



# The Black and White



March 2017 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

Hi all, well the season is starting to come to an end.

Riding the Wave Special Nippers has finished for the year, once again this was a very worthwhile program with both the participants and volunteers having a great time. I encourage any of our members to consider getting involved in this next year.

Final nippers for the season and nippers Preso is this weekend, thank you to Anthony, Rachel, all age managers, water safety, Troy and Michelle coordinating the BBQ, and everyone else who helped out with making this seasons nippers so great. I hope to see all the nippers back down the beach next season.

As usual Sunday SIP's will be following twilight nippers this Sunday, I hope to see all members there!

Woonona SLSC again won the SLSI Red Cross Blood Drive. Third year in a row! Thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and donated blood. Every blood donation helps to save three lives.

As mentioned in the facility report below, our Club was successful in obtaining a grant for the installation of an access door in the eastern wall. I would like to thank Steve Goding and everyone else involved in preparing this grant, and Ryan Park for his support in securing the grant funding for our Club to allow us to enhance our facilities.

### Senior Presentation Night 24th June

To celebrate the great year that we have had I would like to encourage all members to come along to Senior Presentation night, being held at Woonona Surf Club house on 24th June. More information to be released soon by social committee!  
Stay safe on the beach.

Stacey Paddon

President (0407710221)



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## **DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING**

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We are now on the home stretch in terms of patrolling, thanks to everyone for an awesome season so far. Please stay focused and enjoy the rest of the season. Please continue the great work on Patrol! We have been successful in securing two soft top Rescue Boards through the Branch Lifesaving Grants which will hopefully be here in time for Easter. Take them for a spin and let me know what you think.

Patrol of the year competition, Mitch or 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, this is one of the hotly contested awards at our annual Woonona SLSC Awards night.

Rach

## **DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS**

Big congrats to all members who represented Woonona at State titles last weekend! Great to hear we are increasing numbers on the sand dancing events each year.

IRB training has commenced.

All of this rain and cold weather means it's the start of the IRB season, and our competitors are ready for it! This year our team has almost doubled. An open mens, under 23s, novice and two female teams with an abundance of killer patients will be travelling up and down the NSW coast to compete in the Premiership, State Champs and Aussie Titles. And no doubt will they be coming back with medals!

If you're keen to compete it's definitely not too late, or if you want to join the road trip as a groupie, hit up our Team Manager, Nathan Bow who will arrange the accommodation.

First carnival is the 29/04-30/04 at Caves Beach. Stay tuned for our results.

From your dedicated, petrol head duckies.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Nippers Presentation - 26<sup>th</sup> March

Senior Presentation - 24<sup>th</sup> June



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## **Fundraising:**

This season has been a great year for fundraising! We kicked off the season with the Sydney Water Carnival and Christmas Bunnings BBQ, and have since finished up our fundraising season with a 2nd Bunnings BBQ and the Trivia Night.

The Bunnings BBQ in February was a complete success! Despite the 35+ degree day, our active and general members cooked over 50kgs of snags. We raised just shy of \$2,000. Thank you to everyone's efforts!

A few weeks later, we hosted the Trivia Night at the Club. While the purpose of the event was for a social night, we managed to raise just over \$2,000. A lot of this was thanks to the many sponsors and generous local business owners for donating prizes to the night. From a social and fundraising perspective, it was a great night! Can't wait for the next one.

## **DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

SRC Course is just about finished with assessment scheduled for this weekend (depending on conditions). Thank you to Mitch Bell for running this course. We look forward to seeing these new young lifesavers helping out on Patrols and water safety.

IRB course run by Ben Clarke is also going well, and due to be assessed soon. It will be good to have new Crewies on Patrol and also competing in IRB's

## **FACILITY MANAGER**

Since the last newsletter there has been a number of improvements in and around the Club's facility. NBN has now been installed and our Club is now Internet system operational. This will increase our ability to run training courses including online content and will assist greatly for online registrations on registration days.

The Hall has now been Air Conditioned and new 4 blade stainless steel fans have been fitted to the hall replacing the old 3 blade fans.

Continued improvements to downstairs area including a new Roller door on the northern wall of the shed, walls inside the shed have been cement rendered and painted.

New Commercial Cleaners have been hired and are operational.

Woonona SLSC was successful with our application for \$5,000 to install a new Access Door into the Eastern wall downstairs. This work will start soon.

A grant to renovate the entire ladies toilet downstairs has been prepared and submitted for approval. No news on that front at this time.

There are several jobs being researched at the present time. Upgrading of the electrical mains is being looked at to stop electrical outages due to current draw in the Hall.

As well as lots of other maintenance and minor patch up jobs around the Club, keeping our Club looking good.

Steve G  
Facility Manager



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## **RIDING THE WAVES PROGRAM**

January marked the return of Nippers, and with it the second session of the Riding the Waves, Disabled Nipper program. We ran for four weeks over a five-week period, with a host of volunteers that helped make the program an amazing success.

Because it was, with the kids going from timid in the surf to begging for one more go as they practiced their new skills. Some of our kids even managed to stand on the boards until someone tipped them off. So, I have to say the biggest thank you to everyone who helped with the program and made it so much fun – we wouldn't have been able to do it without all you volunteers.

I'll see you all next year!

Brianna McInally  
Riding the Waves Coordinator

## **BALRANALD SCHOOL VISIT**

The year five and six classes from Balranald School will be visiting us again in the first week of December this year. This is a great programme that teaches these children from Far West NSW about surf safety and lets them have adventures they would not usually be able to have. Please put this in your calendar and assist with making it an enjoyable and memorable week for them if you can.

John McInally

## **HALL HIRE**

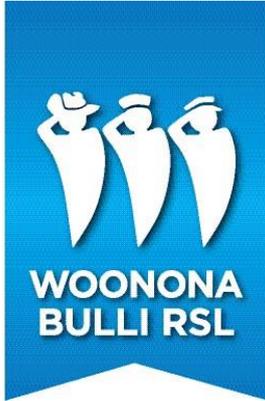
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