

# SAWTELL SLSC

## Newsletter MAY 2010

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### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

The strength of a surf club is based around the active members. Could I thank each and every one of you for your efforts over the season just ended.

The Club is also lucky to have some associate members prepared to assist with other jobs around the Club. Thank you to these people.

With our AGM coming up in June please do not hesitate if you are interested in taking on an active role in the management of the Club. Indications are that some Committee members who, having performed their roles for many years and knowing the importance of succession planning would like to start training someone else to assist and take over.

Kevin Clancy

### **CLUB CAPTAINS MESSAGE**

This season has been a great learning curve for a new club captain and I would like to thank all the members who helped make my job that much easier and so very rewarding.

Thanks also to the patrol captains and their patrols for a safe season and their professional service to the club. We hope to have a beach management course at the club this year for anyone wishing to become a patrol captain, as well as an off season bronze course for those needing the qualification to compete at carnivals.

It is also proposed to hold a Training meeting on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm for all persons interested in ensuring our training follows best practice. Agenda to follow early next week.

It's great to see so many members now involved in off season training.

Keep up the good work.

Rob Lyons

## **IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE**

Your Committee in the season just completed took steps to improve the facilities for Club members.

Whilst it may have dragged on longer than hoped it was only through the joint effort of many organizations and individuals that the Club can justifiably be proud of what has been achieved. Whilst it is impossible to name all those who have given so freely of their services and time it would be remiss not to recognise some.

Shane Golden for his work on our “new” beach vehicle many thanks

Many thanks to Steve Coulter for his efforts in sourcing gym equipment. The gym is there for you the members to use so please take advantage of it.

The completion of our multi purpose room and rescue room would not have been possible without the major contributions of Laminex Industries and Cody Ross and Partners (plasterers). The Club is indebted to both.

Other organizations that greatly assisted were Bunnings, CSR and R&R carpets whilst the following gave freely of their time and expertise Wal Edmonds, Mark Fagan, David Jones, Rob Lyons, Graeme King, Dennis Meagher, Peter Meagher, Warren Mercer, Terry Price, Mark Sherrin, Sabrina Tisdell and Frank Watkin

## **A MESSAGE FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS**

With the season now over can you recall back to earlier in the season when you were rostered on in the afternoon with a howling N/E wind blowing with more force than a sand blaster with no-one was on the beach save the patrol. And do you recall asking yourself “why am I doing this”?

Rest assured your efforts as volunteers are recognised by many in the community.

Why else would such diverse groups as Coffs Harbour Apex, the Quilters Association and the Cruickshank family (amongst others) make donations to our Club without being asked.

It is your efforts on the beach that lead directly to these donations and for that the Club thanks you all.

## **JJ**

In an attempt to encourage new members the Club years ago acquired a New Zealand Surf Canoe. Known as the JJ (it is not the original but a copy which has been repaired over the years) it is stored in the back of the gear shed and only used by our Juniors at Sawtell Fun Day.

SLSNSW has advised that, as it is not an approved surf craft, members using it do so at their own risk. They further advise that the Sawtell SLSC name be removed.

If it cannot be used and as it takes up storage space your Committee would like any suggestions on what we should do with this craft.

## **RESCUE EQUIPMENT**

Located in the old first aid room for emergency use are 2 rescue tubes, a rescue board and a boogie board. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THESE ITEMS** unless there is an emergency.

A normal patrol key gains access to this room or if needed the Café has a key

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Nic Hoiles who has been awarded a Defence Technical Scholarship for 2010.

When a crew position came up in the U23 boat crew it was Nic who took up the position.

Congratulations Nic

Following their assessment last Sunday the Club now has 6 more qualified Bronze holders. Congratulations go to Renee Golden, Malcolm Hill, Bianka Jacobson, John Jensen, Garry Murray and Kelly Ryan. Thanks to Steve Foster for his work with this group.

Also assessed on the same day were 10 members for their Surf Rescue Certificate Well done Sam Chambers, Sharni Cormican, Lauren Dam, Nathan Glover, Blake Greenway, Emma James, Jack Jensen, Jayden Morgan, Justin Pryce and Isabella Underhill for achieving this award and to Cheryl Lane for your efforts with the group.

## **AWARDS**

Christmas has arrived.

The long awaited medallions for courses held as long ago as last September have finally arrived.

These will be presented at our Presentation Night (Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June).

Should you like to receive your award earlier it can be arranged. Please let the Club know.

Awards not collected at Presentation Night will be forwarded immediately after.

## **SKI TRAINING**

Mark Sutton continues with Sunday morning ski training at the Jetty. The Tisdells are taking the club trailer so if anyone requires skis please see Sabrina

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

The Club holds a Bronze Medallion for Charmaine Gale. Charmaine was assessed in 2003 but due to incomplete paperwork the medallion has only now been received. Does anyone know Charmaine's current address?

## **END OF SEASON BBQ**

Our end of season BBQ held Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April was well attended and a good evening for all.

Many thanks to the "Club Band" for supplying the entertainment.

For your information the Club members in the band are Kevin Clancy, Mal Russell, David Fahey, Hamish Malcolm and Ian Dellar. The band also includes Tim Williams (our Training Officer for many years), Donna Moy and Jason Phillips. The Band practices each Monday night at our Club and have performed at gigs with any moneys received going to the Club.

## **ONGOING PROJECTS**

The Club hopes to complete a few more projects before the next season gets underway.

These projects include

1. Additional piers in the storage area downstairs to support the auditorium floor (as recommended by Engineers)
2. Lifting and relaying those pavers in the driveway that have sunk and
3. Re-locating the two rubbish bins to near the IRB shed (recommended for health reasons)

Members will be advised when these tasks are to be undertaken. Any help will be greatly appreciated

## **SUPPORTERS GROUP**

With the work in relation to the gym/multi purpose room and first aid room now 99% complete, but with minor tasks always necessary, it is back to normal with this group.

Meeting at 9am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (next date being 21<sup>st</sup> May) this group carries out these tasks.

An invitation is extended to all members and friends who are prepared to help.

## **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Following the replacement of some of our gym equipment we have a few surplus items.

They are currently located downstairs (near where the rubbish bins are situated).  
The intention is to take these items to scrap metal dealers.  
If interested in any piece, for a small donation to the Club, it can be yours.  
Please let the Club know.