



The Black and White



September 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

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Presidents Report

What a great start to the season!

Firstly I would like extend a warm welcome any new members to our club, I hope you enjoy the summer season with Woonona Surf Club, and of course welcome all returning members...great to have you back!

The first patrol of the season was a lovely day. Rachel (Director of Lifesaving) has done a fantastic job getting our patrols and patrolling equipment ready for another season of patrolling Woonona beach. In the below reports you will see that planning for all aspects of our season is well underway, you will find details for nippers, registrations, social items and much more. Also attached to this report is an Education Team update.

Plans are well underway for the Nicholson Park building. Our club is scheduled to gain access to the building on the 1st October, then we can begin the work of fitting out the building and relocating Surf Boat, Gym and some other equipment to the new location. This will free up space in our club house for lifesaving, nippers and other equipment. So, keep on the lookout for a working bee in the next month or so, and lend a hand to relocate and tidy up once we have the room.

Open Day is on the 18th October (details below), I encourage all members to come to this day, it is a good opportunity to meet other members and find out a bit more about our club and what opportunities are available. I hope to see you there.

Stacey Paddon
President (0407710221)

Open Day Sunday 18th October 2pm

With less than just one month away, Surf Club Open Day is fast approaching.

We aim that this event will give members of the public, new members and our existing members, the opportunity to come down and see what Surf Life Saving is all about. So come to the surf club on Sunday 18th October, spread the word, bring a friend and come have a chat with our committee, we will even take you on a tour of the surf club! And off course to tie in with the social side of our club, our bar will be open and BBQ on for our very first SIPS of the season.

The event starts from 2pm followed by our Sippers BBQ at 5pm.

Membership Renewals

Renew Membership Online: Existing members can register online at sls.com.au/join Due to some changes at SLISA, 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). 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

Jocelyn our registrar will be available at our Open Day (18th October 2pm) to help with any registrations, and Denise from Uniform Solutions will be available for any nipper clothing purchases.

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

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

Important dates for your Diary

Our website is updated regularly with all Club events and activities and Surf Sports Dates, please check the calendar section regularly for all events. <http://woononaslsc.com.au/our-club/calendars>

Below are some key dates:

Woonona SLSC Open Day	18th October
First Nipper Day	25th October



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Director of Lifesaving

Back in Business!

Patrols kicked off for Season 2015-16 on Sunday and what a cracker it was! Thanks to Patrol One and Two, for kicking us off in style. Congratulations to Greg Tuchin on his first patrol as Patrol Captain!

BOM predicts this season is set to be warm and dry due to El Nino, and with such a lovely sandy beach we should all be prepared for a busy season. Please ensure you come to patrol ready to go, we all need to be prepared and confident in our knowledge and ability. Take the opportunity to refresh your skills and fitness with the E Team, and if you are unsure of something just ask.

To celebrate the opening of the season I encourage all our Patrolling members to come along to Open Day (18th Oct after patrols at 5pm). It will be a great opportunity to kick off the social side, swap stories and catch up with mates. To everyone who has committed to patrols this year I have organised for a "Captains Shout", so if you are a patrolling member come down and I will cover you for two drinks at the Open Day Sippers to say thanks. Catch ya there 😊

FOR PHOTOS SEE OUR WEBSITE

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

First there was the ETeam...now there is SClub !

Welcome to YOUR Social Committee. The SClub are committed to making your time with our Surf Club FUN! Our members all work so hard and give up their time serving our community that we want to try to provide you times when you can relax, enjoy others company and make new friends.

Your Social Committee this year is made up of Helen Bow, Beth Quinn, Mitch Bell, Gail Evert, Megan Tremain and Matt Green. We are also working closely with our Fundraising organiser - Katie Bell (who doesn't have a committee supporting her).

We have started planning a timetable of events. Some of these are Sips, Bare Foot Bowls, Wine Tasting and others. We are still firming up dates and we will communicate them to you soon. Please keep an eye out for Newsletters, emails, Facebook and our website.

Our first event is Sippers after Open Day on Sunday the 18th of Oct from 5.00pm. We will have our normal BBQ and the bar will be open so please come to the club for a fun, relaxed afternoon - a great way to close off a weekend!

Our next event will be Bare Foot Bowls - a really fun afternoon. More about that soon.

Hope to see you at Open Day on Sunday the 18th of October from 2pm, then Sips after from 5pm.

Helen Bow

Social Coordinator

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MEMBER SERVICES

Hi everyone! We have a great season which has just started with plenty of opportunities for all of our members and many exciting upcoming events. I am very proud to announce we have one member application for the NSW Surf Life Saving 18-25 Development Networking Program 2015. Only 2 positions into this program are available to applicants in our branch so fingers crossed our applicant Matt Green will succeed in holding one of these positions.

Member Survey 2015 results

Remember that Members Survey from last season? The committee has collated all the results and has addressed each and every suggestion. We firstly want to thank you all for completing the survey. The data we gained from this will be an invaluable tool in creating a better surf club for our members. Some of the common suggestions we received included:

*Better communication: You will find that our Facebook page and Website are updated weekly along with emails and our newsletter to remind and update members on all things Surf club- from nippers, education, competition dates etc. through to social events. We will continue to use SMS for patrol and nipper updates and for any other urgent updates.

*Social events: This season we have a whole calendar of social events starting with our very own Sunday Sippers following the Surf Club Open day on Sunday 18th October. Stay tuned for the Social events calendar.

*Nippers and Rookies Program: Our dedicated Age managers and water safety will continue into the 2015/2016 season. There will be many fresh faces to ensure safety, fun and education. We have many fun events planned for our Rookies program.

For any Member Services Information or any questions regarding the Surf Club Open Day or results from the Members Survey please contact Jacquie Hundt via email jacquiehundt@gmail.com

Director of Junior Activities

Registration days were a success with many new families signing up for the season ahead. For returning members, don't forget to renew online via the portal, please access via <http://sls.com.au/join>

We will have registration opportunities available at the Surf Club Open Day Saturday 18 October 2pm, see the surf club website for more information. Denise from South Coast Uniforms will also be available for any nipper uniform purchases.

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.

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

Age Managers

I am still searching for members to help out on the age manager front, with a number of vacancies at present across various age groups. I really need members to help out, otherwise we are a risk of not having sufficient supervision for some of the age groups. Biggest priority at this point are U6 with no age managers as yet. If you know anyone that might be able to help, with the U6 or other age groups please let me know ASAP.



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All members and parents - to be eligible - 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. 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 will look to organise another proficiency session, (likely at Corrimal Pool) before the season opener. Reminder – if you child is enrolled in swim lessons, you can download the swim certificate from the website and have it signed off at those lessons.

Anthony Arnold

YOUTH REPORT

Hey Rookies!

Welcome to a new season at Woonona SLSC, hope you're all excited!

We've got a few fun activities planned for this year, but firstly I'd love to meet everyone, parents and all, this OPEN DAY (18th Oct). There will be a few activities through the day to show you certain aspects of the club, and even a patrol on so you can see everyone in... action. The afternoon will also have a sippers and BBQ, for the parent's sake, held at 5pm. I'd love to see you all there!

As for the rest of the season I've got a few fun ideas I'd like to try including (but not limited to):

- · Sleepover night – to be held in the surf club of hopefully February or March next year.
- · Jamberoo or wet and wild day
- · Afternoon surf activities followed by Hangtime/Bowling/Movie nights to be held every second month on a Sunday.
- · Chocolate drive (because everyone loves chocolate)

If you have any further ideas or inquiries I'd love to hear them.

Hope to see you around the club soon!

Beth Quinn
Director of Youth
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The Annual Report is on the website:
<http://woononaslsc.com.au/media/news>



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BALRANALD SCHOOL VISIT

The children are getting very excited about their visit to us. They will be here on Tuesday 8th of December and staying to the following Monday. They will be spending a night at the zoo visiting the Water Police in Sydney the SLS helicopter base Bondi beach, Jamberoo, HARS and also other activities. They won't be bored. We will be showing them lifesaving skills on Saturday and they will be participating with the nippers on Sunday.

The club would like volunteers to become involved and welcome the kids come down during the afternoons and mix with them and make them welcome. We will also be looking for senior members on the Saturday to help the kids at the beach. I will get back to you next month with further details.

To show you where they come from I have included a link to their school website. <http://www.balranald-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/home> If you can get involved and make this a trip they will remember forever,

John McNally

SURF SPORTS

If you are interested in competing in Surf Sports this season please contact Josh Clarke on joshclarke@live.com.au for senior members. Or for Nippers contact Anthony on aja074@gmail.com

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