

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FOR GEOFF WELLS

Geoffrey first gained his Bronze Medallion at Williamston in Victoria in 1997.

He also gained his IRB crewman's and drivers there, but the drivers had to be done again at Broulee in 2007 as some of his records were lost.

He first joined our club in 2000 and missed a couple of years while he and Barb were in the USA.

He has a total of 35 Surf Life Saving awards listed in Surf guard.

His patrol record suggests that he has done a lot more than the minimum. At Broulee he has been Rostered for 378.5 hours since 2005. His actual patrol record has exceeded 544.5 hours. He has already completed 31 hours in 2015.

He has also achieved His 100% Patrollers Jackets for every year since the award was initiated here. Plus his 5 years of 100% Patrollers Jacket.

He has been a member of Broulee's emergency call out crew for a number of years. He has participated in a number of rescues and searches. Ask him what great fun it is to spend a day searching for a missing person in choppy bouncy wind swept seas. He says it is true that it gets harder as you get older.

He has always been ready and willing to jump in to assist with carnival preparations and to compete in the carnivals themselves in an effort to Keep Jack at Broulee.

He was a Silver medal winner in the Australian ASRL carnival hosted by Broulee in February 2009. He was instrumental in organising a Flyover by the Roulettes as part of the pageantry associated with the carnival. Unfortunately he was unable to control the bushfires in Victoria.

In 2004 he volunteered to become part of the Club committee

He enthusiastically nominated and was elected President in 2008/2009 for 3 years and as Vice president since then. This was also noteworthy in being the first time since the election of Eric Henderson in 92/93 and 93/94 that a ballot had to be held for this position.

During his term as President, he drove an improvement in communication with Eurobodalla Shire Council and the start of the long process of club improvements including the Tooheys crew rebuilding our deck in 2010.

He introduced the Sunday morning swim and handicap series with assistance of his long suffering partner Barb.

He has also been willing to assist with stocking the bar and ordering when required. He has produced the bar roster for some time.

In my opinion his greatest contribution has been the introduction of The Broulee Newsletter by email as well as his many other commitments. This keeps all the club members and many of those with an interest in the club in line with what is happening and is invaluable.

For these reasons I have no hesitation in nominating Geoff for Life membership of Broulee Surfers Surf life saving club.

Gordon Harris.