



Nipper Mail

27 November 2009

Chairman's Report

Well the ocean finally did get its way last weekend but some great results were still achieved on the beach. The Committee and I are pleased to see the increased involvement of parents on our Sundays and so I would like to personally thank all those who lent a hand at our 1st Club Championships. Nipper members total 223 this season and with the securing of major sponsors McDonalds, First National Real Estate and the continued support of Newcastle Permanent at a branch level our finances are looking stronger. On behalf of the Junior Activities Committee we would like to thank those companies for their support.

This weekend we will complete our Club Championship water events, finalise the point score and also concentrate on brushing up on some skills especially with sprint relays and team events in preparation for the next Branch Carnival at Tacking Point next weekend. We would like to encourage all Ocean Proficient Nippers to participate in this local carnival as we know Tacking Point SLSC have put a tremendous amount of time into its planning.

Good luck to all and keep an eye out for those water safety people in their new orange rash shirts, thanks to Matt Scully from Inner Vision Surf Shop for the printing on them.

See you on the beach

Grant Bailey
Chairman Junior Activities Committee (JAC)

Club Championships – Important Notice

Due to the rough seas last Sunday, Club Championship water events have been rescheduled to this Sunday 29th November.

Beach Set Up – U/11's & Parents this week

Please come down the beach and give Nev and Jason a helping hand.

Beach set up commences at **7.30am on Sunday's**.

Uniforms

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. This will be the last chance to purchase uniforms before the Tacking Point Branch Carnival next weekend.

Club visors are now in stock at \$7 each, board shorts in sizes U/6's (elastic waistband) and men's sizes are due for delivery shortly. These items would make an ideal Christmas present.

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

Calendar Events

6/12 Sunday - Branch Carnival, Tacking Point – All Age Managers are now in the process of finalising teams for this Carnival so could all Nippers let their Age Managers know if they will be attending.

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

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 ; nipper@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au

Junior Life Saver of the Year – we are calling for expressions of interest for a club member to sit on the Branch selection panel for Junior Life Saver of the Year Mid North Coast (JLSOY). The venue is Branch Office Port Macquarie on Saturday 5th December for a few hours in the afternoon. Our Club's two nominees are Sally Hurkett and Joe Wright U/14's.

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 on Sunday morning.

Publicity Officer – Any body interested in helping in this area we would love to hear from you. We are endeavouring to place a short article and photo in the Port News each Friday, have photos displayed on the Club's website as well as promoting up and coming events within the Club.

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

NB: **Correspondence** - any club issues or concerns are to be forwarded to the chairman via 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 via email to arrange a suitable time. 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.

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.

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