

## ***General Meeting 24 November 2013***

*"On Sunday 24 November the club held another general meeting to allow all in the club to discuss our objectives and plans for the current season. President Kevin Harris welcomed members and talked about member retention and the status of building works at the club.*

*Barry Antella talked about plans to support lifesaving as the cornerstone of our club, and Nipper activities, including the great work done by more and more Nipper parents in gaining their bronze medallions, were addressed by Kiersten Jones.*

*In talking about the competition side of the club, Dave Slennet mentioned how excited we all are that Chris Allum has now committed to compete for Queensciff (as well as coach us), and the success of the "whole-of-club" training sessions this year in building the "one-club" spirit. It was also announced that this season's senior and masters club championships will be held on Sunday 23 February.*

*Finally Craig Susans talked about the club's social and business plans for the year - including our "Boardies and Burgers" night coming up on Friday 13 December, and the Christmas party to start at 4pm on Sunday 22 December following the christening of our the club's new surfboat.*

Key meeting outcomes included:

- Meeting called in follow up to previous June general meeting, to allow all in club to share in objectives and plans for the current year, to ask questions and provide feedback
- President Kevin Harris welcomed members and talked about club membership this year being a little lower than previous year, about member retention (particularly of new Bronze recipients), and about the status of building works at the club
- Barry Antella (Lifesaving) referred to plans regarding Patrol competition and Champion Lifesaver program - with possibility of bringing in Nick Warby as new QSLSC Lifesaving coach.
- Need to build a Patrol Retention Plan to boost numbers on patrol, including parents with Bronze medallion to be offered proficiency updates to encourage them to join patrols, patrol captains chasing up missing juniors, orientation program for new Bronze members
- Kiersten Jones (Nippers) shared that we have around 600 members, who are being well looked after by the new Nippers Committee approach this year
- Nipper Age Managers are being encouraged to get their Bronze medallions, and also to serve as Age Manager Assistants.
- Need policy around all club craft - do we allocate club craft to individuals now that we have 50/50 program.....and if so, how exactly and using what criteria?

- Need to better promote the Nippers Sunday BBQ - to get more Nippers, parents, et al upstairs in the club - mixing together to build the "one club" spirit
- Dave Slennett (Competition) talked of Chris Allum - our excellent Head Coach - has now joined QSLSC to bolster our senior ranks and provide a good role model for our junior competitors
- Junior competitors have been performing well in Wollongong Branch early season competitions
- Whole-of-club surf training sessions are being well received by members - again promoting our "one club" spirit
- Parents are being encouraged to undertake Level 1 coaching course to support Chris and other senior coaches including Tim Hayes and Michael Gedz
- Masters board paddlers are conducting training sessions for anyone interested (including Nipper parents) Sundays at 9am - being well attended
- Recommended including IRB representative at future Committee meetings
- QSLSC Club Championships to be held on Sunday 23 February, with fall-back date being Sun 23 March.
- Craig Susans (Social and Business) reminded members of "1st Friday" social sessions at club, and particularly of the planned 13 December "Boardies and Burgers" evening coming up. On these nights, club members are still welcome to socialise early at 5pm
- Possibility that we might eventually be able to have a designated "juniors space" downstairs in the club
- Our Building Committee is now meeting monthly under the chairmanship of Al Butler. Priority of most recent meeting was to tidy up the clubhouse environment involving a number of minor jobs.
- Relationship with Channel 10 continues to be very good. They have committed to support the club with rash vests for Nippers. Channel 10 sponsors will also support our 1 December Nippers carnival.
- Club Christmas party to be held Sunday 22 December starting at 4 pm.