



Nipper Mail

12 November 2009

Chairman's Report

Welcome back to the regular training day this Sunday commencing promptly at 8.30am with sign on at 8.15 am. Also a welcome back to our younger club members in the U/6 & U/7's and we ask that family members introduce themselves to your age managers Dave Plews & Chris Slade in the U/6's and Glen Scott & Brian Hamel in the U/7's any help and assistance would be appreciated by the men.

Last Sunday 65 nippers and cadets along with family members attended the SWR branch carnival under stormy clouds to achieve a second overall on point score and second on handicap point score for the club. Conditions were not challenging contrary to the weather and a lot of great team and individual results were obtained. Please see Friday's between the flags in the Port News for results.

The SWR carnival was used to select members to represent the branch at Cape Hawke in December and 12 members from our Club in the U/12- U/19 yrs were chosen from the day's results.

This is a prestigious competition giving these club members the opportunity to represent our club and branch so well done and good luck.

See you on the beach

Grant Bailey
Chairman Junior Activities Committee (JAC)

Club Communication - Important

This will be the last nipper communication sent out using this email distribution list as **all** future nipper communication will be sent thru Surfguard (SLSA Member Database for each SLS Club) and will rely on the email address you have in your member information. If you are not a current member, and if you have not updated your membership information or you have ticked the box - do not send SMS/Email communication, you will no longer receive emails from the Club.

A test email will be sent out via Surfguard on Thursday evening, the email address of the sender will be [no-reply@surfguardslas.asn.au](mailto:reply@surfguardslas.asn.au) if you don't receive this email than your email details are not correct in Surfguard. Please refer to the club's website for details on updating your membership details or contact the club registrar registrar@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au

As we move to this new system of communication some members may receive multiple emails, Surfguard is addressing this issue over the next month.

Each Thursday a Nipper Update will be posted on the club's website. Photos of carnivals, upcoming courses, events, and club contacts etc will also be available on the website www.portmacquariesurfclub.com.au

NB: **Correspondence** - any club issues or concerns are to be forwarded to the chairman via nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au

Junior Life Saver of the Year (JLOTY)

Each year two of our U/14 club members are selected to participate in this prestigious award. Any U/14's wishing to register for an interview for selection to the next level on Sunday 15th November from 4pm at the Club House, please send your resume by email to nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au by Friday 13th November. Allocated interview times will be provided once we have a list of people.

Beach Set Up - U/12's & Parents this week

Beach set up commences at 7.30am and is vital to us getting under way at 8.30am sharp. Any one can assist - just see Neville Collins to offer your help.

Please be mindful that there is a lot of debris - wood on the beach and all club members are asked to lend a hand to clear the beach and assist the under 12's with beach set up this Sunday.

Nipper Registrations - are now closed (as at 30th October 2009)

Uniforms

Uniforms will be available for purchase on Nipper Sundays from 8.30 - 9.30am.

Reminder: Nipper caps are compulsory and must be removed at the completion of Nippers.

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.

Proficiencies

Ocean Proficiencies will be run in conjunction with the club training swim this Sunday for anyone that has completed their pool proficiency. This will be the last ocean proficiency before the Club Championships.

Ocean Proficiencies must be achieved before members are eligible to compete in inter-club competition. It is pleasing to note that we have achieved a high standard of completion for both pool and ocean 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. Proficiency forms are available on the noticeboard in the locker room of the club and will be completed by Derrick Todd. These will need to be returned to your Age Manager at the next Nippers Day.

Calendar Events

22/11 Sunday - 1st Club Championships, Flynn's Beach

6/12 Sunday - Branch Carnival, Tacking Point

15/1-17/1 - SLS Country Titles, South West Rocks

Officials

Any officials (probationary or accredited) or family members who are willing to lend a hand in the running of our 1st Club Championships on Sunday 22nd November please let us know by emailing nippers@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au with your preference of area - eg flag track, sprint track, water area. We would also like to have an officials meeting next week so please let me know your availability.

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.

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

Board Ocean 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

1. Bronze Medallion & Surf Rescue Certificate Course starts on 19th Nov (training enrolment form on website to be completed for first night)
2. Learn Senior First Aid Course on 25th Nov and 2nd Dec - Closes 20th Nov
3. Training Officer Course on 1st Dec and 8th Dec - Closes 26th Nov