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Message from the President

It has been wonderful to see so much positive activity around the Club despite the impact of Covid-19. We have been blessed with great weather this winter holiday period and I think all of us are thankful to be living in such a special place where we can still get out and enjoy a walk on the beach and a coffee on the dune. With the Cafe back in operation locals and visitors are flocking to the club precinct to enjoy the passing parade of humanity and whales!

Following our AGM last weekend, I would like to welcome new Committee members to the

team and thank returning members who are stepping up for yet another season. You will find the list of who's who in the zoo elsewhere in this newsletter. I will be staying on for one last year in the President role and am actively seeking a candidate

to replace me in 2021 - so don't be surprised if I tap you on the back. Yet again, we are lucky to have a wonderful team of committee members continuing in their roles, and some talented new people stepping up to take on positions. The Club is without doubt in good hands but all high performing teams need renewal - not just to share the load, but also to bring in new ideas and fresh energy. I would urge all of you to think about what you can contribute to your club. We will welcome you with open arms.

On that note, there are still some positions to be filled so don't be shy!



Under the guidance and direction of SLSNSW, the Club has appointed a Covid-19 Safety Officer. I would like to thank Life Member Peter Hirth for not only stepping so quickly and readily into this role but also for ensuring that

the Club remains compliant with all Covid-19 safety procedures and proactively communicating with all relevant stakeholders. If you have any questions or concerns as to how the Club is managing its response to Covid-19 please contact myself or Peter.

Amongst other things, Peter is working with our Coaches and Training team to carefully manage a return to Training (IRB and Bronze course) and coaching (board and ski training). It is great ▶

UPCOMING DATES

NORTH COAST BRANCH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE EVENING

1 August

ROWATHON FOR MENTAL HEALTH

22 – 23 August

GEAR INSPECTION

28 – 29 August
-proposed

PATROLS COMMENCE

26 September

MEMBERSHIPS TO BE FINALISED

30 September

NORTH COAST BRANCH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE EVENING

Presentation Evening for Sawtell SLSC of necessity (Covid again) needed to be deferred. Your new committee will determine how our awards are to be presented.

North Coast Branch is however able to hold their Awards of Excellence evening owing to a lifting of some restrictions. It is the turn of Sawtell SLSC to host this night so the function is being held on **Saturday 1 October**.

An invite to this function follows. Please advise Sheena if you would like to attend.

► to see these activities resuming and familiar sights and sounds of IRB training, board training and the 9 o'clock swimmers back in action. With the new season starting in just over two months, it will also be handy to have some newly trained patrolling members ready to hit the beach.

You may have noticed there has been some significant renovation work going on in the Auditorium which has been transformed into a venue fit for a wedding or corporate event - thanks to the efforts of our building sub-committee. When work is completed on this in the next few weeks, we look forward to

utilising this space for club events and activities and also as a 'venue for hire' to generate some much-needed revenue for the Club.

Finally - a shout out to Duncan Elliot of the Surf Club Kiosk who has recently returned to Sawtell after many weeks in hospital. Welcome back Duncan and we hope to see you back amongst us before too long.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and on the beach!



Sheena McTackett
0477 771 481

CLUB COMMITTEE 2020-21 elected at the AGM held 12 July 2020

PRESIDENT	Sheena McTackett
VICE PRESIDENT	Kel Pearce
SECRETARY	Bruce Macphail
TREASURER	Anthea Martin
CLUB CAPTAIN	Shelley Lantry
CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER	Andrew Martin
COMMITTEE	Keith McPherson Gerard de Carle
CHAIRPERSON JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	Gerard Klinkers

The club also has other support positions filled by members of the Club who may attend and report to the Committee but under the Club rules cannot vote at meetings. Members holding these positions will be listed next Newsletter.

The contribution made by Steve Rayson, Leanne Stuart, Shannon Wilson. Michael Meacham, Leigh Golding and Steve Kelly in filling Committee positions and some of these support roles in past years cannot be underestimated.

Please note some positions still need to be filled by the Committee so will you help?

Message from Chief Training Officer

Any member wishing to hold a current **HLTAID001 statement of attainment (First Aid)** for work purposes will now need to complete a separate assessment including a written and practical assessment. Cost of this will be \$30/ member. This covers the cost of material and

statement of attainment. The club will issue a receipt so that the member can claim the cost as a work expense.



Andrew Martin
0419 485 401

Message from the Club Captain

From reading the 2019/20 annual report, we can all reflect on yet another successful year...well at least until COVID hit and competition and patrols came to a grinding halt. Most importantly no drownings, high participation of patrolling members and new members willing to complete the bronze medallion training and joining patrols with Sawtell Surf Club.

I am pleased to advise after consultation with our COVID co-ordinator, Peter Hirth, and confirmation from SLSNSW and our Chief Training Officer, that IRB Crew Training was able to commence, albeit 10 weeks later than normal. 11 Sawtell patrolling members are part way through this essential qualification, and hoping we are able to do a condensed IRB driver's course when the Crew course is completed in preparation for the start of the new patrol season. Please advise either Andrew Martin or myself if you wish to undertake the Driver's Course. In order to commence the Drivers course, you must hold a current bronze medallion, and the crewpersons certificate and be at least 17 years of age at the date of the assessment. We will send out a Surfguard message with further details when confirmation of a decision is made on whether we are able to run this course.

We are very grateful that Sawtell is able to each year provide the IRB training to ensure each patrol is able to meet the minimum patrolling requirement of having at least one qualified IRB driver and IRB Crew on each patrol. You may not be aware, however for a patrol to be operational, a number of other essential qualifications are required to ensure each patrol has at least 3 bronze medallion holders, including at least one proficient ARTC award holder, and one Silver Medallion Beach Management qualification in addition to the IRB positions. In the off season, please keep an eye out for any other training being provided for these and other qualifications – it is a great chance to ensure you are proficient for next season.

Speaking of patrols, we are now starting to consider the 2020/21 patrolling season. **Can you please contact me on 0438 518 103 if you are considering NOT returning to patrol next season so I can commence the preliminary patrol roster for next season.** If you know of any members who did not patrol last season but may be thinking of coming back to patrol, could you also please let me know. With COVID-19 restrictions, including social distancing, still in place it is "unknown" at this stage what the upcoming patrolling season will look like.

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank Steve Rayson for his support and mentoring of me in my position of Vice Club Captain over the years. Steve has made the decision this year to step down from this role and with the support of him and members of the Club, I was successful in gaining this position at



the recent AGM. Thank you to all for your support. Gratefully, Steve was appointed into the newly vacant position of Vice Club Captain, where he will be able to continue to support and assist me. I have big shoes to fill and I join with all members in thanking him for his tireless support of the Club and its lifesaving services and honourably filling the Club Captain position for the past eight seasons.



Shelley Lantry 0438 518 103

LIFEGUARD RECRUITMENT

With over 330 positions available across 90 locations, the ALS is encouraging surf lifesavers to apply as a means of offering local employment, building stronger relationships with clubs and providing opportunities for club members to develop leadership and lifesaving skills as:

- Lifeguard Supervisors
- Season Staff
- Casual Staff.

Returning 2019/20 lifeguards must reapply online with their user number and password. To ensure your application is registered please follow the instructions on the [Become a Lifeguard](#) page of the Australian Lifeguard Service NSW website.

GREG BARNES

Members will be saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Greg Barnes.

Whilst cycling was Greg's main passion being an Australian and NSW Champion and going on to represent Australia at the 1974 Commonwealth Games, on moving to the Mid North Coast Greg became involved in the surf lifesaving movement. He obtained his Bronze Medallion at Coffs Harbour in 1996 before transferring to Sawtell in 2005. Greg patrolled with our Club up until 2014 logging up some 378 patrol hours. Greg then moved to Lawrence but still found the time to visit Sawtell for a swim.

Greg was a quiet man with a good sense of humour. He was always willing to help when asked. Our thoughts go out to his family at this sad time.

Building Development Update



As mentioned by the President the end is in sight to both the clubhouse redevelopment and auditorium upgrade. The driveway will be repainted in an effort to make it less slippery followed by plantings on both sides. The auditorium upgrade has been well received. Should you know of any activity looking for a "home" or a venue at which to hold a meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Club.

Your committee always appreciates receiving comments on how your Club can be improved.

Garry Murray 0428 517 665

ROWATHON As you will have seen via a separate message SLSNSW are running a 24 hour row for mental health at the end of August. The last 5 months have been challenging not only to local business but to everyone's mental health and this is a great way for Club members to show our support.

This year is the 3rd annual 24 hour row for mental health and is to be held on the weekend of 22-23 August. Check out the website <https://24hourrow.com.au>

Fiona Lane 0409 207 965

Message from Registrar

Following are the membership fees for this coming season 2020/2021 as approved at the AGM. There has been a reduction in some of these fees from last season. This reduction will be for Season 2020/2021 only and is a result of a generous one-off Covid-19 Financial Support Package to our Club from Surf Life Saving NSW. SLSNSW has directed our club to use these funds as acknowledgement to those active members performing the vital services needed on the beach through a one-off reduction in fees for the 2020/21 season by:

- Encouraging existing members to re-join and re-engage.
- Attracting new Active Members to join our club.
- Ensuring clubs have adequate patrolling members for the coming 2020/2021 season.

Membership fees are to be paid prior to **30 September 2020**

Approved fees are as follows:

- > All patrolling members (if paid by 30 September) \$30
- > Active Reserve, Past Active, Long Service \$40
- > Associate Members \$75
- > General Members (Nipper Parents) \$40

Amanda Ensbey 0438 587 711





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