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Weekly Newsletter

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You will have noticed that there was no newsletter last week, basically because Australia Day shortened the week and there were some results re carnivals etc which were worth waiting for.

Also you may notice a lift in the friendliness emanating from the office; school holidays have finished (or as good as) and the little and not so little delights are all returning to the books. The sound of silence. The beach will now return to a relative level of peacefulness and sanity.

Patrols

This coming weekend's patrols are:

Saturday 4th February

Patrol 2, 10am — 2.15pm

Patrol 6, 1.45pm — 6.00pm

Sunday 5th February

Patrol 11, 9am — 1:45pm

Patrol 16, 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 or Cameron Miles c_miles@tpg.com.au

Captains Corner

Thanks

It was great to come back from 4 weeks leave to a note or thanks from the council, on behalf of The Beachies. I am aware that at some clubs there is friction at times between council and club lifesavers. It puzzles me because at Bronte all I see is positive and sensible co-operation.

Simple things make a difference, the Patrol Captains make a point of talking about the location of the tent — so as not to obstruct their view, and surf conditions during the week and general events.

It s a good reflection on all of the patrols over the busy Christmas period, that the Beachies took the time to thank us for our efforts and support. Well done to all those members who assisted during this time.

Fly Buys and Oldies

Also thanks to our overseas contingents for their efforts on the beach over Christmas — Paul Booth and Ken Caf, who return from cold climes to the land of milk and honey, to take over the sand for a few weeks every Christmas.

Also to the more experienced (some would say older) contingent who put in a strong effort on patrols over Christmas. El Presidente Graham Ford was noticeable on more than one occasion and also to Doug Benson for the hours in the Captains seat.

Patrol Inspections

A recent patrol inspection raised some points that are worth talking about. It was apparent that many of the patrol members did not know who was inspecting or why, or what the expectation is. The other point relates to members of patrols leaving early without notification or arranging a replacement.

1. Patrol Inspection Overview

Inspections are carried out monthly by the Waverley District Supervisor to ensure we are complying with the minimum agreed standard for SLSA. The inspection is compulsory, as is adherence and covers areas such as:-

Correct uniform — Cap, Shirt and Shorts; Appropriate personnel — Number and qualification

Correct equipment — Boards, Tubes, IRB, Oxy Viva, First Aid Kit and Spinal Board all in working order

Personnel as per log — all people signed on being available and accountable

We are obliged to meet the minimum standards. A points system is in place for each of the above. Should we fail to meet a minimum total score there is most definitely a please explain from SLSA HQ. It is important not only that we are prepared to be inspected at all times but that we cooperate and talk with the inspector.

2. Departing Early

It is unfortunate that on the day of the inspection a member of the patrol signed off without advising the appropriate people. It is more unfortunate that it was the Patrol Captain. What made it even worse, the people on the beach who could have filled the position were not informed, this included the Vice Captain, a Patrol Captain from another patrol and at least two others, including I, who were on the beach and could have filled in. What made it particularly bad was that I directed the inspector to the patrol captain, who I thought was available, to be advised by the inspector that the PC had signed off early and gone home, not telling the VC etc. This was embarrassing. But it serves as a wake up call. If we had experienced a major rescue, we would have sought to have it coordinated through the non-existent person. Likewise, a patrol member.

You cannot sign off early without permission; it leaves us vulnerable and can be catastrophic in an emergency when there is an expectation of numbers and skills available.

Nuptuals

In what is fast becoming the summer of love - hot on the heels of Chief Instructor Dickie Davis finally tying the knot, then club-man Marty Nearhos proposing to his girlfriend on a board at the back of Bronte - we have Vice Captain Cam Miles announcing his engagement. It only took him 8 years to convince the delightful Nisha to take him on, we are not sure what he put in her tea while they holidayed overseas recently but it worked. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating them both, especially Nisha for getting a Bronte Boy. (Nisha don't think of it as getting a husband, think of it as inheriting a father in law)!

Nippers

A belated welcome back to all our nippers after their Christmas Break — the beach was too quiet without you! From what I saw they aren't all quite back yet, but wait for it, they will have reinforcements as soon as the holidays are over, and it's back to the great sight of 500+ kids flying across the sand and the surf.

TV Star

I was just finishing breakfast and popped on the TV, shock horror, none other than Barry Bazza Dundas is looking at me from the other side of the TV. Jayzuz, I thought, Bazza is the new Kochie?, then I saw the mannequin and thought that Bazza must have got a part as a doctor on a re run of A Country Practice

No, Barry was on Channel 9 Morning TV doing his best Dr Kildare impression, giving lessons on CPR in adults, Children and Babies — they actually extended the time slot! (although there is no truth to the rumour that the presenter had to remind Barry that it was a breakfast show and it was nearly lunch time!)

In all seriousness, it was an excellent informative piece that goes to highlight the very high regard that Barry is held in relation to his detailed knowledge and ability to easily impart it. We are lucky to have a resource like this in the club .and he is also the oldest patrol captain — but failed to mention that on interview!

BIG SWIM

As you are all aware by now, Martin Palfrey has entered the North Head Challenge, a 10km swim from Little Manly around North Head to Manly Beach on 5th February starting at 7.30am. Scott Doble kindly volunteered last Sunday night at the club to escort Martin when he was a bit under the weather. Talk about pushing your luck. Scott has a bucks party on the night before so he may be providing the burley to attract the big biters. I m not sure who to feel sorry for — Martin or Scott.

Nostalgia

Its worth noting that Long Service member Denise competed in a Bondi to Watson s Bay swim (11km) in 2004 and 2005. She won it in 2004 and 3rd in 2005. Pretty good effort for a sheila as Bluey would say. Bloody outstanding I would say. Swimming to Watson s from Bondi would be very difficult with the constant backwash off the cliffs and also navigating the murk wouldn t be all that much fun altho the effluent now goes well out to sea — sometimes.

Denise, also in 2005, competed in the Rottnest Channel Island swim and with a team of other ladies won their age group. What age group I hear you ask. Never mind; what a huge effort.

Denise was also up the coast for a rest (maybe some secret training??) and bumped into an old boatie called Bikkies (aka Michael Bartlett ex Bilgola). He knows a few of our old boaties and mentioned Alex, Zipper and Merv. He must be old! Told a few stories to Denise before she had to explain she had heard them all before. So have we Denise — same story, different names. It s amazing how the stories get better with time.

Club Management Restructure

After various meetings work is continuing on this important change to the Club. Further meetings will be held to explain in greater detail the changes to the management of the Club. The date for the special meeting is at this stage set for Sunday 9th April 2006. Meanwhile the new draft constitution is being finalised and when completed will be put on the Club s web site.

Dates to Remember

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| • 4 th February | Coogee Carnival |
| • 11 th February | Branch Championships Bondi |
| • 11 th — 26 th February | World Championships Lorne & Geelong |
| • 12 th February | Club Championships 1 st round |
| • 5 th March | Club Championships 2 nd round |
| • 3 rd — 5 ^h March | Junior State Cronulla |
| • 9 th March | NSW State Masters |
| • 10 th March | NSW State Championships |
| • 28 th March | Australian Championships |
| • 9 th April | Special General Meeting re New Constitution |
| • 23 rd April | Veterans Day Re-union |
| • 25 th April | Anzac Day |

World Championships - Fund Raiser

In order to raise money and support the World s Team a 200 Club is being organised at a pittance of \$25 per ticket. Draws will be held at the Sunday Social at the Club after the jog. Or after Bluey s speech. There will be draws as per the following:

- 5th February - 2 draws of \$250 each.
- 12th February — 2 draws of \$250 each
- 19th February — 1 draw of \$1000.

Tickets are still available and if you contact the office arrangements will be made. Dig deep

Carnival Results

- Freshwater — A crew 2nd after leading all the way, u/17 R&R 1st, u/19 R&R 2nd, open women s board relay 4th.
- Manly — A crew semis, u/17 R&R 1st, u/19 R&R 2nd, Troy Quinlan 2nd 2 km run. Jacob Yuide 5th Open Surf, Josh Yuide 5th u/17 Surf

Good to see new members, the Yuide brothers, competing for the Club and getting good results. Well done boys! The R&R looks the goods and that was after the Friday evening R&R reunion, when members from past and present turned up for a great night hosted by R&R head coach Bob Woodger.

Selection for Aussies

Don t forget that entry in the Australian Championships and hence the Club s team is based on being selected. Selection criteria is in the past 4 annual reports but revolves around patrols, entry at carnivals, results, Club involvement etc.

Surf Training

Malcolm Allen is running a surf swim squad at South Maroubra on Wednesdays at 4.45pm. Mal is a legend in the surf as well as a former Olympian and his coaching sessions are technique and fitness based. All competitors of all ages are welcome.

CLUB NEWS

The bad news continues.

- Chris Fitzgibbon, a member from the past whom all older members will recall, passed away in mid January as a result of a car accident in New Zealand. Chris was a member of the Club from 1959 to 1979. He always lived way out west but came down each weekend. Chris recently married and was living at Ingleburn.
- Ray Tonnet passed away last Tuesday. He was 66. Ray was a long service member and was a lifeguard in the 60s when they used to be called beach inspectors. Ray was quite a good board paddler but too much of the good life caught up with him in the long run.
- The good news is that Kevin Walker is out of hospital and good as new.
- Our erstwhile Patron and Mr Bronte, Frank Norton is off to hospital later this week for a heart operation. He has a leaky valve so it s got to be fixed. Bit like changing a washer. We are all with you Frank.
- The young blokes in the Club have thought up a way of saving themselves lots of money. It s the old 3 stooges trick of putting a string on the 20 cents coin needed for a hot shower, and getting it back. Times must be tough out there in the eastern suburbs.
- Col McDermid and his band of helpers in Graham Kerr, Ken Caf , Chris Vavasour and a group of the cadet girls entertained the under-privileged kids from Minto again. The lifeguards also provided some help. This is a yearly ritual and Col and his team deserve a big pat on the back.
- Lee Steel carried the Queens Baton through Centennial Park as it makes its way eventually to Melbourne. Great stuff Lee.
- A recent visitor to the Club was Jack Domis, ex A crew boatie. Jack rowed with Bluey for several years and afterwards moved to Tamworth. Jack s not the only member of a crew with Bluey in it to move away. Many people say Bluey s mad. Ask his ex crew mates.
- Kerry King is back from the wilds of New Guinea. Kerry hosts a great Australia Day party every year.

Surf Race Results

1 st	John Botella
2 nd	Benson Hodgson
3 rd	Andrew Bowden

Sergeant at Arms - continues

You may have noticed the svelte figure of Doug Benson at the Club on Saturday and Sunday arvos. Doug has taken up residence at the front of the Club to keep louts, idiots and other non-members out of the Club during this period. We have had some security issues on weekend afternoons when the patrol is on the beach and the Club is open. **Don't be offended if Doug questions you on your membership status** — it is ultimately for your benefit. The roller shutter is being kept shut and entry is via the wet entry at the side.

Fees

If you haven't paid, your membership is now cancelled.

Do's & Don'ts – they still exist

- No dogs in Club. Enough said.
- No parking in the park. All cars and trailers will be booked by the rangers. The next step, which is not too far away, is that all keys will be cancelled and no cars whatsoever will enter the park. That means boat trailers, board and ski trailers, delivery vehicles and tradesmen's vehicles. Be smart and work within the rules or it will become a car free zone!
- 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.

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