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August 2015 edition

Woonona Surf Life Saving Club

Illawarra Club of the Year 2009, 2012, 2013 & 2015

NSW Club of the Year 2013

Illawarra Patrolling Club of the Year 2009, 2013 & 2014

Illawarra Volunteer of the Year 2015

Committee for 2015/2016

President	Stacey Paddon	0407710221
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Presidents Report

I would like to warmly welcome back all renewing members and a special welcome to all new members of Woonona SLSC to the Surf Lifesaving season 2015/16. We have a new committee who are enthusiastic and already working hard to ensure a great start to the season.

Our club had a tremendous year last year and no lives were lost on Woonona Beach. Thank you to those who went the extra mile, whether it was on patrol, in competition, in administration, or just helping on the beach- we could not have achieved what we did without your passion.

Membership fees for the upcoming season are now due, please see attached memo on how to register and pay on-line

I'd like to encourage all members to consider training for new awards this season, there are so many training opportunities within our Club and we are always looking to increase the experience levels of our lifesavers, or train nipper parents with SRC so they can help out with water safety, please contact Madi bow (Director of Education) for details. I would also like to encourage members to have a try at competition this year, the dates for the Sydney Water Competition series and Branch Championships are listed in this newsletter.

I hope to see you all on the beach this season,

Best Regards,
Stacey Paddon
President Woonona SLSC
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Membership Fees 2015/2016

Active Membership	\$55.00
Associate Membership	\$55.00
General Membership	\$55.00
Family Membership	\$130.00
Junior nippers & rookies u18	\$45.00

Discount for senior members of \$10 for all membership applications completed through Lifesaving Online and paid by 31 October 2015

Surf Sport Levy

Surf Boat Comp Levy	\$50.00
IRB Comp Levy	\$30.00
Watercraft Comp Levy	\$30.00

Renew Membership Online:

Existing members can register online at sls.com.au/join Due to some changes at SLSA, this year's online registrations are slightly different than last year.

Members can renew their membership via the new Members Portal. You will need to create a new Members Portal account. Your login details for Lifesaving Online will NOT work to access the Members Portal.

When creating your new Members Portal account you can only use the Membership Details that are recorded in the National Membership database (Surfguard). If you have recently been emailed or posted a Membership Renewal form please make sure you use the First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Email and Mobile listed on the form. An email address is compulsory to create a Members Portal account.

Once you have created and activated your account and logged in you will see the Lifesaving Online tab. Only one Members Portal login is needed per family group as membership for family members can be grouped using the My Family tab within Lifesaving Online

Also we invite you to come & meet the Junior Activity Team at our registration dates for 2015 (5th & 13th September, 10am-12pm), Uniforms will be available to try on. A birth certificate is required for all joining members under 18.

If you have any enquiries about membership renewals please contact Jocelyn on jode1@outlook.com.



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Important dates for your Diary

Patrol Season starts	19 th September
Woonona SLSC Open Day	18 th October
Registration Day 1	5 th September 10:00am to 12:00 noon
Registration Day 2	13 th September 10:00am to 12:00 noon
First Nipper Day	25 th October

Below are some Surf Sports dates:

Sydney Water Series

Round 1	Saturday 7 November 2015
Round 2	Saturday 14 November 2015
Round 3	Saturday 28 November 2015
Round 4	Saturday 5 December 2015 (Juniors) and Summer of Surf Qualifying Series Sunday 6 December 2015 (Seniors) and Summer of Surf Qualifying Series

Junior Development Carnival

Saturday 30 January 2016

Illawarra Branch Championships

Saturday 13 February 2016 (Juniors)

Sunday 14 February 2016 (Seniors)

Warilla Bowls Boat Series

Round 1 Saturday 7/11/15

Round 2 Saturday 5/12/15

Round 3 Saturday 30/1/16

Round 4 Saturday 19/3/16

Locations TBC

Director of Lifesaving

Patrols start on the 19th September, patrol rosters will be out soon, Please contact Rachel on 0466694366 if you are interested in Patrolling this season.

Director of Surf Sports

If you are interested in competing in Surf Sports this season contact Josh Clarke (Director of Surf sports on 0409814744) and he will let you know who to speak to.

Director of Education

Hi everyone! We have a great season coming up with plenty of opportunities to gain a new award, and there's definitely something for everyone! The classics (Surf Rescue Certificate,



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Bronze Medallion) will be offered again for new members, nipper parents, and rookies who are old enough to get an award - information on the first SRC and Bronze course will be released in September. And for those who are looking for a more advanced award, how about Basic Beach Management (award to be a Patrol Captain), Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, Apply First Aid, IRB Crewperson or IRB Drivers?! And for those with a bit of experience and a keenness to teach, we are looking for new trainers to teach! Look out for emails and info on Facebook about upcoming courses, and contact me directly if there's a course you're interested in! The training calendar will be released in September. Looking forward to a great summer! Madi (0411721247, madibow93@gmail.com)

Director of Finance

Nicholson Park upgrades

Council has now started work on Nicholson Park and our plans are advancing to get these facilities fitted out once Council has finished their work on the site. At this stage we are anticipating that we should be granted occupancy of the building by the end of August or early September at which time we should be able to do the internal fit out and start moving our surf boats and other equipment in to the building.

Uniforms

The committee is currently looking at two options in regards to having various items of clothing for sale in the way of singlets, caps, polo shirts etc. which will have the club logo on it. Once we have finalised details with our chosen supplier we will update club members with details of availability, prices and how to purchase the various items.

Director of Junior Activities

Registration

Registration days will be held SATURDAY 05 SEP 10am -12n and SUNDAY 13 SEP 10am-12n. New and returning members will be able to come down and register via the online portal. Committee members will be onsite to walk you through the registration process. Remember – all new nippers will be required to show proof of age via birth certificate at the time of registration. For those that ether can't make it down or wish to register via the portal, please access via <http://sls.com.au/join>

Nippers Calendar

The nipper calendar starts Sunday 25th October and runs every 2 weeks, with a break for Christmas and New Year holidays. The list of dates is below.

	BREAK
25 OCT 2015 [am]	31 JAN 2016 [pm]
08 NOV 2015 [am]	14 FEB 2016 [am]
22 NOV 2015 [am]	28 FEB 2016 [am]
06 DEC 2015 [am]	13 MAR 2016 [am]
20 DEC 2015 [pm]	20 MAR 2016 [pm] (Presentation)

Age Managers

We are looking for extra age managers this year to join the team for the season. Becoming an age manager is a really fun and simple way to get involved with the nippers and surf club. All that is required is completion of an online tutorial via SLSA. We will then provide support and mentoring a part of the team throughout the season. Anyone interested – contact Anthony via email aja074@gmail.com

Swim Proficiency

All nippers are required to complete a preliminary swim proficiency. For U6 and U7 we will again incorporate this into the first few pool sessions for those age groups. For U8 and above the swim proficiency needs to be completed before any water events. We are organising sessions at Northern Stars Pool heated pool – as soon as these are booked we will update the dates on our website. I would encourage all parents to try and get the assessment done before the first nipper day – otherwise the kids will have to endure the assessment in the cold ocean pool.

I look forward to seeing you all at the season opener.
Cheers
Anthony



The Annual Report is on the website:
<http://woononaslsc.com.au/media/news>

BALRANALD SCHOOL VISIT

Balranald State School which is about 850kms south west of Sydney is sending their year 5 and 6 students to visit us from December 1 to 7 this year. 22 children most of whom have never seen the beach will be staying in our club and visiting many sights around Sydney and Wollongong. During this time we will be showing them surf safety and life saving techniques and also just the joy of being on a beach. On the weekend of the 5th and 6th of December we will be having running them through basic lifesaving training and showing them our resources. They will be guests at our nipper day on the Sunday.

We hope that our members and nipper families will be available to welcome these children to our club and make their stay even more enjoyable and hopefully the first of many from the school in the future.

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