

Shoredump Newsletter

Merewether SLSC

December 2015



The President

Nick Newton

We have had quite a lot happening around the club recently (should I say as always) but a couple of notable events over the last week are worthy of mentioning.

Firstly we attended the Port Waratah Coal Services book launch event which showcased the release of a compilation highlighting organisations that have benefitted by the sponsorship opportunities made available by PWCS. It was a great evening and gave lots of opportunity to speak with other groups and organisations and learn a little as to how they have put their funds to use. It isn't until you actually go to one of these events that you realise the extent and diversity of funding that PWCS offer to our community – amazing!

Being one of the lucky ones to have received PWCS funding anyone who has been at the club in the last week would have seen the final part of our current sponsorship deal completed in the way of the function room patio awning finally being installed. It was a (way too) convoluted process but the end result looks fantastic giving the area a whole different look and has already been of benefit and appreciated by our guests with some of the shifting weather we have had lately.

Another event we have just had was our "sponsor's breakfast" which is run to not only show our appreciation to our sponsors for their support but to also show we are committed to having an ongoing relationship with these people and organisations. The one thing we as a beneficiary of this type of funding cannot do is to be perceived of



Events

- Sunday morning events 8am
- Proficiency 13th December 8.45am
- PC's, VC's, meeting 13th December
- Nutri Grain Iron Person in Newcastle 19/20th December
- IRB Proficiency Sunday 20th December 1.30pm

taking donations without any further involvement or fully appreciating the offer and this is just our way of giving back a little to our great supporters. The breakfast was attended by guest speakers Adam McDougal and Mark Hughes (thanks Pete!) who kept the crowd totally entertained (to the point where they found it difficult to get away) and from the feedback we received everyone had a great time. There was plenty of food on offer with Damo and Kev plus their helpers on the B-B-Q, Susan with some great catering plus Norm, Dave and everyone else who pitched in and not forgetting Pete on the camera – thanks again everyone. Also one final thankyou to Doogs and Hughsie for providing such great entertainment, we owe you one!

We are always looking at ways to improve our income stream and I have recently been discussing with our function room team the possibility of running the function room on Friday nights as a “steak and salad” bar. I think during the warmer weather there is a real business opportunity for this type of venture and want to put it out there if we have any members who might be interested in discussing setting this up to please give me a call.

And finally one last important note, we are **mandated** to have **all** members over 18 to supply us with a Working With Children clearance check number. We have been pursuing this through the registration process as that number has to be entered into Surfguard **before** 31/12/15, however there are still a few people that need to do this so anyone that still needs to complete the check please do so as this will then allow your registration to be completed. Note if you miss this deadline your registration application and fees will be returned as you will not be permitted to be actively engaged in club activities.





Club Captain

Dave Hoar & Simon Lovell

Hello everyone, firstly a big thank you to all of our Patrol Captains and patrolling members for the time you volunteer to keep the public safe on the beach.

With Christmas and the festive season fast approaching we'll no doubt have a lot of new visitors to the beach, so we'll need to be especially vigilant and patrol at the waters edge.

Shortly we'll be asking members to let us know if they can volunteer for 2 or more hours on Christmas Day - keep an eye out for it in the weekly what's on.

Our last scheduled Proficiency/Skills Maintenance is on Sunday December 13 - if you haven't done your proficiency yet and can't make that date please let your Patrol Captain know. Proficiency/Skills is YOUR responsibility - so make sure you get along to a proficiency without having to be chased up.

And finally the Training Team has been busy training up new Bronze and SRC members, they will be joining Patrol teams after their assessment in mid December - so please make these new members welcome when they join us on Patrol.

On behalf of the committee we really appreciate the time taken by members to attend patrols - if you have any suggestions on how we can improve our Patrols or the club generally let your PC know or have a chat with Nick (President) or one of us.

See you on the beach,



Members over the age of 18 are required to apply for a working with children check. Please submit your WWCC Clearance Certificate that has your check number and expiry date to merewether.slsc.registrar@gmail.com

If you received your certificate last season could you please forward to our new registrar. Registrations can't be finalised until we have your WWC number, thanks.

Ducks for \$

For the 2015-16 season we've set our ducks for \$ fundraising target at \$15k. To assist in the cause we've appointed 2 Duck Ambassadors - many thanks to Waz and Glenis for these.

Our campaign has kicked off and at the upcoming Patrol Captains mid season meeting (December 13) we'll be asking each Patrol to take some tickets to sell. At \$5 they make a great Christmas stocking filler - and every \$ we raise goes straight to the club.

Are you able to help selling of tickets? Put your hand up and help out.

Dave 0403 925 799



Club's Surfcam

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



Education

Season proficiencies for Advance Resuscitation Techniques (ART) and Spinal Management

Advanced Resuscitation and Spinal proficiency

Thursday 3rd December, 6pm at the club.

We will be running ART first and Spinal will be in the surf. (Bring swimmers, towel and wetty)

You must let me know if you will be attending ASAP, either by email at msslsc.education@gmail.com or by phone on 0403898820.

Numbers are limited.

Waz

Nippers

All New Webstore

**Now up and running on our
website.**

Nippers and senior gear available.

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Carnivals

For competition information:

Seniors – Nick Brunette at nicholas.brunette@yahoo.com.au

Juniors – Peta Owen at petao@beroa.com.au

December

- Sat 5th - Summer of Surf Rd 4, Thirroul
- Sun 6th - Summer of Surf Rd 4 Finals & "Syd Water" Series Final Rd, Thirroul
- Sun 6th - NP Ironperson Rd 3 Final, Lakes Beach
- Sat 12th & Sun 13th - NSW Inter-Branch Champs, Cape Hawke SLSC at Forster

January

- Sat 2nd - "Gardner" Ironman, u9 to u14, Wamberal
- Sun 10th - Kracka Board challenge, Catherine Hill
- Sat 16th - Surf Carnival, u13 to Open, Queenscliff
- Sat 16th - Masters Carnival, Fingal Bay
- Sun 17th - Nippers Carnival, North Entrance, u8 to u14
- Sat 23rd - Surf Carnival, Manly u15 to Opens
- Sun 24th - Surf Carnival, Freshwater, u13 to Opens
- Sun 24th - Summer of Surf Rd 6, Freshwater (Opens only in conjunction with above)
- Mon 25th - Nippers Carnival, Manly, u8 to u14
- Sat 30th - East Coast Surf Carnival, Central Coast
- Sat 30th - Wave Warriors Carnival, u9 to u15, Newport
- Sun 31st - Nippers Carnival, u8 to u17 team events only, Dixon Park
- Sun 31st - East Coast Masters, Collaroy

Sunday Morning Events

- Will run each Sunday morning throughout the season. Meet at the club for a start on the beach at 8am with events to be completed by 8.40am. If beach conditions are unfavourable, events will be run down at the baths.
- Planned events include a long swim, run-swim-run, board relay, beach run, beach sprints, and beach flags. Only a few events will be selected each week.
- Place and participation points will be awarded to those involved, this includes bonus points for Volunteers.
- All members of the senior club are welcome to participate and must hold a SRC or above (eg. Bronze) award.
- Persons entering the water **will be required to wear a pink vest**, please bring your own however spares will be available for use.
- Volunteers will be needed each week to assist with water safety, any assistance here would be appreciated.
 - *For more information or to assist with the events or water safety each week, contact bruce_rummins@hotmail.com*



Are you in Business?

Come along to the Business Beach Breakfast - the next one is on Thursday December 17th, 7.30-8.30am. It's a great way to meet new business contacts in an informal networking environment.

Cost is \$5 for breakfast, RSVP to david@ownrightcustom.finance or sms 0403 925 799



Thanks to our sponsors for their support. Please support these businesses.



Member Interest Story

As you may have heard Norm had a heart attack last Monday morning at the club. Many thanks to all that helped in the process of getting him to hospital.

We had expert care from our two lifeguards Sally and Dan. Everybody chipped in and kept calm making the

whole process run smoothly ending in Norm being transported by ambulance to the JHH where he had an Angiogram and one artery was found to be blocked.

After a few days of R and R Norm will be back at the beach, but doing less. If you see him lifting anything please intervene. (Even if he says he's ok- which he will)

We will need a little more help for coldies until he's back to 100%.

He asked me to say a big thank you to all that called, messaged and dropped in.

He is a very lucky man

Our function room staff looking very professional in their new shirts

