Jarvis	Helen Arnall	Steven Gray and Kellie Jarvis
1983/84	Graham Preston	Helen Jarvis	Helen Arnall	Steven Kerr
1984/85	Graham Preston	Jan Boys	Helen Arnall	Steven Kerr
1985/86	Greg Le Strange	Jan Boys	Dave Walton	Gavin Black
1986/87	Roy Store	Enid Robinson	Dave Walton	Gavin Black
1987/88	Roy Store	Judy Wright	Rod Davies	Chad Murray
1988/89	Roy Store	Sue Farr	Rod Davies	Chad Murray
1989/90	Judy Wright	Sue Farr	Graham Dodd	Troy Wright and Leisa McMahon
1990/91	Judy Wright	Sue Farr	Graham Dodd	Russell Farr and Meghan Flanigan
1991/92	Trevor L'Barrow	Debbie McMahon	Graham Dodd	Troy Wright and Lenore Litherland
1992/93	Trevor L'Barrow	Debbie McMahon	Bill McMillan	Stephen Price and Skye Oliphant
1993/94	Sue Farr	Debbie McMahon	Graham Ball	Laura Newton and Leslie Buckley
1994/95	Sue Farr	Jane Barnett	Barry Wilson	Laura Newton and Grant Owen
1995/96	Sue Farr	Ingrid Potent	Barry Wilson	Travis Farr and Kylie Dunn
1996/97	Brian Barnett	Ingrid Potent	Sue Bozoky	Lauren Owen and Keith Potent
1997/98	Brian Barnett	Ingrid Potent	Sue Bozoky	Cassie Hoare and Rob Penhallurick
1998/99	Ashley Stone	Ingrid Potent	Tracey Orrell	Adele Crow and Luke Campbell
1999/00	Ashley Stone	Michelle Westby	Tracey Orrell	Jenaya Bodger and Aaron Cole
2000/01	Ashley Stone	Michelle Westby	David Park	Skye Corcoran and Matthew Potent
2001/02	Ashley Stone	Michelle Westby	Sandra Middleton	Alanna Bodger/Leonie Keen, Cassie Burge/Jason Nankervis
2002/03	Ashley Stone	Michelle Westby	Sandra Middleton	Melanie Anderson and David Stanley
2003/04	Ashley Stone	Michelle Westby	Sandra Middleton	Madeline Hanley/Danielle Walsh, Mitchell Young/Josh Middleton
2004/05	Ashley Stone	Samantha Di Trapani	Julie Cotterill	Troy Somerville and Kelvina Campbell
2005/06	Chris Hanley	Samantha Di Trapani	Julie Cotterill	William Hagan and Amelia Stewart
2006/07	Chris Hanley	Tony South	Phillipa Graham	Olivia Walsh and Arthur Hanley
2007/08	Alan Iacopi	Tony South	Phillipa Graham	Aaron Gage and Josie Bird

Appendix 13: Point Lookout SLSC Long Service Award

*Criteria – Members have progressed through Junior Activities
and into the first year as a Cadet in the Senior Club.*

Season	Member/s
1973/74	A. Bertossi
1976/77	P. Bertossi, D. Green
1977/78	S. Perry, L. Mewett, L. Newman
1978/79	G. Hill, A. Madden. D. Walton
1979/80	M. Madden, J. Dobbie
1980/81	D. Woodward
1981/82	I. Dobbie
1982/83	K. Jarvis
1983/84	W. Boys
1984/85	M. Lahey
1987/88	J. Preston
1989/90	R. Arnall
1990/91	W. Arnall, S. Jackson
1991/92	R. Farr, B. Kite
1992/93	T. Wright, T. Store
1993/94	A. Johnstone. M. Davies
1995/96	R. McMahon
1996/97	T. Farr, R. Clark, L. Barnett
1997/98	L. Owen, S. Mahony
1998/99	T. Clark, B. Stone
1999/00	A. Crow
2000/01	J. Bodger, E. Hodgkinson, J. Owen
2001/02	M. Potent, L. Crow
2002/03	A. Bodger, L. Keen, J. Nankervis
2003/04	R. Lovitt
2004/05	A. Westby, H. Keen, C. Lovitt, J. Middleton
2005/06	M. Bozoky, T. Sommerville, R. Cole, J. Hanley
2006/07	A. Stewart, L. Gregory, J. Hall
2007/08	R. Finter, A. Hanley, S. Middleton, L. Modini, O. Walsh

Appendix 14:
Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club
Fallen Members

Our deepest sympathy goes to those Members past and present who have lost dear ones during their involvement with the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club.

May the following rest in peace and be remembered always.

First Bronze Squad
(24th January, 1948)

Norm Cramb
John Durbidge
Norm Franz
Rob Shields

Second Bronze Squad
(31st December, 1949)

Kevin Bache
Snowy Batchelor
Jack McGrath
John (Jack) Munro
Jim Smith
Col Willett

Club Members in Alphabetical Order (Surname)

Bruce Aitken
Gary Barnett
Charlie Barrow
Ron Bereziat
Ross Bishop
(Club Captain 1964-66)
Vince Borg
John Bozier
(Letter of Commendation
Royal Humane Society 21/2/59)
Vic Brook
(3rd Bronze Squad 29/4/51)
Ted Beyer
John Clark
Joe Cotterill
Noel Cross
Robert (Bob) Durbidge
(Foundation Member - First President)
Peter Ellis
Len Evans
(Past President)
Brian Ferguson
Leo Feuerriegel
Tony Forbes
Darren Ford
Con Frangos
(Past President)
Russell Ginn
Cliff Gross
Des Hazlett
(3rd Bronze Squad 29/4/51)
Kev Hazlett
Jim Healy
George Hill (Senior)
Eddie Hutchinson
Ian Jarvis
Tony Jennings
Stanley Julius

Helen Lambert
Greg Le Strange
Rod Macdonald
(Club Doctor)
Kevin Mahaffey
Raymond Mathews
John Mayne
(Life Member)
Ron Moore
(Past President)
John Munro
(Past President)
Darren Mullen
Ron Mullen
George Nothling
Daniel Price
Steven Price
Clarie Royal
Vicki Sheffield
Greg Sheil
(Hon Club Doctor)
Tom Shields
(Past President)
John Stanton
Bram Thompson
(Life Member)
Keith Waller
(Past President)
Troy Watego
James Wilson
Annette Young



Appendix 15: Anecdotes

Stradbroke Island, World War 11 and the Birth of a Lifesavers Club...

Tony Durbidge.

My association with Point Lookout, North Stradbroke Island began in 1942 when my father, Bob Durbidge was commercially fishing reefs off Townsville in his boat "Aroetta". On a fishing trip in 1942, a plane flew over the boat and dropped a canister with colourful streamers attached. It was me who opened the canister to read the dropped message :-

"If you are the skipper of the ketch "Aroetta" stand on the front deck, raise both your arms above your head and immediately return to port."

The army commandeered the "Aroetta". Bob Durbidge was left with only one work boat. He bought another boat which the navy subsequently claimed. Faced with having to make a living, he decided that he probably could successfully work his boat from the beach to fish the reefs off Point Lookout. He set up a camp at Cylinder Beach where there was a fresh water spring. The camp cook house was built on the cement slab that initially served as the floor of the hut that housed the acetylene cylinders that powered the Point Lookout lighthouse built in 1932.

Contact with Brisbane was via the sand track to Amity Point to connect with Hayle's Launch Service.

One of my jobs was to supply firewood for the camp's wood stove. One wet day in July, 1942 when the island was buffeted by strong southeast wind squalls I was cutting firewood on the ridge behind Cylinder Beach when out of the squall a great ship loomed up. I immediately knew that it was off course and in trouble. In the poor visibility, the American Liberty ship "Rufus King" ran aground on the South Passage Bar. In a very short time the rough seas broke the ship in two. It was loaded with field hospital equipment, aviation fuel, planes, bed linen, large tins of American coffee and other items for the USA Army. When the ship broke in two, much of the cargo littered the beaches. We had an old motor bike and side car that enabled us to collect some of the 44 gallon fuel drums. The aviation fuel we adapted to fuel the inboard motor of our work boat.

In the early hours of 14th May, 1943 a great explosion out to sea awakened me. It was the hospital ship "Centaur" torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. The ship sank within minutes. It was a direct hit.

We moved from our beach camp to a cottage at Point Lookout after the war. In the winter I was one of the net crew that netted the schools of mullet on the ocean beaches. Bob Durbidge started a transport-bus service in ex army 4WD Marmon Herringtons along the Point Lookout – Amity sand track. My brother John and I carted mineral sand from the ocean beach to Dunwich. The black mineral that appeared in seams along the beach was hand loaded into the trucks.

After the war, people discovered Stradbroke and its remarkable, but at times dangerous surf beaches. With more people the number of surfing fatalities increased. This prompted Bob Durbidge, an old lifesaver from Mooloolaba, and local residents to set about organising the young boys that spent their weekends and holidays at Point Lookout into a Surf Life Saving Club. Many of the boys came from the Wynnum area. These boys, the most of whom were young apprentices, formed the nucleus of the Point Lookout Surf Lifesavers Club. My brother John and I were the resident clubbies who had to sandwich our beach patrol and training between



our work commitments, driving vehicles and pulling and delivering ice from the ice works Bob Durbidge had constructed at Point Lookout. I was the proud owner of a wooden surf ski that a club member apprentice boat builder, Norm Franz had made for me.

While I came to Stradbroke not by choice, I have stayed to see Point Lookout develop into a popular tourist destination and to see the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club develop into what it is today.

Tony Durbidge (2008)

Footnote

Bob Durbidge became the first President of the Club and received the Club's first Meritorious Award in 1948. Tony Durbidge became the Club's first Captain.

The "Centaur" was a hospital ship with 332 crew, nurses and doctors etc on board. There were 64 survivors and 268 fatalities.

Norm Cramb's Account of the First Club Participation in South Coast Surf Carnival – January 1950.

Memories of the First Official Surf Carnival in which Lifesavers from Point Lookout Participated

An invitation was received to enter a team in the South Coast Branch Invitation Carnival to be hosted by Surfers Paradise Surf Club on Sunday, January 22nd 1950.

The invitation included accommodation and use of gear from Surfers Paradise Surf Club with whom we had an affinity through a senior member of the Club, Mr Bill Ball. In the early years of our Club's formation, Mr Ball gave of his time and energy and taught us a lot about lifesaving.

The squad selected were, in alphabetical order, K. Bache, N. Cramb, N. Franz, G. Harrison, L. McAfee, J. Munro, S. O'Neill, J. Smith and C. Willett.

Other members who could have been selected were unavailable due to work or other commitments.

As I recall, the team assembled at the Terminus Hotel in Melbourne Street (opposite the South Brisbane Railway Station) and after a "liquid" morning tea, boarded the Southport bound train without the luxury of an empty bladder. Suffice to say it was an embarrassment and a lesson learnt the hard way as there were no toilet facilities on the old steam trains in those days.

After arriving at Southport, we caught a bus to Surfers Paradise where we were greeted by the Club Committee and made welcome.

The situation, weatherwise, on our arrival was not good – the tail end of a cyclone and a high pressure system down south were causing heavy seas in our area and it was the opinion of the organizers that if there was no improvement in the weather they would have to cancel the meet.

*This state of affairs was met with mixed emotions – **"relief" that we would not have to prove ourselves, OR would we have been competitive?** It appeared we may never know.*



We decided to retire to the one and only "waterhole", Cavi's Surfers Paradise Hotel, where we endured some good-natured ribbing and pleasant conversation from our hosts and spent a pleasant afternoon.

That evening Norm Franz and I decided that as there was no entertainment in Surfers Paradise we would catch a bus to Coolangatta where "Jazzland" was "the place" to go. We enjoyed ourselves that much we missed the last available transport back to Surfers Paradise and after a couple of hours sitting on the beach debating our problem decided to walk and hitchhike our way home. We arrived back well after daylight, only to find the seas had abated somewhat and the swim, ski and boat buoys were in place and the meet ready to proceed.

All nine members of the squad had entered in a number of events including: Beach Sprint, Beach Relay, Musical Flags, Senior Surf Teams and Rescue and Resuscitation.

In the beach events we were competitive. I believe our best result was in the Musical Flags where Stan O'Neill made the final 5 or 6.

In the Senior Rescue and Resuscitation we were opposed to 12 teams. As we lined up for the marble draw for positions, I drew the (1) marble and "Fritzy" (Norm Franz) the (2), the patient and belt swim – it appeared the "night owls" had no friends in high places.

My swim went ok – the seas were still up and there was some confusion as the ski buoys had drifted on to the swim buoys, however all was well and I reached my buoy about midfield. Now it was Fritz's turn. As he approached the buoys, I noticed he was bleeding from both nostrils. Whether he hit the bottom going under a wave or from exertion – he did not know himself. One thing for certain, he had no fuel left in the tank.

However, he made the pickup and the rest of the exercise went really well. The patient pickup was good as was the rest of the drill including the resuscitation which was first class.

I have no official placings to the event but I believe we finished either 6th or 7th of the 13 teams which was not too bad for a team who perhaps were not as dedicated as they could have been!

Norm Cramb 1947 - 1952

Footnote

Lifesavers have always been regarded as a generally fearless bunch, but the one thing that most lifesavers feared in this period was a fatal shark attack. This was always a topic of discussion and was raised with me in conversation with the early members on many occasions. The reality of this danger was brought home to Foundation Bronzies when the young lad who had beaten Norm Cramb in his heat of the beach sprint, Des Quinlan of Pacific SLSC, was fatally mauled by a shark later that year.

Terry Daley

"A Piece of Cake" Getting My Bronze – Circa 1954

Name:	Doug Godwin
Age:	20
Weight:	Around 9 Stone 7 Pounds (say 60kg dripping wet)
Strengths:	Beach Sprint, Musical Flags, Early Riser, Keen Club Member, Fair Body Surfer
Weaknesses:	Swimming – with or without a belt

**THE SETTING:**

A few Point Lookout boys, me included, set out for the Gold Coast to try for their Bronze Exam.

My Club Captain, mentor and mate, Pongo(Des) Hazlett, had done his best to fatten me up on his mum's gigantic meals at Agnes Street, Wynnum, a few hundred laps of the salt water pool at Wynnum (that might have been "dozen" not "hundred"), a few dozen beers (that might have been "hundred" not "dozen") and plenty of moral support.

"It'll be a piece of cake" he kept telling me.

Des was a big bloke, a meat worker, who could pull a belt through the biggest breaks without blinking an eye.

THE SCENARIO:

We stayed at a van park at Burleigh, but had to travel to Main Beach, Southport for the Bronze Exam. This was a mass exam involving several Clubs and something like 4 to 5 reels working throughout the exam. The Examiner also happened to be the State Chief Examiner and it was well known that he took no prisoners.

Dull day, Northerly up, BIG outside break on this unprotected beach, Southerly sweep and dumpers that would curl your hair. I tried to keep in mind what Pongo had drummed into me.

"Reef as much line as you can up behind you on the run down the beach and while wading, drop the lot and head North of the buoys and go like buggery when you hit the break". "Piece of Cake"!!

Borz!!!

I'd grown up at the Point and surfed the tricky Main Beach there for most of my teen years. But this was different. Like swimming in a bloody washing machine!

The reel lines in those days were threaded cord and not all that light. I seemed to go forward one metre and back five, and UNDER white water more than above it. The drag of the belt was now incredible.

After what seemed eternity I looked for the buoys and could see only a procession of bloody HUGE dumpers in front of me that swirled sand, white water – and ME – down, around, down, around, down.

"Piece of Cake? Jeez, Dezzie, If I ever get back to the beach..."

After more of this it became clear that I would ONLY be collecting my flaming Bronze posthumously if I kept on this track. I was totally buggered, sucking in more water than air, and going NOWHERE.

I learned later that the full 400 yards of reel line were out, in a beautiful curve from the beach, to the South, and then to me. At the time I ONLY knew that the line was methodically drowning me. I was only about 110 yards from the beach. "Piece of Cake?"

THE DECISION:

I decided: "Stuff the Bronze – I want to LIVE!". I pulled the safety pin on the belt which released itself immediately. Somehow my sense of self-preservation subdued the panic and I waited for



the odd broken wave to get nearer to the beach. By now I had no pride in self, or Club, or Des. Just the desire to survive.

"Ripper" My feet touched firm sand and I surfed in a broken wave, staggered to the hard sand totally stuffed.

THE CODA:

It was, in fact, a worst scenario for me and for the Club. It seemed that my maverick line, once released, had wrapped itself around several of the other lines being worked, since I was the Northern-most candidate, and, to say the least, stuffed up the test for several other guys unfortunate enough to be in belts at the same time as me.

The Examiner was not impressed. "Get your (expletive) arse off my (expletive) beach and don't (expletive) come back until you can (expletive) swim!"

I knew he didn't own the (expletive) beach but I went anyway. Not a good night at Burleigh...

THE END RESULT:

I postponed by deal with Cliffie Gross to buy his Club blazer, served some more months as a probationer, finally got my Bronze on a nice blue-water day at Cylinder Beach and —wait for it— eventually made an unspectacular reel-line rescue as a beltman at the Point, with a little help from my friends.

We can't ALL be heroes, BUT I've never regretted those days at Point Lookout SLSC.

It's a proud, self-made Club – don't any of you buggers forget it!!

Noel Webb's Memoir

In 1954, my good friend and neighbour Tony Wanless worked for A.G. Healing and Company. I used to pick up motor parts from Healings while working as a message boy for Rapson Engineering and waiting to start my apprenticeship when I turned 16. Also employed at Healings was Sonny Brown who was then a member of the Surf Club. Sonny would tell Tony and I what a wonderful place Point Lookout was and that we should join the Surf Club.

After some time Tony and I finally decided that we should check out this fantastic place, so in readiness for the weekend and under the instructions of Sonny we met on Friday evening at Hayles Wharf and boarded the "Mirimar" for the boat trip to Amity Point. The trip up the river and across the bay was absolutely terrible, blowing a gale, rough and raining.

On arriving at Amity the weather conditions had not changed, so soaking wet we boarded the bus for the trip to Point Lookout. This was as rough as the bay, as the road was only a sand track full of pot holes. The bus was the pride of the Durbidge fleet and was a converted 4 x 4 army blitz. The bus had no side windows, only pull down canvass blinds which let as much rain in as they kept out.

After about three quarters of an hour, we arrived at Point Lookout, dismounted at Samarinda Guest House and walked along a narrow track in total darkness to the Clubhouse. At least the Clubhouse was more or less weather tight, so we finally were able to dry out. The only workable light source



was a hurricane lamp as the pressure lamps both had broken mantles and replacements were nonexistent. At least we were now dry and being allocated a bunk and we went to bed.

That trip to Point Lookout was a real education and we wondered what the hell we had struck. The whole weekend was a horror, blowing a south-easterly gale, enormous seas and of course no let up in the rain. No sun, no swimming, no bevy of beauties that Sonny had told us about, it was absolutely terrible.

The trip home was no better than the trip over. I did not know that Moreton Bay could be so rough and it seemed that nearly everyone on board was sea sick.

Both Tony and I agreed that Point Lookout was probably the worst place we had ever been to and we wondered why Sonny Brown had raved about the place. We could not understand why anyone would want to spend five hours travelling each way to get to such a terrible place. We told Sonny that if we were going to join a Surf Club we would go to some civilized place like the Gold Coast and join a Club that at least had electricity and hot running water and was easily accessible.

For some unknown reason Sonny convinced us that every weekend was not like our first experience so the following Friday night we ventured back to Point Lookout.

This weekend was the total opposite to our first visit, the bay was calm, the weather was good and both the boat and bus trip in fact was most enjoyable. We could not believe the difference in the place, both days it blew a light north easterly, the water was crystal clear and the surf was perfect.

Our memories of the previous weekend faded into obscurity and I was hooked. This was the start of my long Association with the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club.

I could not wait to turn 16 so I could obtain my Bronze Medallion. One of our big problems in those days was lack of membership and we had a lot of trouble making up a full Bronze Squad. To overcome this, we were sent to the Surfers Paradise Surf Life Saving Club for about six weekends to do our training together with one of their members Doug Cory. Our instructor Col White was also a member of the Surfers Paradise SLSC. Even with all the attractions of the Gold Coast, I could not wait to get back to Point Lookout. We sat for our Bronze Examination on the 10th December 1955 and we all passed.

So it was back to the Point as a fully fledged lifesaver. In those early days I would go over to the Club every weekend in both Summer and Winter. It made no real difference to me now what the weather was like, I just enjoyed being there. The Hayles Fleet consisted of the "Mirimar" "Mirana", "Mirabell" and the "Megerra". The boarding point was Hayle's Wharf which was under the Victoria Bridge now the Captain Cook Bridge.

Remembering The Point – Rod Doolan's Memoir

I was introduced to the Club by Andy Kehoe in 1956. It was like entering an olden-day "Big Brother" house with the likes of Pongo, Puddin, Pusie, Trader, Punchy, Master S _ _ _ and others.

I was well screened. A locker or bunk with a grey army mattress was not yet available. Bare fibro walls enclosed the Club, with its fibro roof draining to a tank which provided water for drinking,



*Worm Eyes Woolford -
A real Club character*

cooking and an open shower (if you could get somebody to work the hand pump). Tilly lamps, a wood stove and a kerosene fridge were the mod cons of the day. A fibro outhouse with torn up newspaper was standing upwind of the Clubhouse. Over the seasons, it was of great assistance to the Captain of the day who could use the digging of the hole, the burying of the contents and the washing of the can down in the surf as corporal punishment for recalcitrant Clubbies. Our only mode of entertainment was a 1940s radiogram and 6 records.

The only way on and off the island was by Hayles Cruises. Leaving the city at 6 pm on Friday nights, it was not unusual to arrive at the Clubhouse after midnight.

National Service beckoned me and, after failing my first attempt at the coveted Bronze Medallion, I left the Club for a time. I finally returned to the Club whose membership had swelled with the addition of Bozo, Sprocket, Squeaky, Mal (Malnutrition), Snifter, Maca, Nutza and Worm-eye. I gained my Bronze Medallion on 28 February 1959.

Major improvements had been made with the introduction of a gas oven and a generator. A few weeks later, on 7 March, 1959, the Club (on their home beach) beat our poor cousins, Bribie Island, in the Gerald Gooch Shield. Gerald Gooch was the Patron of Bribie Island Club. In that period, the Club elected me as Captain. This changed my attitude to the movement dramatically. Immediately, compulsory Saturday surf swims were introduced. Compulsory pool swims were introduced at Ithaca Baths on Thursday nights. Club Championships were held and donors for trophies were approached.

The first Dinner and Presentation of Trophies was held at Samarinda. One of the donors, Bram Thompson, was, at the time, a guest at Samarinda and he was so impressed he sought to join the Club. Bram was a shot in the arm for the Club. He served the Club with such energy that he, most deservedly, went on to become a Life Member.

That was the first of six Dinners I organized. On the evening prior to the sixth Dinner, the sad and tragic death of our popular member Charlie Barrow occurred. This was probably a cause to cancel the event, but, in consultation with the Branch Representative, Charlie Taylor, it was decided to go ahead. The night was truly a sombre affair but the Club rose to the occasion with 100% attendance.

My desire to see the Club more competitive led me to join the Branch Board of Examiners in 1963 as Point Lookout's first Examiner. I later convinced Dave Powles, Noel Webb, Lester McManus and Bram Thompson to join the Board. I was elected a Branch Representative to the State Board. At that time, changes to the resuscitation from Holger Neilson to Mouth to Mouth were imminent and our Club was fortunate to have members on State and Branch Boards when such important changes were happening.

My personal interest in R & R saw me lucky enough to represent Queensland on the panel of judges for that event at the National Titles in South Australia in 1967 and at Coolangatta in 1968. The Branch had enough faith in me to elect me Instructor of the Branch swimming team at the first Inter-Branch and American International Carnival at Burleigh Heads on 19 March 1967.



In 1964, a surf boat (Vision) was donated by B.P. to the Branch. The Branch, in its wisdom, decided that Point Lookout and Nobby's Beach would have a two-way carnival to decide the recipient. Going into the last event, the Surf Race, we were 3 points behind. The Point Lookout fairy tapped me on the shoulder and suggested a way we could be victorious. The plan worked on a 3-2-1 basis. We gained 5 points, thus winning by 1 and beginning the era for the Club and their new boat.

A legend in boat racing, Jim Campbell, offered to coach our crew – Ross Bishop, Ray Carruthers, Eddie Hutchinson, Brian Goodger with Graeme Snell sweeping. Later that season, the crew entered the Branch Marathon Boat Race from Burleigh to Southport, calling in to all Clubs on the way. Our crew led by big margins at every call. On the last leg from Surfers to Southport, all crews had to round a buoy with a straight run to the beach. Mermaid cut the corner and did not round the buoy beating the Point crew by a boat length. A protest was imminent until the Point Lookout fairy tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Don't bother. Justice has been done. Remember Nobby's!"

This heralded the beginning of a competitive Point Lookout. In the period from 1965 to 1969 success came our way in beach craft and, although we still had no success in the water, the Club was on its way. Earlier that decade, Squeaky Thomas and Sam Doolan had planned to lead the Point in a surge to Glory in the water. They were the first Point reps in Senior Surf Racing. The Carnival was held at Coolangatta. Thomas and Doolan stayed at Southport Club and began the day with a breakfast of a malted milk with 6 raw eggs. Members from another Club manned the reel in Squeaky's attempt at the Belt Race. Point Lookout had drawn 1 and 2 in a field of 30 in the Open Surf Race. As they awaited instructions, number 3 in the draw – a great hulk of about 20 stone called Barney Bear – got to his feet and, standing over the Point Lookout triers, roared with glee. "Ho, ho, ho, Point Lookout. Come near me and I'll drown you." Trembling with fear, Sam leant over and whispered to Squeaky, "Don't worry mate. We train with white pointers 3 metres long."

There was a massive sweep running from the Tweed to Kirra. The starter's gun went off and just as they set off planning to follow in the wake of that giant Barney Bear – BOOM – he let go with his size 16s and smacked Doolan in the face. In great pain, Sportin' Sam decided to go with the sweep and ended up at Kirra. (What a great start to our competitive careers!!)

Lack of members meant that the Club was severely curtailed in entering carnivals. In the off season, a Rugby Union team was formed. Not only did they win the competition, but a host of new members emerged. The Club continued to forge ahead in other areas also, winning the Inaugural Jack Winders Shield for First Aid in the 1964-65 Season. Point Lookout was dominant in First Aid and First Aid Room competitions from then on.

In 1968, I was made a District Supervisor and, with my able assistant, Sprocket, we visited North Burleigh. We introduced ourselves and requested the Club Captain to inspect their patrol and Clubhouse. Out came a burly 20 stone of blubber called... Barney Bear. He told us to rack off or he would put our heads in the toilet.

Obviously they had no patrol on the beach and as we made our way back to the car, I said to Sprocket, "Dock them 100 points." Coincidentally, this was the year that Point Lookout won its first patrol efficiency competition, the first of many.



Disillusioned with some aspects of the movement, and with a young family demanding my attention and close ties to another two sports, I reluctantly decided to curtail my involvement in Surf Life Saving. The next two decades saw the Club really expand and become a force in all aspects of the Surf Life Saving Movement. I hope my small efforts were of some assistance.

Some of the memories I have of Point Lookout Club include:

- *1964. The weekend the Branch and Board of Examiners held their meetings at the Club. They went away with a greater understanding of the problems we faced.*
- *The assistance of Branch Secretary, Ron "Boppo" Tallon in the 60s.*
- *Seeing the new boat crew lead the Branch Marathon for 99% of the way.*
- *The first Branch Championship winners Ross Bishop and Graeme Snell.*
- *The Committee's decision to reprimand two members for the Molotov cocktail in the old outhouse.*
- *The same two members for pushing the structure over the headland.*
- *Reprimanding a member for running through the fancy dress ball in black shorts and singlet, carrying a real black can with real contents with toilet paper overflowing.*
- *Reprimanding a member for using the kitchen door for target practice with his butchers knife.*
- *The cook, who was at that time President, throwing a loaf of bread into the face of a member who dared to condemn his cooking.*
- *The member, on occasions, found on Saturday morning with knapsack intact sleeping on the kitchen floor.*
- *The look and heaving of a member when his name was drawn for Sunday duty to bury the outhouse contents.*
- *Winning the 2-way carnival at Nobby's, thus winning the Vision.*
- *A bad weekend – surviving the smell of rum and high seas in the Bay. Arriving at the Club and one tilly lamp bulb was broken. South East winds closing the beach due to foam. Attempting to retrieve the beer from the brine at the Ice Works to find that only the string was all that remained. The needle on the Gramophone was broken so no "Rock around the Clock: or "I Like Your Kind of Love". The strawberry jam was full of cockroaches. The meat was full of sand. (Who dropped it off the bus?)*
- *A good weekend – all of the above except there were two girls on the island so we would have a dance.*
- *The Branch Superintendent arriving at noon on a Sunday to inspect the Club, dressed as a palm tree.*
- *The Easter weekend when only 5 members attended the Club and ten females turned up for a party.*
- *The occasion when a duck was found wandering down the road. It was quickly impounded and was slaughtered by our resident butcher. Roast duck sounded like a good for Saturday lunch but, inedible, the duck was last seen being regurgitated by a bronze whaler.*
- *The owner of a guest house queried if we had seen a large drake that he had borrowed to breed his ducks with. (Maybe the Scouts camping up the road had something to do with it.)*
- *Where and in what other organization could you walk in and meet complete strangers and become close and lifelong friends?!!*



Appendix 16: Time Line of Events: "Did You Know" Facts

☐ **Surf Life Saving History**
☐ **Point Lookout SLSC History**

1907	Formation of the Surf Bathing Association of New South Wales. The first Surf Life Saving Club – The Bondi Surf Bathers Lifesaving Club.
1909	First Surf Life Saving Club formed in Queensland – Tweed Heads and Coolangatta.
1920	Surf Bathing Association – NSW became the Surf Life Saving Association of NSW.
1922	Surf Life Saving Association of NSW became Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.
1930	Surf Life Saving Queensland formed.
1935	Red and Yellow Flags were introduced replacing earlier colours of blue and white.
1939	Red and Yellow Caps were introduced.
1942/43	Resuscitation certificate introduced. Eve Rocking method approved and detailed.
1947	Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club founded. Foundation members were Kev Bache, Norm Cramb, Tony Durbidge, John Durbidge, Norm Franz, Alan Gunn, Len McAfee, Rob Shields, Bev Shillig and Jim Smith.
1948	First Point Lookout Bronze Squad – January 24th. Tony Durbidge, John Durbidge, Alan Gunn, Len McAfee, Norm Franz, Norm Cramb, Rob Shields. 6th November 1948 – Point Lookout SLSC affiliated with the South Coast Branch.
1949	Second Point Lookout Bronze Squad – 31st December, 1949 – Snowy Batchelor, Graham Harrison, Kevin Bache, Jack McGrath, John (Jack) Munro, Stan O'Neill, Bevan Shillig, Jimmy Smith, Col Willett.
1950	Nine members attend the Surfers Paradise Open Invitation Carnival on 22nd February. The Club's first introduction to surf competition. Graham Harrison, Jim Smith, Len McAfee, Stan O'Neill, Col Willett, Norm Cramb, Kev Bache, John Munro, Norm Franz
1954	First ever Cylinder Beach Patrol with gear carried from Clubhouse – Roy Denman.
1964	Club receives its first new surf boat – The B.P. Vision.
1965	Club wins its first ever State Championship – Brian Goodger and Terry Daley win the Inaugural S. W. Winders Shield for Open First Aid. Club hosts the South Coast Branch Champion Lifesaver Carnival for the first time. Club's first entrant in the SLSQ Surf Girl Quest – Maree Kennedy.
1966	Club wins its first ever South Coast Branch Title – Ross Bishop and Graeme Snell win the Open Double Ski Race.
1967	Point Lookout Stradbroke Sharks "Nippers" Club commenced in October.
1969	Beach closed at 1.30 p.m. after 16 shark alarms. Army helicopter lands on Midden Heap to medivac a 4 year old cliff fall victim treated by Club doctor.
1971	Paddlethon on wooden skis from Story Bridge to Main Beach – 40 miles, time 9 hours 34 minutes – Mark and Wayne Bishop and Trevor Walsh.
1973	Shark attack of surfboard rider – Bruce Lawlor at Main Beach and rescue performed by David Adamson, Wayne Cole, Richard Munro. Start of regular Cylinder Beach Patrols – 22nd December 10.00 – 12.00 pm. Oxy Viva's were introduced into Surf Life Saving.
1974	Australia Day floods – Club members unable to leave the island due to bay transport being abandoned. Point Lookout Hall collapses into North Gorge and campers take shelter in Clubhouse. Live unexploded bomb found on Main Beach near patrol area – bomb squad called to detonate bomb.



1975	Shark meshing starts off Main Beach.
1976/77	Club takes receipt of its first motorised IRB to patrol the beaches of Point Lookout. (SR37Q) Maiden voyage from Main Beach to Home Beach (Ian Ames/John Gardiner). Gold Coast Helicopter Rescue Service commences.
1977	First female Associate Members join the Club (Karen Denman, Jenny Riek, Cathy Riek, Cathy Murtagh and Lisa Nunn)
1978	First time the Club hosts a full South Coast Branch Titles in huge seas. Sunday events moved to Adder Beach where waves were breaking 400 metres out.
1980	Females made an impressive debut and became full active members of the Association.
1982	Point Lookout hosted its first ever Open Carnival on 14th February.
1984/85	Amalgamation of Junior/Senior Clubs.
1987	Stone steps to Main Beach built – Joint venture between Old Boys, Club Members and Nipper Dads.
1988/89	Club hosted its first Open IRB Carnival with 3 metre swells. Roster system for patrols used for the first time.
1990/91	George Hill named the Australian Lifesaver of the Year. Patrols extended to full capacity at Cylinder Beach.
1991/92	Fixed Wing Aerial Service – "Vigilance 1" introduced into SLSQ. Point Lookout had 3 members involved – Gary Terrell, Sharon Wright, Michael Stone. Club entered computer age and purchased its first computer.
1993/94	First season where patrols were carried out simultaneously on three beaches during September, Christmas/New Year holidays and Easter – Main Beach, Cylinder Beach and Adder Beach. Traffic light collections were banned. SLSQ Lifeguards contracted for the first time by Redland Shire Council.
1996/97	"Kamp Kwaliti" Lifesaving Live In Camp conducted for the first time. Point Lookout wins the Australian IRB Championship Point Score – Scarborough Beach – Western Australia.
1997/98	Point Lookout Supporters Club Inc was formed with a Restricted License to fall in line with Government Licensing and Liquor Laws.
2000/2001	Coochiemudlo Island SLSC commenced . Point Lookout members helped train up their members to Bronze Medallion level.
2005/2006	Shark Attack at Amity Point – members assist in the aftermath. North Gorge Rescue. Farewelled Kurrawa (Australian Championships) and Club fundraiser. Education and Training for Schools and Outside Organisations (E'Traso) commences.
2006/2007	Jenaya Bodger becomes the first female Club Captain.
2007	The Federal Government officially recognises Surf Life Saving's valuable contribution to Australia by designating its Centenary as the "Year of the Surf Lifesaver".
2007/2008	Club celebrates its 60th Anniversary and 40th Anniversary for the Junior Activities. Jet Ski (RWC) Patrol Service commenced at Point Lookout (Wave Runner 9). Club raises the highest ever in a House to House Collection - \$50,254 which is also a record by any Club in Queensland for this Appeal.



Time Line of Clubhouse Developments

1947	Foundation period. Members stayed with locals and guest houses including Samarinda and Headland Chalet. Members stayed on Main Headland in borrowed tents from the Drake and Munro families. The Club purchased an ex army surplus tent for 5 pounds and erected it on the Main Headland near the old tennis court location.
1950/51	First stage rectangular fibro building erected with tar roof used as a shark lookout. This building situated on South Headland at the current Club site.
1952/53	Second stage of the "L" shaped fibro Clubhouse completed. This remained untouched till 1967.
1964/65	Masonry block extension comprising first aid room, gear shed and toilet/shower block constructed for £2,600.
1967/69	Demolished part of the first stage of the original fibro Clubhouse and erected cyclone-proof concrete bunkroom. This structure was to be the first stage of a two stage concrete building which would later replace the remaining fibro original building. The flat concrete roof ensured cyclone proofing along with the possibility of building a second level later if required. \$3,000 loan secured from Branch and State Centre.
1972/73	The remaining last section of the original fibro Clubhouse demolished and a brick and timber kitchen, hall, covered verandah, store room and Captain's room structure built. The original 1967 idea of constructing this section similar to the concrete bunkroom was amended.
1975/76	Members constructed two brick and block retaining walls at the ocean side of the Clubhouse amongst the prickly pear and filled the area with dirt and turfed same to become a BBQ and entertainment area used on many a social occasion by Club members, locals and the public.
1976/77	Members built the brick IRB gear shed on the Swimming Gorge side of the existing block gear shed.
1977/78	Second storey brick and concrete structure built on top of the concrete bunkroom including bar and recreation area, training area, male and female toilet facilities, and large open balcony facing the ocean.
1983	Extension of male bunkroom by members to close in underneath upstairs balcony.
1984	Building-in part of the upstairs balcony closest to Main Beach to create a radio room and shark lookout.
1991	Construction over the top of the existing first aid room and gear shed to provide a female bunkroom, TV room and caretakers unit.
1996/97	Refurbishment of hall and kitchen including timber stairs and flooring, closing in on the outside balcony, public toilet facilities on ground floor, Nippers area and storage areas. Granositing of entire Clubhouse exterior.
1997/98	Renovations to the upstairs bar area
2000	Upgrade to the First Aid Room, expansion of the girls bunkroom, new TV/Training Room built on top of the First Aid Room, formal entrance built at the front of the Clubhouse
2002/03	Upgrade of male amenities near bunkroom, improved caretaker facilities, completion of the courtyard storeroom.

Main Headland behind "Oceanic" 1947



Tent accommodation on Main Headland 1949



First Clubhouse (both sections) 1952



Concrete bunkroom under construction 1967



New first aid room, gear shed and old kitchen 1968



New bunkroom and shark tower 1969



Old kitchen demolished and foundations for new hall 1972



New hall and kitchen nearly finished 1973



New IRB gear shed underway 1976



Ernie Stevenson building bar/function area



Front of Clubhouse 1992



Clubhouse view from the gorge 1993



Demolition of the old Clubhouse front 1996



Major face lift and extensions 1997



Main Beach view of Clubhouse 2000



Modern Clubhouse 2007





Appendix 17: Club Songs



George Hill Senior

Club members have always enjoyed the social side of surf lifesaving. Cold beer, good friends and a few songs – whether it be at the Clubhouse, on the way over to the Point or at the various functions combine to bring about a great sense of camaraderie. At the end of the working week, the "Point" is the ideal place to enjoy that "Island" feeling. After a long hot day on the beach and your mouth dry with salt, those first few beers are extremely satisfying.

Add to this a sing-along around a carton or a keg with your partners and friends and you have the recipe for a great time. From the early trips over on the Hayles Ferries or on the barge, to the courtyard and gear shed sessions, a beer and a song have helped to forge many a great friendship.

Through the seventies decade and half way through the eighties the Club was very fortunate to have some people who entertained the troops and allowed for the musically challenged to enjoy singing a few songs along the way. The early 70s would see the likes of President Col Turner's rendition of *Moonriver* have every one swooning along. The mid 70s saw a former Kurrawa Clubbie, Bill Toohey join our ranks and sing his array of Neil Diamond songs. Also from the mid 70s a former Burleigh Heads Clubbie joined Point Lookout with his young blonde haired kid and this man was a real talent. George Hill Senior had entertained Vietnam troops on several occasions and worked with Vaudeville stars such as George Wallace. He entertained people at the Surf Club, the Pub and the Bowling Club and anywhere else there was a guitar to be had. His classic song penned in 1981 *We gotta get over to Stradbroke Isle* was recorded on a vinyl single as a fundraiser in 1983 and remains the Club's only professional recording. Sadly, George Senior passed away in June 2000, but his memory lives on in that classic song.

From about 1973, a young teenager joined the Club called Ken Burge. Ken was also handy with a guitar and had a large array of great songs for everyone to join in with. Together with three other members who had no musical talent whatsoever (John Gardiner, Darren Mullen and Ian Ames), the four became *The Drunk and Disorderlies* and performed their songs for the next 10 years. The New Year's Eve concerts which started in 1976 provided the opportunity for this group to perform a new song written every year, along with the classic *The Rescue*. This was written in 1979 and is a song that symbolizes what Point Lookout SLSC is all about. When Darren sadly passed away in January 1997, his remaining three mates sang this song for the final time in his honour at the Club's 50th Reunion – a fitting finale.



Ken Burge, Scott Denman, Ian Ames and George Hill Senior



THE STRADDIE SONG

By George Hill Snr.

Sung to Sink the Bismarck

*Friday night's a bloody good night we head across the bay,
We leave the city lights behind and shout "hip, hip, hooray",
We're heading for old Stradbroke – the island that's so large,
We can't afford to be running late, we're all booked on the barge.*

*And when we hit old Dunwich town, we drive up to the Point,
We drop into the local pub because we like the joint,
There's Alan Laine & Bobby Gray & Billy Lawlor too,
There's Jan & there's Marcia, there's Carol and there's Sue.*

*We've got to get over to Stradbroke Isle, we love the surf & sun,
We spend some time at Cylinder and we have lots of fun,
And then we're off to Main Beach to see what surf they've got,
Some slip down to Frenchman's, we don't see them a lot!*

*You'll meet the boys from the A.M.A. and from the C.R.L.,
And our members from the bowling club and all the tales they tell,
About the biggins that they caught and the ones that got away,
Then Eric Morgan sings a song and that just makes our day.*

*We've got to get over to Stradbroke Isle, we love the surf & sun,
Our members from the surf club, they're always on the run,
Why don't you come and join us, be happy and carefree,
You might even win a darling at Point Lookout by the sea.*

*Now if you're back in Brisbane town, just hanging around the joint,
Well pack your bag and pack your blues and head out for the Point,
You'll get that Island feeling & you'll have lots of fun,
And you'll finish like the rest of us, you'll love the surf and sun.*



DOWN THE CLUB

By Ken Burge and Ian Ames

Sung to Kingston Town

*Down the Club where the boys drink rum,
And they chase all the girls for a bit of fun.
I took a trip on a light blue barge,
And when I reached Dunwich Town I was fully charged.*

CHORUS:

*And I'm sad to say I'm on my way,
Won't see the Point for many a day.
My head is down, my heart is turning around,
I have to leave a little girl in Dunwich Town.*

*Sounds of laughter everywhere,
And the clanging of bottles in the air.
I do declare that my heart is there,
But my head is in the toilet with a drunken stare.*

(Chorus)

*Down at the surf club you can hear,
All the members calling for a nice cold beer.
Scotch and Vodka is not served here,
But the Rum is fine any time of year.*

(Chorus)

*Rescues are a common sight,
And the boys they try with all their might.
Some are saved and some are lost,
But with all the expense, we'll hang the cost.*

(Chorus)

*On Sunday, its raffles you know,
And to the Point Lookout Pub we must go,
We raffle prawns, and we raffle fish,
But when we raffle a girl, is she a dish.*

(Chorus)

*Down the Club where the boys drink rum,
And they chase all the girls for a bit of fun.
I took a trip on a light blue barge,
And when I reached Dunwich Town I was fully charged.*

(Chorus)



THE RESCUE

By the Drunk and Disorderlies

Sung to Click Go The Shears

Verse 1

*There he stands with a stubby in his hand,
A cap upon his head, he's a life saving man.
Down upon the beach someone lets out a shout,
Come and get me boys, 'cause I'm starting to go out.*

Chorus:

*Down with those pots boys, quick, quick, quick,
The rips running fast and we've gotta look slick,
Someone off the headland, the rest down to the beach.
We've gotta save this mug before he gets out of reach.*

Verse 2

*Amesy dons the belt, John Gardiner mans the line,
Burgey's on the reel, everything is going fine.
Mouthy's at the clubhouse, ringing on the phone,
In case we need an ambulance to get the bastard home.*

Chorus

Verse 3

*Rocky's off the headland, he's going like a train.
Bishop's on the radio, he's going off his brain.
Coley's in the ducky, and he's not doing well,
The motor's out of petrol and he's halfway up a swell.*

Chorus

Verse 4

*We've got him to the beach and he's looking rather sick,
That's just because he's had mouth to mouth from Mick,
We throw him on a stretcher and race him up the hill,
But he'll be bloody sicker when he gets Doc Carroll's bill.*

Chorus

Final Chorus

*So back up to the pub boys, quick, quick, quick,
The bar's closing soon and we've gotta look slick,
Someone round the back, to organise a beer,
So we can knock it down once we've picked up the gear.*



THE CLUB IT IS A CHANGING

by Ken Burge

(Farewell song from the era of the Drunken Disorderlies)
Sung to Bob Dylan's *The Times They Are A Changing*

*Let us gather we old boys, wherever we roam,
And see that the club around us has grown,
And accept that soon our time will be done,
People's lives will always need saving,
And the times together have always been fun.
For the Club, it is a changing.*

*Come locals and critics, who criticise us again,
If you surf with the clubbies, you'll walk away men,
And those that have bagged us, only Huey can condemn,
For there's no telling who we'll be saving.
For we've done it before, and we'll do it again,
For the Club, it is a changing.*

*Come Senators and Council men, please heed our call,
This Club, it doesn't function on bugger all.
We raffle, we sell, and we have the gill,
To beg from the public – it's degrading.
We wouldn't knock money from the Government halls,
The Club, it is a changing.*

*Come mothers and fathers, throughout the land,
You don't criticise because you understand.
Your sons and your daughters are in our command,
Your children are rapidly aging.
Be proud of your children, and thanks for the hand,
For the Club, it is a changing.*



Appendix 18: Point Lookout SLSC Successful Bronze Candidates Since Inception

Records have been taken from Surf Life Saving Queensland based on Bronze Medallions gained by members of Point Lookout SLSC.

Last Name	First Name	Date of Exam	Award Number
Durbidge	John	24-Jan-48	25561
Durbidge	Anthony	24-Jan-48	25560
Cramb	Norman	24-Jan-48	25562
Franz	Norman	24-Jan-48	25564
Gunn	Alan	24-Jan-48	25563
McAfee	Leonard	24-Jan-48	25566
Shields	Robert	24-Jan-48	25565
Batchelor	Snowy	31-Dec-49	28065
Harrison	Graham	31-Dec-49	28066
Bache	Kevin	31-Dec-49	28069
McGrath	John (Jack)	31-Dec-49	28062
Munro	John (Jack)	31-Dec-49	28061
O'Neill	Stan	31-Dec-49	28067
Shillig	Bevan	31-Dec-49	28068
Smith	James (Jim)	31-Dec-49	28063
Willet	Colin	31-Dec-49	28064
Brook	Victor	29-Apr-51	29901
Chivers	Eric	29-Apr-51	29903
Hazlett	Desmond	29-Apr-51	29902
Lobston	Barry	29-Apr-51	29352
McFarlane	Lawrence	29-Apr-51	29904
Stevens	Michael	29-Apr-51	29905
Barnett	Garry	14-Dec-52	42747
Greenhill	Robert	14-Dec-52	42748
Greenhill	Leslie	14-Dec-52	42749
Borg	Vincent	23-Oct-53	44137
Brown	James	23-Oct-53	44143
Cross	Ronald	23-Oct-53	44139
Gross	Clifford	23-Oct-53	44138
Jones	Edward	23-Oct-53	44142
Le Strange	Colin	23-Oct-53	44141
Ranson	Keith	23-Oct-53	44140
Denman	Roy	20-Feb-54	44673
Ellis	Peter	20-Feb-54	44674
Marshall	Graham	20-Feb-54	44675
Godwin	Douglas	18-Dec-54	Q214
Collum	Rodney	18-Dec-54	Q217
Gretch	William	18-Dec-54	Q216
Hazlett	Kevin	18-Dec-54	Q215
Keong	Andrew	10-Dec-55	Q530
Mahaffey	Kevin	10-Dec-55	Q529
Masterman	Nigel	10-Dec-55	Q527
Royal	Clarie	10-Dec-55	Q531
Wanless	Antony	10-Dec-55	Q526
Webb	Noel	10-Dec-55	Q528
Bristow	Peter	09-Feb-57	Q968
Munro	Malcolm	09-Feb-57	Q966
Powles	David	09-Feb-57	Q969
Thomas	Ian	09-Feb-57	Q967
Bozier	John	20-Dec-58	Q1738
Cross	Noel	20-Dec-58	Q1733
McManus	Lester	20-Dec-58	Q1734

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McManus	Arthur	20-Dec-58	Q1732
McMullen	Darrel	20-Dec-58	Q1737
Stanton	John	20-Dec-58	Q1735
Woolford	William	20-Dec-58	Q1736
Clark	Russell	28-Feb-59	Q1847
Daley	Terence	28-Feb-59	Q1843
Doolan	Rodney	28-Feb-59	Q1846
Pringle	Alan	28-Feb-59	Q1844
Ryan	Peter	28-Feb-59	Q1845
Barsby	Allan	06-Mar-60	Q2358
Beyer	Edward	06-Mar-60	Q2359
Mathews	Raymond	06-Mar-60	Q2357
Forbes	Anthony	25-Mar-61	Q2456
Goodger	Brian	25-Mar-61	Q2455
Mitchell	Thomas	25-Mar-61	Q2454
Small	James	23-Apr-61	Q3867
Armson	Eric	13-Nov-62	Q3159
Comerford	James	13-Nov-62	Q3156
Jennings	Anthony	13-Nov-62	Q3158
Jones	Leslie	13-Nov-62	Q3157
Patterson	George	13-Nov-62	Q3155
Barrow	Charles	12-Jan-63	Q4445
Berezat	Ron	12-Jan-63	Q4446
Forbes	Ian	12-Jan-63	Q4447
Ginn	Russell	12-Jan-63	Q4448
Hutchison	John	12-Jan-63	Q4443
Redding	Barry	12-Jan-63	Q4444
Roberts	David	12-Jan-63	Q4449
Bishop	Ross	09-Nov-63	Q3914
Hennessy	Brian	09-Nov-63	Q3915
Snell	Graeme	09-Nov-63	Q3916
Bristow	Richard	08-Mar-64	Q4177
Carruthers	Ray	08-Mar-64	Q4173
Ferguson	Guy	08-Mar-64	Q4176
Huet	James	08-Mar-64	Q4174
Thomson	Malcolm	08-Mar-64	Q4175
Collins	David	15-Jan-66	Q5027
Harris	Ross	15-Jan-66	Q5026
Morris	Neil	15-Jan-66	Q5025
Newman	Tony	15-Jan-66	Q5028
Povis	Christopher	15-Jan-66	Q5023
Povis	John	15-Jan-66	Q5024
Wilson	Garry	15-Jan-66	Q5021
Wilson	Albert	15-Jan-66	Q5022
Bishop	Wayne	12-Jun-66	Q5268
Litherland	Gregory	12-Jun-66	Q5269
Westacott	Alan	12-Jun-66	Q5270
Flanigan	Michael	21-Jan-67	Q5512
Geldard	Denis	21-Jan-67	Q5510
Kerr	Alex	21-Jan-67	Q5511
Lewis	John	21-Jan-67	Q5509
Roel	Dennis	21-Jan-67	Q5514



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Walsh	Trevor	21-Jan-67	Q5513
Alexander	David	01-Jan-68	Q5825
Evans	Keith	01-Jan-68	Q5828
Ferguson	Charles	01-Jan-68	Q5827
Kerr	Peter	01-Jan-68	Q5823
MacDonald	Roderick	01-Jan-68	Q5826
McInnes	John	01-Jan-68	Q5824
Ames	Neil	01-Dec-68	Q6185
Cole	Wayne	01-Dec-68	Q6183
Palmer	Robert	01-Dec-68	Q6181
Stacey	Rodney	01-Dec-68	Q6182
Terrell	Gary	01-Dec-68	Q6184
Turner	Kim	01-Dec-68	Q6186
MacGregor	Roger	14-Dec-68	Q6566
Adamson	David	31-May-69	Q6568
Bishop	Paul	31-May-69	Q6569
Manfield	Philip	31-May-69	Q6570
Wobcke	Paul	31-May-69	Q6567
Gray	John	20-Dec-69	Q6857
Bain	Donald	18-Jan-70	Q6888
Robinson	Kevin	18-Jan-70	Q6889
Bowden	Graham	19-Dec-70	Q7385
Gray	Darryl	19-Dec-70	Q7386
Terrell	Craig	19-Dec-70	Q7388
Wilson	William	19-Dec-70	Q7387
Blue	Alexander	15-May-71	Q7651
Munro	Richard	14-May-72	Q8144
Petterson	Alan	14-May-72	Q8143
Brazenall	Darryl	28-May-72	Q8149
Hillditch	Ross	28-May-72	Q8148
Lucas	Francis	28-May-72	Q8152
Nelson	Mark	28-May-72	Q8150
Ross	Andrew	28-May-72	Q8146
Scott	Gregory	28-May-72	Q8151
Warton	Donald	28-May-72	Q8145
Young	David	28-May-72	Q8147
Ames	Ian	16-Dec-72	Q8579
Frangos	James	18-Nov-73	Q9032
Kennedy	John	18-Nov-73	Q9031
Klemm	Phillip	18-Nov-73	Q9033
Raneng	Olav	18-Nov-73	Q9035
Rogers	Gary	18-Nov-73	Q9034
Brown	Warren	03-Mar-74	Q9396
Kerr	John	03-Mar-74	Q9392
Kircher	David	03-Mar-74	Q9393
Kircher	John	03-Mar-74	Q9394
Raneng	Odd	03-Mar-74	Q9395
Schulz	Mervyn	03-Mar-74	Q9397
Bertossi	Anthony	27-Oct-74	Q9567
Cuerel	David	27-Oct-74	Q9565
Henny	Timothy	27-Oct-74	Q9568
Meissner	Robert	27-Oct-74	Q9564
Mychael	Gary	27-Oct-74	Q9566
Bulloch	Michael	25-Oct-75	Q10211
Clark	Anthony	25-Oct-75	Q10212
Eldridge	Stephen	25-Oct-75	Q10208
O'Brien	Michael	25-Oct-75	Q10209
Stevenson	Mark	25-Oct-75	Q10207
Stevenson	Shane	25-Oct-75	Q10210
Major	Ashley	23-Nov-75	Q10215

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Torpy	Mark	23-Nov-75	Q10213
Torpy	Frank	23-Nov-75	Q10214
Wilson	David	23-Nov-75	Q10217
Wilson	Robert	23-Nov-75	Q10216
Baker	Michael	14-Jan-76	Q10266
Jones	Stephen	18-Apr-76	Q11000
Kircher	Robin	18-Apr-76	Q10998
Lambert	Jon	18-Apr-76	Q10999
Westerman	Guy	18-Apr-76	Q11001
Blake	Ross	20-Nov-76	Q10874
Feuerriegel	Leo	20-Nov-76	Q10873
Finter	David	20-Nov-76	Q10878
Frangos	Lindsay	20-Nov-76	Q10875
Hayes	Patrick	20-Nov-76	Q10879
Major	Mark	20-Nov-76	Q10877
Mullens	Darren	20-Nov-76	Q10876
Wilkinson	Ian	20-Nov-76	Q10872
Coomber	Brett	01-Jan-77	Q10880
Boike	Stuart	05-Nov-77	Q11311
Daley	Jeff	05-Nov-77	Q11313
Nunn	Ross	05-Nov-77	Q11310
Stevenson	Brett	05-Nov-77	Q11312
Woolford	Mark	05-Nov-77	Q11314
Bower	Peter	04-Feb-78	Q11747
Brockhurst	Mark	04-Feb-78	Q11748
Only	Mark	04-Feb-78	Q11749
Brown	Rodney	19-Mar-78	Q11746
Goebel	Rick	19-Mar-78	Q11745
Schnitzerling	Mark	19-Mar-78	Q11744
Bertossi	Peter	20-May-78	Q11848
Denman	Richard	20-May-78	Q11847
Margeits	Peter	20-May-78	Q11849
Aitkin	Malcolm	23-Dec-78	Q12123
Denman	Wayne	23-Dec-78	Q12124
Ford	Shane	23-Dec-78	Q12128
George	Mark	23-Dec-78	Q12126
Llewellyn	Paul	23-Dec-78	Q12122
Longhurst	Shane	23-Dec-78	Q12125
Reader	Anthony	23-Dec-78	Q12121
Van Hooff	John	23-Dec-78	Q12127
Bucknall	Mark	06-May-79	Q12411
Hanson	Terry	06-May-79	Q12410
Somerville	Ross	06-May-79	Q12409
Allard	Wayne	10-Nov-79	Q12537
Dean	Paul	10-Nov-79	Q12539
Perry	Simon	10-Nov-79	Q12538
Thomas	Brett	10-Nov-79	Q12536
Brockhurst	Scott	27-Jan-80	Q12903
Modini	Shane	27-Jan-80	Q12904
Parry	Colin	27-Jan-80	Q12905
Hill	George	24-May-80	Q12906
Madden	Anthony	24-May-80	Q12908
Robinson	Robert	24-May-80	Q12909
Walton	Danny	24-May-80	Q12907
Green	Desley	22-Nov-80	Q13283
Lambert	Helen	22-Nov-80	Q13281
Newman	Loretta	22-Nov-80	Q13282
Moss	Loretta	22-Nov-80	Q13280
Feuerriegel	Catherine	13-Dec-80	Q13088
Dobbie	Jane	15-Feb-81	Q13436



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Keen	Greg	15-Feb-81	Q13437
Warland	Raymond	15-Feb-81	Q13438
Wright	Julie	15-Feb-81	Q13439
Fenton	David	19-Apr-81	Q13639
Francis	Brett	19-Apr-81	Q13640
Nunn	Terrie	19-Apr-81	Q13638
Webb	Kylie	19-Apr-81	Q13637
Bell	Kerry	17-May-81	Q13712
Carr	John	17-May-81	Q13715
Ford	Darren	17-May-81	Q13710
Greenway	Gavin	17-May-81	Q13711
Harris	Lee	17-May-81	Q13713
Rohrig	Glenn	17-May-81	Q13714
Doherty	Gregg	09-Apr-82	Q14237
Festa	Nick	09-Apr-82	Q14236
Mason	Natalie	09-Apr-82	Q14235
McIntyre	Mitchell	09-Apr-82	Q14240
McIntyre	Martin	09-Apr-82	Q14239
Morgan	Gary	09-Apr-82	Q14238
Woodward	Darren	09-Apr-82	Q14241
Hutchinson	Nicholas	17-Apr-83	Q15259
Le Strange	Jamie	17-Apr-83	Q15260
Moore	Craig	17-Apr-83	Q15261
Stevens	Darren	17-Apr-83	Q15258
Daley	Anthony	20-Nov-83	Q15525
Dobbie	Ian	20-Nov-83	Q15524
Feuerriegel	Leanne	20-Nov-83	Q15527
Smith	Glen	20-Nov-83	Q15523
Walker	Hayley	20-Nov-83	Q15526
Bodger	Frederick	04-Mar-84	Q15907
Mandall	Craig	04-Mar-84	Q15909
Mandall	Darren	04-Mar-84	Q15906
Valentino	Jonathan	04-Mar-84	Q15908
Barker	Timothy	09-Dec-84	Q16329
Wanless	Jonathon	09-Dec-84	Q16327
Timmins	Gavin	09-Dec-84	Q16328
Boys	Janice	03-Mar-85	Q16610
Le Strange	Gregory	03-Mar-85	Q16612
Preston	Graham	03-Mar-85	Q16611
Adams	Michael	16-Nov-85	Q17330
Allsop	Brent	16-Nov-85	Q17331
Walton	Paul	16-Nov-85	Q17335
Boys	Warren	16-Nov-85	Q17328
Denman	Sonya	16-Nov-85	Q17334
Ely	Guy	16-Nov-85	Q17327
Hill	Matthew	16-Nov-85	Q17326
Mickleborough	Carmen	16-Nov-85	Q17332
Morris	Glenn	16-Nov-85	Q17337
Saffigna	Paul	16-Nov-85	Q17329
Schaffer	Andrew	16-Nov-85	Q17333
Smith	Wayne	16-Nov-85	Q17336
Doyle	Phillip	09-Feb-86	Q17795
Quinn	Robert	04-May-86	Q17892
Black	Richard	14-Dec-86	Q18437
Bostock	Rhonda	14-Dec-86	Q18433
Cotterill	Adrian	14-Dec-86	Q18434
Kerr	Steven	14-Dec-86	Q18435
Kugler	Peter	14-Dec-86	Q18439
Le Strange	Jason	14-Dec-86	Q18438
Ruttiman	Paul	14-Dec-86	Q18441

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Thompson	Darren	14-Dec-86	Q18440
White	Steven	14-Dec-86	Q18436
Robinson	Matthew	21-Mar-87	Q18960
Ryan	Patrick	21-Mar-87	Q18959
Stevenson	Matthew	21-Mar-87	Q18961
Anstey	Peter	13-Dec-87	Q20036
Barry	Rodney	13-Dec-87	Q20040
Ford	Peter	13-Dec-87	Q20041
Frampton	Craig	13-Dec-87	Q20039
Gillis	Terry	13-Dec-87	Q19633
Kissick	Wayne	13-Dec-87	Q20035
Le Strange	Brett	13-Dec-87	Q19634
Lindsquist	Ben	13-Dec-87	Q20034
Scibilla	Paul	13-Dec-87	Q19637
Specht	Russell	13-Dec-87	Q20037
Taylor	David	13-Dec-87	Q20038
Thompson	David	13-Dec-87	Q19636
Thompson	Ashley	13-Dec-87	Q19635
Walton	Michael	28-Dec-87	Q20042
Taylor	Murray	16-Jan-88	Q19905
Walton	Michael	16-Jan-88	Q19906
Crowther	Jodie	13-Feb-88	Q19910
Jackson	Michael	13-Feb-88	Q19912
Kerr	Jamie	13-Feb-88	Q19908
Welland	George	13-Feb-88	Q19907
Williams	Ashley	13-Feb-88	Q19911
Wright	Sharon	13-Feb-88	Q19909
Commons	Helen	19-Mar-88	Q20048
Dunstan	Matthew	19-Mar-88	Q20043
Jenner	Nicole	19-Mar-88	Q20050
Jones	Donna	19-Mar-88	Q20051
North	Grant	19-Mar-88	Q20044
Spencer	Scott	19-Mar-88	Q20047
Staunton-Smith	Jonathon	19-Mar-88	Q20045
Temple	Leith	19-Mar-88	Q20049
Wehr	Marcus	19-Mar-88	Q20046
L'Barrow	Trevor	15-Oct-88	Q20658
Lofting	Erik	15-Oct-88	Q20659
Store	Roy	15-Oct-88	Q20660
Dunn	Gavin	07-Jan-89	Q20880
Johnstone	Simon	07-Jan-89	Q20879
Liddell	Scott	07-Jan-89	Q20878
McGarry	Peter	07-Jan-89	Q20882
Preston	Joshua	07-Jan-89	Q20881
Webster	Lincoln	25-Mar-89	Q21304
Blake	Anthony	18-Nov-89	Q22030
Latham	Michael	18-Nov-89	Q22026
L'Barrow	Jeffrey	18-Nov-89	Q22027
Lofting	Morgen	18-Nov-89	Q22029
McLachlan	Shane	18-Nov-89	Q22025
Pacey	Darren	18-Nov-89	Q22034
Pavell	David	18-Nov-89	Q22033
Robinson	Brett	18-Nov-89	Q22028
Smith	Donna	18-Nov-89	Q22032
Modlich	Alexander	12-Jan-90	Q22769
Saffigna	Christopher	12-Jan-90	Q22768
Black	Gavin	10-Mar-90	Q22578
Blake	Darren	10-Mar-90	Q22575
Casey	John	10-Mar-90	Q22584
Dodd	Graham	10-Mar-90	Q22580



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Kendrick	Maree	10-Mar-90	Q22576
Kite	Talbot	10-Mar-90	Q22579
McLennan	Adam	10-Mar-90	Q22585
Nicol	Russell	10-Mar-90	Q22583
Rowse	Peter	10-Mar-90	Q22577
Spires	Rodney	10-Mar-90	Q22582
Whitelaw	Susanne	10-Mar-90	Q22581
Davies	Evan	30-Jun-90	Q22814
Kugler	Gavin	30-Jun-90	Q22812
Wright	Julie	30-Jun-90	Q22813
Casely	Joel	24-Nov-90	Q23842
Mueller	Brett	24-Nov-90	Q23845
Portley	James	24-Nov-90	Q23838
Sparkes	Jason	24-Nov-90	Q23841
Walton	Donna	24-Nov-90	Q23839
Watego	Troy	24-Nov-90	Q23840
Woods	Luke	24-Nov-90	Q23843
Wyeth	Ben	24-Nov-90	Q23844
Armstrong	Kate	16-Feb-91	Q23988
Briggs	Edward	16-Feb-91	Q23985
Carothers	Bruce	16-Feb-91	Q23986
Diggles	Karen	16-Feb-91	Q23982
Durbidge	Clara	16-Feb-91	Q23990
Ibbs	Graham	16-Feb-91	Q23983
Lambert	Krysten	16-Feb-91	Q23989
Mahoney	Sue	16-Feb-91	Q23984
Murray	Chad	16-Feb-91	Q23987
Rhodes	William	16-Feb-91	Q23991
North	Tracey	27-Apr-91	Q24246
Arnall	Ryan	27-May-91	Q24250
Hykkelbjerg	Karin	27-May-91	Q24251
Kemp	Gregory	27-May-91	Q24247
Loskill	Tannas	27-May-91	Q24248
Millard	Grant	27-May-91	Q24249
Shrubb	Kym	01-Jun-91	Q24436
Gill	Robert	14-Sep-91	Q25658
Holmes	Steven	14-Sep-91	Q25657
Jackson	Sarah	14-Sep-91	Q25661
Johnstone	Samantha	14-Sep-91	Q25659
MacMillan	William	14-Sep-91	Q25662
Rhodes	William	14-Sep-91	Q25663
Thirkettle	Paul	14-Sep-91	Q25660
Beveridge	Bruce	21-Dec-91	Q25393
Frampton	Jason	21-Dec-91	Q25390
O'Neill	Damien	21-Dec-91	Q25391
Stevens	Shelley	21-Dec-91	Q25392
Briggs	Courtney	01-Feb-92	Q25666
Conway	Ricky	01-Feb-92	Q25665
Dodd	Anthony	01-Feb-92	Q25668
Store	Alana	01-Feb-92	Q25664
Turley	Kim	01-Feb-92	Q25667
Arnall	Wade	25-Apr-92	Q25873
Ban	Jeremy	25-Apr-92	Q25871
Davey	Christopher	25-Apr-92	Q25877
Eddie	Shane	25-Apr-92	Q25874
Farr	Russell	25-Apr-92	Q25869
Kite	Brenton	25-Apr-92	Q25881
Litherland	Shane	25-Apr-92	Q25872
Mitchell	Hayden	25-Apr-92	Q25880
Newton	Craig	25-Apr-92	Q25878

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Paskins	Claire	25-Apr-92	Q25876
Rauchley	Scott	25-Apr-92	Q25870
Rhodes	Daniel	25-Apr-92	Q25868
Roberts	Brooke	25-Apr-92	Q25875
Whitelaw	Tait	25-Apr-92	Q25879
Porter	Shannon	16-May-92	Q25993
Johnstone	Kenneth	12-Sep-92	Q26907
Kaye	William	12-Sep-92	Q26906
Kemp	Paul	12-Sep-92	Q26192
Newton	Lorraine	12-Sep-92	Q26905
Osborne	Garry	12-Sep-92	Q26908
Stone	Ashley	12-Sep-92	Q26194
Truman	Rodney	12-Sep-92	Q26193
Wheeler	Fiona	12-Sep-92	Q26904
Ball	Justin	30-Jan-93	Q27107
Flanigan	Meghan	30-Jan-93	Q27100
Herd	Richard	30-Jan-93	Q27101
Lindsay	Brendon	30-Jan-93	Q27102
Pyke	Fiona	30-Jan-93	Q27104
Roberts	Shiloh	30-Jan-93	Q27103
Underwood	Damian	30-Jan-93	Q27106
Underwood	Belinda	30-Jan-93	Q27105
Frampton	Julian	07-Mar-93	Q25669
Waller	Adam	07-Mar-93	Q25670
Fisher	Matthew	27-Mar-93	Q27111
Johnstone	Nathan	27-Mar-93	Q27109
Lacoste	Peter	27-Mar-93	Q27112
Mabin	Daniel	27-Mar-93	Q27110
Ormond	Carla	27-Mar-93	Q27113
Wright	Troy	27-Mar-93	Q27108
Davidson	Daniel	13-Nov-93	Q27757
Dodd	Kerron	13-Nov-93	Q27762
Farley	Jason	13-Nov-93	Q27755
Penhallurick	Martin	13-Nov-93	Q27760
Rotheram	Kevin	13-Nov-93	Q27763
Saffigna	Damien	13-Nov-93	Q27761
Sellers	Rodney	13-Nov-93	Q27764
Thierry	Nicholas	13-Nov-93	Q27756
Thompson	Aaron	13-Nov-93	Q27759
Thompson	Matthew	13-Nov-93	Q27758
Allard	Wendy	18-Dec-93	Q28125
Davies	Megan	18-Dec-93	Q28127
Gallon	Amanda	18-Dec-93	Q28125
Hird	Simone	18-Dec-93	Q28124
L'Barrow	Adrian	18-Dec-93	Q28129
McMahon	Richard	18-Dec-93	Q28131
Petersen	Christopher	18-Dec-93	Q28130
Price	Steven	18-Dec-93	Q28128
Store	Tracey	18-Dec-93	Q28126
West	Mark	18-Dec-93	Q28123
Broadbent	Michael	15-Jan-94	Q28319
Penhallurick	John	15-Jan-94	Q28320
Buckley	Andrea	12-Mar-94	Q28559
Clarey	Joanna	12-Mar-94	Q28556
Donelly	Melissa	12-Mar-94	Q28555
Gregory	Meghan	12-Mar-94	Q28557
McKenzie	Ian	12-Mar-94	Q28558
Hemmings	Nicole	14-May-94	Q29958
Carothers	Timothy	22-Oct-94	Q29115
Dunn	Barry	22-Oct-94	Q29116



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Johnstone	Angus	22-Oct-94	Q29112
Litherland	Lenore	22-Oct-94	Q29114
McMahon	Leisa	22-Oct-94	Q29111
Oliphant	Skye	22-Oct-94	Q29113
Potent	Daniel	22-Oct-94	Q29117
Sheffield	Lloyd	22-Oct-94	Q29118
Wilson	Barry	22-Oct-94	Q29119
Corrie	Shaun	26-Nov-94	Q29642
Davidson	Trent	26-Nov-94	Q29640
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Appendix 19:

Point Lookout SLSC

Origin of Place Names and Shipwreck History

The origin of the names of the beaches at Point Lookout is often a source of interest and conversation for both Club members and visitors to the island. A brief outline of how these places came to hold their current names follows.

Point Lookout is the most easterly land-form in Queensland and arguably one of the most beautiful spots in the world. It was discovered and named by Lieutenant James Cook on 17 May, 1770. It was later visited by Matthew Flinders in 1803 when he was on a rescue mission from North Queensland to Sydney in the cutter from one of his two beached ships, *Cato* and *Porpoise*. Flinders landed at the eastern end off Cylinder Beach to replenish his water casks from a spring which was made known to him by friendly Aborigines. Both navigators wrote in their ships' logs about the great winds from the south and the huge line of breakers off Point Lookout. When Flinders tried to resume his epic voyage south to Sydney, he was forced back from the main headland and took shelter for the night in the lee of Shag Rock where his men caught enough fish to have a good meal.

Cylinder Beach: Major Lockyer recommended a lighthouse be built at Point Lookout in 1825. It was not until 1932, after many shipping mishaps in the south passage between North Stradbroke Island and Moreton Island, that a lighthouse was built at Point Lookout. Construction equipment and acetylene gas cylinders to fuel the light were brought ashore and unloaded at a jetty built near the freshwater spring where Flinders replenished his casks. This spot became known as Cylinder Beach.

Deadmans Beach was so named by locals because it was thought to be the burial site of a dead seaman found washed ashore there early in the twentieth century. The discovery of a skeleton in the vicinity in 1956 appears to confirm this.

Frenchmans Beach was named after five French prison escapees who landed there in a stolen boat from New Caledonia on 21 February, 1881.

Main Beach: The main surfing beach, which stretches 30 kilometres south of the Surf Club, was called either South Beach or Blue Lake Beach for most of the twentieth century but was officially named Main Beach by the Queensland Government in 1985.

North Gorge: The origin of North Gorge seems to be hazy, divided between the fact that it is north of the South Gorge or Swimming Gorge and the fact that Billy North had his stockman's hut not far from the head of the gorge. The general consensus now is that it is named after him.

SHIPWRECKS

Much has been written about shipwrecks around Moreton Bay which this history could not possibly cover. However, there are two wrecks which have some connection with the Surf Club.

The Wreck of the *Prosperity*

One wreck relevant to the Point Lookout SLSC Headland is that of the *Prosperity*, a brigantine



of 133 tons with a cargo of machinery bound for North Queensland sugar mills. The *Prosperity* was blown onto South Rock in February 1902 where it lost its rudder and was swamped by huge seas, sinking about 300 metres south east of South Rock.

After cyclonic conditions have scoured Main Beach, the wreck is still visible about 150 metres off the beach just south of the patrol area. When the *Prosperity* is exposed and the water is clear and calm, it is possible to free dive on this wreck and see train bogeys chained to the deck.

Five seamen were rescued by Billy North who had the cattle lease at Point Lookout, and two crew were drowned. One of these is thought to be the skeleton found on Deadmans Beach in 1956.

A full account of this shipwreck and others around Stradbroke Island is available at the Historical Museum in Dunwich.

The Wreck of the *Sovereign*

The steam driven, auxiliary paddle wheeler, *Sovereign*, on route to Sydney with 54 passengers and cargo foundered on the South Passage Bar near Amity Point on 11 March, 1847. The sea was very rough, breaking up the vessel with the loss of 44 lives. The Captain and nine other souls were saved by a group of Moreton Island and Amity Point Aborigines. This is the first recorded saving of lives in the surf off North Stradbroke Island. It was reported in a special edition of the *Moreton Bay Courier* of 17 March, 1847. A grateful New South Wales Government presented six of the Aborigines with bravery award breastplates and a new fishing boat and gear (Philip Hammond, *Brisbane Courier Mail* of 9 March, 2002). The Queensland Museum and the Commissariat Stores in William Street, Brisbane, have three of the original brass bravery awards on display.

Ironically, exactly 100 years before Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club was formed in 1947, indigenous lifesavers were presented with bravery awards and a free surf boat! A good omen for the future Surf Club there!



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