



Nipper Mail

3 December 2009

Chairman's Report

We were able to finish the first round of Club Championships on Sunday, as the ocean returned to favourable conditions. The water events of swim, board and ironperson were the focus of activities with some close results recorded. Nippers have put in nearly two months of skills practice and it shows both in the water and in the closeness of the point score for the ages U/8 to U/14's. Nippers also practiced beach skills in Sprint Relay, Cameron Relay, Buchanan and flags to which they will be put to the test this Sunday at the second Branch Carnival to be held at Tacking Point. This event will showcase the skills of Surf Life Saving at a junior level.

The weeks are ticking by and Country Championships are getting closer, please fill in the entry forms as quickly as possible as it is a long process to enter competitors into the system.

See you at the Carnival on Sunday and good luck to you all!

Grant Bailey

Chairman Junior Activities Committee (JAC)

Next Weekend

This weekend Nippers will not be held on Sunday at Flynn's Beach. The under 6 & 7's will have the weekend off with U/8 – U/14's ocean proficient nippers attending a Branch Carnival at Tacking Point SLSC, Matthew Flinders Drive, Lighthouse Beach. All parents and U/6 & U/7 are invited to attend this Carnival as spectators and to cheer our team mates on.

Branch Carnival – Tacking Point – Sunday 6th December

Beach Set Up – 7.30am

Sign On – 8.00am

IMPORTANT: Nippers must have either a parent or guardian present on the beach at all times. Everyone is expected to lend a hand with set up, carrying of boards and gear to the Carnival and at the conclusion of the Carnival to help pack up and ensure the area is left clean. Competitors U/8 to U/14's must be Ocean Proficient to attend this Carnival.

1. Meet at the Port Macquarie Marquee
2. Find your Age Manager, to have your name recorded on the attendance sheet. Age group numbering should be written with permanent black marker pen on outer arm and thigh **before** sunscreen is applied.
3. Refer to carnival timetable for event times. This is the second Branch Carnival for the season and Tacking Point SLSC is keen to run to schedule. So please leave yourself plenty of time to be ready for the first event.

Bring: Plenty of fluids and food (shop available), Nipper cap (compulsory), sunblock and a chair.

NB: The Carnival may be moved to another beach if weather conditions are not favourable at Tacking Point.

IMPORTANT ~ 2010 Stramit NSW Country Championships 15-17 Jan

This event attracts more than 2000 competitors and is the worlds 3rd largest surf life saving competition. It provides surf life saving members from regional NSW an excellent opportunity to compete against top quality athletes from northern and southern regions of NSW. Featuring over 240 events over 3 days competition for U/8 to 60+ years it include s almost every surf sports discipline from the flags to rescue and resuscitation, ironperson and surf boats.

Registrations for Country

Competitors U/8 to U/14's must be Ocean Proficient to attend this Carnival.

All competitors wishing to attend this Carnival must complete the entry form on the website and return it to your Age Manager by the **closing date Sunday 20th December 10.30am**. Any late entries will incur a \$53 fee (charged by SLS NSW) and will be payable by the member.

Entry forms will also be available on the notice board in the Club locker room.

Ideally we would like to have your entry forms returned by Sunday 13th December to assist the club in preparing for this large carnival.

Age Managers will select competitors for team events and these will then be reviewed by a team selection panel. Should you have any concerns regarding selection/non selection in a team, this should be discussed in the first instance with the Age Manager in a civil and courteous manner. If, after discussion with the Age Manager, you still have concerns, the matter will be raised with the team selection panel members.

Uniforms

Uniforms will not be available for sale this Sunday at the Branch Carnival.

Uniforms will be available for purchase on Nipper Sundays from 8.30 – 9.30 am at the new location downstairs in the gear storage area. Club visors are now available for \$7 each, GREAT VALUE! Board shorts in sizes U/6's (elastic waistband) and men's sizes as well as new l/sleeve shirts will be available before Xmas. All these items would make an ideal Christmas present.....



March Past Training

The march past event involves 12 club members marching in formation to music, carrying a reel, line & belt, and the club's standard. This is an event steeped in tradition. Any member wishing to try out in the March Past teams please see Janine on Sunday 13th after Nippers or email Janine.sim@tafensw.edu.au

Next march past training will be Sunday 13th December after nippers approx 10.30am.

Club Christmas Party 20th December 2009 - from 3pm

Port Macquarie Surf Club would like to invite all families and friends to this year's Christmas Party at Flynn's Beach from 3 – 5pm - children/parent activities and Santa will also be arriving.

Continue from 5 – 8pm in the Club house for live music, open bar available, sausage sizzle but feel welcome to bring your own picnic.

We would like to thank all those on the Social Committee for their hard work and enthusiasm for organising this event.

A GOLD COIN DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Calendar of Events

20/12/09 – Club Training Day & Club Christmas Party

15/1-17/1 - SLS Country Titles at South West Rocks. Time is getting closer so please start thinking about whether you will be attending this 3 day Carnival.

5/3/ - 7/3/2010 – Junior Leadership Camp for under 12 to under 14's

Use of Club Boards/Equipment

Due to legal liabilities Club Nipper boards are only available for use on Nipper training days (Sundays) or at club organised training sessions. At the conclusion of Nippers on Sunday all club boards are to be returned to the gear steward for storage. New locks will be put on the caged board storage area and keys allocated to trainers.

Water Safety

A reminder from our Water Safety Coordinator that only those members who are Bronze proficient /SRC are able to assist nippers in water activities, where they must sign on as water safety and wear an orange rashie. Any member who is not Bronze/SRC proficient should not enter the water during the Nipper training swim and or board activities.

Club Championship Back Up Dates – change to Calendar

If a Club Championship day is cancelled or some events are cancelled then they will be postponed to the next available Nipper training day on the Calendar. Please note that nippers must be Ocean proficient to accumulate points at Club Championships days.

Junior Leadership Camp U/12 – U/14 5-7th March

Bonny Hills Conference Centre – Friday Afternoon to Sunday afternoon.

Are you ready for a weekend full of adventure and challenges which develop personal and group skills like: teamwork, communication and leadership in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere? Then this is for you. Details for this camp will follow shortly.

Important: The committee is calling for a Junior Leadership Co-ordinator and chaperones for the Leadership camp. Please email nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au to register your interest.

Would you like to help?

Any member of the Club who would like to lend a hand in helping the Club in any way /capacity please let the JAC know by emailing us at nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au

Social Club Committee– the Club has started a social committee and is calling for volunteers and suggestions. Plans are well under way for the next event on the social calendar which will be the Christmas Party 20th December. Any one interested in joining please contact the Clubs Treasurer Dione Edwards by emailing treasurer@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au

Uniform Committee – If you would like to help Noni Collins and Heather Frewin in the selling, ordering and designing of the Club's uniform then please make contact with Noni at the club on Sundays.

Officials - If you are interested in learning the rules to help out at our Club Championships, Branch Carnivals and other carnivals then why not do an Officials Course – you don't need to be Bronze Proficient. Courses are run throughout the season and run for approx 6 hours in duration. Next planned course is January 2010.

Club Communication

Each Thursday Nipper Mail will be posted on the website and an email will be sent notifying you of this. Click on the following link <http://www.portmacquariesurfclub.com.au/calendar.html>

The website is currently a work in progress and should be updated before Christmas, we acknowledge that it is not a user friendly site currently and apologise for this.

Communication from the Club will be sent through Surfguard (SLSA Member Database for each SLS Club) and will rely on the email address you have in your member information. Please refer to the club's website for details on updating your membership details. If you are having problems logging on please contact the club registrar at registrar@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au

Weekly Nipper Mail will also be available on the noticeboard in the locker room each week.

NB: *Any nippers issues or concerns are to be forwarded to the chairman, Grant Bailey, in the first instance at nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au*

Proficiencies

Pool proficiencies can be done at the Swimming Academy on Jindalee Road. Please ring Derrick Todd at the Swimming Academy, ph: 6581 0422, 3 Jindalee Rd Port Macquarie.

Alternatively Tony Wright (Club President/Beach Superintendent) is available for pool proficiencies. Please contact him on ph: 0402437426 to arrange a suitable time.

Proficiency forms are available on the noticeboard in the locker room of the club and will be completed by Derrick Todd or Tony Wright. These will then need to be returned to your Age Manager at the next Nippers Training Day.

Nipper Handbook & Programme/Calendar

These are available on the Club website www.portmacquariesurfclub.com.au please familiarise yourself with its contents and if you have any questions contact us.

Photographs of Children

With the upgrading of our club website it is likely that at sometime during the season your child or a child in your care will be photographed and their photo used for the club website, in the nipper mail or for the newspapers. If you do not wish your child to be shown in any of these media please notify the relevant age managers or one of the committee members.

Extra Nipper Training

For anyone trying to improve their skills in the water or in the sand then you may be interested in joining these groups for specialised training.

River Board Training - Saturday's **7am sharp** at the boat shed next to Westport Bowling Club, run by Tony Wright.

Ocean Board Training - Tuesday's **4pm** at Flynn's beach, run by Dylan Carew, Amber Carew and Phil Davidson.

Age groups - U/9 to U/14 - must be pool proficient and financial members to participate in this activity.

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

Training Courses - please refer to website for further information or email training@portmacquarie.com.au

Training Officer Course on 1st Dec and 8th Dec - Closes 26th Nov