



# Nipper Mail

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## *Chairman's Report*

Good luck to Tyler Hyde, Hayden Bailey, Max Carter, Mitchell Bailey, Hugh Hurkett, Jo Wright and Sally Hurkett who are representing our Club at the 2010 NSW Age Surf Life Saving Championships – Swansea/Belmont this weekend. These nippers have put in a lot of training leading up to this event and will make the club proud regardless of where they place.

At the end of next month the JAC AGM will take place just before the end of year presentation. For those that are unfamiliar with this process I will stand down as Chairman at the meeting and nominees will be announced should there be more than one nomination a vote will be conducted. At this point the Club's constitution only allows active members (those that have attained their Bronze Medallion) and award members to vote. This is presently being reviewed but is unlikely to change prior to March 27th. We would hope in the coming years, all members i.e Associate (Nipper parents) having the right to vote thus allowing them a say in the future direction of their Club.

Last Sunday the U/11's commenced their Basic Resuscitation Course learning the DRABC scenarios, it was great to see the enthusiasm as they learnt CPR and you can envision them in years to come as they join the ranks as future volunteer patrol members.

*Grant Bailey*

Chairman Junior Activities Committee (JAC)

## *Beach Set Up for this weekend – U/13's & Parents*

Beach set up commences at **7.30am** and is vital to us getting under way at 8.30am sharp. Anyone can assist – just see Neville Collins to offer to help.

## *Upcoming Events*

28/02 Sunday – Branch Championships at Hat Head

5-7/02 Friday – Sunday – Junior Leadership Camp at Bonny Hills

## *Hat Head Branch Championships –Postponed to Sunday 28th February 2010*

Due to unfavourable surf conditions the Branch Championships have been rescheduled to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February. A decision will be made shortly on the rescheduling of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Championship day which was listed on the same day. Please note Surf Life Saving rules only allow Ocean proficient to compete at Carnivals.

## ***Leadership Camp U/12 - U/14- 5th- 7th March 2010***

### **\*\*\* ATTENTION Under 12yr Age Group \*\*\***

We have 3 spaces remaining for this year's Leadership Camp.

Understanding you all want to go - because it's such a great camp, we will put all U12 age group's names in a 'hat'. The first names drawn out will be offered the remaining spaces.

*(Fingers crossed a few more spaces may become available if other clubs do not fill them ... )* Will let you know early next week.

MNC Branch Junior Leadership Camp sponsored by Newcastle Permanent is on again. Camp is a 'big' sleepover, starts approx: 5pm Friday and concludes after lunch Sunday. Cost is \$40 per nipper, includes accommodation & meals. There are lots of leadership skills, fun team events, training advice and even some surf lifesaving thrown in.

## ***Port Macquarie Carnival***

This Carnival has a long history with the Club and was originally known as the Bob Todd Carnival. The Carnival runs over two days with U/8 – U/14 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March commencing 9.00am, followed by the Masters at 12.30pm. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 8.30am involves U/14 and parent competing as teams for a bit of fun and to celebrate the U/14's last carnival as a Nipper. Also on Sunday starting at 10am will be the Opens events.

**All Club members are invited to the Club House on Saturday night for dinner, live music and drinks.**

Clubs along the North, Mid North Coast, South Coast and our sister club Shelley Beach (Central Coast) will be attending so this should result in great competition and is a big opportunity to socialise with families from other Surf Clubs.

## ***Club Communication***

If you have any nipper issues or concerns please forward these to the chairman, Grant Bailey, in the first instance at [nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au). Confirmation of receipt of your email will be sent and your concerns/issues will be then discussed at the next monthly JAC meeting and a response forwarded to you thereafter.

## ***Perpetual Trophies - return required asap***

Could all nippers who received perpetual trophies at last season's presentation day please return them to Noni Collins at the Uniform shop (next to Purnos Cafe) this Sunday.

## ***Club Uniforms***

Uniforms will be available for purchase on Nipper Sundays from 8.30 – 9.30am downstairs in the gear storage area next to Purnos.

## ***JAC Secretary***

Thanks to Steve Wright for nominating to take on this position for the remaining part of the season.

## *Extra Nipper Training*

**River Board Training** - There will be no morning river board training this Saturday due to the Hat Head Carnival.

**Ocean Board Training** – Monday and Fridays at 6am, run by Matt Scully and Glenn Towle. This session is ideal for intermediate to advance skills level.

**Ocean Board Training for Advanced skills**- Tuesday's and Thursday's at 6am, Saturday 9am at Flynn's beach, run by Larry Brook. This session involves long distance ocean paddles, repetition base skills and is ideally suited to strong ocean swimmers. To participate in Larry's training sessions please contact Grant Bailey by email [nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au)

**To participate in any of the above training sessions you must be in the U/9 to U/14 age group, pool proficient and financial members of the club. Parents must be in attendance at all times during sessions.**

Any Bronze proficient members willing to help at these training sessions would be greatly appreciated.

## **Training Courses**

Please refer to website for further information on upcoming courses.

**Level One Surf Official**- run by the MNC Branch will be held at Tacking Point SLSC and conducted over two nights- Monday 8th March and Tuesday 9th March, 2010 6-9pm. Cost \$65 (Payable in advance or at the door).

Facilitators: Chalky Bob Smith / Kim Rayner. Prerequisites: Must register prior to the course, be a minimum of 16yrs and be willing to officiate at carnivals. For more information please contact Kim Rayner Ph: 6583 8287, Mob: 0419 760 808 or email: [kimrayn@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kimrayn@bigpond.net.au)

Expressions of interest must be received by 1st March, 2010 for the course to go ahead.