May Edition - 2023



# SHARK ATTACK



AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



## **President's Message**

The season finishes and you start to think all things Surf Club will slow down a little. It's been the complete opposite.

I would like to thank all our Active Members patrolling the beach in making it safe for all to enjoy. Our Club does an amazing job keeping the beach safe, our patrol teams are committed and it's great to see so many people volunteering their time to make up our Patrol Teams. You have read many stories about some of the rescues that have been carried out at Avoca this past season but its not just the rescues its all the preventive actions and our presence that make it a safe place.

Hoping all have a good break over the colder months and see everyone back on the beach next season.

I would like to introduce Trent McRae to everyone as our new Director of Lifesaving. Trent is well-known to many people in the Club, he has been an active member for several years and brings considerable experience to the position. He is employed in the emergency service sector, understands the ethos of Lifesaving, and has a calming influence on many of our younger patrolling members. I welcome Trent to the team and look forward to his involvement moving forward.

Much work is being done behind the scenes to ensure our renovations are delivered to the timeline we have set out. From the 17th of July, the work will begin on the upgrades inside the building, (bathrooms, new flooring, Kitchen upgrade) and hopefully be finished within 5 weeks. The upstairs of the Club will be closed during this time. Council is also planning on replacing parts of the roof and cladding on the Club at the same time. Hopefully, we can coordinate this to be completed at the same time.

We are planning on having an opening to showcase the renovations at the start of the new Patrol Season, more information will come out about this in the future.

We are also looking at rebranding Sunsets with a name change. There are many different ideas already, I'm hoping some of the talented marketing people we have, will send me an email with some of their ideas.

You would have seen that the shipping container out the back of the Club that stored members' skis has been removed for a new enclosed storage structure to be built there. If we have any builders within the Club that may be interested in completing this work, please reach out to me asap. We are planning to start this very soon.

Our presentation night is next Saturday the 27th of May, don't forget to get your tickets online. Many of our award winners will also be put up for the Branch presentation as well. SLSCC presentation is the following Saturday night the 3rd of June at Mingara.

Up in Sunsets we have employed a new Operations Manager, Stuart Davies. Stuart starts work with us on the 29th of May, Stuart has been a member for several years and brings considerable hospitality experience to the Club. Along with Stuart and his new team, we are all looking forward to introducing some great new ideas to Sunsets.

See you at the presentation. Stuart Harvey - ABSLSC President



### **AGM** change of date

The Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Annual General Meeting will now be held on Sunday 30th July at 10am.

Voting at the AGM is open to current financial award members.



### **Admin Office**

L XXXXX XXEV

Holly Ayres is our administration assistant. Holly is able to help with memberships, surfguard, patrol logs, toggles and uniforms.

Hollys office hours are: Mondays: 2pm - 4pm Tuesdays: 2pm - 4pm

Please note that office will be closed on public holidays

# SLSCC Awards of Excellence

Surf Life Saving Central Coast Awards of Excellence will be held on Saturday 3rd June at Mingara. All nominees from Avoca Beach SLSC will receive an invitation on Monday 29th May following Avoca's presentation night. If you would like to attend, tickets are \$75. Please contact Holly to reserve your seat. Please note seats are strictly limited with priority going to our nominees. Looking forward to a great night out!



## Director of Life Saving -Trent McRae

We welcome Trent McRae to the ABSLSC Board of Directors as Director of Lifesaving.



## Paddle out for Slim

Members and friends of Avoca Beach SLSC are respectfully invited to our memorial for life member

Alastair "Slim" Peebles

10am, Monday 12th June

Join us afterwards upstairs in the surf club for morning tea





includes 30 local & interstate artists (painters, printmakers, photographers, sculptors, ceramicists etc) who create works throughout the 5 Lands, all day, whatever the conditions.





AVOCA BEACH is a visual arts hub with Ephemera sculptures on the beach and the Connections exhibition in the surf club with exquisite classical music.

Celebrate the music and stories of Middle Europe at the Bulbararong Stage, and take in traditional puppet shows and the Community Fair.



**Busways** is proud to provide FREE transport for the walk helping to create a more inclusive and harmonious community on the Central Coast. Busways is an Australian family-owned company, transporting people around the Central Coast since 1990.

MACMASTERS BEACH celebrates our youth with live performances and the schools' art and photographic exhibitions in the surf club. The Welcome to Country and reading of the Message Stick herald The Beginning, when a Bagpiper and Didgeridoo player lead us along the beach through cleansing ceremonial smoke.

COPACABANA is a Celebration of Life! Come up to the surf club for the Copa Art Exhibition, and soak up the atmosphere as you take in the brilliant local musical talent and take a tour through the village.



\_ands Walk



5landswalk.com.au

NORTH AVOCA Live it up with Australia's First Nations peoples at North Avoca. Dance, sing, relax and enjoy our cultural activities and art. Make a wish upon the Wishing Wall and may your dreams come true.

TERRIGAL Exceptional local songwriters and performing artists take to the Terrigal Live Stage to celebrate the music lines and strings that connect us all.





PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

To view the 5 Lands Walk transport options visit: www.5landswalk.com.au/transport-and-parking/





























### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

















CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS - FINANCIAL PLANNERS













