

PM SLSC Club News – 18th January 2010

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This weekend's patrols...

Saturday 16th January 9:00am - Red Team, Anne Walsh
1:30pm - Patrol 10, Trevor Franklin

Sunday 17th January 8:30am - Patrol 9, Jamie Harrison
1:30pm - Patrol 1, Rob McCue

Position vacant – Competition Manager

The position of Competition Manager is currently vacant. Any member interested in the position should contact the President, Tony Wright, for more information. Ph: 0402 437 426

Club Championships and Patrol Competition

The **Club Championships** will be held on Sunday 31st January. 15yrs, 17yrs, 19yrs, Opens and Masters all begin at 11am.

On the same day will be the **2nd Annual Patrol Competition** sponsored by Newcastle Permanent. This competition is a relay-style orienteering event involving swimming, running, board paddling, knowledge of signals and similar patrol-related activities. Each patrol needs to have a minimum of six competitors and maximum of nine. Start time is 30 minutes after completion of last event in Club Championships.

2010 Country Titles results

Below is a message from MNC Director of Surf Sports (Bob Smith).

Go to www.portmacquariesurfclub.com.au for the final point scores for the carnival

Congratulations to South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club for the magnificent organisation and their tireless efforts throughout the carnival. The work party was always "on-the-ball" and nothing was too much trouble. Their aim was to make this a thoroughly enjoyable carnival that catered for all competitors, officials and spectators.

The SWR club even had a direct pathway to the heavens and organised the great weather for the duration of the carnival. Immediately after the carnival the thunderstorms around Kempsey, Frederickton and Port Macquarie was intense.

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I have attended about 47 of these carnivals (since 1962 when the first Combined North Coast Inter-branch Championships was held at Port Macquarie and then changed to NSW Country Championships). The 2010 Carnival at South West Rocks in my humble opinion was the "BEST EVER." Congratulations to SWR Club, carnival organisers, The Carnival Referee Mark Fisher, Deputy Referee Mick Lang all the Sectional Referees, Carnival Officials, Water Safety Team and Age Managers Duty Boats, Caterers, Competitors, Parents, Supporters and Spectators.

I hope everyone had a great weekend and thank you to all the officials who tirelessly gave up their time. In the debriefing on Sunday afternoon, for those officials that had left, we were told that it was one of the best carnivals in relation to accommodating the participants with different events, etc, so congratulations. It was great to see so many new officials attending. I hope you really enjoyed the experience and hope to see you at Junior and/or Senior State. If you have not registered and would like to, please let Kim know and she will arrange this.

Once again, congratulations to the SWR Club, competitors for your sportsmanship, officials for your expertise and parents and clubs for the great effort made by all.

I hope we can arrange the full carnival results to be sent out as well in the future.

Yours in Surf Life Saving

Chalkie Bob Smith OAM

Director of Surf Sports, SLSMNC Branch

OH&S news

The Club OH&S committee has been busy over the Xmas and New Year period. In conjunction with Rob Duffy (our caretaker) and other members, there have been a few changes happening that you may or may not have noticed.

In particular, please note that the hose for washing down your boards is now in a retractable reel to reduce the chances of people tripping up on the hose itself. Please use this reel carefully. Like anything else, it will only last as long as it is taken care of.

Thanks to Geof Hurkett, the PA system is now working better than it ever has in the past. Swimmers at the back of the break are able to clearly hear any announcements thanks to the repaired PA and installation of extra speakers. Many thanks to Geof for his time and expertise.

The bed in the First Aid room will soon be recovered. After several seasons of patients having to lie on a torn cover, Duffy has arranged for an upholsterer to strip and recover the bed including new sponge material. It will be very comfortable and NOT for patrol members to take a cat-nap on. J

Soon you will see a shelf at about knee height for the concrete weights of the water buoys. The "floaty bit" of each buoy will also have a shelf – at about shoulder height. This will tidy up that corner between the roller door and the Nipper cage and help avoid back strain associated with lifting the concrete weights.

IRB news

We currently have an IRB motor being repaired. Not sure when it will be back in the Clubhouse – depends on parts. One of the remaining two motors was left full of sand after patrol recently and had to be almost completely stripped down to get it operational again. PLEASE make sure both the hull and the motor are cleaned after the afternoon patrols on weekend. This is particularly important on Sunday afternoon.

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Nick George has successfully changed the balance on the IRB hand trailer by moving the axle further towards the back. It's not possible for a slightly built person to hang on to the front handle and not be lifted into the air by the weight of the motor at the other end – much less of an OHS risk.

One of our IRB hulls has recently come back after significant repair work. The entire transom had to be replaced along with other work. The total cost was near \$5000 but it means that this hull is now in very good condition and should remain operational for quite a few more years.

However, the Fernhill hull is nearing the end of its career as a rescue vessel. It is ready for retirement to less strenuous activity. At the end of the season (probably April) it will be sold by silent auction along with motor No. 1. If you are interested in both or either, contact Nick George for information about the condition of these items. Both will be suitable for non-rescue, recreational use.

After the sale we will be purchasing a new hull and motor – both to be ready for the 2010-11 season. The total cost of new hull and motor will be in the region of \$16,000. This is a significant investment by the Club but will be partly off-set by sponsorship and grant money.

Patrol listing

Current patrol list and roster are on the Club website. Names of members who have not completed their re-registration have been removed.

If you believe an error has been made please contact

- (a) the Registrar to have your membership details confirmed/updated, then
- (b) Club Captain to have your name re-instated.

S 2009/10 Blood Challenge

The Port Macquarie Surf Lifesaving Club will be competing this season in the first Summer Blood Challenge against the rest of the Branch to see which one can get the highest number of members to donate blood to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service in Port Macquarie and Kempsey **between December 7 and March 7**. To register for the challenge, just record your name against your club on the tally sheet held at the Kempsey or Port Macquarie Blood Donor Centres when you donate blood between December 7 and March 7.

To make an appointment to donate, call 13 14 95. The Donor Centres are open:

Port Macquarie Donor Centre, Cnr Clarence & Munster Streets

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday & Friday 8:00am – 2:00pm

1st Saturday of the month 8:00am – 12noon

Kempsey Donor Centre, Kempsey District Hospital, 119 River Street - Thursday - 12:00pm – 6:00pm