



March 2016 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

PRESIDENT

You may have seen the Riding the Wave Disabled Nippers program on the beach last weekend. This is a very worthwhile program, and is a fantastic experience for all the participants and all our members who are involved. Thankyou to Brianna for coordinating and thankyou to all our members who have volunteered their help.

Congratulation to Jaimee Carter who has been accepted to go to the Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop on the 11th to 14th April. Well done Jaimee, I'm sure you will have a great time!

<u>Positions vacant.</u> The below positions have become vacant during the season, and so we are looking for expressions of interest from our members to help out and take on a position in our Club. **Surf Sports Team Manager** – This is a committee position and involves assisting the Director of Surf Sports in coordinating team entries, and promoting Surf Sports in our club

OH & S Officer – This is a committee position. This role is responsible for ensuring the Surf Club Health and Safety & Rehabilitation systems are up to date and implemented.

Youth Coordinator – This is a committee position. This role involves encouraging and developing our Cadets / Rookies.

Child Protection Officer – This is not a committee position. This role involves working to ensure our Club Surf Club meets the Working With Children Check (WWCC) legal obligations. If you wish any further information about any of the above positions, or would like to express interest in taking on one of these roles, please contact me.

Thankyou to all our Patrolling members who have been doing an outstanding job patrolling the beach this season so far, those Patrols who have been audited and achieved 100% should be very proud!

Stay safe on the beach!

Regards, Stacey 0407710221







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Riding The Wave Nipper Program

Woonona SLSC, in conjunction with the Department of Sports and Rec and four other clubs, has been running the 'Riding the Waves' Nipper Program. Aimed at giving those with a disability a chance to participate in Surf Club, the program is in its second of four weeks. And everyone involved so far has been having an absolute blast.

We're taking on the beach and the surf with everything we have and everyone's doing amazingly. Participant ages range from six to twenty-five and with ten of them accompanied by an army of dedicated and awesome volunteers, we make quite a sight walking – and running! – along the beach. Of course, we're always looking for more people to come help out and have fun with us for the final two weekends – Sunday 6th of March and Sunday 13th of March; meeting 10:45am in the courtyard.

Just goes to show that anyone can ride the waves if they're given the chance.

Brianna McInally Riding the Waves Coordinator Contact at 0405598477 or

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Director of Lifesaving

Lifesaving!

We are now on the home stretch in terms of patrolling, thanks to everyone for an awesome season so far. Please stay focussed, make use of the beautiful warm water we have around at the moment and enjoy the rest of the season.

Our club has done exceptionally well so far this season in all patrol audits (conducted by Branch and Wollongong City Council). The last audit will be performed during patrol hours on Sunday 13th March. Please continue the great work on Patrol!

Patrol of the year competition

Morgan and I will be visiting everyone on your patrols to run some scenarios and activities as a learning opportunity and also to determine the winner of the prestigious "Patrol of the Year" award. To explain for our new members, one of the awards at our annual Woonona SLSC Awards night Rach

Education

Upcoming courses

<u>Provide First Aid</u> – Surf Lifesaving NSW Academy run course at Illawarra Master Builders Club. See full list of dates at <u>www.surflifesaving.com.au/courses</u> or call Mia Pacey at SLSNSW on (02) 9471 8099.

Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue – Expressions of interest for course scheduled Sat 30th April / Sun 1st May. Pre requisites are 16 years old and Bronze Medallion. NB will need to complete 400m swim less than 8 minutes at the start of the course. This is a physically demanding course performing rock platform retrievals, searches and deep water retrievals etc (lots of fun!!). Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management (SMBBM) - Sunday 10 April pre reqs - 17 years old and must be proficient in Bronze medallion/ Cert II or First Aid. This course teaches you about being in charge of the beach, most often held by Patrol Captain but useful to all patrolling members. If you are interested in any of the courses above (or any others) please let Stacey or Rach know asap so we can get you on the course.





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<u>IRB Crewman Course currently underway</u> – Ben is currently running an IRB Crew course, so we will shortly see a new class of Crewie's at our club, great work guys!

Surf Lifesaving Illawarra has a vacancy for an Administration and Marketing Assistant.

For further details please contact:

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Rach

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Update

For those that attended the WSLSC Trivia Night – GREAT DECISION! What a great night we had. With approximately 130 people in the hall the competition was hot. With Mitch and Katie at the helm, all 13 teams eagerly responded to each round of questions, unjumbled celebrity names and tried to identify a page of logos. The questions were interesting, fun and covered a wide range of topics. It is amazing what absolute trivia (not so useless on a trivia night) that people retain. The bar was professionally managed by Megan who did a great job! Thank you to everyone on the Social Club that helped out and a BIG thankyou to the members (and their guests) for attending. It was a successful night socially and we raised some funds for the club at the same time. Hope to see an even bigger crowd next year!

Our next event will be the end of Season Sips/ANZAC Day 2-up. More details to come. Keep the 25th free.

SAVE THE DATE

Presentation night Masquerade theme - June

NIPPERS

We've reached the last month on Nippers calendar!

Congratulations to all our nippers who competed at SLSI Brach Championships on the 13th Feb. All the nippers that competed did really well. Special mention to Alex Blunden - 1st FLAGS U13, Max Dignam - 1st FLAGS U11, 3rd SPRINT U11 and Jasmine Fowler / Ruby Brannon - 2nd BOARD RESCUE U13.

Also, Alexandria Blunden and Max Dignam are representing Woonona SLSC at the SLSNSW Age Championships this weekend (4-6th March), we wish them all the best.

Reminder for all families to bring their raffle tickets and money back, and give to your age manager, or any committee member, and if you would like to sell another book let us know and we can give you another book next nippers. Your support through these fundraising activities is needed to provide equipment to run the nippers program.

Our <u>final nippers and presentation ceremony will be on March 20th, starting at 2:30pm</u>. We'll be having super fun nippers events down on the beach first (parents and water safety, be prepared to get messy!), followed by the awards presentation in the hall from approximately 4.20pm. Please bring a towel and some dry clothes for your kids to change into before presentation! At 5.15pm the BBQ will start and the bar will be open to celebrate the end of the nipper's season! Looking forward to seeing all families there!





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Commercial Refrigerator Needed for Surf Club

The single glass door commercial drinks fridge at the Surf Club has broken down, and is not able to be fixed (would cost too much to fix). The Surf Club needs this fridge for our sippers, presentation nights and for hall hire for functions. If any member has any contacts with a supplier of commercial refrigerators, or knows of a second hand drinks fridge that could either be donated or we could purchase at a good price, please contact Peter Rigby on 0466718667.

Reminder to all Nippers – and the Easter Raffle - you need to write the name and number of the person buying the raffle ticket on the stub end of the ticket. Tickets are \$1 each. Please try and sell as many as you can

Hall hire

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 from can be located on the Woonona SLSC website - http://woononaslsc.com.au/nippers/uniforms.

Committee for 2015/2016

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