

# NORTH AVOCA NEWS

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Firstly, congratulations to our IRB racing team who turned it on at South West Rocks last weekend. The weather was perfect and I understand there was just as much running as water sports! If you want to see these guys in action, get down to Ocean beach and support the team at state this year, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Secondly the roadworks, is there anyone who isn't completely over the disruption this is causing us? But if you are one of the businesses in North Avoca like our Bronze sponsor, The North Avoca General Store, the reduction in local traffic and access means less people in their shop and similarly with the other businesses in North Avoca. Accordingly, during this difficult time any member patronage for our local community businesses would be really appreciated.

This will be our last newsletter for the season. As such I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your time as a volunteer in keeping our beach safe and contributing to our community. Despite a challenging year for many, as a team of like-minded people we have not only kept our beach safe but have ticked some big boxes along the way.

In the JAC space: highlights included record individual and team medals and finalists, march past medals at branch and state levels.  
In particular the nipper space excelled in building a sense of community.

The Youth space is an area our club has become renowned for across the branch. This year was no exception. The youth development camp was a feature that is still being spoken about in high regard.

Surf sports: Yielded another busy season and bag of medals at branch, state and Aussies as well as hosting the NSW Board Riders Championship. This is the first-time state medals have been awarded on our home beach.

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Education: Boasted some new inclusive initiatives such as the new vets program as well as progressions within the RPL space.

Member services: Remains strong. We had great success in fundraising, celebration, and member recognition events such as the celebration of Women in Surf evening, our annual door knock appeal and, national medal recipients. We also made great progress in Member protection, child protection and compliance spaces.

Lifesaving: The ultimate goal at any aquatic environment is zero preventable deaths. The efforts of each and every one of our active members ensured this goal was met at NA again this year.

Awards of excellence (AOE): At the recent AOE evening our club person of the year John Avis, took out the volunteer of the year category, well done and well deserved John. North Avoca also came second in the club of the year category (missing out on first place by only 1 point!). This was an award that was of particular interest to me being one of my president goals at the start of the season. It is an award that represents excellence across all club areas, and effective leadership and contribution across many aspects of our Club. I am so proud of those that contributed to this achievement. Thanks team!

As club president, I truly believe the way that we will keep seeing such progress is for membership unity. Unity and coming together toward our common goals and core business of saving lives. Collectively, this involves obtaining a balance between drawing on the wisdom of those that have helped build such a wonderful club, as well as empowering and accepting change, new ideas and ideals. All while ensuring we are compliant to our governing bodies that support all of our members and the club at large.

I remain very passionate about our club and will continue to engage and remain connected to our members in my capacity as an Age manager, Nippers coach, Masters coach, Patrol captain, Bronze educator, Club sponsor, and surf sports competitor. Furthermore, I will continue to act in the best interest of our club, ask the hard questions when needed and remain compliant to our governing body if re-elected as club president next season.

With an increasingly diverse membership base it is now increasingly important that we are catering for all our members in future projects that cater for all our members. If elected as President for next season, I hope to be working with a collaborative and dynamic Management Committee motivated by such mindset and goals. These include;

New build / renovation to meet the growing demands of our population, meet safely and access standards.....

Youth program development

Women in leadership education programs

Nipper confidence building initiatives

Expanding our Silver Salties program

Inclusive beach programs

Continue to develop our education programs and community awareness to continue to build future beach patrol strength for the years and decades ahead

In the new season I would like to run a detailed member survey as input into a project for us to consider what we might want our Club to look and feel like on our 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, only 3 years away.

As always, I am happy to talk to any of our members should you have any questions or concerns so feel free to contact me via email or phone.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming AGM on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 3pm.

Kim Findlay

**President**

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## Our July AGM and More;

FYI, the North Avoca website will shortly be updated to include all the information and links you might need for the mandatory member protection and child safety policies from SLSNSW for the new 2023/24 season. In addition, there are two new email addresses that are now operational;

[mpio@naslsc.com.au](mailto:mpio@naslsc.com.au)

[childsafecoordinator@naslsc.com.au](mailto:childsafecoordinator@naslsc.com.au)

These emails will get you to our Club Member Protection Officers or to Evelyn who is our Child Safe Coordinator. Evelyn is already chasing up those who may not have valid Working with Children certificates for the new season, so please respond if you receive an email from her.

Also below is some relevant information on the upcoming Annual General Meeting being held at the Club on Sunday July 30th at 3pm.

Official AGM emails to voting members will be coming out shortly. But due to the level of interest this year, below are a few points below that may answer some of the questions already being raised by members;

- In order to vote at this meeting, you must be an active member (18years plus), a life member or an associate. As always, you will also need to be financial for the 2023/24 season. Memberships will be able to be done online on the members portal from July 1st and for those having any issues, a member registration information afternoon will be held on Sunday afternoon July 16th from 2pm-4pm.

- A few members have raised concerns about the traditional way of voting at the AGM being a show of hands. As a result, a motion was passed at the June Management Committee meeting last week that all voting at this year's AGM will be via secret ballot.

- Some members have also raised concerns about the running of the AGM. Accordingly, another motion was passed last week by the Management Committee that the AGM this year will be chaired by an independent person from SLSNSW.

Watch out for the official Club emails on the AGM which will be coming out shortly.

Duncan Bennet

**Vice President**

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## Bar – Open During the Off Season

Our bar will be open Sunday's 5pm – 7pm.

Come down and enjoy our great view, bring your friends. We have on hand menus from local restaurants who will deliver. Enjoy an easy Sunday dinner.



Have your RSA card and would like to help the Bar out at Sunday SIPs, contact Rick via the [office@naslsc.com.au](mailto:office@naslsc.com.au)

Rick Parsons

**Bar Manager**