



March Newsletter

President's Message

Congratulations to all our Nippers for the Club's best ever results at a State Championships with three Gold medals, five Silver medals and three Bronze medals.

The Club certainly has some great competitors and members coming through.

The results for this carnival and all other carnivals where the Club has gained places are on our website.

We finished 10th overall and 2nd at Branch - WOW!

In the State Masters the Club won the overall point score with contributions from all areas, swimming, craft, runners and the boats.

In the Open State Titles we were place 11th out of 134 Clubs. Again there were contributions from all disciplines, beach, craft, swimming, R&R and boats - a truly great Club effort.

Patrols continue to be well above average and all members are reminded of the Club's obligation to patrol up to and including 25 April. We currently lead the Branch patrol efficiency competition and with your help and support will again take it out.

Our Nipper's Presentation is Sunday 14 March and we hope to see you there.

Best of luck and good surfing to all our competitors going to the Australian Titles at Kurrawa on the Gold Coast.

We look forward to great results here.

David Piper OAM

Club News

Security

With another break in this month security is again stressed. Please lock up if you are leaving the Club after 7.30 pm

National Youth Policy

The National Council is adopting a National Youth Policy.

Basically it recognises:

- Our primary aim is surf life saving - Surf sports is secondary.
- From 6 to 10 kids are there to learn and have fun - what is termed play.
- At 10 to 12 years there is an increasing focus on skills - what is termed progression.
- At 13 to 15 there is a focus on specialising.
- At 16 to 17 there is a focus on high performance.

A copy of the draft paper is available in the office.

This is leading to 12 and 13 year olds at Australian Championships.

World Surfing Reserve

It has been intended to make the Manly/Freshwater areas into a National Surfing Reserve.

This was to launch this in May of this year but is now proposed that this be declared later in the year and you will be kept informed.

A National Surfing Reserve designation achieves three purposes:

1. Formal worldwide recognition of the sites as surfing areas that have quality surf and significant cultural, historical, recreational and competitive sports value;
2. Recognition of the long and close relationship between surfers and the ocean; and
3. Promoting the long term preservation of Manly surfing reserves for recreation and competitive surfing.

It is interesting that a definition of surfer has been developed in Hawaii:

"Surfer" means any person who interacts physically with the surf for recreation, including bodysurfers, body boarders, surfboarders, surf skiing, surf boating, all forms of surf lifesaving and lifeguarding including tow-in surfing; provided that riding waves on machines shall be excluded.

Manly Council Foamies Policy

The Council have adopted the following policy on flexible foam surfboards:

"That soft flexible foam boards (foamies) are permitted in the flagged area.

Surfers on foamies are to follow the Code of Behaviour guidelines.

Foamie board riders are to use buffer zone wherever possible when standing up.

Be aware and give space to others; e.g. body surfers in flagged area.

That advanced surfers do not use the flagged area for surfing on foam boards."

Clothing

The Club has extra supplies of our Nipper and Senior touring gear together with monogrammed Club T-shirts and spray jackets.

The clothing store is open each Sunday for your needs.

Our oldest living Bronze Medallion holder

Joe Jordan our oldest known Bronze holder gained his Bronze in the 1932/33 season and is 100 years old and recently visited the Club.

Joe was proud to talk about the early days of the Club including mentioning Club stalwarts particularly Phil Smith who was a founding member and kept the Club going during World War II where the Club had a universal sign up for "Active Service".

He confirmed the traditions of community service and involvement which were established then and which very much continue today.

Kayak for Kids

On Sunday, 28 March, Lifestart will be holding its major fundraising event for the year, Kayak for Kids.

Kayak for Kids is an inspirational paddle on Sydney Harbour raising funds for Lifestart an organisation that provides early childhood intervention services for children who have an intellectual disability or delay in development.

The Jones family and the Townsend family, both members of the Club, have children who have attended and benefited from these programs.

The 17.5 kilometre course is divided into four stages of approximately 4.5 kilometres, with team transition areas between each stage. There are three overall categories:

1. Teams relay challenge for four to twelve person teams (for inexperienced paddlers). Each team member paddles a minimum of one stage changing at transition areas. Hire of a three-seater kayak and equipment is included in the entry fee.
2. Teams challenge for three persons (for those who have the fitness to paddle the full course). Hire of three-seater kayak and equipment is included in the entry fee.
3. Solo and double challenges for experienced paddlers who have their own water craft.

Visit www.kayakforkids.com.au for further details and entries or contact Kiersten Jones on 9401 0911.

"Kayak for Kids is an event everyone, whether beginner or experienced paddler. Create a team with your family, friends or work colleagues and enjoy the challenge of paddling our great harbour, while helping Lifestart's special kids".

Nipper Boardroom

Many instances have been reported of non-members using the Nipper boards. The committee has resolved that this room will be kept locked. If you see a Nipper board on the beach, please put it away.

Branch News

Branch 50th Dinner

On 1 May the Branch will hold a gala dinner at the Manly Novotel Hotel to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. The Club will be taking two tables of 10 and will host our current six Branch Life Members and their partners, together with John Saxby's widow, Noeleen.

Most Outstanding Club Night

The Club will be taking three tables at the Branch "Most Outstanding Club" night to be held at Dee Why RSL on 18th June at 7pm.

To reserve your seat, please contact David Piper on 0411 012344

Branch Award Nominations

The Branch has called for Branch Award Nominations for the Branch Awards Dinner on 18th June.

The Club can have multiple nominations for each of the 14 awards. The Club asks if you have suggested nominations, that you prepare a one page nomination sheet and forward it to the Club either via surface mail, email or drop it into the office on Sunday morning. We do not believe that nominations are limited to senior ranks.

Nominations close with the Branch on 14 May, and the categories are:

- Athlete of the year
- Award of Courage
- Competition Official of the year
- Assessor of the year
- Female Youth person of the year
- Male youth person of the year
- Rookie of the year
- Competition Team of the year
- Youth Athlete of the year
- Lifesaver of the year
- Patrol Captain of the year
- Leader of the year
- Communications Award

Outstanding Branch Events

It is expected that the outstanding Branch Masters and board riding events will be held at Queenscliff on 27 March straight after Australians. Watch noticeboard for times.

State News

State Titles 2011

The State Title dates and Venue have been announced for 2011 and are:

Venue: Cudgen Headland (Kingscliff)

Juniors: 11 - 13 March

Masters: 17 March

Open: 18 - 20 March

Aussies News

After Aussies function

At the conclusion of the Australian titles on Sunday 21 March, we will be holding an after carnival function starting at 5pm, at Broadbeach Surf Club. The cost per head is \$15.00 and this includes a Spit roast, dips, two roast meats and gravy, cold buffet platter, breads, roast potatoes, salads and Pavlova. Drinks will be at bar prices. Please advise Kathryn Shearsby if you are attending, kds@idx.com.au or Annabel Nelson annabel.steve@bigpond.com

Behaviour at the Australians

The Club believes that members who have trained hard all season have a natural right to celebrate their end of season competition and successes.

This celebration comes with a responsibility and adherence to respect for fellow competitors and the community generally.

You are representing yourself and the Club and we request that you observe commonsense and act responsibly.

If you are going out after the Club's function, it may be wise to consider wearing gear that does not identify the Club.

Grants, Sponsorships, Fundraising & Donations

Carnival Sponsorship

The Club will be holding its Annual Surf Carnival on the second or third Saturday in January (yet to be allocated).

This is traditionally the first major carnival in Sydney and the Club has had a "mortgage" on this date for more than 50 years.

We are looking to have a major sponsor fund this event. If anyone can help, please contact Graham Lugsdin.

Grants

The Club has submitted an application under the SLS Australia ECO Surf Grant program for funding of \$10,000 to install water efficient devices (shower, toilets, basins, tapware) in the new Lifeguards' and First Aid Rooms, as well as replacing shower heads and taps in the Clubhouse. Our application is currently with the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts for review.

Donations

Many thanks to Mike Lawrence for his generous donation to air condition the office - the back office team look forward to cooler days ahead!

Fundraising

Late January saw the Boaties manning the BBQ outside the Ivanhoe Hotel on Australia Day, with a net result of \$1,102 to the Club. Meanwhile, the IRB guys were busy at Bunnings cooking up a net result of \$1,953 for their efforts.

The Club has been allocated four raffle spots a year at Balgowlah RSL, Seaforth. The quarterly event is on a Thursday night with our Club just needing to turn up and sell meat tray raffle tickets. Our first raffle night on 11 Feb, run by the Boaties, added to the Club's funds with a net \$370. The next raffle night is 13 May from 5.40 - 7pm, outside the Gold Bar.

The Club has shared in the distribution of \$6,849 from Surf Lifesaving NSW's Raffle - many of you would have seen the ticket sellers behind a card table in local shopping centres.

If any members have any contacts that would be willing to consider a sponsorship opportunity at the Club for next year, please contact [Graham Lugsdin](#). Opportunities are outlined on the [Sponsorship and Donations](#) pages of the Club's website ... and remember to support the Club's sponsors when ever possible:



