



STAS BOARD: Back L-R: Mick Lawrence, Shayne Clark, Jill Britton, Dave Banks,
Front L-R: Melanie Sharman, Stacey van Dongen, Richie Hassett, Jo Goldfinch, Atlas.

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



SURFING TASMANIA SPONSORS/SUPPPORTERS 2021/22



LIFE MEMBERSHIP – JO GOLDFINCH

Surfing Tasmania was very pleased to be able to award Life Membership to one of our most committed members over past decades.

Jo has been a passionate club, state and schools surf coach, judge, state and national competitor and state team rep, open, junior and schools state team manager, SAUS level two/Progression Surf Coach and Surf Judge. She has worked on various committees and is a current Board member. Jo is a most passionate supporter of girls and juniors getting into and enjoying the surfing life.

Congratulations Jo from the Surfing Tasmania Board and members.



SURFING TASMANIA BOARD MEMBERS 2021 22

President- Governance – Micheal Lawrence

Director – Dave Banks

Director – Stacey van Dongen

Director - Mel Sharman

Director - Jo Goldfinch

Director – Richie Hassett

Director – vacant

SURFING TASMANIA REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE 2021 22

NWBR Rep. Toby Ray

NEBR Rep. Mario Agius/Jock Hogarth

PBBR Rep. vacant

SABR Rep. Eddie Lawrence/ Guy Vandekelen

Storm Bay SUP Rep. Dave Smith

TSSBRC Rep, Jo Goldfinch

Technical Manager. Vacant

Ratings Manager. Sally Hayes

Women's Rep. vacant

Junior Rep. vacant

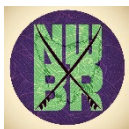
Advisors. Luke Johannesen

MPIO Officers. Jo Goldfinch, Gill Pugh. NW vacant

Head Judge. Michael Schmidt.

Head Coach: Martin Dunn - Senior Coaches: Kelly Nordstrom (resigned Nov. 21), Jo Goldfinch, Luke Bugg, Matt Kennedy, Jy Johannesen, Mel Sansom Gartrell.

BOARDRIDER CLUBS



PRESIDENTS REPORT

The past year marks one of achievement for Surfing Tasmania. The surf gods shone upon us throughout the contest season. Our boardrider clubs continue to grow and develop, as do our juniors through our development program. Our board has completed its review, is presenting a new constitution at this years AGM and our governance restructure complete.

Our focus this year has been transitioning Shayne Clark out of his CEO role and into retirement. Not an easy task. Since the board assessed that he was going to be impossible to replace, they decided to replace him with - not one but three.

Dave Banks joined the board last year. Moving here from NSW. Running his own national wealth management business for years had him looking for a sea change and STAS has proven to be the big winner. Having acquired a wealth of business acumen over the years, Dave decided he now had enough time and desire to take over our financial roles. Part time and pro-bono. Big shout out to Dave.

The board also sought someone to run events. Part time, but paid. **Luke Johannesen** and his partner **Leanne Martlew** put up their hands up to do that and are ready to kick off the contest season with the planning for the Phantom Coast already locked in.

The final piece in the jigsaw saw SAUS come out of left field and offer the services of their Media Manager **Blainey Woodham**. His partner, **Jess** has just taken on a top public relations job with the State Government so shifting Blainey under the STAS umbrella was a no-brainer. He brings a wealth of experience in media, partnerships and the SAUS network. Welcome to the family Blainey and Jess.

Our boardrider clubs continue to develop and grow. This year saw the **Albert Street Gang** from Ulverstone join up and both North West Board Riders and North East Board Riders have had big recruitment drives and are set to knock SABR off their long held throne. While the Park Beach crew seem to be wavering, they aren't drowning just yet. STAS is providing CPR and hoping to revive them soon.

SAUS have recommitted to our Martin Dunn Development program and our progressive coach development is beginning to show the benefit of funding through the Thwaites Family donation. We are now working on exposing our junior ranks to a higher standard of competition through trips to the Tulla Tub, acquiring wildcards to interstate contests, and making local events open to mainland wildcards.

Following our success in securing open access to beaches closed during lockdown, we decided we had to become more proactive on environmental issues. To that end, STAS has formed an alliance with the Tasmanian Alliance for Marine Protection (TAMP). Giving us a seat on their steering committee. They are a body of independent scientists, citizens and recreational groups who are concerned with the wholesale expansion of salmon farms into our coastal waters. Subscribing to the Dennes Point Agreement they are active in pursuing world best practice by moving all farms on shore. Expect more action on this front as the industry plans to double by 2030. Hundreds of pens in Storm Bay and Bass Strait are their target areas. In our sight and in our zones.

Finally, Covid. While the pandemic hurls another wave at us, we've learnt a lot since 2019 and our protocols hold us in good stead. All that remains now is to have fun.

On behalf of the board, have a great season 2022/23.

Safe surfing and Aloha.

Mick Lawrence



Open State Champions-Nellie Strickland and Matt Kennedy.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Surfing Tasmania's 2021/22 season was a great success with all 10 State Championship rounds at Clifton Beach (2), Bruny Island (2), South Arm, Scamander (3), Devonport and Marrawah held in good surf and generally good weather. A huge thanks to our accredited surf judges, volunteers and parents for their work ensuring our events ran smoothly and safely.

With the season done we celebrated our new State Champions at our recent Annual Presentation Function at Clifton Beach SLSC. Congratulations to all winners and finalists. Importantly, we also recognised the commitment and passion that Jo Goldfinch has given to Surfing Tasmania over many decades with Life Membership, only the second time this award has been given.

Unfortunately, COVID19 caused the cancellation of national title events so our Junior State Team and Open/Age/Longboard State Team were not able to compete interstate. However, as of writing our Open/Age/Longboard Team of Matt Kennedy, Nellie Strickland, Zeb Critchlow and John Gregory is headed for Port Macquarie for the ASC for 2022. Equally the State Junior Team is headed for Nth Stradbroke Island in December.

Our ever popular Hyundai Australian Boardrider Battle event was held in great surf at Beach, St Helens. Thanks to Hyundai's Tasmanian distributors Motors Pty Ltd, State Manager Terry Bienefeld sponsored an Expression Session to make a full day of competition. Terry and his son both surfed in what was a popular and successful event! ABB State winners SABR again represented STAS at the televised national finals in Newcastle in February.

It was unfortunate that our Sold Out Women in Waves event at Penguin had to be cancelled due to COVID travel restrictions. The good news is that SAUS Board Chair and icon Layne Beachley has committed to coming to Tassie again this summer for a similar event at Clifton Beach.

Our MD Development Coaching Program struck challenges in winter/spring with poor conditions making squad training difficult. The group was separated into girls and boys to assist with more effective training which worked better for the period up to April this year. A revised program will run from this September as daylight hours increase and waters warm. Many thanks to our coaching crew for their efforts over the year.

Martin Dunn again visited the state for a coaching weekend in July to co-inside with our Annual Presentation Function. This was a great success with excellent surf all day Saturday. On Sunday Martin worked with our two juniors selected in the SAUS National Talent ID Program, Cowan Duncan and Marvin Freeman.

Our year would not have been the great success it was without the wonderful support of our many national and state sponsors; SAUS, Woolworths, Hyundai, Red Herring Surf, Goodstone Group, Smitten Merino and a host of other big event sponsor including Rip Curl, Quiksilver, Roxy etc., THANK YOU!

Also, I would like to thank Communities, Sport and Recreation for their Annual Grant of \$16000 which is vital for our participation, education and coaching programs.

Financially STAS managed to record a small profit on a turnover of around \$95,000 for FY 2021/22. The final audited report will be available in a few weeks.

I would like to especially recognise and congratulate our hard working Board; Stacey van Dongen, Jo Goldfinch, Mel Sharman, Richie Hassett, Dave Banks and our esteemed President Mick Lawrence for their commitment and great team work behind the scenes of our organisation.

2022/23 will see exciting and major changes at STAS which will set up our organisation for a bigger and brighter future.

Shayne Clark

Executive Officer

SURFING TASMANIA State/Club Active Memberships 2020/21

Group	Female	Male	Total
STAS	72	138	210
SABR	29	46	75
Storm Bay SUP	20	32	52
Christian Surfers	36	23	59
PBBR	tba	tba	tba
NWBR	5	33	38
NEBR	53	56	109
Albert St Gang	42	119	161
TOTAL	257	447	704



Annual Presentations; Nellie and Ava, Luke Toby, Cowan and Joe.

ACCREDITED SURF SCHOOLS – 2021/22



Surfing Tasmania's affiliated surf and stand up paddle boarding - SUP schools operate around Tasmania in the warmer months providing terrific service to the wider community, schools and business groups. They offer a range of introductory programs such as the award winning Nudie Surf Groms, Learn to Surf and Sporting Schools and more advanced programs as required. Give them a call/check their websites today to book your place or purchase a gift voucher.

Clifton Beach/Lauderdale.

Coastrider Surf Academy - <https://www.coastrider.com.au>

South Coast Surf School - <https://www.surfgroms.com/school/south-coast-surf-school>

42 South Surf School - <https://42southsurf.com.au>

Park Beach.

Blue Lagoon SUP and Surf - <https://bluelagoonsupandsurf.com>

Scamander.

42 South Surf School - <https://42southsurf.com.au>

NW Coast.

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DARA PENFOLD AWARD 2022.



Surfing Tasmania is pleased to announce the 2022 Dara Penfold Award for Inspiration and Contribution to Womens Surfing has been posthumously awarded to Mrs Cecilie Thwaites.

Cecilie Thwaites surfed and sailboarded for decades from the beginning of the surf boom in the early 60s. She was an inspiration to many women over those years and still sailboarded late in life, nearly always with son Bill. Mrs Thwaites and Bill established Seaworld surf shop in Hobart in the early 70s and always encouraged teenager girls to try surfing. Seaworld eventually become Red Herring Surf Shop.

STAS President Mick Lawrence presented the award to Mrs Thwaites daughter Anne Thwaites, sister of Tasmanian surfing legend Bill Thwaites.

The glass and wooden award was designed and handcrafted by Marrawah glass artist and surfer Graham Mace.

pic. Bill with his mum Cecilie at Carlton Beach, Xmas Day 1964.



2021 22 STAS STATE CHAMPIONS.



[#surfingtasmania](#) is pleased to announce the final results/State Champions for the 2021/22 [#redherringsurf](#) State Championship Series.

Congratulations to all winners and placegetters.

OPEN MENS: 1.Matt Kennedy 2. Toby Lawrence 3. Kyle Cooper.

OPEN WOMEN: 1. Nellie Strickland 2. Ava Frey 3. Dara Penfold.

OPEN LONGBOARD. 1. Keiren Thomas 2.Jasper Kelly 3. Mick van der Woude.

WOMENS LONGBOARD: 1. Jo Goldfinch 2. Ellie Reddin.

AGE DIVS:

O/30 Men: 1. Jake Woodberry 2. Richard Knox 3. Mikey Brennan.

O/40 Men: 1. Luke Johannesen 2. Kim Gibson 3.Richard Ramsden.

O/50 Men: 1. Al Thomas 2. Marty Viney 3.Kim Gale.

O/60 Men: 1. John Gregory.

O/40 Women: 1. Sara Prior.

O/50 Women: 1. Jo Goldfinch.

JUNIOR GIRLS:

U14 Girls: 1. Jess Gardner. 2. Hayden Brown

U16 Girls: 1. Poppy Woodberry 2. Sienna Lawrence 3.Jess Gardner.

U18 Girls: 1. Ava Frey 2. Ruby Stokely 3.Poppy Woodberry.

JUNIOR BOYS:

U14 Boys: 1. Marvin Freeman 2. Tully Woodberry 3.Charlie Gibson.

U16 Boys: 1. Cowan Duncan 2. Marvin Freeman 3. Tulley Woodberry.

U18 Boys: 1. Toby Lawrence 2. Cowan Duncan 3.Jo Pugh.

Rally for Clean Oceans- STAS/TAMP Alliance

Despite wild wet and windy weather, the NWTAS for Clean Oceans rally @ Burnie, saw a big turnout of residents on Saturday, with strong representation by both NWBR and the Albert Street Gang from Turners Beach. Concerned about the proposed salmon industry's move into Bass Strait the rally was addressed by speakers including Bob Brown, Ally King from Surf Rider Foundation, Peter George from TAMP and local fisherman Craig Garland with Glenn Saltmarsh standing in for STAS president Mick Lawrence who continues his battle with Covid.

This follows the STAS board's formal affiliation with Tasmanian Alliance for Marine Protection (TAMP), the state's peak marine conservation body. The affiliation gives STAS a voice with a seat on the organisation's sub committee and follows our recent survey indicating that 75.10% of respondents said the environment was a major priority.

.Being a concerned stakeholder in the quality of our coastal waters, STAS will continue to stand up for surfers' rights and will soon be detailing how, as individuals, you can report instances of marine debris originating from salmon feedlots around our coastline.

The industry plans a major expansion in Storm Bay with some 200 pens planned offshore of Roaring Beach at Nubeena.

You can also help the cause by becoming a member of STAS. The bigger our membership the louder our voice becomes. Social membership is only \$33 and includes surf accident insurance.

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Pic. STAS's Glenn Saltmarsh speaking at the rally.

SEASON PICS/POSTERS



SABR Team at the Hyundai ABB Final in Newcastle. Back L-R: Kyle Cooper, Noah Hassett, Gemma Holley, Luke Johannesen, Front: Matt Kennedy, Toby Lawrence, Hamish Renwick.





