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Weekly Newsletter

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Patrols

Patrols are fast approaching the end for 2007. Those members short of hours should endeavour to make up shortfalls as there will be a purge of members who fall short of their obligations. Also don't forget the Easter weekend coming up soon.

This coming weekend's patrols are:

Saturday 31st March

Patrol 3, 10am — 1.00pm

Patrol 7, 1.00pm — 4.00pm

Sunday 1st April

Patrol 12, 10.00am — 1.00pm

Patrol 15, 1.00pm — 4.00pm

Cadet Patrol 3 Sunday morning 10.00 am to 1.30pm

Note: Patrol hours have changed with the end of daylight saving.

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

Almost finished and hopefully by Veterans Day and Anzac Day the auditorium will look pretty good. Once completed, the area will be subject to a number of changes regarding its use. It may result in a few people getting their noses out of joint but that is unfortunate. Yes it is only a surf club but that doesn't mean it's open to abuse. The main areas that will involve change are:

- 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.

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.

Carnival Dates

- None, they are finished.

Dates to Remember

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

Veterans Day Re-union

I have been asked to explain the format for this function. Generally it is open to any senior member who has been in the Club a number of years. It involves past members from near and far who don t get to the Club as often as they did in their youth and re-live their glory days when events, surfing, football, courtesy etc were obviously much better than they are now and the sun was hotter, the waves bigger and the beer colder.

However any member (senior) over the age of about 30 is more than welcome; in fact it would be great if some of the current senior active turned up and had a listen to some of the tall tales being told and getting involved in some of the Bronte culture .

The food is outstanding, the beer cold and the company fantastic. Turn up and have a good time.

Training

Defib Course -A good turn out for the Defib course on Sunday saw Kate Scott, Jon Leung, Sam Pearlman, Tricia Armstrong, Bronwyn Johnson, Garry Luscombe, Jason King, Marcus Powell, Samui Reid, Kate Byrne, Bill Young and Rachelle Godman all get their Defib award under the auspicious eyes of Barry Dundas. ° A special note goes out to Cameron Miles for become a Defib and First Aid Facilitator. ° Well done to all.

IRB Crew -the IRB team expanded further this weekend with the addition of Jon Leung to the crew. ° Defib and IRB in one weekend, well done Jon.

Party Time - Pencil Saturday May 12 into your diaries for the second annual Waverley Surf Club Party. ° Join North Bondi, Bondi and Tama in a night of partying and dress up (Chess being the theme) as we all celebrate the season that was. ° The venue will be the Beach Road Hotel. ° Watch this space for more details.

ARC - Congratulations to Jason King, John Forrester, Matt Killkenny, Bill Young, James Mclennan and Tim Jeffries who all got their ARC award this week. ° It was an emotional experience for all involved, especially for their instructor Dave Stone who turned 40 this week!

Patrol Captain Award -Also, congratulations to Ashleigh Bond and Aaron Wheeler who both achieved their Silver Medallion Patrol Captain Award this week. ° Ashleigh and Aaron join Tim McCarthy as our only new Captains for 2006/2007. ° Both Ashleigh and Aaron are going for their Gold Medallion in April and the best of luck goes to the both of them.

Australian Championship Results

I m not aware of all the results but I will provide those that I know.

- Malcolm Allen won the masters 34 years surf race. He also was 2nd in the over 24 surf race at the open carnival and was a member of the open Surf teams that got 3rd. Other members were Andrew Beato, Andrew Bowden and Larn Darragh. This result was an outstanding achievement considering the drain of talent to Queensland. Northcliffe won the event and Cronulla just pipped us for second.
- The U/19 R&R got a third. Well done girls. Col McDermid s u/15s which were considered medal certainties came 5th after some judging shenanigans.
- Alex Menzies B crew got through to the quarter final (last 16). A pretty good result and one that can be improved on if the crew stays together.
- Coleen O Neill, the Club s Administration Manager got a 3rd in the Masters. Well done Col.

- Andrew Bowden got into the final of the tube rescue.
- Siobhan McCarthy got 7th in the 2 km beach run.
- Troy Quinlan got a 3rd in the u/19 2km beach run and Harries got a 4th in the open 2km beach run.

For all those people I missed I apologise; for the result I got wrong I apologise — I will fix up next newsletter.

History Book – Bronte, the Birthplace of Surf Lifesaving

WE expect all you attendees at the Vets Reunion who haven't purchased a book yet to come down with pockets full of cash to take advantage of the latest offer. 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 as sales are going great guns.

Book Excerpt

The question of Bronte as Australia's oldest surf club is bathed in conjecture. Despite the numerous references from within the confines of the head body of Australian surf lifesaving, Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA), that Bronte is indeed the oldest, formed in 1903, there are those who still question the claim. What is hard to disclaim is that there were formalised patrols on Bronte Beach in 1903. More important however is that Bronte is the birthplace of surf life saving.

While research has failed to find any minutes of formal meetings and the like — not surprising in view of the time . it can be asked what constitutes the formation of a surf club? A body of men on regular patrol . meeting regularly, as they did, since at the time Bronte was at the very forefront of pioneering rescue and resuscitation methods. Such decision making needed some formal gatherings of some dimension led by men with knowledge and experience.

Reports and records exist in SLSA's own archives which acknowledge Bronte as the place where formalised lifesaving first began. Perhaps the most compelling document is that which was found in 1972. When the foundation stone for the new Bronte clubhouse was laid in 1931, behind it was placed a time capsule which contained various memorabilia and a signed document from SLSAA among the signatures, that of the President CD Paterson and Donald McIntyre, general secretary of the SLSAA. The document clearly states that surf lifesaving began at Bronte in 1903. The significance of Paterson signing the document was that as a young man in 1903 he would have been well aware of the origins of the movement. He became President of the SBANSW in 1913.

While there may be conjecture over which is the first Club there can certainly be no conjecture as to the origins of surf life saving. So there!

East Coast Challenge

The East Coast Harbour Challenge is to be held at Rose Bay, Sydney Harbour on Sunday April 22nd, 2007.

This community based ocean paddling event is a great opportunity for your company to get their team of staff involved in a fun, outdoor team building challenge. Stephen Ford is running this event for Bronte Surf Club to raise money for the purchase of life saving equipment that the volunteers use to patrol our beaches every summer.

Each team will have three paddlers and must complete one lap each of the 4km course out around Shark Island in the harbour. Kayak paddling training is available through my partners company Oz Paddle - <http://www.ozpaddle.com.au> simply mention that you are entered into the event with a team and Tom will book you in for some training.

We are supplying 60 kayaks for the team category so please make sure you submit your entries early to secure a craft. Each team gets to give themselves a name and can win up to \$250 for first place.

The entry fee for the event is \$50 per person and all the event details, including entry forms can be found on the website - <http://www.ecoc.com.au>

Club News

- Local identity Steve Perrica passed away suddenly last week. Steve's milk bar served the Bronte community and every member of the Club in the 60s and 70s was a regular customer. Deepest condolences to Mark and all the Perrica family.
- Martin Palfrey did the Rottnest Island swim a week or so again. Finished in 6hrs and 15 minutes. °° Sore shoulders now and obviously completely mad.
- Life Member Glenn Price is making a good recovery after an operation last week. Get well soon Glenn and we will see you at the Vets Reunion.
- Rosie Milne, wife of Life Member Dennis, is still not well. Hang in Rosie and get well soon.
- Patron Frank Norton just had another minor operation regarding his hearing. Had implants so he should be firing by Vets Reunion and Anzac Day. Keep going Frank, we are not ready to break in a new patron for several years yet.
- The Club's rugby team will start the season on Saturday 14th April. Our home ground has changed due to renovations at Queens Park. Come along and support the boys in their attempt to win the competition for the third year in a row. The draw is not yet out so stay tuned.
- The TV is fixed, so you can all come down to watch your favourite footy team. Make sure when the TV is turned on, that you take turns to press every button to stuff it up and we can start the re-program affair again. Organising the TV man to come and re-tune the set is something I look forward to on a regular basis. I'm running a sweep to see how long it is before revisits.
- The board lockers will have Club locks placed on them over the next few days. Members who have paid board locker fees can collect their locks from the office — see me. Members who haven't paid board locker fees will have trouble getting their gear for a while as I am going away for 10 days next Wednesday.
- Don't forget that prior to the Vets Day (22nd April) the ashes of Ken Baret and wife Joan, will be spread at Bronte at about 11am.
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New Section – President's Diary

Graham Ford is having a break in Hong Kong after the Aussies. Touring the New Territories and checking out the latest developments in fried rice.

Surf Race

It's getting towards the business end of the season so the point score is up for grabs. A bribe to handicapper Barry could go a long way towards helping you get those vital points. (he likes the Old brand of beer — schooners of course).

The race starts at 11am surf club time.

End

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