

Wauchope-Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club

The Wauchope SLS Club was first formed in 1928 and patrolled at Nobby's beach in Port Macquarie.

In 1932, because the towns of Port Macquarie and Wauchope were so small, the Wauchope and Port Macquarie Clubs combined to become the Hastings SLS Club.

However by 1934 the two clubs had split and the Wauchope Club went back to patrolling Nobby's beach. In 1937, just prior to the second world war, the Club became defunct mainly due to the lack of members.

The Wauchope-Bonny Hills SLS Club was formed on 8 October 1958. The Club patrolled Little Beach (now Bartlett's Beach) until 1960 when it was decided, after much debate, to relocate to Big Beach (now Rainbow Beach). The relocation was necessary due to the lack of space to run surf carnivals.

The relocation necessitated a new clubhouse and through the efforts of the hardworking club members, who raised monies from the Wauchope community, construction of the new clubhouse began in 1962. Initially the clubhouse was single story. A second story was added between 1963 and 1964.

In 2009 this building was demolished to make way for the magnificent clubhouse you can see today, which was opened in 2010. This was accomplished with a grant of \$ from etc.

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