

# Graham 'Gus' McDonald

## Life Membership Nomination

Gus McDonald has not only been a huge supporter of the Broulee Surfers SLSC but has also been an Influencing factor prior to formation and during inception of the current club.

Gus has been a member of Broulee Surfers SLSC for the years of 1984 to 1991 and 2012/13 to current time.

Gus' involvement with the Broulee Surfers SLSC dates prior to his membership with the club, including the years 1981 and during the years of 2007 to 2012.

Gus's involvement started in 1978 well before he joined Broulee and was the then President of Canberra Batemans Bay. Gus had reformed Batemans Bay club in 1975 under guidance from the FSC Branch and from the then Branch President, Ron Chesher.

Gus's major achievements for Broulee Surfers SLSC;

- Going to Sydney September 1981 and getting the NSW Lands Department Minister Lindsay Gordon to get ESC to give the current Toilet Block and land to Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Gus got the first surfboat donated to the club a timber Miles surfboat
- Gus organised old skis and boards that were no longer needed from Batemans Bay Surf Club
- Gus built a new surfboat for the club to use in 1985 he sold it later after he organised a new surfboat from the then sponsor Seaview Caravan Park 1987.
- Gus organised and help build and finance the first Boat Shed in 1986
- Gus was the main driver behind the club acting as "Club Captain" [no official club captain during 1984-85] Broulee won the handicap IMB branch trophy in 1985
- 1986-87 Lionel Franks joins Broulee and sweeps junior crews to some success reaching semi Finals at NSW and Australian Titles. Gus was a huge influence in the crews training and help with equipment etc.
- 1987-88-89 Club started to compete at NSW and Australian Titles including Marathons
- 1988-Gus organised nipper boards for club
- 1988--- New Surf Boat built by Gus, WIN TV, ABC, COMMONWEALTH BANK sponsors
- 1989-Inland Marathon, BREWARRINA TO BROURKE,
- 1990 the big blow up regarding Eric Henderson and Bert Hunt.
- 1991 NSW apology and reinstatement of Gus McDonald

- 2007-2010 Helped Rob Pollock with the Peter Cook Boat fixed keel to go to Perth, set up boats for GBM 2008, GBM 2010 Help with Oars and rowlock housings Peter Cook
- 2010 Gus helped with the specifications for the Gordon Harris new boat purchase
- 2011 Minor repairs to Gordon Harris quarter Bar and King Plank
- 2012 -13 Peter Cook and old SCSB repairs for the George Bass Gus Re-joined as a member.
- 2013 the accident to the Gordon Harris Gus rebuilt and fixed the GH to brand new
- 2013-14 Gus help purchase the Whale Beach Clymer boat and the purchase of a Perry boat the club

, only spent approx. half of Insurance money for GH and got 3 boats

.Gus restored them all to top condition.

- Gus in the years from 2014 to 2018 set about to make sure all boats and oars and trailers were fully fixing and maintained. New jockey wheels, 24 oars were repainted new grips and buttons and safe from carbon fibre splitters. Trailer lights fixed rollers replaced.
- 2014-15 Gus decided to modify Clymer surfboats which has dramatically changed the current design and all new Clymer boats are now built this way. Safer for sweeps to use preventing shoulder injury

Clymer modification letter and Pictures attached; Letter attached regarding boat works

Document attached regarding Boat shed 1986-87 Document attached regarding Lands Dept 1981 Photos of some of Boats works included Batemans Bay Surf Club reforming letter attached Claudia Dixon email attached.

Gus McDonald is a very passionate club member and at times had locked horns with many club members.

Gus has surf club and surfboats running through his veins and without his hard work and passion our club would not be where it is today. Our surfboat equipment is amazing for such a small club and the workmanship is first class. Boat shed, club's original occupancy and first equipment of basic craft can all be credited in some way to Gus McDonald's hard work.

I put it to the committee and the membership to accept this nomination:

Signed and seconded by

Robert Pollock

and

Claudia Dixon  
email