

# NORTH AVOCA NEWS

30/04/2024



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Firstly, this month I'd like to congratulate Matt Slattery for a successful campaign in becoming our branch president for another 2-year term. Matt has spent the last 2 years in this role with some achievements and we look forward to more great things to come. We are in good hands. Well done Matt.

The Bonnie is Back event also proved a great success as a community and club feel good and educational event, as well as club fundraiser. The committee and events team have certainly excelled in this space this season.

The flags have now come down and it was great spending the last patrol amongst wonderful people as we finished the season with the traditional patrol captain's day. Team building, quality improvement and celebration. Thanks to everyone who came along and very well organised Josh!

Nippers and surf sports are winding down, however there is still opportunity to join winter nippers for anyone interested in developing surf skills in the off season. Good luck to our IRB team who are about to start their season.

To the membership at large I'd like to thank everyone for a wonderful season once again. We achieved our ultimate goal of zero preventable deaths between the flags, which I hope everyone is proud of.

It has been a very successful year here at NSALSC and I'm looking forward to sharing some of our achievements with you all at both Jnr & Snr presentations later this month.

Junior presentation on 11/5/24 & Senior presentation night on 18/5/24. These events are a celebration of our members accomplishments over the course of the season. It is an opportunity to congratulate our peers and have a great night before we wind down over the winter period.

Senior Tickets will again be heavily subsidised by the club and will be available up until the 9th of May and can be purchased here <https://www.naslsc.com.au/s/shop>

Kim Findlay / President / [president@naslsc.com.au](mailto:president@naslsc.com.au)

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## Lifesaving

The 2023/24 Patrolling season ended on Sunday with the Patrol Captains Patrol.



I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time this season to help patrol our beach at North Avoca. Whether you could only do a couple of patrols, your full rostered allotment, or extra patrols throughout the season - your contributions are greatly appreciated. We had 131 patrolling members who completed over 8500 patrolling hours.

SLSCC are looking for anyone who is interested in undertaking their Rescue Watercraft (RWC) training - jetski. The induction is on the 1st of June and training will run for 12-15 weeks during the off season. There are some prerequisites to the program - please see the attached link to access the RWC EOI Course Winter 2024 circular. Applications close by COB on Friday 10th May 2024.

<https://slscc.com.au/gswsp/administration/circulars-memos/>

IRB Drivers and Crew should have received an email about the ALBERT program being run at Umina this weekend. Good luck to those who have entered, and I hope that you enjoy the experience.

Also thank you to everyone who supported and helped me in my new role as Director of Lifesaving. See you all next season.

Thanks  
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Director of Lifesaving  
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## Easter Door Knock Appeal

Our Doorknock appeal has again raised substantial funds for our Club, with \$8,000 donated. This season saw a 13% increase over the prior year. Our volunteers have supported us well in the community, with 92% of the tally raised being over the Easter weekend. This compares to 79% of the tally raised over the 2023 Easter weekend.

Thank you to all our members who kindly volunteered and participated in our Annual Door Knock Appeal. This is one of the Clubs major fundraisers and your time has helped ensure that the club is well funded with necessary equipment to provide lifesaving services and the resources to educate and support all our members and community.

A special big thankyou to the Easter Bunny and Jackie Sproll, who again coordinated this major fundraising appeal this year.





## Education

Our last BM course for the season kicked off on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and we look forward to a new group of members joining patrols in the 2024/25 season.

Branch will be running a Silver Medallion Patrol Captains Course on the 19<sup>th</sup> May at Toowoan Bay. Please email [office@naslsc.com.au](mailto:office@naslsc.com.au) for more info or to register.

Education Team  
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## Surf Sports

As our nipper, Youth and Masters surf sports season concludes our IRB team's season is just kicking off, with the first carnival being on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May at Collaroy. We wish our IRB team the best of luck and look forward to sharing updates in our next newsletter and socials.



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## Youth

Mid-April a group of our North Avoca youth went away on our South Coast Youth Camp.

The weekend was action packed and the group participated in a Surf Camp at Gerroa Beach, experienced the Minnamurra Rainforest Walk with waterfalls and suspension bridges, visited the Kiama Blowhole and finished off with a great day at Jambaroo Action Park.

There were plenty of smiles, laughs, memories, and friendships made and strengthened. Such an admirable group of young people. At all times they were polite,

considerate, and supportive of each other, their instructors, and members of the public. They were keen to get involved and have a go. The facilitators were extremely proud of how they represented NASLSC, and everyone is looking forward to next year's Youth Camp.

A big thank you to John Avis, Elise Avis and Megan Miller for organising and supervising at the Camp.



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## Anzac Day Dawn Service

Thank you to our Life Member, Keiren Paull and Nipper representatives, Joe and Oliver Sproll for laying of the wreath on behalf North Avoca SLSC at the Terrigal Dawn Service. Thank you to all our members who attended services.



## Nippers

As nippers has finished for the season, I would like to thank all the age managers, coaches, water safety, officials and parents who have helped this season. It couldn't happen without you.

Winter nippers has kicked off last Sunday 29/4 with a strong turn up. If anyone is still interested speak to your age manager. It is open to 2023/24 season U9 – U14s age groups.



We had a fantastic youth camp for our rookies and youth, full of activities on the south coast from a surf camp, hiking in a rainforest, Kiama blowhole and a day at Jamberoo.

Presentation is on 11/5/24 and we have been working in the background to make this special. There is no dress up theme this year but the club will be decked out very beachy. Hope to see lots of you there.



Thanks for a great 2023/24 season. Season 24/25 starts in October. Keep your eye out for details.



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## **Bar – Open New Extended Hours**

Our bar is open Sundays from the new commencement time of 4pm – 7pm (with exception of Public Holidays).

Come on down and watch the Sunday footie game on the big screen.

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

We would love for you to come join our wonderful, friendly team.

Cheers

Geeb Smith

**Bar Manager**



**Now open every Sunday from 4pm - 7pm.**

(Public Holidays excluded)

**Feel free to bring your own nibbles, meet up with friends, sit back and enjoy the great views with others in our local community.**