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## Message from the President



*Happy New Year to all our members – I hope you’ve had a chance to relax and enjoy some time with friends and family during the holidays. How lucky we are to have such a wonderful environment to share with our summer visitors while we recharge our own batteries!*

One of my favourite moments is to watch the annual pilgrimage of Santa on a Surfboard from the Island to the surf club, delivering his usual Christmas bounty of lollies and love to the nippers group and local youngsters. It’s a sight to behold watching him nail that textbook landing, barely getting his toes wet. Santa - you are a legend!

On a more serious note, I have noticed the increasing tendency for individuals and groups to swim outside the flags. While we have been lucky to have had no major incidents on our beach this summer, there have been a number of drownings in the region. So please remind your visitors and people you talk to on the beach to swim between the flags, observe the signage and don’t swim alone.

Our club boasts a diverse range of skills and talents amongst our members –not just limited to surf sports. Mark Sherrin, Janet Besçanon and Ann Leonard have put together an Art Exhibition worthy of any hipster inner city gallery. The

exhibition includes works produced mostly by our members – paintings, sculpture, photography and ceramics – even the Mona Lisa! The artists are generously donating a percentage of their sales to the surfclub. Special thanks to Mark for sprucing up the Training room so we can do justice to the display of these creations. I highly recommend you drop in for a look – between 10am and 4pm daily (gold coin donation appreciated).

Meanwhile the action continues for our competitor cohort – with both our Junior and Senior training squads ramping up the effort for our next big event – the NSW Country Championships at South West Rocks in early February. We have a large team signed up for this event. If you are keen to be involved and haven’t yet entered please contact either myself, Sean Golding or Julie Blaxland. We will be holding a competitors meeting at 11am this Sunday 7 January in the Auditorium which all competitors and parents of competitors are required to attend.

► On the fundraising front, thanks goes to the cohort of Nippers and parents who turned up on New Year's Day to decorate the IRB 'Float' and participate in the annual Sawtell Fun Day parade. We appreciate the efforts of those who contributed – and are pleased to report that this earned \$650 for the club - a great outcome!

Our club was recently successful in receiving a \$25,000 grant through the Surf Club Facility Development Program from the NSW Government. The grant is in addition to the \$306,000 awarded to the club earlier this year for the first stage of the club's

redevelopment involving a new operations hub and additional storage space at the northern end of the building. The new money will enable completion of a fully paved driveway from the patrol service area on the western side of the clubhouse through to the top of the northern beach access ramp around the new building extension. Work on the driveway will commence in late April at the end of the patrol seas.

**Sheena McTackett**

**0423 022 362**

## Message from Club Captain

*I hope that everyone had a good time with family and friends over the Christmas and New Year holiday period. The weather gods were basically on our side with most days reasonably pleasant. I would like to say a huge thank you to the 67 of our patrolling members (and their families) who gave up some of their Christmas day to patrol for an hour or two at our beach. I always find the Christmas Day patrols to be a fun and social time with lots of our members at the beach with their families and this year was no different. We were able to meet our patrol commitments easily on that day and importantly keep the public safe.*



If the weather is good we can expect big crowds on the beach for the remainder of the school holidays. Due to this **it is especially important that all members really try to get substitutes when they cannot make it to their rostered patrol.** This is vital for members with key skills including Advanced Resuscitation and IRB Drivers and Crew.

With so many things happening at this time of year it can be difficult to ensure that all patrol equipment is maintained in good order all the time. The task of those who undertake this work is made more difficult if people don't take good care of all our gear or if they fail to advise when they find any gear in need of maintenance or repair. **Please let the relevant club member know as soon as possible if you find anything which needs repair.**

Could I ask everyone to **be very careful when moving vehicles and IRBs** in the storage area on the ground floor. It appears that there have been at least 2 occasions recently when our beach ute has been damaged when parked in the storage location.

I will be putting in an order for waterproof patrol jackets in a couple of weeks. The cost to members is \$65. If you want one please let me know by **20 January on 0429 025 845.** This will be the only order for this patrol season.

See you on the beach,

**Steve Rayson**

**0429 025 845**

# Message from Chief Training Officer

Next bronze course is commencing **early February 2018**. Any person considering doing this I strongly recommend to start swimming training.

Cost is \$175 which covers 2 years membership fees plus manual with the course running over 8-10 weeks. There is both an on-line component & practical assessments..

**Andrew Martin 0419 485 401**

# Message from Sawtell Nippers

*Wishing all Nippers and their families a happy new year! The new year can be a time where we make resolutions, and for our Nippers and parents this may include a commitment to 'Take 3 for the Sea' every time they are on the beach. Take 3 was born in 2009 to tackle the ever growing problem of marine debris, and works by simply taking 3 pieces of rubbish away whenever at a beach or waterway to make a difference.*



January is the lead up to a busy time for our Nippers. The Country Championships are being held on the first weekend in February, and our Nippers have been training hard during December and continuing into January for this event. Wishing all those representing Sawtell the very best at this carnival!

Nippers will resume on **Sunday 7 January 2018**, and the next Junior Activities Sub Committee meeting will be held on **Sunday 14 January**. Looking forward to seeing our Nippers and parents for the second half of the season.

A new email address has been set up to use in relation to financial matters for the JASC including all requests for Nipper payments to be made. Please update your address book for the Juniors Treasurer, Joanne O'Leary to [jasc.treasurer@sawtellsurfclub.com.au](mailto:jasc.treasurer@sawtellsurfclub.com.au)

**Tiffany Easman**

**Secretary, JASC**

# 4 UPCOMING DATES

- COMMITTEE MEETING  
7pm 8 January
- BRANCH MEETING  
7pm 17 January
- bcu COFFS TRI  
3-4 March 2018
- COFFS OCEAN SWIMS  
8 April 2018

## GOOD SPORTS CLUB

Members are advised that the Club has been accredited as a Good Sports Club. As a Good Sports club it is the policy to promote to all our members the responsible management of alcohol, a smoke-free environment, safe transport strategies and healthy food and drink options.

This policy, a copy of which can be found in our members room, applies to all Club facilities, functions, meetings and activities and is relevant to all members and visitors.



# CARNIVAL DATES

## MASTERS CRAFT CARNIVAL

6 January 2018  
Urunga

## COUNTRY TITLES

3 – 4 February 2018

South West Rocks

## BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

18 February 2018

North Beach

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

24 February – 11 March

Swansea Belmont

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

18 February 2018

Sawtell

## AUSTRALIAN TITLES

14 – 22 April 2018

Western Australia

For further information contact either Julie Blaxland (Nippers) 0474 454 977 or Sean or Leigh Golding

## SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

It is great to see our Club supporting smaller Clubs in the Branch by donating to Red Rock-Corindi some surplus foam boards and boogie boards. This gesture was greatly appreciated.

## Chaplaincy

*A reminder that the Club can now officially recognise Keith McPherson as our Life Saving Chaplain under Life Saving Chaplaincy Australia..*

For those that do not know Keith – he moved to Sawtell with his family to commence his role as Rector of the Anglican Church and joined our club in 2014. We are fortunate that church services on Sunday did not deter Keith from joining our club and undertaking his bronze which he obtained that year with the TAS group. He has gone on to be a valuable member of his patrol and the many others that he works with. A coffee and conversation with Keith at the surf club is always interesting.

The benefits a Chaplain can bring to our club:

- > Chaplaincy provides an extra facet of life skills that can be available to all members and families of members.
- > It extends the clubs duty of care and enhances peer/trauma support.
- > The Chaplain is an independent listener at all club levels.
- > Chaplains are confidential in their service.
- > Offer Pastoral Care to all members, officials and their extended family of members.
- > Although not a specific counsellor, the Chaplain will listen and may offer advice or direct to a professional in the relevant area of need.
- > When and if a member wishes to speak about spiritual issues, the Chaplain is available.
- > The Chaplain is non-denominational respecting every individual's personal faith/beliefs.
- > Their services also can include Memorial Services, Funerals, Christenings and Weddings.

Keith can be contacted at [sawtellrector@gmail.com](mailto:sawtellrector@gmail.com)

## SAWTELLIAN OF THE YEAR

The Club sincerely congratulates Norelle Reeves on being named Sawtellian of the Year at the Sawtell Fun Day on New Years Day.

Norelle, a long service member of our Club, is always willing to help out when needed and devotes herself tirelessly to the needs of others in the community. All those who know Norelle understand only too well what an inspiration she is to all. A worthy recipient indeed.



Norelle with Seniors at Country Titles 2006

## CLUB HISTORY

Whilst there is a record of our Club history up until 1957 unfortunately there has been no research into subsequent years. Not having a reliable record will mean that many individuals and events that have helped put Sawtell SLSC "on the map" will be forgotten.

Whilst the Blue Board in the training room has captured some of the most important facts there is still much unrecorded.

The call therefore goes out to any member or partner/friend of a member interested in history who may be willing to undertake this project. If only vaguely or better still completely interested please contact the secretary via [secretary@sawtellsurfclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@sawtellsurfclub.com.au)

**Lost item** Andrew Martin is looking for a pair of sunglasses that were left in a red tub that was emptied during the opening of the art show. Please let Andrew know if you have seen them.



Mick McGavigan considering the options



# AWARD CONGRATULATIONS 2

Congratulations to the following members who have recently successfully completed awards.

## BRONZE MEDALLION

*Lucy Alkemade*

## ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES (AID)

*Dianne Clark  
Ian Dellar  
Tony Ensbey  
Warwick Fischer  
Renee Golden  
Shane Golden  
Mary Keily  
Gabrielle Mallia  
Luke Mallia  
James Murray  
Scott Rayson  
Leanne Stuart  
Sarah Tisdell  
Barry Walker  
John Welch*

## JACO MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

The hard work put in by Di Clark and her small band of merry helpers generated \$5500 income for the Club. Many thanks to Di, her helpers and all those who played for this great outcome.



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