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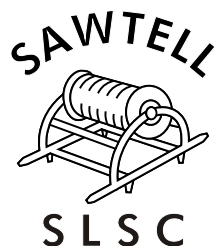
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## Message from the President



*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!*

The tragic drownings that occurred earlier this month at Moonee are a sobering reminder for us all of the ever present dangers that exist on our beaches. We can all

play a role in promoting the key message of the Rip Awareness Safety Campaign that has been launched by Surf Life Saving this summer. Before racing into the ocean it pays to stop, look and plan no matter what your

age or ability in the water. I may be preaching to the converted here but rips and currents are responsible for a significant number of rescues performed by surf lifesavers and alarmingly, and research shows that many people in reality are not able to recognise a rip. So please remind our visitors and people you talk to on the beach to swim between the flags, observe the signage, don't swim alone and 'stop, look and plan'.

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. Santa had

his work cut out for him this year, navigating some challenging conditions all the way from Santa's island to the front beach, but made it with bounty intact to meet with his adoring audience. Santa - you are a legend!



I'd like to thank the team of people from our club, led by Steve Rayson who led a large group of students from The Armidale School (TAS) through successful completion of their Bronze Medallion. Congratulations to all the TAS Bronzies - an impressive achievement for a group who don't get to spend much time at the beach. This marks a close to 20 year relationship between our Club and TAS and has been a tangible and practical way for our club to implement beach to bush (or in this case bush to beach) initiatives.

► 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 Kingscliff 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, Leigh Golding or Alex Fraser.

On the fundraising front, we will once again be participating in the annual Sawtell Fun Day parade on New Years Day and would like as many Nippers and parents to come along and get involved in

decorating the IRB 'float' and 'swinging the bucket' for donations from the crowd.\* Last year the club raised \$650 from this event - it would be great to match or better that this year. If you can help, please turn up at the club house at **8.30am on 1 January**. Good luck to all our members who will be competing in the annual Sawtell Fun Run on that day.



**See you on the beach!**

**Sheena McTackett 0477 771 481**

**\* Late breaking news!**

**Congratulations to Sawtell SLSC Float Crew for Best Service Club Float Award!!!**

## 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 was generally good for the morning patrols but the strong north easterly winds made most afternoons less than pleasant. I would like to say a huge thank you to the 70 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.

It is also very important for all gear to be carefully washed down, IRBs and SSV (ATV) refuelled every time after they are used. It is exceedingly frustrating for the morning patrol to find that the gear hasn't been packed away carefully by the previous users,

whether it was the previous day's patrol or water safety for board training etc.



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 **28 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

## UPCOMING COURSES

AWARD	MINIMUM AGE	PREREQUISITES	DATE & VENUE
• Advance Resuscitation Certificate	• 15 years	• Must be a financial member of the club	• 20 January • Sawtell SLSC
• First Aid Certificate • HLTAID003 Provide first aid	• 14 years • at time of assessment	• Must be a financial member of the club	• TBA • Possibly January
• Bronze Medallion	• 15 years at commencement	• 400m swim in 9 minutes • 15 years old at time of assessment • Cost: \$175.00 • Includes 2 yrs membership, manual & certificate	• Commencing • 10 February 2019 • Sawtell SLSC

**NAMES to CTO**  
send email to [training@sawtellsurfclub.com.au](mailto:training@sawtellsurfclub.com.au)



**Andrew Martin 0419 485 401**

## Nipper News

*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. Can you and your family set yourself the challenge to take 3 for the sea?.*

January is the lead up to a busy time for our Nippers. Nippers will resume on **Sunday 13 January 2019**, and the next Junior Activities Sub Committee meeting will be straight after Nippers on this Sunday. We welcome all parents and carers to attend. The following Sunday will Sawtell Nippers' annual club championships, which will be **Sunday 20 January 2019**. This is an opportunity for all Nippers to demonstrate the skills they have learnt each Sunday.

The NSW Country Championships are being held on the first weekend in February at Cudgen, and our Nippers have been training hard during December, and will continue training into January for this event. Wishing all those representing Sawtell the very best at this carnival.

I would like to congratulate the following Nippers on their selection in the 2018 Interbranch Team; Myndee Morris, Angus Waugh, Syllas Phillips, Patrick Carey, Toi Wordsworth, Margaret McConnachie, Mitchell Hickey, Rhys Mulholland, and Nirvana Semb-Wever.

Looking forward to seeing our Nippers and parents for the second half of the season.

**Tiffany Easman**  
**0437 000 030**

## UNIFORMS

Active members are reminded if they need to replace any part of their uniform they need to email the secretary via [secretary@sawtellsurfclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@sawtellsurfclub.com.au) indicating what they need.



# Letter of Thanks

Hi Sawtell Surf Lifesaving.

I just wanted to share my appreciation to your team for the support they provided me on Sat morning.

I took a fin chop to my head which left a nice little cut. While it was nothing major (only 3 stitches worth - thankfully I had my surf hat on) it required first aid and the guards on duty were excellent in providing this and making sure I was OK. They cleaned me up and stopped the bleeding sufficiently for me to get home and to the hospital.

I realise they were doing nothing more than they were trained for and it is all in a days work for them but they were excellent at making sure I was treated correctly and OK to get on with my day. More importantly they were lovely and caring people that I hope you are proud to have representing your club.

Please pass on my appreciation again to those involved. Thank you.

Steve Potts 0447 453 035

## CINEMA SCREENING

**FESTIVALS!** A group of troubled boys are on a perilous course toward jail until they meet up with a free-wheeling jackaroo, Bernie Shakeshaft, and hit the road with his legendary dog jumping team. This inspiring coming of age story follows the boys as they strive to turn their lives around - and the dogs that help tame their wild ways. The screening will be followed by a Q&A Discussion and Drinks are available from the Bar. Suitable for Adults (contains heavy coarse language).

**WATCH TRAILER HERE** <https://youtu.be/AlynTykYF-Y>

**DATE:** Saturday 16 February 2019 **TIME:** 6.30PM **COST:** \$20.00 pp

All proceeds from this screening go directly to BACKTRACK YOUTH WORKS

**VENUE:** Sawtell Majestic Cinema, First Avenue Sawtell

**PURCHASE TICKETS:** [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/backtrack-boys-community-screening-sawtell-majestic-cinema-tickets-52999140857?utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/backtrack-boys-community-screening-sawtell-majestic-cinema-tickets-52999140857?utm_term=eventurl_text)

## CLUBHOUSE ISSUES

Yet again the Club finds it necessary to remind members To take more care and responsibility for the clubhouse and its surrounds. Too often doors are being left unlocked, rubbish left lying about and taps not properly turned off.

The cost of having hot water taps left running overnight in the members showers, as has happened more than once recently, is significant.

Is it not too much to ask that members accept responsibility to do the right thing by our facilities.

## SAWTELLIAN OF THE YEAR

The Club warmly congratulates Life Member Graeme King on being named Sawtellian of the Year for 2018.

Graeme has been a tireless worker in the community for both our Club and Marine Rescue over many years.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following members on recently obtained Awards:

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

Aoife Carey  
Mackenzie Doyle  
Holly Foster  
Alyssa Golding  
William Gromadzki  
James Hill  
Emily Meacham  
Lily Pengelly  
Libby Waugh

### ○ **FIRST AID**

Cheryl Lane

### ○ **SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE (CPR ENDORSED)**

Clover Bourne  
Claudia de Carle  
Mitchell Hickey  
Euan Hill  
Holly James  
Finn Klinkers  
Margaret McConnachie  
Mia McKeon  
Rhys Mulholland  
Luke Pengelly  
Nirvana Semb-Wever  
Cameron Singleton  
Nicola Wilson



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