

SAWTELL SLSC

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As a member of Sawtell SLSC you are the public face of surf life saving – an organization that prides itself on its professionalism.

All of us must be aware that our actions in dealing with members of the public, with other club members and especially with children must be beyond reproach and comply with all the myriad rules and conditions that come with membership of our Club.

Any departure from the expected behaviour of a member not only brings discredit to our Club but to the Surf Life Saving movement in general and cannot be tolerated.

CLUB CAPTAINS MESSAGE

The Branch Director of Life Saving has asked for the following message to be passed on

- 1. All Clubs are to ensure every Patrol is completely set up by the patrol starting time**
- 2. All Clubs must ensure all Patrol members are wearing their caps whilst on patrol**

Active members are reminded that it is crucial you try and arrange a substitute if you cannot do a patrol to avoid the possibility of a patrol being low in numbers.

Please take care with equipment.

At our first patrol inspection of the season Sawtell was “pinged” for not having a loud hailer in working order on the beach

The Club purchased one at a cost of \$169 and placed it in a plastic container on the patrol trailer in an attempt to protect it.

Within 3 weeks the loud hailer is useless as the switch has been broken and it cannot be repaired. The Club now has to replace.

The Club is not that flush with funds that it can continue to replace items like this.

An **invitation** is extended to any member interested in attending the opening of the new Minnie Water Wooli Club House to be held on Sunday 21st February 2010 commencing at 10:00am at the Club House, Nip Welsh Park, Minnie Water.

A morning tea will be held and we hope that you will be able to join our Club members and invited guests to celebrate the opening of the club house.

Please RSVP by 14 February, to the Club Secretary, Sheree Lloyd

COMPETITION REPORT

The Sawtell SLSC competitors competing at the NSW Country Open and Masters Championships at South West Rocks last weekend came home with a total of 38 medals including 5 individual and 8 team gold medals.

Leading the haul were Kayla Russell and Marlee Green with 14 medals each. Kayla won 6 gold medals including wins in the U19 Ironman and Board, 6 silvers including Open Board and U19 Swim, and 2 bronzes. Marlee won 4 gold medals, 5 silvers, including silver in the U17 Ironman, and 5 bronzes including bronze in the U17 Swim.

Other competitors medalling in individual events were Margaret Gill who took gold in both the Sprint and Flags in her Masters age group, Leila Walker won gold in the U17 Board and silver in the U17 Rescue Tube, Klaryse Dam silver in the U17 Flags, Louise Dam silver in the 30+ 2km beach run, and Corey Underhill bronze in U17 Flags.

These individual winners joined with their team mates to win an amazing 25 team medals, eight of which were gold. Three golds came from the board rescue combinations of Kayla and Marlee in U19F, Leila and Marlee in U17F and Martin Tisdell and Cameron Lohs in U17M teams. Two more golds were won by the U19 male and female rescue tube rescue teams and the remaining 3 gold team medals were won by the U19 female sprint team, U19 swim team, and the March Past Team.

It took great depth in the club to also win seven silver and ten bronze medals in the team events.

Congratulations to Sawtell who placed 6th overall for the combined junior and open pointscore.

The team:

U15: John Jensen

U17: Leila Walker, Klaryse Dam, Marlee Green, Chandla Stack, Morgan Stack, Alex McCullagh, Liz McCullagh, Fiona Lane, Brianna Willett, Cameron Lohs, Scott James, Martin Tisdell, Corey Underhill

U19: Kayla Russell, Jess Jensen, Georgina Hauville, Matt Greenway

Open: Amy Dellar, Alisha Reeves, Sarah Tisdell, Daniel Bannerman

Masters: Jo Magill, Louise Dam, Leanne James, Cheryl Lane, Margaret Gill, Sheena McTackett, Mark Fagan, Helen Crofts, Norelle Reeves, Kevin Clancy, Andrew Martin, Anthea Martin, Greg Barnes, Mark Sherrin

Boat Crew: Nova Cassin, Nick Hoiles, Ben Wallace, Justin Hardaker, Kris Kent

The next major carnival Sawtell will be represented at will be the NSW State Championships to be held at Swansea Belmont on 26/27/28 February 2010. Sawtell has 15 competitors nominated.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

After weeks of benign conditions the decision to hold the Club Championships on Sunday heralded the immediate return of terrible conditions.

Credit goes to all those competitors and officials (especially the IRB crews) who managed to complete all water events save 2.

It has been determined to finalise these championships (weather permitting) this coming Saturday. Please sign on at 8.30am for a 9.00am start.

First off will be the 2 water events (open iron-person and patrol Cameron relay) to be followed by the beach events.

26 competitors in the surf race was indeed pleasing.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Members will recall two activities taking place on Saturday 20th February where assistance is needed.

Girl Guides

Thanks to those who have undertaken to service provide water safety at the Jetty Foreshores for the Girl Guides Thinking Day Celebrations from noon to 2.30pm.

Rugby League Trial

Whilst we can cover our commitment to the Guides the Club is way way short of meeting the numbers required to meet this commitment for Waste Management (4.30pm – 9.30pm) at the Trial Rugby League Game between South Sydney and Gold Coast. Please let Bruce Macphail (macca24@hotmail.com) know if you can assist.

As previously advised it works out as roughly \$6.25 per hour per person (\$500 donation) and it does raise our profile.

THANK YOU

In the names mentioned for those assisting at the Bunnings BBQ there was one notable omission. Many thanks Robert Hoiles.

COURSES

A new Bronze squad is soon to commence. Closing date for this course is Wednesday Feb 10 so if you know someone that is interested, let them know NOW. No-one will be allowed to commence the course after this date.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Foster on 0403 808046

Message from the Branch Education Officer

Upcoming courses to be run in our branch are

1. An assessors course (Course is full but if you have any members who desperately want to do it this time around please let the Branch know)
2. First Aid
3. Silver Medallion Advanced Emergency Care
4. Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management

The reason no dates have been set for these courses is that in the past they have had to be canned due to insufficient numbers. A date will be set once there is a demonstrated interest in the course

The Branch will shortly be running the new ARTC (Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate) course if any instructors are interested in being mentored for the Defibrillation or ARC component to be able to deliver this package within your own club.

The Branch will be shortly running two Basic Beach management courses (Patrol Captain) to RPL people. This will be a short two hour session on council bylaws. Candidates MUST have been a Patrol Captain or Vice for two years and bring documented proof as well as the RPL forms to the course. One will be at Nambucca and the other at Woolgoolga.

BOAT ROWERS WANTED

Want to compete in an extreme sport, looking for a challenge, want to be a member of a dynamic crew

Then WE WANT YOU!

Sawtell surf boats are looking for rowers in all divisions.

Be part of one of only two clubs in Australia with a competitive female sweep.

If you wish to hop in and bring a friend for a try or sign up for a crew please email Nova Cassin who is an **Accredited Sweep, Level 1 Coach** phatducat@live.com

BOWLS NIGHT

The Club held a successful fundraising social bowls night at Sawtell Bowling Club on Monday with over 80 participants. It was great to see a mixture of active, associate, active reserve, long distance and life members in attendance. Some showers did not help but the consensus was that it was a great night.

Overall our Club benefited with net proceeds of \$2400 from the night. Thanks go to the Bowling Club for their great support and to Treasurer Bruce Coomber for his efforts in liaising with the Club

The raffle conducted by our Club was won by John Ford from East Boambee.

Thanks to Jetset Coffs Harbour for their support and to Coffs City Printing for the tickets at no cost.

Wal Edmonds (chief cook), Dennis Meagher (quality control supervisor) and Graeme King (assistant) did wonders under the prevailing conditions with the BBQ

COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAMS

The treasurer's task in ensuring the Club remains financially sound is made that much easier through the various community benefit schemes and promotion programs set up by the business community.

The Club takes this opportunity to remind members of these organizations and what you can do to enable funds to flow back to the Club:-

* IGA - The Club can supply you with an IGA card if you shop there even occasionally and do not support another organisation.

* BCU - The Club asks that you discuss the opening of a community saver account directly with them if your financial institution is the Bananacoast Credit Union. For more information go to www.bcu.com.au and click on the Sick of Fundraising prompt.

*Telstra - are again assisting surf life saving through their Telstra Affinity Program.

This promotion ends 30th June so the Club asks that any member, their family and their friends who deal with a Telstra shop or Telstra dealer to ask about the promotion

and nominate Sawtell SLSC as their “beneficiary”. From each approved transaction the Club earns \$30.

MISSING ITEMS

The email seeking any knowledge of the whereabouts of a compressor elicited no response. It appears to have vanished.

Now the Club has another mystery to solve.

The club asset register lists 84 auditorium chairs.

The hirer of the auditorium for a wedding in January did a count of these chairs one week prior to the wedding and counted 84 (so far so good)

On setting up for the wedding only 70 chairs were found.

What happened to the other 14???

This in turn leads to:

Despite frequent requests it is often found that windows remain open, fans and lights are left on and in one instance an auditorium door was left open all night. It is hoped that members’ failure to ensure club security is not the reason for missing items.

Please try to be security and cost conscious.