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Weekly Newsletter

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Patrols

This coming weekend s patrols are:

Saturday 17th March

Patrol 1, 10am — 2.00pm

Patrol 5, 2.00pm — 6.00pm

Sunday 18th March

Patrol 10, 8.00am — 11.30am

Patrol 15, 11.30 — 2.30pm

Patrol 18, 2.30pm — 6:00pm

Cadet Patrol 1 Sunday morning 8.00 am to 11.30am

Remember the Aussies are coming up so patrols will be needing help over weekend of 24th and 25th March

Any queries re patrols should be directed to David Fleeting, Manager Lifesaving or your patrol captain

Remember the same rules apply as last season. Miss too many patrols and you are out; arrange substitutes or let your patrol captain know if you can't make it; the usual common courtesies still apply. It will be spelt out on your roster.

Renovations

The renovations are really moving now and by this weekend members will notice a big difference with doors and windows all in place. Soon carpet, painting and bar area work will commence so in about a month from now the place will be finished and will look sensational.

It should be noted that the renovations, once completed will result in the upstairs area being a first class entertainment area. Whilst the Sunday social will continue in its present format and the Board certainly will continue to encourage the family nature of this social, there will be a number of changes introduced. Many of these changes will be forced upon the Club by the various governmental, OH&S and general common sense regulations that are increasingly being forced on the Club.

- Dress codes will apply — these will apply to children as well as adults. (details later)
- Joggers will have to do their pre and post race registrations downstairs; not on the balcony and certainly not in the auditorium.
- No children will be allowed in the bar area. This policy is currently enforced and will continue.

- Members will be expected to look after the auditorium and not leave any unnecessary mess on tables and floor. Sufficient receptacles will be placed around the auditorium.
- Children will not be allowed to run or play games inside the auditorium otherwise they will be asked to leave.
- And yes, while it is a surf club, members will be expected to respect it and keep it clean and tidy, and not bring their dogs, cats, parrots, guinea pigs or any other animal into the auditorium. The one exception is wives/girlfriends may bring their male partners.

The renovations will result in a first class entertainment area, so let s ensure we treat it as such.

The date for the introduction of the above regulations will be notified soon. Stay tuned.

TAKE NOTE: Immediate Change

- The nature of food service will change immediately; children will no longer be allowed to get the food for themselves; parents will have to obtain all food for children (a health regulation, a liquor administration board regulation and a good idea). Sorry kids, no parent no food.

Carnival Dates

There s only one to go.

- 20th March Australian Championships (Masters) — Scarborough WA
- 22nd March Australian Championships (Open) — Scarborough WA

Dates to Remember

- 22nd April Veterans Day Reunion
- 25th April Anzac Day

Westfield Junior Ocean Swim

This event in its inaugural year went off without a hitch. While numbers were below expectations, there were a number of competing events thrust upon us after dates had been set. Many thanks must go to Westfield Bondi Junction for their great support and to The Athletes Foot for their provision of prizes. Thanks a bunch and next season the event will be co-ordinated for an earlier start in the season.

Training

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW BRONZIES

Congrats to 10 new members of the club who all obtained their bronze medallion at the weekend. Their assessor commented that the carries they performed were the best he d ever seen. The new members are Simon Banks, Tricia Armstrong, Michael Murphy, Insa Erry, Martine Allars, Andrew Gouge, James McLennan, Greg Tracey, David Wilson-Dowde and Robin Young. Please make them all feel welcome on upcoming patrols. A big thank you goes out to Siobhan McCarthy who co taught the squad with me. Good luck at Aussies, Siobhan.

NEW IRB CREW MEMBERS

Congrats also go out to Jason King and Dave Fleeting who have both become IRB crew members. The IRB team is slowly building in numbers. To become a part of this team then please email me at bronte.instructor@gmail.com to find out info on when the next crew course will be.

DEFIB COURSE

To all members of the club, there will be a defib course at 9am on Sunday 25 March in the Surf Club. The club has very kindly been donated a defib kit and so we need people on patrols who know how to use it. The course will be 2hrs long. I urge as many people as possible to come along and request that every Patrol Captain and Vice Captain attend. The defib kit WILL make the difference between life and death and it will prove invaluable on the beach.

For all those wanting to attend, please RSVP me at bronte.instructor@gmail.com.

Our club captain, leading by example was one of a group that passed their IRB crewing exam last weekend. The shore break was up and the surf was unpredictable, but there is no truth to the rumour that with Dave on the bow the biggest of the waves were parted or that he was nicknamed "ballast", well done to Dave "moses" Fleeting.

FYI - should have 2 other old timers through in the next week or so

Nippers

The Nippers have finished for the season with all presentations finalised last Sunday. Thanks must be extended to all who assisted during the season. Many thanks to Lindsay Cotterill in his first year as Manager Junior Activities.

Australian Team Meeting

A meeting of the team to visit Scarborough for the Aussie Titles will be held on Sunday 18th March at 4pm. If you are in the team, be there.

History Book – Bronte, the Birthplace of Surf Lifesaving

Sales are going great guns. If you missed the latest offer here it is again. If you have already purchased a book you may buy a second copy for \$50 and subsequent copies for \$25. Get in while stocks last

Excerpt from the Book

Serge Denman notched the trifecta in the 1951-52 season when he won the Metropolitan, State and Australian Surf Board championships. He was a big strong burly man — a practical joker, loved motor bikes almost as much as he loved the horses. One of his favourite pastimes was fishing with his close mate Bill Moyes, especially at Wedding Cake Island Coojee. The Island continued to lure Denman and with a scratch crew, took the surfboat out for a day s fishing at the island. Unfortunately for them president Frank Norton saw what was going on and in due course the accused were hauled before the Committee charged with using the surfboat for fishing. Ever alert Denman noted the flaw in the allegation. We were not fishing from the boat; we were fishing from the Island. Case dismissed.

Seems nothing has changed.

Club News

- At the Veterans Day reunion Bob Keyes would like to organise a photo of all Club members who played for the Roosters (aka Eastern Suburbs). So all you old Easts players, make sure you are here for the photo which will go in the Roosters History Book which is being written by league/sports journalist Ian Heads. I understand there are about 85 or so Bronte SLSC members who played for Easts so make sure you are here on 22 April. Patron Frank Norton, who played for Easts in 1770 when he arrived with the first fleet, will be here for the photo.
- An important note that will interest many older members is the Board s decision to wipe all membership fees for 50 year members. After 50 years membership, the Club is rewarding these members for their loyalty. This move was initiated by John Weber and good on the Board for going with it.
- Peter Peerless Perrin is not well. Peerless, a great member and boat sweep of extraordinary talent had a stroke and then fell onto a glass topped table and cut himself up pretty badly. The cuts won t worry him — he was never a good looking bloke. Seriously, get well Peter and anyone who can visit or contact him would do wonders for him.
- Some more bad news. Barbara Sward lost her father earlier this week. He was 93 years old and was the oldest member of Tamarama SLSC. Deepest condolences are extended to Barbara and her family.
- The Club has members who continue to take the easy way. The fire hydrant at the rear of the Club is there for emergency purposes only. Seems some members are using it for boat and car washing. The Sydney Water man who visited me didn t seem to understand my piss weak excuse that the boat is a rescue craft. He said he had seen surf boats in action on many occasions and that they certainly can t be described as rescue craft — more like idiot boats. Hard to argue with knowledgeable people. However
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- please don't use — the \$2500 fine will put a dent in most people's wallet. (No the Club won't pay — it will be the individual).
- The Club was represented at the recent Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras. Callum Metcalfe, Brenton Parry and Merrilee Barnes all took part and were on Surf Life Saving Australia's float. A good/gay time was had by all.
- Last Sunday Martin Palfrey and his brother swam against each other in a race from Blues Point to Manly Wharf. A distance of 11km's. Julia Tyrell was his paddler Johnny McCarthy paddled for my brother. He finished up coming 10th of 63 solo swimmers in 2hrs and 50mins.
He is off to Perth now for this weekend's Fremantle to Rottnest Island race° (20km's) to resume the duel with his brother. So when you are all at Cottesloe's Ocean Beach Hotel next week watching the sunset, check out Rottnest on the horizon and think of Martin.
- Club President Graham Ford is grand father again. Wife (or grandma) Trish thrives on the grandparent bit — GF's looking a bit haggard. Congratulations to all; mother and daughter are doing very well.
- Ken Baret (long term member) and his wife Joan, who both passed away last year will have their ashes spread at Bronte next month. Final details are being organised. Ken was a State and Australian Champion back in the fifties. Ken's son Trevor is a member of the Club.
- The Club's security system is being abused. If your tag is being used by a non member it will be disconnected. This still applies.
- A new lock system will be introduced for the board lockers. Club locks will be placed on the lockers and members will be issued with a key/combination on payment of annual locker fees. The Club will have a master key for inspections if required. These locks have just arrived as I write, so expect a call in a few days.

Governance Group

The Club's governance group has been ratified by the Board. It is made up of Bill Widerberg, Jon Donohoe and Bill Ford — last season's eminent persons group who acted as advisors to the Board on a number of issues relating to the change in the Constitution.

A charter is being developed for this group but basically the Group is to be available to the Board and Executive to advise on relevant issues relating to operational issues such as OH&S, insurance, and check that appropriate policies are in place on operational areas eg bar, licences, etc.

Members should be aware that the Board does not report to this Group — the Group is in place to assist.

New Section – President's Diary

Future editions of the newsletter will include a section Presidents Diary . Most members would be unaware of the number of meetings that Graham Ford attends each week. There is more to being President than attending a monthly Board meeting. For example over the past several days GF has attended meetings at Branch, State and National levels, building/renovations meetings, meetings with Council over the sustainability project (solar power), the new Governance Group, as well as being the chairman of disputes committee at the recent Nipper & Sate championships.

Graham also is on the National Committee for Youth Development.

In his spare time he runs his own business and co-ordinates the Competition at Bronte. Then he runs the Club as President.

This section will also announce major Board decisions.

Surf Race

Make sure you get down for the surf race each Sunday at about 11am. Good prizes, good fun and a good work to shake off those Sunday morning cobwebs. See Barry for a good handicap and directions on how to avoid the bluebottles.

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That is all for now. I know I have probably forgotten something but stay tuned and get it next newsletter.