



The Black and White



November 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

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The season is going well. In November we received three new rookie foamy boards, two were sponsored by Jennmar Australia and the other board sponsored by Robson Civil Projects, thank you to these generous sponsors, the boards look great! Two of our members John McInally and Raelene Jones are currently in Griffith area assisting with SLSNSW Beach to Bush program, delivering Surf Education to rural Schools. Congratulation to Matt Green who attended the SLSNSW 18-25 Networking Development Program and to Mitch and Katie Bell who were successful in being accepted to be part of SLSNSW Lifesaving Exchange Program, it is fantastic for our club to have our Lifesavers going on programs such as these.

Woonona Surf Club Constitution Review

The Management Committee has recently formed a Constitution review sub-committee to review and update our current constitution where needed. If you have any suggestions for any proposed constitution clauses to be reviewed, please forward these to the Director of Administration (Cathi) on woononascsecretary@gmail.com Please include reasons for change, and recommended changes.

Woonona Surf Club Renovations – Ideas Needed

Nicholson Park renovations are nearly complete, the Surf Boats and the Gym will be moving over by the end of January. We are now looking to renovate our own Clubhouse, both downstairs and upstairs. We are asking our members for ideas on how to best utilize the available space downstairs after the gym and surfboats move out. Also, we are looking for ideas for upstairs renovations, which could include new windows, a false balcony, new formal entry into the club, or any other ideas which will improve our club facilities. If you have any ideas or comments for renovations please forward these to the Director of Administration (Cathi) on woononascsecretary@gmail.com and she will forward to our House Committee. Hopefully I will see you at all the Christmas Drinks on Sunday 20th December at 5pm (just after nippers). Have a Merry & Safe Christmas.

Stacey Paddon
President

Director of Lifesaving

Summer Holidays are coming!

From Sunday 20th Dec patrols step up a notch. Our days and hours extend to 11am – 3pm Saturdays and 8.45am - 6pm Sundays and Public Holidays. This is our busy period with higher beach attendance and more frequent patrols. Please make sure you know when you're rostered to patrol and get down there. If you cannot make a patrol get a sub and let your Patrol Captain know. Lots of people are away for holidays so make sure you ask early. If you REALLY can't find someone to cover you, call Rach.

NB if you agree to fill in for someone and then fail to complete the arranged sub YOU are in default, not them.

Branch audits are in full swing, our first audit (announced) achieved 100%, on the second audit (unannounced) we dropped 2 points (the load hailer didn't want to play), still a great effort! There are two more audits to go and the leader board is tight so let's keep up the great work!



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Club Champs

Club Champs are off and running (literally), we had a great turn out for the first round on Sunday. It was a morning of hard competition, shenanigans and laughter. If you missed out you MISSED OUT!! Pic of all the action will be up on FaceBook and the Website soon, have a look and come down for the next one.

Make sure you don't miss Round 2 and 3, dates are:

Dec 20th PM (before Xmas Nippers and rounded out by Sips in the evening)

Jan 31st PM (before Nippers with Sips to celebrate and lament the days victories and funny stories)

Rach

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

BAREFOOT BOWLS

You have asked for more social events with your surf club buddies and your Social Committee have been working hard to deliver. Yesterday we had Barefoot Bowls at Woonona Bowling Club. It was a great afternoon and everyone had lots of fun! We had a group of about 30 turn up for the afternoon. It was also a great way for us to support another local organisation. Thank you to those that supported the event and a BIG THANK YOU too Matt Green for organising!

Our next event is Xmas Sippers following Twilight Nippers on Sun the 20th. Hope to see many of you there.

SAVE THE DATE

Xmas- Twilight Sippers – 20 December 2015

Wine Tasting Night – 29 January 2016

Trivia Night – February (TBA)

Club Concert – 26 March 2016

End of season sippers – 25 April 2016

Surf club free month – May

Presentation night Masquerade theme - June

Director of Junior Activities

Junior Activity Update

Nippers 6th December

Reminder that the next nipper days is Sunday 6th December. This will be the first point score for the season. Of note remember that point score only applies to U8 and above, and more than anything we encourage lots of fun and participation. As usual marshal in the clubhouse 0900.

Nippers 20th December - Twilight

Our last nippers for 2015 will be Sunday 20th December. This will be our first twilight event for the season, and will be plenty of fun. Twighlight nippers starts at 3pm, marshal in the clubhouse at 230pm. Afterwards stick around for a BBQ and Sunday Sips with the wider club members. We might also see a special guest appearance at the end of nippers – so kids keep an eye out!!

SLSI Junior Development Carnival SATURDAY 30th January 2016

The Surf Life Saving Illawarra Junior Development Carnival is scheduled for the 30th January 2016. This is a great introduction for any nippers interested in carnival participation and competition. Any child that ***might*** be interested in participating must have their ***ocean proficiency*** completed and entered into surf guard before 31 December.



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So if you think you might be keen next year, let your age manager know and we will complete your ocean proficiency during your ocean session on Sunday.

Illawarra Branch Championships SATURDAY 13th February 2016

The Surf Life Saving Illawarra Branch Carnival is scheduled for Saturday 13th February 2016. Again same as above – if you think you might like to give it a go with some of your mates, make sure we get your ocean swim proficiency signed off this weekend.

Nippers BBQ Help

We havent been able to get parents volunteering to serve the nippers BBQ, so we are going to assign age groups for the remainder of the season. This week first assignment is the U7.

I'll need 3 parent volunteers from the U7 age group to serve the food this Sunday. Send me your details via email aja074@gmail.com and we can proceed with the BBQ.

Cheers

Anthony

Director Junior Activities

Mixing Red into our Club Colours – Blood Drive

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service and SLS Illawarra have teamed up to create the Surf Club Blood Drive from 1 December 2015 to 29th February 2016. Clubbies are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and bleed by example, and during this period there is a competition between the clubs for the highest number of donations. Many of our members, friends and family are regular donors – the next time you head down, make sure you complete a Club Red form and donate on behalf of Woonona SLSC. Tell you friends and family to do the same! And if it's your first time and you'd like some company, watch out on the Woonona SLSC Facebook page for dates when a team of people are heading down. The first team date will be Saturday morning the 12th December.

If you would like to join the Woonona Team on the 12th December to give blood or for more information contact Kieran Smith for details (0429728879)

See flyer attached.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

E Team Update!

Bronze & SRC courses

Congratulations to Katie and Kieran's Bronze/SRC class for completing their award! It was a big class and the trainers did an excellent job of training a new group of lifesavers! Look out for some fresh faces on your patrols, and please make them feel welcome. Those in Katie and Kieran's class who weren't able to attend the assessment on 22 November will join Ben's Bronze/SRC class on their assessment day in December. Thanks to Katie and Kieran for all of your hard work!

Ben's Bronze/SRC class is travelling along well, and we anticipate that they will complete their assessment in December. Congratulations to Ben who doing very well at training his first Bronze/SRC class!

Proficiencies

Proficiencies are going strong – but there are still a lot of you to complete the test! Please come down on either 6 December at 11.50am or 19 December at 9.50am to complete the theory and practical testing. Please bring your driver's licence so we can do an ATV Induction. Don't forget, if you're not proficient by 31 December, you will not be able to patrol or do water safety.



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Advanced Awards

A big thanks to Phill Geary, and to the Illawarra Branch for running various advanced awards during the season so far. We've had members complete the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, Spinal Management, and Basic Beach Management courses. If you're keen to join a course in 2016, let Madi know ASAP.

E Team Weekly Update

Thank you to Gerard Dorge, Cathi Rigby and Pete Rigby for producing and publishing the weekly update. Please continue to read it – all the important times and dates are in there! We will take a break over summer, but look out at the end of January when the E Team Update will start again.

Madi Bow

BALRANALD SCHOOL VISIT

The children are getting very excited about their visit to us. They will be here on Tuesday 1st of December and staying to the following Monday 7th December. They will be spending a night at the zoo, visiting the Water Police in Sydney, the SLS helicopter base, Bondi beach, Jamberoo, HARS. All these activities will be during the day. Also on Thursday night 3rd December they will attend Hangtime and Friday night 4th December they will be ten pin bowling. They won't be bored. We will be showing them lifesaving skills on Saturday 5th December and they will be participating with the nippers on Sunday 6th December. 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. So if you have time and would love to help contact John McNally 0402819251 by Tuesday 1st December afternoon.

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 Meets the Turf at Royal Randwick Saturday 5th Dec ***Free entry for all SLSNSW members***

Surf Life Saving NSW in partnership with Segenhoe Stud is excited to stage the second annual Surf Life Saving Race Day at Royal Randwick Racecourse on Saturday 5 December.

This spectacular event marks the Australian Turf Club's Start of Summer racing as well as being an official fundraiser for Surf Life Saving NSW.

Join us to celebrate our Surf Life Saving heroes who will be on show through a Westpac Life Saver Helicopter landing, equipment demonstrations and merchandise sales whilst enjoying the thrill and excitement of live racing.

As a thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers, Surf Life Saving members will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the racetrack. Tickets are available [via Ticketek](#) using the password **ATCSURF**.

For more information visit www.australianurfclub.com.au.

Gates open 11:30am | First race 12:40pm | Last race 5:45pm



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Hall hire

Do you have an event coming up such as a birthday celebration, engagement or even a wedding? Why not consider hiring the Surf Club hall for your event. It is a fantastic location with plenty of space and the hire rates extremely competitive.

If you're interested please check the website for details or contact Troy Johnson by phone on 0411 969 656 or by email troy.johnson@raywhite.com.au.

Clothing

We now have Club uniforms available through Denise Salm of South Coast Uniforms. There are a wide range of items available and a price list and order form can be located on the Woonona SLSC website - <http://woononaslsc.com.au/nippers/uniforms>.

Committee for 2015/2016

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