

Our member profile this fortnight is Charles 'Chica' O'Reilly. Chica joined South Narrabeen SLSC in 1946 and was our Club President for a staggering 11 years. It was during his tenure as President that our new Clubhouse, the one standing today – albeit a few renovations since then, was built in the 1976/1977 season. He is a Life Member of our Club as well as Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches. He is also our Life Governor.



Chica is pictured on the beach observing activities

Persons eligible to be appointed as Life Governors shall have been elected as a Life Member for a minimum of twelve months, and still be active in some area of Club activities, and shall have given outstanding service to the Club. The position of Life Governor shall be for life and shall be an honorary position

To read more about Chica's massive contribution to South Narrabeen SLSC your invited to peruse our [Annual Reports](#) on our website www.snslsc.org.au

When did you join South Narrabeen SLSC and why?

I joined in 1946 when I was 16 with my two brothers Les and Michael.

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

It's rewarding to be a part of the Club and to be good member.

What's it like being on patrol and what do you enjoy about it?

The last time I was on patrol was a long time ago. I do remember that we were always keeping watch on the public and our members.

You've been a member at South Narrabeen SLSC for 70 years, how have things changed?

In regards to the Lifesaving aspect there is more equipment and new skills to learn. There are a lot more areas too study also. There was no IRB back in my day so that is a new skill the Lifesavers of today need to acquire.

How are preparations for the 2016-2017 season going?

With the change in management, the Club can only progress. It has been good for the members.

What are your goals within Surf Life Saving, in particular South Narrabeen SLSC?

My goal is simple, to be there to always help OUR Club in some way.

What has been your best memory as a member of our Club?

The friends I've made over the years at our Club. Also the many friendships I have made around Australia.

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

I admire all LIFESAVERS especially those who get in and have A GO.

Anything else you would like to add...

I've enjoyed my time at South Narrabeen SLSC and am honoured to be a member.