

Our member profile this fortnight is Martin Hayward. Martin joined South Narrabeen SLSC in the 2008/2009 season and is our newly elected Club President. He gained his Bronze Medallion in 2009 and has sat on our Management Committee since 2010.

Martin holds other Surf Life Saving awards including IRB Crewperson, IRB Driver, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and Basic Beach Management. He is a Patrol Captain who was instrumental in our success last season receiving the Most Outstanding Club – Lifesaving. His patrol team were assessed multiple times with great results.

He was recognised for his contribution towards our Club during the 2013/2014 season, receiving the Paul Jackman Most Outstanding Club Member.



Martin is pictured on patrol

When did you join South Narrabeen SLSC and why?

2008. Andy Cross said I should get involved.

What are the key lessons that you've learnt from your time in South Narrabeen SLSC?

That although we are a relatively small Club we accomplish a lot through the passion and goodwill of our dedicated members.

What's it like being on the Club Committee?

It's never dull, that's for sure! The Club Committee are a cohesive and talented team that work well together. There is always something to be done and every week of the year they are reviewing policy, proposals or finalising activities for the Club.

You've been a member at South Narrabeen SLSC for over 7 years, how have things changed?

Obviously technology has given us better radios, ATV and IRB motors. But our values and the challenges in the surf remain unchanged.

How are preparations for the 2016-2017 season going?

Really well. The sand has been returned (thanks to the team at NB Council) we have back to back OVR bookings, an interested party to lease the Café and importantly we have 56 new members joining and thanks to Jake he has just successfully put 7 through the Bronze Medallion. Well done Jake.

What are your goals within Surf Life Saving?

To be ready to lend a hand. I would like to hope that my small contribution helps the Club provide better member services and facilities.

What has been your best memory as a surf lifesaver?

Patrolling in the IRB after a shark alert with Brent Maneri. When we saw the shark, it wasn't very big (!) but it was special.

Who is someone you admire in the Surf Life Saving movement and why?

All our volunteers. It takes commitment to Patrol, be in the Nippers support team every Sunday or part of the SNLSC B2B volunteers too. And I thank them all for their contribution no matter how small they believe their part has been. It's appreciated.