

SAWTELL SLSC

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Congratulations all our competitors on their recent performances.

Could I encourage all members to finish off the patrolling season strongly.

Thanks to all those people volunteering to help out in many different ways around the club and in the public arena.

Now is the time for aspiring patrol captains to think about next year and to seek advice and education to make sure they are prepared and qualified as there will be some patrol captains stepping down.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

SLSA values the contribution made to the movement by its members.

They have instituted a member recognition framework that allows Clubs to apply for appropriate awards on behalf of its members

Our Club considers it important that members receive the recognition that they richly deserve.

Whilst the establishment of a database (known as Surfguard) makes this task easier, Surfguard has not been operational for all the last 10 years and alas the Club has not been able to locate some records.

Accordingly we need your input.

If any member believes they qualify for (at this stage) either of the following 2 awards could they please advise the Club

1. Long Service Award
Any person who has been a member of a Surf Club for 25 years (from the date of acquiring their SRC/Bronze) is eligible. You do not have to be a member of the same club for those 25 years and it need not be continuous.

If you obtained your Bronze in 1985 or earlier you may be eligible

2 National Patrol Service Award

If you have actively completed with patrol obligations and have undertaken 100% of your rostered duties you are entitled to this recognition. Note that it covers all award members.

The Club has a listing of 100% patrol members from 2003 (the last 6 years) but not prior.

AWARDS

The Club is aware that there are members who have completed various awards as far back as September who have yet to receive the Certificate (and medallion if appropriate for the award)

Alas there has been some delay in the issue of these awards. Whilst in some cases the Certificates have arrived the Club would prefer to wait til the Medallions arrive so they can be presented at the same time.

The Club has been advised that as all engraving for the State is outsourced to the one firm there can be delays.

BOATS

Members will recall from the last Newsletter a call for boat rowers.

It has been several years since a Sawtell crew rowed competitively meaning that our gear and equipment, to put it bluntly, were not of a reasonable standard.

Thanks to Geoff King Motors, Sawtell Hotel, MI Organics, ReNet, Repco Auto Parts and Cooee Screen Prints the Club has been able to partly rectify that problem.

Thanks go to these business houses for their support

COASTALWATCH CAMERA

Members had been previously advised that we would soon be losing access to the camera at Sawtell Beach.

Whilst the Club was not in a position to pay the monies required to keep the camera, it remains in place whilst Sawtell Chamber of Commerce considers taking the camera over for a trial period.

COMPETITION REPORT

State 2010 Blacksmiths Beach Swansea Belmont

12 Sawtell competitors made the journey to State this year with team managers coaches and parents. We even had our club and branch president on the beach. Daniel, Kayla, Sarah, Cameron, Scott, Martin, Marlee, Leila, Chandla, Klaryse Alex, and Lizzie arrived at different times on Thursday ready for an intense 3 days of competition. The support crew erected the 2 tents Thursday afternoon and Terry did a familiarisation training at 4.00pm. Barry attended the team managers meeting at 6.00pm and we were ready for the start of competition the next day.

Friday was to be a extremely intense day of competition for the U17's with board rescue, board relay, ironman , board, ski relay ,rescue tube and single ski. Marlee and Leila and Klaryse also competed up in board rescue with Kayla and Sarah. A huge effort for all concerned. Kayla , Sarah and Daniel had lighter duties with board rescue and ironman events. The surf was around 2 ft with an outgoing tide all morning. The gutter and bank became a challenge in the board rescue events with an uneven course as usual. Results were excellent with all concerned making it through their heats in one or more events.

Saturday dawned and a 7.15am start with 8.00am tube race carried over from Friday before normal events. Surf races, board rescue, board relay final, ironman, board and single ski. Fantastic efforts from all with finals appearances in board rescue, board relay, ironman, and semi finals of the board.

Sunday is Finals day with one water area and fast paced action. Despite a 45min delay for the tsunami we had Kayla in action in her board races, Marlee in the swim , Leila in the board, and all the U17 girls in 2 taplin teams.

The point scoring events/results for Sawtell were as follows.

Open Female Board: Kayla Russell: 2nd

U19 Female Board: Kayla Russell: 3rd

U17 Female Swim Team: Marlee Green, Leila Walker, Liz McC, Alex McC: 3rd

U19 Female Board Rescue: Kayla Russell, Marlee Green: 5th

A special thank you to all of the parents and in particular Barry Walker for his assistance with managing the U17's. The Tisdells for bringing the tent at short notice, Tanya for organising dinner Saturday night and Terry for training on Friday, and of course Sawtell SLSC for entries and equipment. I would like to thank Kathy for her time and patience with the entries and look forward to Aussies in 2 weeks at Kurrawa

Greg Russell

Competition Captain

COURSES

There will be an Assessors Course to be conducted for the Branch by Judy Spicer at Sawtell Club on 27th/28th March

To be eligible to become an assessor you must obviously hold the award that you wish to become an assessor for and must be prepared to put in the hours to attend courses, proficiencies and exams etc.

If interested please contact Rob Lyons Club Captain

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The date for completion of our Club Championships will be advised after the Committee meeting on 9th March

THANK YOU

Members will recall two activities took place on Saturday 20th February where assistance was needed.

Thanks to those 5 members who undertook water safety at the Jetty Foreshores for the Girl Guides Thinking Day Celebrations.

Thanks to those 28 members who answered the plea for assistance in providing waste management services at the Rugby League Trial. The range of helpers in all aspects (age, gender and membership type) was gratifying.

Our Club has again been booked to provide similar services on or about 19th February 2011 so the efforts of all must have been appreciated.

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

No Newsletter is complete without requests for co-operation and assistance so here goes

1. Coffs Harhour Ocean Swim – Sunday 7th March – Water Safety required 8am
2. TAS Visit - Friday 12th & Fri 26th March – IRB Driver and Crew required 9am
3. Members to ensure lights/fans switched off and windows/doors locked if they are the last to leave a room