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## Weekly Newsletter

**Newsletter 9 Christmas Edition**  
**December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2005. I know I said last week s was probably the last but that was a ruse. You will now have the latest information re Club activities.

Firstly on behalf of the President and Committee let me extend to all Bronte SLSC members, supporters, sponsors and friends a very hearty Merry Christmas, safe holiday period and prosperous New Year. To all the Club s sponsors we thank you for your great support and contribution to the World s first surf life saving club. Without your support and generosity we would not be in a position to operate.

As usual Patrol attendance over the coming week or two are going to be paramount to us providing a safe surfing environment to the public — work in with the professionals and if you cant get to your patrol, let your patrol captain know.

### **This coming weekend's patrols are:**

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Patrol 2, 10am — 2.15pm  
Patrol 6, 1.45pm — 6.00pm

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

Patrol 12, 9am — 1:45pm  
Patrol 17, 1.15pm — 6:00pm

#### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

Patrol 9, 10am — 2.15pm  
Patrol 14, 1.45pm — 6.00pm

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

Patrol 4, 9am — 1:45pm  
Patrol 8, 1.15pm — 6:00pm

*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](mailto:private1@bigpond.com) or Cameron Miles [c\\_miles@tpg.com.au](mailto:c_miles@tpg.com.au)

### Proficiency Dates

Proficiencies for 2005 have finished. If you have not completed your proficiency by now, you are in deep strife, especially if you are a competitor. If you still need to do a proficiency, I suggest you see Club Captain David Stone in the New Year and plead insanity — he may well listen as he has plenty of it displayed so far this year.

## **Gym**

Gym users will notice the new equipment and mats. The Club has thanks to the new gym committee of Bill Widerburg, Jim Stewart and Dennis Lockwood, identified the areas that needed improvement. The result is a first class gym. Expenditure to date is well over \$11,000. Hence if you want value for money re your fitness and body beautiful, join the gym. Prices will increase next season.

## **Club Re-Structure**

Following meetings with Nippers (2) and Life Members, a meeting for all members took place last Sunday at the Club and was reasonably well attended. The meeting voted overwhelmingly to support the continuance of the work required to present a revised constitution to members at an EGM to be held later this season — more likely in March or April next year.

Representatives of the Executive will continue to meet on a regular basis with an eminent members group (Bill Widerburg, Bill Ford and John Donohoe) who are providing advice as to restructure and the strategies that need to be considered prior to any formal adoption. As previously stated these gentlemen are well versed in restructures and corporate governance and more importantly have a lifetime of active surf life saving experience.

The eminent members group met with Rob Wallace this week to discuss issues relating to the Nippers and the effects of the restructure on this group. Rob agreed that the Nippers were in favour of the restructure and was satisfied regarding a few issues the Nippers were concerned with.

Further work on this important issue will continue over the following months.

## **Captain's Corner 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2005**

### **Double Hours**

Double hours will apply for all patrols from 24 December to the 2<sup>nd</sup> January. This is a high profile high, busy time on the beach, if any of you are able to attend at any time it will be greatly appreciated, all hands on deck. I must say that the public really do appreciate our patrols over Christmas.

### **Proficiencies**

Thanks to Richard Davis and the instruction team for the excellent work attended during the proficiencies this season, we saw many people complete their proficiencies.

I must say I learned a lesson during the proficiency — don't choose someone to be a marker if they do not appreciate that sitting on a board in a strong wind and in a rip will result in them drifting seaward! The world's longest swim!!

### **Santa**

Santa came to the beach on Sunday, great to see all of our nippers running around and excited at seeing Santa arrive on a jet ski. Thanks to the council lifeguards for jet ski and personnel

### **Recent Media – Still Applies**

There has been a fair bit of recent media comment. Some of which I indulged in, with regard to the situation at Cronulla where Lifesavers were injured following a fight with a group of youths.

Fortunately at Bronte we do not have a situation like that at Cronulla but it does afford the opportunity to give a reminder of the behaviour expected in such circumstances.

Should the situation arise I would like you to withdraw, alert the patrol captain and council lifeguards. Please do not engage in exchanging pleasantries, or go toe to toe. You put yourself in a dangerous position physically and

legally with such actions. The Patrol Captain and/or Council Lifeguards will call the police, as can you if you feel threatened — this includes where threats are made. Please contact me if this situation arises and also alert Surfcom for the district officer.

The last thing I want is anyone from this club being a victim, that includes being arrested!

All have a safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year .David

### **Club News**

- On the sick list is Peter Jelfs — members may recall Peter moved to sunny Lennox Heads on the far north coast. Well all that sunshine, warm weather and good surf hasn't done Peter all that much good and he is facing some very major surgery. If you're in the area of Lennox or have a contact give Peter a call. He would love to hear from his Bronte mates.
- A well-known Bronte mother recently celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday for the fourth time last week. Without giving away her identity, as it's rude to discuss lady's age, a clue lies in the fact that she works in the Kiosk and her daughter is the best female beach sprinter Bronte has produced and in fact is the association's only female to win the Aussie junior and senior sprint double a few years back. However no names.
- The Nippers hosted an outstanding final Sunday prior to Christmas last Sunday. Great fun events and Santa arrived on the jet-ski. Santa, played by a well-known member, lifeguard and new father may have to eat a little bit more Christmas Pudding if he is to move into big Doug Benson's shoes.
- Talking of big Doug, he has lost almost 40kg and is looking very fit, trim and healthy. Perhaps we may have to resurrect Doug's diet of 20 schooners a day and several other tid-bits to get him back to his Santa-like self. Good to see you looking so svelte Doug!
- Further to the Santa episode, the park was packed for a great evening of carols. Col McDermott's voice needs a little fine tuning but a great night was had by all. Well done Nippers — keep the tradition of almost 30 years of carolling going.
- The **Christmas Scramble** is on again this Sunday at 11am sharp. Good fun, plenty of cheating and a few lessons will be handed out to the fit youngsters by the older out of shapes. Remember age & treachery will overcome youth and skill. Seriously come down on Chrissie morning for a pre lunch swim and a bit of fun. Everyone welcome of course.
- Important date for your diary. The Vets day reunion will be on the Sunday before Anzac Day ie Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. I know it's an early reminder but serious socials need to be booked well in advance. Alter your holidays, be nice to your wife — it's a day not to be missed.
- If you're at Westfields Bondi Junction you will see some Club members handing out goodies to shoppers. This is part of Bronte's commitment to Westfields for their outstanding support of the Club. If you want to help out let me know. There will be opportunities in the New Year.
- The Club's history book is almost complete. Stan Vesper has spent countless thousands of hours compiling this with well-known sports journalist Gary Lester. The book will be out in November next year as various edits, rewrites and setting out details have to be completed prior to it being ready for Chrissie. It's a good read and it will have an outstanding collection of photos. More later.

### **Selection Policy**

Members and competitors need to be aware that the Club's selection policy for the forthcoming Aussies will be enforced. This is necessary, as next season will see the location of the Aussies being Perth. Good house keeping, good sense and good planning to get members' minds used to planning procedures.

**That's it for 2005. Don't the years come around quickly. Have a merry Christmas, and a particularly safe and prosperous new year.**

*(the usual blurb on not wanting the newsletter etc and the other disclaimers have been omitted for want of space)*