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Message from the President



The sun has set on another successful season for our club and I'm sure that many of you are looking forward to a stretch of weekends that are free of patrolling commitments. Thank you to all our patrolling members for making this important contribution to our community over the season. Some of you have gone well beyond the call of duty and patrolled many more hours than you signed up for.

It was great to see the season out in style and line up for our Club Championships on Sunday, along with the annual and hotly contested Patrol Cameron and Cheryl (Lane) Shenanigans (Dash for Cash and Sawtell Survivor) – now an established club tradition. Conditions were somewhat challenging with the youngsters relishing the waves and the oldsters – well – avoiding them! A great day was had by all and thanks goes to Scott Rayson and Steve Rayson who did magnificently as Carnival Referee and Starter, Neil Robbo and Carli Mosti in the IRB, Cheryl for fun and games and Dennis for feeding us afterwards.



Our club made a great contribution to the provision of water safety at the recent Coffs Ocean Swim. We also made a great contribution to the competitor pool, with a great number of our members scoring podium finishes and achieving personal best results. It was so good to see large numbers of our nippers competing in both the

shorter distance swims along with the 600 and 2km events. Thanks to those who turned up to help out on the day and to Steve Rayson for coordinating the effort.

In the spirit of recognition, it's important for us to celebrate the success of our season and I look forward to sharing the celebration with you at our Annual Presentation night on Saturday 19 May. Thanks to Dianne Clarke and a few committee

regulars who do so much to make this night a success. I hope you will make an effort to come along to catch up with old friends, hang out with your fellow patrol and club members, have a few laughs and recognise the high achievers of our club this past season.

Speaking of success, I'd like to congratulate our small team of Sawtell club members who travelled all the way to Perth for Aussies – they have all done us proud. Congratulations to James Hill who achieved an outstanding result bring

► home Gold in the U16 shortboard surfing event. Alyssa Golding also had great results in achieving 6th place in the U15 Board Final and 6th place in the U15 board relay team along with Emily Meacham and Aoife Carey. Well done to the team and thanks to you and your families for the effort you made in travelling such a long way to compete. Thanks to a Federal Government Beach Safety Equipment Fund Grant as well as a substantial donation from one of the Clubs long-term supporters Bonville Sawtell Lions Club our



Club is in the fortunate position of being able to replace our current ATV. The Club is indebted to both parties for their support.

Finally, one other event I'd like to bring to your attention is a shared fundraising event we are organising with Sawtell Boardriders. This is a movie night at Sawtell Cinema on Saturday 12 May with a screening of the film, *Breath* (based on the Tim Winton novel). It should be a great night and an opportunity to enjoy a good movie and hang out with our Boardriders buddies

Sheena McTackett 0423 022 362

Message from Club Captain

As I write this the 2017 – 2018 patrol season has drawn to a close. True to form my last patrol for the season on Saturday was wet, windy and miserable with almost no swimmers between the flags. However generally speaking over the season we were blessed with a pretty good run of weather with lots of sunshine, good seas and significant numbers of visitors and locals enjoying our patch of paradise. This is an appropriate time for me to thank from the bottom of my heart all those who contributed to make this season a success. A very special thanks goes to the 160 active patrolling members from our club who undertook almost 5,500 hours of patrol over the 72 days of the season. Significantly almost 1 in 5 of those hours were undertaken by those substituting for members who were unable to make their patrol commitments.

To the hard working and ever vigilant patrol captains and their vice captains thank you for all your support and assistance over the year. A special thanks to Greg Vigors who stepped up into the role again this season after an unsuccessful trial of another member last year, and to Luke Atkinson and Barry Walker who undertook the role for the first time this season. Just another example of the depth of talent we have in our club.

By every single criteria we had a very successful season. There were no drownings or near drownings on our beach. We did not need to use the resuscitation skills which we train for and refresh at the annual skills maintenance sessions. A truly great result. We rescued 23 people some of whom would have undoubtedly drowned but for our intervention. The most of the rescues were undertaken using a rescue tube (10) with rescue boards (7), IRBs (4) and surf boards (2) making up the remainder. It is recorded that we undertook preventative actions on 200 occasions to shepherd people back between the flags and closed the beach on one occasion due to a shark sighting.

We did get to use our first aid skills on 48 occasions which we recorded. The bulk of these were relatively minor with 33 marine stings and 8 minor cuts and abrasions. The most significant was a spinal when a local member of the public was dumped while body surfing between the flags.

Every season the club is subjected to 4 patrol audits undertaken by the Branch Director of Lifesaving or her delegate. These audits

assess Personnel (numbers, qualifications & uniforms), Beach management (patrol setup, log books, patrol activities, reference materials etc) and Gear and Equipment (IRB, tubes, boards ATV, defib, resus, first aid, radios etc). The last of these audits for the season was undertaken on Saturday morning. For the 4th time this season we scored the maximum possible number of points with 300 out of 300. A truly great result which underscores the professionalism and competence of our patrolling members and the club in general.

The off season is a time for training and gear and equipment maintenance. The IRB training squad is already hard at work but it is still not too late for any proficient bronze holder to undertake the **IRB Crew Certificate** this season. Please contact **Shelley Lantry 0438 518 103** asap if you want to do this course. The crew certificate will be followed by the IRB Drivers course in 6 or so weeks time.

Please also consider undertaking any other course which is run during the off season. The need for all skills is never ending with many being vital for our patrolling efforts.

Thank you all for your efforts, help and support over the season. I look forward to being part of the great team which is Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club when we start patrolling next September School Holidays.

Steve Rayson 0429 025 845

Message from Sawtell Nippers

This month saw our annual presentation held on Sunday 9 April. Despite it being held so late in the season, it was very well attended by Nippers and their families. A BBQ was held as a thank you for everyone's contribution to the Club over the season, and a fundraising raffle was held with prizes being drawn at the end.



All Nippers were presented with a participation medal for the 2017/2018 season. For each age group, the Age Champions for male and female first, second and third place getters were also presented with trophies.

The Sabrina Tisdell nominations were also announced. This award was inaugurated 2014/15 by the family of the late Sabrina Tisdell, a former Nipper President, long term active member of Sawtell Surf Club, and mother of two former Sawtell nippers. The award is for sportsmanship up to U14s, particularly those Nippers competing with integrity and grace. The winner is determined



from a group of nominees, comprised of one from each age group.

The nominations for 2017/2018 are:

U14s Cloe Nolan
U13s Nirvana Semb-Wever
U12s Merlin Besançon-Grellier
U11s Angus McConnachie
U10s Amy Dart
U9s Gabe Wark
U8s Saul Easman

The winner of the Award will be announced at the Seniors Presentation Dinner.

Tiffany Easman 0437 000 030

CLUBHOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

Progress with the first stage of the club's redevelopment is still awaiting consent from NSW Department of Industry - Lands to lodge a Section 96 Application to Coffs Harbour City Council. The S96 Application is necessary for the club to change its current Development Consent to a staged Consent, and to gain approval for minor changes to building proposals. Unfortunately without this change to our Development Consent, the club is unable to proceed with finalising a construction

certificate and to seek tenders for the building work. The consent to lodge application should be available within the coming week.

In the meantime, further details of the Stage 1 building work are being finalised by the architect for the project. This includes an electrical and hydraulic layout, and determination of fixtures and fittings.

7 UPCOMING DATES

- FUNDRAISER SCREENING 'BREATH' 12 May
- COMMITTEE MEETING 7pm 14 May
- BRANCH MEETING 7pm 16 May
- PRESENTATION EVENING 6 pm 19 May
- BRANCH AGM 20 June
- BRANCH AWARDS NIGHT Urunga 20 June
- AGM 24 June

FROM LIFE MEMBER STEVE KELLY

A compliment to every member both patrolling and otherwise contributing to the continued success of our club in meeting our commitments during the 2017/2018 season.

Well done to all.

Report On State And Aussies Championships

State March 2018 – Senior Competition Report

Sheena McTackett and Nataleigh Hoban were the only Masters to compete at Swansea Belmont this year. They came away with a Bronze Medal in the Board Rescue in challenging conditions plus a 5th place for Sheena in the Board Race. What a mighty effort from our President!



Our Senior competitors also were faced with challenging conditions and a decent swell. Emily Meacham was our best placed competitor winning the U15 Board Race followed closely by Alyssa Golding in 5th place. What an exciting finish it was with 11 girls on the same wave. Emily was also in the swim final placing 20th whilst Alyssa placed 16th in the U15 Ironwoman. Lucy Alkemade placed 17th in her U17 Swim final and Jaydan Stevens 16th in her U19 Ironwoman. The U17 girls, Abby McConnachie, Kate Murray and Lucy placed 7th in their Taplin Relay. Lochie Golding, Aoife Carey, Libby Waugh and Orla Carey all made it to Semi Finals in either their Board Race, Swim or Ski events.

Aussies April 2018 – Scarborough – Senior Competition Report

We had a team of 6 head over to Scarborough Beach WA to compete at the Australian Titles this year. Alyssa, Emily, Aoife, Libby and Orla contesting the Board, Swim and Ironwoman, Board Relay, Board Rescue and Cameron Events. James Hill competed in the U15 Surfing which was held at Trigg Beach north of Scarborough. James came away with a Gold Medal. What a great result.

Alyssa placed 6th in the U15 Board Race whilst Emily, Aoife and Alyssa teamed up to place 6th in the Board Relay. The conditions were tricky with a heavy shore dumper and the water was cold. Viewing the racing was superb as Scarborough has recently spent millions on the shore front with areas elevated over the beach. Everyone had a fabulous time and competed to the best of their ability and showed wonderful sportsmanship. They should be proud. Can't wait till next year which will be back on the Gold Coast.



YOUTH OPPORTUNITY MAKERS

Recently I was given the opportunity to represent Sawtell and the North Coast Branch at the Youth Opportunity Makers (YOM) leadership camp at Collaroy in Sydney.

The plane trip both ways was fun and I met so many amazing people from all different clubs in NSW. We visited SLSNSW Headquarters and got a chance to see Surfcom, ride a jet ski, listen to inspirational speakers talk about the movement and the "Waves of Wellness" program as well as play cool leadership games including boat building with duct tape & saving someone across the water.

I have made some fantastic friends and feel inspired to look for ways to contribute to our club and the movement as a whole. I had an incredible time and highly recommend the program to other young members of the club.

Holly Foster SRC Patrol 3

Our Club needs to be ever vigilant with all matters pertaining to work, health and safety

An electrical business was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 7 years jail. The court found the business owner did not pay enough attention to his safety obligations, resulting in the tragic death of a young labourer on a building site. Could this happen in other states and territories? Short answer is yes, e.g. in NSW there is currently a possible sentence of up to 5 years and/or prosecution of up to \$3m. There is nothing say that other states and territories may not follow the lead of QLD.

The Club needs to look at our systems and procedures to ensure they are adequate? This could not just apply to our volunteers but anyone else on the work site/place. If an accident were to occur we need to know how to deal with it in a timely manner and meet legal obligations?

A campaign by SafeWork NSW had the following results:

- > Reached over 3.3. million people on social media
- > More than 1.2 million to SafeWork YouTube videos, and
- > 78,000 visits to their campaign website

SPECIAL SCREENING

SAWTELL MAJESTIC CINEMA

6pm Saturday 12 May

TICKETS \$20

www.stickytickets.com.au

THIS IS A COMBINED
FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
SAWTELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB AND
SAWTELL BOARDRIDERS



1 AWARD CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following members who have recently completed the following award

○ BRONZE MEDALLION CERTIFICATE 11 IN PUBLIC SAFETY (AQUATIC RESCUE)

Robert Aspden
Ellie Lucas
Andrew Manning
Michael Semb Wever
Lianna Watkins
Olivia Wilson



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Venue: SAWTELL RSL CLUB

Date: Saturday 19 MAY 2018

Time: 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start



SEAFOOD BUFFET DINNER

\$20 Per Head MEMBERS

\$40 Per Head NON MEMBERS

CHILDREN (U14) \$20 Per Head

RSVP by 14 May 2018 to Dianne Clark M:0407 408 109

Tickets must be pre-purchased

Preferred method of payment is a Direct Debit to Sawtell SLSC

BSB 533-000 A/c 72589 (add S11.1 if transferring from a BCU A/c)

Please use your Name & no. of tickets as reference





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