



President Report

Dear Members,

Over the past three months, North Narrabeen SLSC has been investing heavily in improving our facilities and ensuring the club continues to thrive for all members. Here's an update on some of the key developments:

Club Investments and Upgrades

We recently acquired a range of new equipment through the auction of plant and equipment from the closure of Club Kirribilli. This investment of approximately \$4,800 has allowed us to upgrade our facilities with new tables, chairs, lounges, a cocktail machine, bar accessories, and AV equipment. These additions will enhance our clubhouse for both members and guests.

Solar System Upgrade

Sustainability remains a key focus, and we have made a significant upgrade to our PV solar system. The old 12kW system, which had reached the end of its life, has been replaced with a new 30kW system at a cost of \$40,000. This upgrade, with additional panels, sets the foundation for a future battery upgrade to 50kW. Currently, our energy usage shows an 85% reduction in electricity costs, translating to an annual saving of approximately \$11,000.



Gym Enhancements

Based on valuable feedback from our members, we have added new gym equipment, including a treadmill. Further improvements are planned over the next six months to ensure our fitness facilities remain top-notch. Plus under the new renovations we will be gaining more space with the wall between the gym and board riders room moving.

Renovation Plans Moving Forward

Exciting news on the renovation front! Our plans are gaining traction with Northern Beaches Council, and we now have final approvals and construction plans locked in. Additionally, there are some further enhancements to our facilities in the pipeline—stay tuned for more details!

We are looking at works starting in July 2025 with some additional works being rolled out during this time with some interior works being carried out in the main hall and Western deck.

Education and Training

Education and training remain at the heart of North Narrabeen SLSC. Over the past few months, we have successfully run multiple Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate(SRC) courses, ensuring our patrol teams remain highly skilled.

A big congratulations to all our new award recipients, and thank you to our dedicated trainers and assessors who continue to support the development of our members. A big thanks to Alan Rose, Chief Training Officer, and Steve and Gordy(trainers) for their hard work and dedication, with the assistance of Shane and Troy.

We encourage all members to take advantage of upcoming training opportunities, including IRB Crew and Driver courses, First Aid, and Advanced Resuscitation Techniques. If you're interested in upskilling, please contact our education team.

Successful Events & Community Engagement

The club held its 100 Club event in November for its annual Christmas catch-up. A big thanks to Rob Kaines for arranging this and to the 100 Club for their generous donations. The funds this year are going towards the club's new SSV (Side by Side vehicle).

followed by the annual camper nights and the Australia Day Band Day featuring Micro, were well attended and contributed significantly to our revenue stream. These events continue to strengthen our community spirit and financial position.

Thank you to all our members, volunteers, and supporters who make North Narrabeen SLSC the incredible club it is. Your contributions and engagement are what drive us forward.

See you on the beach!

Adrian Hill

President, North Narrabeen SLSC

Club Renovation Update



We've had some productive meetings with the Northern Beaches Council (NBC) over the last few months and the NNSLSC Committee has agreed a pathway to undertake the Stage 1 & 2 Refurbishment works concurrently. Meaning the main function room refurbishment (Stage 2) works will now be completed at the same time as the Boardrider Room & associated Deck extension (Stage 1) works, not during the 2026 off-season as per the previous staging plan.

The Bar and Main Room will have improved functionality and amenities, including an operable wall to separate the function room/hall from the café operating area. This will allow functions, along with other club operations, to proceed without impacting the café. Additionally, the bar could continue to operate for members during a function.

The Club will also undertake the refurbishment of the Rear Deck, including a new roof which will enable the Café to operate unimpeded when the Club requires the use of the main hall/ function room.

The NBC have advised the works will be tendered in March 2025 with a plan to commence on site by July 2025. We intend to keep the Club operating as long as possible however, bar operations

with the builder. All club memorabilia will need to be removed, including the Ghost, from the ceiling during construction works.

The Committee commissioned a designer to produce some concepts for the club, and we have included a couple of images of the Function Room & Rear Deck below. Whilst these aren't the final finishes, it gives you the general idea of the proposed design with an operable wall to the Function Room and new steps opening up the Rear Deck.

As you can see, it is a visually lighter and far more welcoming space which will provide a significant improvement in amenities for all members and guests.

Deputy President
Darren Marshall



What's Happening Around the Club

Installation of new solar equipment and furniture as mentioned in the Presidents report. Two new fans for the main hall have been installed.

Plumbing works including two new hot water services and cool room upgrades & maintenance.

A new stove / oven has been installed in the caretakers flat.

The club committee are always endeavouring to ensure club improvements will benefit our members. We have spent just over \$63,500 for the above works with our next two projects being the renovations to the western deck and the installation of a battery backup for the new electricity solar system. Air conditioning for the caretakers flat will also be looked at.

We are hoping that midyear Council will start the renovations for the club which will improve the structure and facilities available for the future.

Rob Kaines
Finance Director

Life Saving

A big few months and start of 2025 for our patrolling members!

group that went through start of February. Amazing seeing the SRCs coming through from beginning of nippers, to now majority in last season of nippers, and now most are joining family/family friends on their patrols!

We've also had a few incidents during patrol hours where we've had to stand up and use our skills, from a person in distress at Turrimetta last weekend, to a person in distress off the pool 2 weekends ago where our Emergency Call Out team tasked as it was just before patrolling hours.

Big thank you to those that were involved in those situations - and a further call out to those that are interested in the Emergency Call Out Team to contact clubcaptain@northnarra.org.au and we can get you added onto the contact list. We also have a new Bronze Medallion and SRC group that has just begun, and it's great to see Nipper Parents are joining us!

Upcoming dates to note:

- **First aid course (HLTAID011) 6-9PM @ South Narrabeen SLSC. Monday 3 March & Wednesday 5 March.**
- **IRB Crew & Driver course. Starting 1st March with assessment in late April. Saturday morning trainings 830am-midday.**

If interested, please email admin@northnarra.org.au with your name, DOB, mobile number and whether you want to do the crew or driver course OR first aid course

Courtney Asensi
Club Captain



Nippers

Well, the Nipper season is almost at an end. We have had great weather, lots of participation in carnivals and all-round fun on the beach. We were hoping to have a Branch Carnival report for this edition, unfortunately the water events were cancelled with the events scheduled at a later date so we could not add the places of our contestants to the newsletter.

Points Days will be continuing on the 23 of February and the Second of March, let's hope the sea is kind to us. The last day of Nippers is the 9 of March with Presentation day / AGM scheduled for the 23 of March. We look forward to seeing all you on the terrace for the event.

Please remember Nippers is an interactive outdoor activity for parents and children alike, please get involved as much as possible to keep the program alive.

See you all on the beach.

Kind Regards
Mark Franz
Administration Director



Boaties

The North Narrabeen Boat section is back with a fantastic start to the 2025 competition season!

boats on Saturday, followed by the Young Gulls Carnival on Australia Day.

Congratulations to our U23 Men's boat crew the Stingers who made their debut here.

Welcome to the boat section Charlie Kelly, David Kelly, Hayden Tucker and Alex Jacobs with sweep Don McManus. A great effort in their first carnival.

This was followed by the Sydney Metropolitan surf boat championships at Ocean Beach, Umina. Congratulations to our reserve Men's crew who took home a bronze medal, claiming third amongst the metro crews.

Most recently in our biggest outing so far, 6 crews traveled at Coffs Harbour last weekend for the ASRL OPEN, the second biggest event on the boatie calendar, second only to The Aussies.

A huge weekend at Jetty beach which saw a fantastic debut from our newest rowers the U19 Men. Well done Pete Kelly, Alex Green, Charlie Adams, and Callum Poling.

Well done also to our two masters crews with our 200yrs Women bringing home a silver medal.

Commendations must also go to the Reserve Men's crew finishing up in the top 20 of 61 teams

And the reserve grade women 'The Chillies' who made the top 12 of 43 boats - a huge effort in challenging flat conditions!





Club History - Shivering Sharks Formation 1965-66

North Narrabeen Winter Swimming Club

During this winter season, the formation of the club "Shivering Sharks" became a popular Sunday morning event, held at the Narrabeen Baths. Although formed by members of the club, its membership is open to anyone who wishes to participate. The following were elected for the seasons activities. Present Arthur Alsop, Captain Jim Campbell, Handicapper Bob Parkhill, Official Judge Jack Blackmore, Vice Presents Jack O'Connor Senior and Jack O'Connor Junior.

The approximate starters each morning were 40 members, surprising number for a club just formed. The following seasons should see the club form into one of the best on the North Side.

Trophy Donors as well as competing were Arthur Alsop, A Grade Point Score and Erichsen Motors Pty Ltd., B Grade Point Score Frank Farrell, Gorgon Frost, Jim Blair, Paul Dunsmore, Chas Bradly, Ken Bradly, Archie Whiteman, Tas King, Fred Woods and Fred Bertram.

Thanks a lot to ken Adams for his "A la Carte Soup" for the after beverage.

Club History - Annual Report 1943/44 Extract

CONGRATUALIONS: Two outstanding North Narrabeen Members from World War 2.

To P/O N. Sheehan on winning a D.F.C. whilst on Active Service in Great Britain.

To P/O K. Collier who received an Illuminated Address from the community of an English Town, in appreciation of his brave action of saving the Town of apparent disaster from a "Flying Bomb".

P/O Collier with the wing of his Spitfire fighter diverted the "Bomb" to a harmless destination in a ditch.

Jim Shearer, Club Historian

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