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Weekly Newsletter

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Patrols

This coming weekend's patrols are:

Saturday 26th November

Patrol 2, 10am — 2.15pm

Patrol 6, 1.45pm — 6.00pm

Sunday 27th November

Patrol 13, 9am — 1:45pm

Patrol 18, 1.15pm — 6:00pm

Please note the change to hours due to daylight saving.

Remember Cadet patrol members do the last 2 hours of the patrol to which you are rostered. Any queries in this regard should be directed to Club Captain David Stone or Vice Captain Cameron Miles.

If you have any problems or questions please contact either David Stone private1@bigpond.com or Cameron Miles c_miles@tpg.com.au

Proficiency Dates

Remember all active members must be proficient. No proficiency, no hours credited. Dates are scheduled as per below.

- Sunday 11th December
- Sunday 18th December
- Note — there will be no proficiency on 4th December due to Bondi to Bronte

Bronze & SRC proficiencies start at 10am sharp.

ARC proficiencies start at 12 noon.

There will be no additional proficiencies run after 18th December so get in early.

There was a good roll up to the first proficiency — remember only 2 more dates available for those who didn't get here last Sunday.

A **Patrol Competition** is to be introduced — basic criteria of evaluation for best patrol will include attendance, skills, participation and new member introduction.

Captain's Corner

- **Bondi to Bronte HELP NEEDED**

The Bondi to Bronte is almost upon us. This landmark swim works due to the commitment, team work and dedication shown by our volunteers. Reay McGuinness, is putting together board and tube safety teams for the event. Please see his email below, respond, and assist us raising funds for the club.

Dear All

Calling all to help out with water safety for the Bondi to Bronte swim. The swim raises significant money for the surf club.

The club and the web site ocean swims.com.au last year received many favourable comments about the level of safety provided during the swim. We do not want a repeat of the difficult situation the year before last, where 250 people were rescued and we were low on water safety numbers. We are looking for at least 50 nipper parents to help. We want at least 25 board proficient nipper parents, who will dot the course.

WHAT TO DO

1. Put a mark on SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER (morning), being the date of the swim.
2. e-mail me - RMcGuinness@gtlaw.com.au saying "I CAN HELP". If you are board proficient then please tell me that in the e-mail.
2. e-mail me the names of anyone not on this list that we can harrass to help.
3. Attend a meeting this SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER at 11.00 at the surf club where there will be a briefing on the swim, giving out jobs etc.
4. Put a mark on Thursday 1 December at 6.00 pm, as you will be invited to the surf club along with sponsors etc for some free food and drink.

- **Strange Sighting at Bronte**

This week saw a strange sighting and a new development in the no uniform policy. Immediately following the wedding reception at Bronte SLSC of our Chief Instructor — Dickie Davis — I was walking along the prom late on Saturday night with Wife and Barry and Gayle Dundas.

From the bogey hole sprinted three guys and one girl, completely starkers, engaging in the time honoured tradition of skinny dipping. Identifying the three men as members of the club I did mention the uniform policy — no hours for them! - as well as issues related to shrinkage in cold surf.

However, my attention had to turn to Barry Dundas, as I understand it had be a long time since he has seen a 20 s something woman running naked towards him. Needless to say Barry has recovered nicely, although at one point he did mention something about dying with a smile on his face. I believe it reminded Gayle of the good old days..!

I have assured the members concerned of confidentiality, therefore I shall not be revealing the surnames of Marcus, Callum or Guy from Patrols 15 and 8 respectively.

- **Nipper Water Safety & Sunday Morning Patrols**

The nipper water safety team do an excellent job of managing and maintaining a safe but sometimes challenging environment for our nippers. However, at times, things can go wobbly due to various events.

With this in mind, if you are on patrol on a Sunday morning, please do keep an eye on events and should the situation appear to deteriorate, or you have concerns, speak to the Patrol Captain who will in turn decide the best course of action.

If a nipper or water safety person signals assistance required, treat this as you would any similar situation, Respond and Act quickly.

I say this as I believe often the assumption is made that the nipper water safety team are in control and the patrol need not worry. Mostly, they are, but sometimes they need help. All members, with so many kids in the water should be scanning the surf and often an outpost should be set up at the southern rip.

Please remember, the Patrol and the Patrol Captain is ultimately responsible for beach safety, maintain vigilance and be aware.

- **State of the Club**

Our Club is looking very grotty at the moment, can patrolling members, during quiet times please sweep out the club, patrol rooms and gear rooms. Also please sweep the boat ramp if it is full of sand - it is an OH&S issue and also something that just makes all our lives a bit better.

I will also be announcing a working bee day with associated bbq and drinks for members assisting in a clean up.

- **Turn Out On Patrols**

If you fail to attend your rostered patrol without notice, the patrol may be under strength. This results in a penalty to the club. Moreover, it means that I, or the Patrol captain have to call around to try and replace you. Please call in advance if you cannot attend your patrols. I note gratefully that the boat crew on patrol two and seventeed have given two weeks notice prior to non attendance. I remind everyone that should you miss two patrols without notice you are effectively suspended until you present to the committee to give good reason.

- **Training**

I am interested to gauge how many members would like to participate in some regular, organised and ongoing training. This would be along the lines of board rescue and tube work, swims, some CPR, scenarios etc. please let me know if you would be interested. We have a large pool of talent in the club — old and young — who I am sure would contribute their time and skills.

Bondi To Bronte – Be Here

The main fund raiser for the Club is now only 1 week away from next Sunday. The Club still needs plenty of helpers, plus water safety people. Contact Graham Ford 0412 299 701.

SUNDAY MORNING BOARD RACES - COME AND HAVE A GO!

Reay McGuinness is organising a great event each Sunday. All Bronte Club members are invited to come and join the Sunday morning Board races, which take place from 10.30 till about 11.30. We will have you finished before the Sunday morning swim.

There are a number of younger members participating. We want some of the more experienced paddlers to take up the challenge. The races are handicapped, so that fierce over trainers like Teddy Clifford and John Botella are guaranteed to never win. Savour the feeling of beating an absurdly fit junior across the line, followed by an amazingly tasty sausage sandwich.

Meet at the Surf Club steps at 10.30 sharp, with paddleboards ready. Support this fun idea organised by Reay.

Carnival News

*******The Club requires volunteers to become Accredited Officials to officiate at carnivals We need 1 official per 20 competitors. If we don't we get fined \$500 and Surf may refuse to allow our kids to compete in any events. To become an official is a 1 day course and completing 40 hours on the beach. We need volunteers or our competitors wont be able to compete. Contact Merv Gladstone 9665 7579 *******

Carnival Results

The boaties A crew achieved a great result by winning the Open Boat Garie Dash last weekend. The A crew that won the State last season is now back in full training with a rejuvenated light weight Bob Zipper Conlon at the helm and if Garie is anything to go by, good results will continue. Zipper has shed some 20 kilos in the winter so the crew should really fire this summer without the sandbag in the back.

OH&S - thank you to Donovan Daniels re his vast input to getting the Club up to speed re our OH&S requirements. However the bad news is that Donovan has been posted to Queensland with work for about 3-4 years hence we need a club member to volunteer for the role of Club OH&S Officer who may have some expertise in this area. Contact Graham Ford or Tony Coates.

Anyone wishing to get their ARC can contact Jodi Tarrant on:
Jodi.Tarrant@defence.gov.au

Club News

- The bad news continues. All members will be saddened to learn of the passing of Nola Ellison at the beginning of the week. Nola, wife of veteran Bronte member Dave and mother to Fiona & Lian, and great Bronte stalwart has been in poor health for a few years. The funeral is to be held at Mary Immaculate Church Charing Cross at 10.30am next Monday. Our deepest sympathies to Dave and all the Ellison clan.
- Bondi icon, John Beachie Burrows, passed away last weekend. Many members will know Beachie from their rowing days. He was a real character. Many Bronte Boaties, old and new attended a boat naming ceremony in his honour in August. Vale Beachie Burrows.

Fees

Fees are well and truly overdue. Those who haven't paid will find their tag doesn't work and that a letter will be coming to you shortly explaining that unless fees paid immediately your membership is cancelled.

Do's & Don'ts – they still exist

- No dogs in Club. Enough said.
- No parking in the park.
- No kids in bar area.

DON T FORGET — IF YOU WANT SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER, EMAIL, WRITEPHONE OR CONTACT THE OFFICE SOMEHOW.

Warning

The Club takes every possible care and precaution re virus protection of its e-mails etc. We have quite sophisticated software and firewalls installed to protect against incoming viruses and worms that get into the system, as well as only opening emails that we believe are genuine. However you can't be too careful and if in doubt save to file or disc before opening.

Note: If you don't wish to receive Bronte SLSC e-news please advise the office. If there are members that you are aware that may wish to receive this e-news please let them know so they can provide us with their email address.