

# Shoredump Newsletter

Merewether SLSC

April 2016



## *The President's Report*

By Nick Newton

Newcastle City Council have approached representatives of Merewether SLSC, Merewether Board Riders and the Merewether National Surfing Reserve in regards to damage repairs of the Beach Seawall between the southern access ramp leading onto the beach directly in front of our club house and the access ramp on the northern side of the rotunda, the work is to also include improvements to the public

shower facility (currently out of service). There are two proposal options. Option A; is to basically redo what is existing as with a vertical seawall but with a coloured pathway and concrete facings as in what is on the direct southern side of the rotunda. Option B; is for the pathway to be reduced in width and "bleacher" style stepped seating to be incorporated into the seawall. The council preference is for option B as it would create improved beach access and allow public seating but there has been a lot of contention to changing the profile of what is existing. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year so a decision will be made



### Events

- Nippers AGM & Presentation Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Aussies 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Presentation night 28<sup>th</sup> May
- AGM – 17<sup>th</sup> July

shortly but no matter what it is the end result will be a lot more aesthetically pleasing and a big improvement on the old wall.

## **Club Captain's Report**

*By Dave Hoar & Simon Lovell*

Hello everyone,

By the time you get this some members would have finished their patrols for the season, while others have one patrol left before we finish up on Anzac Day Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to everyone that has patrolled this season, we really do appreciate the time you've given up to attend patrol and keep the public safe within the flags.

But while the season is coming to a close there is still a lot happening:

### **100% Patrol attendance**

This year's award will be a club t-shirt, and we'll be working with Patrol Captains to get the sizes of those from their patrol that qualify for the award this year.

### **End of season PC meeting**

This will be held on Sunday May 1 from 4-5pm. At this meeting we'll review the patrol year and implement any improvement suggestions, if you have any let your PC or one of us know so that it can be discussed.

### **Patrol members moving patrols**

Over the last year we've asked PC's to identify members who might move patrols so that we can balance our patrol strength across our 10 patrols. If you are interested let us know - and thanks to those that have already agreed to move. It's critical that we have strength across all 10 patrols, not just 6-7, as we have a legal agreement to provide full strength patrols every Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday.

### **Patrol person of the year**

As usual we'll be asking each PC to nominate a member of their team as Patrol person of the year. If you think one of your fellow patrol members deserves this award let your PC know.

Thanks again for paying to be a volunteer and your efforts for this season, we look forward to seeing you all at the Club Presentation on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **PARTY PATROL**

Come and join Patrol 8 for the last Patrol Day - Anzac Day Monday April 25. You do some cleaning and you'll get lunch. The perfect way to end the Patrol Year.

## **Education**

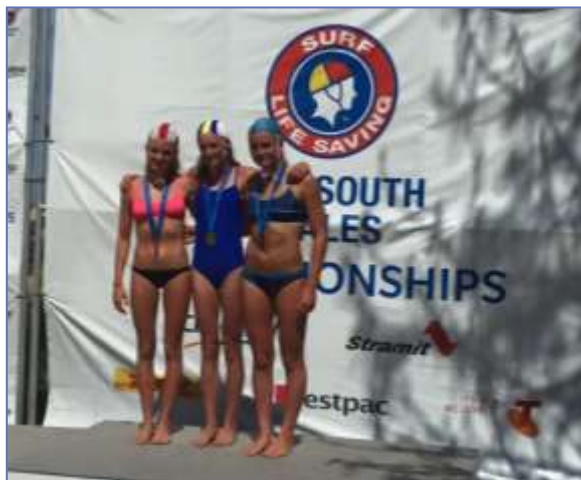
### **Merewether Lifesaving Award 2015/2016**

This coming Saturday our second group of Bronze candidates will be doing their water assessment at Stockton Beach. They will be joined by 130 Bronze and SRC candidates from the other 12 hunter region clubs at the central venue assessment. Our candidates have been fantastic to share time with over the last 10 weeks. Some of you may have already met them when they joined your patrol as part of their education. Each candidate has acquired qualifications in Applied First Aid, Advance Resuscitation and Spinal Management. I would like to acknowledge all the members of our Merewether training team who give up their time each year to help our candidates achieve. Trainers - Charlie Bugbird, Kate Flint, Sarah Bugbird, Richard Taylor, Karen Wallace, Dom Willson, Luke Menzies, Cal Burke, John Bamberly and Dilan Houston. We also had Nathan Wright and Henry Scruton as presenters in IRB Introduction and Radio Operator Certificate.



## Carnivals

Congrats to Nicola Owens who won gold in U15 board at State titles. Well done to all the competitors who made the trip to the NSW State Championships at Umina including Steve Stallard (masters), Milly Ross (Youth), Adelaide Markey (Youth), Teigan Cotterill (Youth) and Charlotte Owen (Juniors).



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL WHO ARE MAKING THE TRIP TO AUSSIES ON THE SUNSHINE COAST**

## Club's Surfcam

The live stream of Merewether Beach plus local weather is available for viewing from the club's website. Updating of the club's webcam, to provide better more reliable viewing, is happening soon....



## 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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