

# Point Break

MacMasters Beach SLSC

May  
2020



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## President's Report with Alan Blackman

I hope everyone is well, safe and managing all the changes to our lives in the past few months. It is good to see that as a nation we are all doing an amazing job of helping to limit the spread of Covid-19 within Australia.

As a Club, our activities on the beach and in our clubhouse have been put on hold until the threat of Covid-19 has eased. The restrictions on our daily living and the economic impact on many of us, has certainly made this a worrying time for most of us.

However, I think we have also experienced a change in the way we interact with each other at a human level. We have slowed down, people stop and talk to each, and we genuinely listen to the answer when we ask someone, 'How are you today?' We are lucky we can still use our beach to exercise and swim, I have seen many members on the beach and it is great to see everyone caring for each other and enjoying the simple pleasure of being in the water, riding a board or walking on the sand.

### CLUB FINANCIALS

The Club's income has been drastically reduced due to the closure of the bar and the loss of other income streams. The Board has been very focused on limiting our expenditure to only essential items. The Club is in a healthy financial position, but we do not know how long we will be in this situation and it is only prudent to keep tight control on expenditure.

We are fortunate that the winter months are the time when our income and expenditure are normally at their lowest. Hopefully we can regain some normality as we head into the 2020/21 season in September.

### CLUB SPONSORS

All of our sponsors and supporters are experiencing significant financial stress and I want to thank those who are able to maintain a level of support to the Club during these difficult times.

The Barefoot Café is being most generous in maintaining a level of support to the Club at a time when its business is drastically reduced. The café is open for coffee and take away meals. Can I ask that every member try to support the café, as they continue to support us.



**Macs SLSC Board Election Meeting ONLINE**

**4pm Sunday 17th May 2020 - [register now!](#)**

## **NOTICE of 'ELECTION MEETING'**

Notice is given that the 'Election Meeting' of the Club will be held on

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**at 4.00pm**

In the context of the 'social distancing' requirements of the Government **the meeting will have to be held remotely via the 'Teams' function of the Microsoft package** provided by Microsoft at no charge to the club as a charity and arranged by club member Matt Judd of JTM Infotech.

**TO ATTEND click on this meeting link and complete the questionnaire by 5pm Sunday 9th May - these details have been emailed to every member.**

If you return the questionnaire advising your intention to attend, a link to the meeting will be sent to you with instructions as to how to use it.

### **Agenda**

#### **Officers of the Club**

The two year term of the following Officers expire at the Election Meeting:

President:	Alan Blackman
Director of Competition:	Craig Lee
Director of Lifesaving:	Peter Roden
Life Member:	Michael Norman

The meeting is to fill those positions for a two year term until the Election Meeting in 2022.

**Nominations** are called to fill the vacant positions on the Board of Directors.

Retiring Directors are eligible for re-election.

Nominations must be in writing and received by the undersigned before 5.00pm on Saturday 25 April 2020.

#### **Honorary Officers**

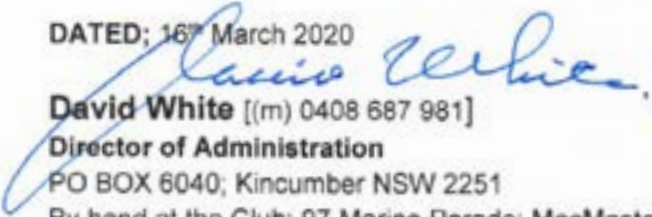
The Club may elect the following Honorary Officers who need not be members of the Club.

Nominations may be made before or at the meeting

The positions are currently held by the following who are eligible for re-election.

Patron:	Alan Brooks
Vice Patron:	Don Hamilton and Lyn Forsythe
Honorary Auditors:	Fortunity
Honorary Legal Officer:	Alan Bingham

DATED: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

  
**David White** [(m) 0408 687 981]

**Director of Administration**

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# President's Report continued

## MACS SLSC BOARD ELECTION MEETING - ONLINE!

Our election meeting is being held 'online' at 4pm on 17 May. Please [register your attendance using this link - CLICK HERE](#). Our current Deputy President, Kylie Dickinson, will be standing for the position of Director of Competition as Craig Lee is retiring after many years in the role. The position of Deputy President will be available and I ask any interested member to put their name forward for nomination.

Please contact me if you want information on the role, it is a great position for a new Board member, as you can ease your way into the role.

## THANK YOU CRAIG LEE

I want to thank Craig Lee for his amazing effort as Director of Competition over many years. Craig has been a wonderful Board member and our Club's competition activities have grown across all sectors under his watch. Craig is one of those great workers who just gets things done without fuss and usually behind the scenes. It has been a wonderful pleasure to work with Craig - *thank you so much*.



Stay safe, look after your families and loved ones and do the right thing for yourself and our community.



## CONTACT THE PRESIDENT

With over 500 members it is a big task for me to get to know every member, and like most of us I have a busy schedule away from the Surf Club.

So if there is something you would like to talk to me about you can always drop me an email on [president@macmastersbeachslsc.com](mailto:president@macmastersbeachslsc.com) or phone me on 0418 331 649.

## Membership Matters *with Alison McNeill*

I hope you are all staying safe in these interesting times. Covid 19 and the restrictions have really affected the end of our club's season from surf patrols ending early, the end of our Youth, Opens, Masters and Boat carnivals, the closure of our bar, functions and clubhouse, and the cancellation of our Junior and Senior Presentations.

We have been working hard as a Board (through online meetings) to minimise the expenditure of our club to get us through until we can reopen again.

The bar, clubhouse and gym remain closed until the Government regulations ease then we can put systems in place to keep us all healthy and safe.

## JUNIOR NIPPER PRESENTATION

We are currently working on a plan to continue with the Junior presentation but online. We feel that our Nippers deserve a bit of a celebration to the end of the season - lucky for them the season had finished early March.

We will let you know the plan in the coming weeks.

## NIPPER FEEDBACK

We have also not been able to have the usual wrap-up meeting about Nippers. I'd love all of you to have a think about the nipper season - suggestions for changes needed, what we are doing well, any new ideas - anything ... please email these things through to me at [memberservices@macmastersbeachslsc.com](mailto:memberservices@macmastersbeachslsc.com)

## HELP KEEP OUR BEACHES OPEN

Please continue to follow the restrictions for the use of the beach so it stays open for everyone.



*Take care everyone and stay safe, Alison McNeill - Director of Member Services*



## **ANZAC Day 2020** with Vince and Pat Roberts

Our 2020 ANZAC Day Service was so different to what we have been used to.

Although we could not gather due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) health regulations and physical distancing, we still paused to remember and honour the service and sacrifice of those who have served our Nation.

As requested by the RSL, we joined the nation at 6.00am and played The Last Post, held a minute silence and played Reveille from the Club forecourt. The sound across the still bay was a haunting experience.



*Lest We Forget*

Photo: Roslyn Donohoe Photography

Hopefully next year's ANZAC Day Service will return to our normal 5.00pm Sunset Service.

**The Barefoot Cafe is the ideal choice for members, locals and visitors**



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## Allen Dickinson Fund: A Macs Scholarship program

Do you know a financial member of the Club who would like a new nipper board for next season? Or some paid sprint coaching? Then read on...

There is a little-known gem in the club that is about to be resurrected - the Club Scholarship that comes from the Allen Dickinson Fund.

**Who is Allen Dickinson?** Apart from being a wonderful man, Allen Dickinson had many roles at our Club - Life member, President, Secretary, proud member of the Deviate Patrol, original member of the Macs Maniac group and a regular donator of funds, especially across the bar!

Allen Dickinson was one of the biggest supporters of the club in its history. Find out more about Allen in the 'Our Life Members' article later in this newsletter.

**What is the Allen Dickinson Fund?** After Allen Dickinson passed away, the Dickinson Family with support from the Board members, set up the Allen Dickinson Fund. The amount of money in this fund has grown thanks to the contributions from fundraising events like the Prawn and Oyster Lunch.

The money from the fund was to be awarded to a financial member of the Club to help them develop a skill - whether it be in competition or in administration. The money could, for example, go towards a new board, some coaching or an administrative course you would like to complete, towards attendance at Surf Life Saving Leadership Courses or undertaking Coaching and TAFE qualifications.

**Interested in applying for a scholarship through the Allen Dickinson Fund?** Simply email the following details to our Director of Competition at [competition@macmastersbeachslsc.com](mailto:competition@macmastersbeachslsc.com) outlining the following information:

- the name and contact details of person applying (must be a financial member)
- what the funds are intended to cover
- the estimated cost and details
- background information on the applicant and situation for the Board to consider
- how the club may benefit from supporting this application.

Announcements on scholarship recipients will occur prior to the commencement of the 2020/21 season.

**If you need more information** about the scholarship please email Kylie Dickinson at [deputypresident@macmastersbeachslsc.com](mailto:deputypresident@macmastersbeachslsc.com)



*Giving everyone a place to call home,  
as we call our club home!*



## *In the Macs IRB with: Suzanne Petrie*

Each month we will catch up with different Macs SLSC identities to find out why they are involved in our great Club and what makes them tick.

Let's chat with our Nipper Carnival and Officials Coordinator, Suzanne Petrie.

### **How long have you been a member at Macs SLSC?**

**SP:** Almost 6 years.

### **What first attracted you to Macs Beach SLSC?**

**SP:** When we moved to Australia the timing was such that Chloe was out of school for 3 months. She missed hanging out with other kids so we saw Nippers happening at Avoca and joined. After a few years the kids were starting to lose interest in Nippers at Avoca but had friends who did Nippers at Macs so we changed clubs and never looked back!

### **What volunteer role/s have you been involved in at Macs?**

**SP:** Carnival Official, Officials Coordinator for carnivals, Pool Rescue Coach and Team Manager and Carnival Coordinator.

### **Strangest place you have swum?**

**SP:** I'm probably the last person to swim somewhere strange, I'm an 'only swim when conditions are absolutely beautiful' person. The strangest place I've taken someone to swim ... early one cold, grey, wintry morning I took Grant to a quarry in the middle of nowhere near London to do a dry suit dive!

### **Favourite footy team?**

**SP:** Saratoga Hawks

### **Favourite SLSC competition event?**

**SP:** In the ocean, board relay and board rescue or in the pool, patient/manikin tow and line throw.

### **Favourite menu item on the Barefoot Cafe menu?**

**SP:** Falafel wrap.

### **Preferred beverage from the Macs Beach Bar?**

**SP:** Gin and tonic.

### **What do you enjoy most about Macs?**

**SP:** The welcoming atmosphere and how all kids are encouraged to give things a go - the Macs team/club spirit.

*Now you know a little bit more about Suzanne - have a chat next time you see her around!*



## *What a Kracka!*

Two very lucky and deserving U13 nipper members had a surprise roadtrip north in March and took delivery of their new Kracka Racing Mals.

Congratulations Hamish and Skye on another fantastic season of training and competing for Macs.

We look forward to watching your future growth as amazing athletes in the making.

Look at those faces and how surprised they are! These boards are normally presented at our Junior Nipper Presentation held at the Club at the end of the season.



## Our Life Members *with Pat Roberts*

From its humble beginnings in 1945, our Club has grown from one with a small handful of Life Savers who patrolled on Sundays and Public Holidays with a reel to perform rescues - to a Club with a current strength of 12 patrols. Patrols today are equipped with the latest equipment and technology - IRBs, rescue boards, oxy-vivas, defibrillators, ATVs, radios, iPads, mobile phones - patrolling every Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday from September to May - we certainly have come a long way!

We should always remember our past and the contributions made by those who have made our Club what it is today - *'the best little Club on the Coast'*. Our Life Members have all helped shape the course of our Club.

I have gathered information for these feature articles from trawelling through Annual Reports, hand written notes and talking to people. These bios will be placed on our website for generations to come, so accuracy is very important – if there are errors/omissions now is the time to email me ([vinceroberts32@bigpond.com](mailto:vinceroberts32@bigpond.com)) with your information. We need to be vigilant about our record keeping; as today's records will soon become our only link to the past.

### **ALLEN DICKINSON - LIFE MEMBER 2000/01**

Allen Dickinson was awarded Life Membership in 2000/2001 in recognition of his 19 years association and membership with MacMasters Beach Surf Club. During this time he was actively involved in all aspects of the Surf Life Saving movement.

As President he was very mindful of the Club's future and instrumental in setting forward a ten-year plan for the club to build on. The plan included Administration, Budgeting, Marketing, Maintenance, Sponsorship and Training. The club plans put in place at that time have been adopted, maintained and enhanced by following committees and because of this the Club is more successful financially, competitively and socially.

Allen passed away unexpectedly in 2001. In his memory 'The Allen Dickinson Foundation' was established, providing financial support to up-and-coming club competitors.

#### **Positions Held at MacMasters Beach SLSC**

President (Nippers)	1984-1987
Secretary	1990-1992
President	1992-1993
President	1996-1997

#### **Surf Life Saving Awards:**

Bronze Medallion (BM) 1982

#### **Central Coast Branch involvement:**

MacMasters Delegate	1990-1992
Financial Director	1990-2001



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# In the Macs Clubhouse with: Balanced Building

Each month we will catch up with one of our valued Macs Sponsors to find out why they are involved in our great Club and what makes them tick.

This month we chat to James Lewry the Director of Balanced Building.



## What is the main reason you decided to become a Macs SLSC sponsor?

**JL:** As a business, my wife and I feel it's important to give back to the community, especially to an organisation that is related to saving lives and keeping our beaches safe.

## What first attracted you to Macs Beach SLSC?

**JL:** Its position, the waves on the point and the people. The community spirit within MacMasters is very special and it's what gives Macs its charm.

## What does sponsoring Macs Beach SLSC mean for your business?

**JL:** It means that Balanced Building is dedicated to Corporate Social Responsibility and it is important to give back to the wider community.

## Strangest place you have swum?

**JL:** In the subfloor of the Grace Bros Building, Hunter St, Newcastle during the Pasha Bulker Storm of June 2007.

## Favourite footy team?

**JL:** The mighty Parramatta Eels.

## Favourite SLSC competition event?

**JL:** Surf Boat Rowing.

## Preferred beverage from the Macs Beach Bar?

**JL:** Tooheys New on tap.

## What do you enjoy most about Macs?

**JL:** The natural beauty of the area (beach, National Park) still so untouched in some areas.

*Now you know a little bit more about James at Balanced Building - check them out online and support the people who support Macs!!*



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