

# Shoredump Newsletter

Merewether SLSC

June 2016



## ***The President***

Nick Newton

Another presentation night over and we hope all who joined us enjoyed themselves, from the feedback received it seems people sure did although we're not sure how much of that was to do with extending the time of the open bar.....

Congratulations to all who received awards and recognition, I'm reluctant to say winners as after a night like that I think we all were.

Again thanks to Susan for organising the function room and arranging the food, I think the paella will take some beating and will definitely need to be on the menu again.

Also again thanks to Norm and the guys who did a great job organising and manning the bar, although maybe a little too great (Nathan?)

As I mentioned on the night following on from Nobbys recent building funding allocation the executive committee were invited to a meeting with Phil Moore (the coastal assets manager for Newcastle City Council) with the meeting centred around a possible refurbishment of our surf club and if this could be achieved what it would mean to us. Although if implemented it would push out the expected life of our club house but it could also be an opportunity for some positive improvements of not only the club's earning potential but also members and club facilities. A couple of conceptual plans were tabled showing revised floor plans with relocated rooms and amenities and during discussions of a potential club design the idea of us increasing the footprint size of the club wasn't rejected. Any possibility of extending the present footprint of the clubhouse would be of significant value for future members as any new building is to reflect the existing building size i.e. it gives the potential for a replacement club house to be larger.



## Events

- AGM Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10am

There was also some good discussion around possibilities of accessing the function room off Henderson Pde and providing additional function room toilets etc. Any improvements would have to live under the banner of a "refurb" and not a capital improvement so they would have to be realistic although going off initial discussions an increase of the club footprint itself could be achievable.

Before we look at taking any steps towards this the first thing we have to understand is as a club what is it we need and what is it we would want to see as an outcome to any building upgrades or refurbishment?

So as the first part of the process we are asking if any members would like to contribute their ideas or thoughts.

Anthony Tietze has offered to help on this project so if you have anything please send to Anthony at [atietze@bigpond.com](mailto:atietze@bigpond.com)

# *AGM*

## **Seniors Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- 10am, Sunday, 17th July 2016

- followed by fish and chips

## **Call for nominations of Committee Officers at AGM**

All positions will be declared vacant, and nomination forms are available here:

<http://merewetherslsc.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=508231>

## **AGM Minutes from last season (2014/2015)**

<http://www.merewetherslsc.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=587249>

## Club Captain

By Dave Hoar & Simon Lovell

Hello everyone,

Hope you are enjoying the winter surf season break, before we know it September will roll around again and we'll be back on patrols and enjoying warmer weather and water!

Last season we provided 4,856 patrol hours across our 10 patrols - with 873 preventions, 8 rescues, 14 incidents and 26 beach closures.

Congratulations to all of our award winners on Presentation night - in particular the major patrol awards:

**Patrol Person of the year** - Craig Doyle (Patrol 9) **Patrol Captain of the Year** - Angela Tiedeman

Focus areas for the 2016-17 season

At the end of season Patrol Captains meeting future focus and areas for improvement were identified as:

- the need for us to rebalance our patrol number - as average numbers on patrol over the season were as follows: P1 – 18; P2 – 16.29; P3 – 12.57; P4 – 11.71; P5 – 10/14; P6 – 11.57; P7 – 15.43; P8 – 15.63; P9 – 16.14; P10 – 9.29
- continuing our focus on prevention and active patrolling
- training on patrol especially IRB and board/tube rescues
- encouraging more members to patrol PM as well as AM
- increasing the number of ARTC, Spinal, IRB Driver and IRB Crew qualified members

On behalf of the MSLSC Committee and Hunter Branch we would like to thank all patrolling members for your fantastic work in attending and actively patrolling the beach to ensure no lives lost between the flags (again).

The live stream of Merewether Beach plus local weather is available for viewing from the club's website.



*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD WINNERS AT OUR PRESENTATION NIGHT*



## Education

### Potential Patrol Captains

A Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management course will be held on: *Tuesday July 19* commencing at *6:00pm*. Venue will be Hunter Branch headquarters. To register please send an email to [mslsc.education@gmail.com](mailto:mslsc.education@gmail.com)



## Carnivals

### July

- IRB State Championships - 2 and 3 July, Mollymook
- NSW Pool Rescue Championships - 9th and 10th July

### August

- NSW Board Riding Championships, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016, location TBC

### October

- Forster Weekend of Surf, 1st & 2nd October

### Contacts:

Carnivals - Emma Gale email: [mslsc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:mslsc.secretary@gmail.com)

IRB - Nathan Wright, email: [nathan@funda.com.au](mailto:nathan@funda.com.au)

## Function Room

A big thank you to Ben Treverton Photography for the donation of 3 beautiful iconic Merewether photos recently donated to MSLSC.

The Pumphouse photo will be framed and placed in the bar for everyone to enjoy. Once again thanks Ben.



## Beach Business Breakfast

The Beach Business Breakfast continues to go from strength to strength - with over 250 members on meetup ([meetup.com/Beach-Business-Breakfast](https://www.meetup.com/Beach-Business-Breakfast)) and around 40 small and medium business people attending the informal breakfast networking session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 7.30-8.30am.

If you or someone you know are in business encourage them to check out the website [www.beachbusinessbreakfast.com.au](http://www.beachbusinessbreakfast.com.au) – all proceeds from each breakfast go to the Surf Club and we actively encourage Beach Business Breakfast members to support and/or sponsor MSLSC.



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