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Message from the President



The season is ticking along nicely with patrols running smoothly and no major incidents. Patrolling is core to our mission and is the key focus of what we do. What is not so obvious is all that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that patrolling equipment is in good order and patrol members are well trained and prepared for the season. Thank you to our trainers, coaches, patrol captains and Club leaders who ensure the operational aspects of the club are in good order. It is also encouraging to see a keen group of newbies signed up for the bronze medallion course which has just commenced. If you are contemplating doing your bronze or thinking about ways you can contribute to the club (there are some roles that don't require getting wet!) – please contact me or anyone on the committee to find out how you might be able to contribute.

Sponsors are very important to our Club. A full list of our sponsors appears at the end of this newsletter and I encourage you to support them. If you are aware of potential sponsors please let anyone on the committee know.

Last weekend a very small team of very busy people are organising one of our biggest annual fundraisers – the Jaco Golf Day which I have mentioned in previous newsletters. Thanks to all our members who contributed to make this day possible – in particular I'd like to recognise Lorraine Booth, Barry Walker, Leanne Stuart and Ruth Philippo for their time and effort in making this event happen.

Things are starting to get busy on the competition front now. We had a very successful Jetty Carnival at the end of October and our second

branch carnival was held last Sunday at Woolgoolga. Jetty Carnival is one of my favourites – I love seeing all the clubs in our branches so well represented and a huge cohort of keen young nippers having a go at what is often their first carnival. The conditions and weather were kind on the day and the event couldn't have gone more smoothly – thanks also the wonderful efforts of Garry Howe, Andrew Martin and Kylie from Urunga who kept the program on track and had us finished and off the beach before 2pm. Now that's what I call a good carnival! The Woolgoolga Carnival was a great hit out and a final selection opportunity for those vying for a spot in the Interbranch team.

I also had the opportunity to see a number of our club members participate in the Coolangatta Gold event on the Gold Coast in October. This is ►

► truly the pinnacle of surf sports competition with all the big names on the start line, along with a huge contingent of other competitors who are keen to test their strength and endurance. Thankfully the day delivered reasonably favourable conditions and the Sawtell competitors did themselves proud in completing what is a very tough event – either individually or as part of a team.

Finally just a reminder that we are constantly seeking sponsorship and fundraising to ensure we have state of the art equipment for patrolling, training and competition. So often we see this gear not

being looked after – and that has a huge impact on the life of the item and therefore the potential for club members to use it. If you use club equipment, please remember to rinse it, store it properly and report any damage to our gear steward, Mark Sherrin. Mark is the steward but every club member has to take responsibility for the club equipment and gear.



See you on the beach!

Sheena McTackett 0477 771 481

Message from Club Captain

We are all settling in to the patrol season with the initial teething problems which occur at the start of every season now behind us. Every patrol has now completed at least 2 patrols. Some patrols, including mine, have had to contend with truly horrible weather and I really appreciate and thank those who turn up under those conditions. We are still required to be on patrol even if the beach is closed.

SLS NSW has provided a Samsung Galaxy Tablet to all clubs for use by patrols. They have now expressed a strong preference for all patrols to sign on and off using the Operations App which is on the tablet or can be put on private mobile phones. Patrol Captains and Vice Captains can do this as can a new position in each patrol called the Patrol Applications Captain (PAC). If your patrol doesn't yet have a nominated PAC please give me a nominee. Last weekend a number of patrols were able to successfully sign on and sign off using the App. It is important that the person who signs on is the same person who signs off at the end of the patrol otherwise the data will not upload to the database. SLS NSW has stated that they have a longer term aim to do away with the paper copy of the Patrol Log and the Incident Log Book but this may be a long way away and may never eventuate. However, if patrols do use the app it will significantly reduce my workload entering patrol data into the SurfGuard Database after every weekend of patrols. **If patrols sign on with the Patrol Ops App they will still be contacted by SurfCom for a radio check.** At this stage the option still exists for patrols to sign on and off using the radio network if they desire.

I'm sure that everyone appreciates the need to obtain a substitute if they cannot make a rostered patrol. The responsibility for this rests with the person who needs a sub and they should contact their mates in the first instance to obtain a sub. To facilitate this mobile phone numbers of almost all patrolling members are listed in the members only section of our Web site. Only if this fails should you request that a text be sent to all patrolling members

through the SurfGuard system by me most of the time or by Shelley Lantry (the Vice Club Captain) on **0438 518 103** when I'm away.



Last week I had the pleasure of talking to a group of year 11 students from the Port, Coffs and Armidale areas undertaking a marine program sponsored by Rotary. The focus of my component was on surf life saving, the organisation, the club and how we train for and keep the public safe on the beaches. In preparation for this I did a bit of research. Did you know that in the 110 plus years that volunteers have been patrolling beaches in Australia we have saved around 650,000 lives? That's equivalent to the current entire population of the Gold Coast and Tweed Heads region. Not a bad effort hey!

For many years we have partnered with The Armidale School (TAS) to provide Bronze Training for a group of Year 11 Students. This year I'm helping to organise this effort with the other trainers being Dennis Meagher, Terry De Carle, Kel Pearce and others depending on work commitments. As well as the trainers we need help with water safety. **If anyone can assist can they please contact me on my mobile.** The next TAS visit is on **Thursday and Friday 22 and 23 November** and then they will be back for a full week from 3 to 7 December.



See you on the beach.

Steve Rayson 0429 025 845

Nipper News

Every parent wants their child to lead a happy, healthy and active youth. There is no better place for this than introducing your child to surf lifesaving and nippers. Nippers is about learning new skills, gaining confidence and having fun in a safe beach environment. For Nippers, the beach is the classroom. They gain confidence by passing the 'tests' of swimming, board paddling, beach sprinting, dolphin-diving, spotting a rip, having fun with new friends and discovering things about themselves. The youth of today are the future of Surf Life Saving, and the Nippers pathway teaches lessons and skills, allowing them to continue in lifesaving and sport as they grow older.

This year we have approximately 150 Nippers enrolled, and the season is well underway, with most Nippers having now completed their pool and ocean swim proficiencies.

The first Branch Carnival was held at the Jetty on Sunday 26 October and **Sawtell performed extremely well, winning the overall point score with 476 points.** Coffs Harbour came second with 324 points, Woolgoolga third with 141 points, Minnie Water fourth with 133 points, Urunga fifth

with 113 points and Nambucca Heads with sixth with 98 points. Junior Board training has commenced for under 9's upwards at Coffs Harbour Jetty on Wednesdays at 4pm and Saturdays at 8.30am. This is a fantastic program for the benefit of our Nippers, and I would like to say thank you on behalf of the parents to all the coaches for volunteering their time.

Tiffany Easman 0437 000 030

Message from Chief Training Officer

BRONZE SQUAD

It is not too late if you wish to undertake your Bronze Medallion. The course is conducted on **Sunday mornings 7-9am**. The cost is \$175.00 which covers 2 years membership, a manual and your award & medallion.

DRONES

Any member interested in drones is asked to contact Andrew for further information.

PROFICIENCIES & SKILLS MAINTENANCE

The next proficiency will now be **Sunday 18 November**. The Club is encouraging all active members to complete their skills maintenance online. This saves our trainers and assessors considerable time and reduces the volume of paper the Club generates. There will be no printing of workbooks, answer sheets or certificates.

ALL information relating to skills maintenance can be found by going to the Club webpage www.sawtellsurfclub.com.au/educationtraining/ and scrolling down to the skills maintenance section.

If a member completes the skills maintenance on line, the Chief Training Officer gets an automatic notification and a copy of the certificate.



Andrew Martin 0419 485 401



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following members on recently obtained Awards:

○ SILVER MEDALLION IRB DRIVER

Tony Ensbey
Keith McPherson
Peter Mallia
Andrew Manning
Claudia Wilson



5 IMPORTANT DATES

- | **U14 CAMP - BONVILLE**
17 – 18 November
- | **SECOND PROFICIENCY**
18 November
- | **TAS 2 DAY VISIT**
22 – 23 November
- | **TAS 5 DAY VISIT**
3 – 7 December
- | **INTER-BRANCH
BLACKHEAD**
8– 9 December

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

For any member still to renew please do so **NOW**.

TRAINING

Sprint training has commenced on Mondays at 3.45pm at Toormina Oval under coach Kevin Clancy. Training usually concludes around 4.30pm.

LOST PROPERTY

Your Club recognises that there needs to be a designated location where lost property can be located. It is proposed that any items found around the clubhouse and its surrounds be kept in a lost property box which will be stored in the upstairs member's room.

STATE CONFERENCE

Over Winter Andrew Martin and I had the privilege to proudly represent our club at SLSNSW first State conference in 6 years. From a personal perspective, being relatively new to Sawtell SLSC, I went in with no expectations and open ears. To my surprise, I bumped into club members I had met in swimmers and caps on the beach at carnivals but also those such as Chris Bell from Manly SLSC who visited us last month with the Nippers Camp.



It was an opportunity to check in with our own branch connections and the opportunity to connect and share ideas with members from other branches. There were some very impressive and entertaining key speakers and great knowledge sharing regarding staff resources of SLSNSW.

As one of the club reps at the 2018 state conference I am open to share our experience with any interested club member. Feel free to approach me in person at any time.

In addition an enormous amount of information has been shared with us from SLS NSW – [available via a dropbox](#) [link to all members](#)

The conference program included: [link to the session overviews here](#)

My personal itinerary included a solitary very very chilly early morning swim in Brighton le Sands waters pictured at right. Brrrrrr.

Obviously as Treasurer of the club, I attended the relevant sessions in this area even though perhaps not the most interesting sessions they were of great importance. Highlights for me were the main sessions on changing times and Emerging Trends and Retaining membership,

Technology and Embracing and utilising changes whilst being able to relate to all members. The videos to both sessions available here and are recommended for viewing.

Take 5 to watch these videos available via this [link](#)

My favourite session perhaps was inclusion in sport. It was of particular impression personally given my professional work in this area. As the CEO of SLS NSW put it, our role as an organisation seems to be moving beyond the flags and in an ever demanding environment. We should all be enthused and encouraged to follow

your areas of passion to make projects happen.

A message from CEO Steve Pearce – where is SLSNSW



heading in the next 3 years –<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/news/video-ceo-steve-pearces-inspirational-2018-2021-strategic-message>



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