



# Nipper Mail

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19 November 2009

## *Chairman's Report*

Three great beach days for club training has made this season the best for a long time and let's hope it continues this week for our first club championships. This is a competitive day where points are awarded for placings and tallied up over the three championship days. At the end of the season, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters in each age group from the U/8's to U/14's will be awarded a point's score trophy. Please refer to the Nipper Handbook available on our Club's website for more details. The U/6's and U/7's are also on the beach this Sunday but do not compete in the championships.

Club Championship is a great way to put all those skills learnt at training days to the test. So get involved, have a great day but be mindful that we all volunteer our time for our children and that fair play, fun and team spirit should not be at the expense over enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Sally Hurkett and Joe Wright for their achievement of representing our club at the Junior Life Saver of the Year (JLOTY) at the Branch interviews on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The Club wishes you all the best. See between the flags tomorrow in the Port News for more details.

See you on the beach

Grant Bailey  
Chairman Junior Activities Committee (JAC)

## *Beach Set Up – JAC Committee members, Officials and Age Managers*

Beach set up commences at **7.00am this Sunday** as there is a need to set up 8 lanes for the sprint track, two flag areas, shade tents, recorders tents and to clear the beach of any hazards. PLEASE help as this will make the day run smoothly.

## *Club Championships – Briefing 7.45am*

***Start time: 8.30am***

***Sign on: 8.15am***

***Concluding: approx 10.30am***

### **Officials**

Thankyou to Deb Hurkett, Noni Collins, Julie Tancred, Dale Phelps, Bronwyn Simpson, Kate Harding and Rebecca Rissel (Recorder) for offering to help with officiating on this day. Any other Club members with official's accreditation please come forward to assist. Ideally we require 6 officials for the sprint track, 3 officials for the flag track and 2 for the water area.

### **Helpers**

Thanks also to the following club members - Tanya Heywood, Mel Wears, Rhonda Guest, Brendan Cummins and Marg Smith who have offered to assist on the day. More helpers please offer your assistance on the day.

## Water Safety

Would all bronze proficient water safety personnel sign on and be ready for the first water event commencing at 8.30am?

## Club Communication

Communication from the Club 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. Please refer to the club's website for details on updating your membership details or contact the club registrar [registrar@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au](mailto:registrar@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au)

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

## Uniforms

Uniforms will not be available for purchase this Sundays as Noni Collins will be involved in officiating at Club Championships.

*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](http://www.portmacquariesurfclub.com.au) please familiarise yourself with its contents and if you have any questions contact us.

## Proficiencies

Ocean Proficiencies will not be run this Sunday due to Club Championships.

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 via email to arrange a suitable time. [president@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au](mailto:president@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au)

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 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

## 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](mailto: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