

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB Inc.

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The Board of Directors
would like to wish
all Members and their families
all the very best for
2010.

Thank you to all for your support and
commitment to the Club
and your community
throughout 2009 .

SHIP SKUTTLING 27 MARCH 2010

On Saturday 27 March 2010 the Ex-HMAS ADELAIDE will be scuttled approximately 1.75km off the shoreline between North Avoca and Avoca Beach SLSC's.

The event has been scheduled to take place between 9am – 11am, but as with these events unforeseen circumstances can change plans. Approximately 20,000 boats are expected to be in the water with over 100,000 spectators viewing the scuttling from all areas.

AB SLSC, will be in need of assistance in and around the Club, with final details yet to be organised, as this will be a big day for the Club and the town. Anyone interested in being part of a committee overseeing this day, please contact Garry Clarke or the Club.

SLSCC have been requested through the NSW Government to ensure the beach going viewers remain out of harms way. Patrolling members, IRB Drivers, IRB Crewmans from all Central Coast Clubs have been requested to assist. If you can assist, please fill in the form on the website, or see the Admin Office.

The Club's core business is patrolling the beach, this is the reason the Club exists, and the Board of Directors are extremely grateful to all our volunteers for the work they do in patrolling the beach and keeping it safe for others.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all Members that the Club is required to abide by SLS CC, SLS NSW and SLSA rules and regulations in particular:

Patrol Members are required to wear a full patrol uniform whilst on patrol, ie, yellow SLSA top, red SLSA shorts and cap. *If you are not in your patrol uniform whilst on patrol you are not considered to be on patrol as you are not identifiable to the public.*

We also ask all patrol members to please report to your patrol Captain and sign on & off in the patrol log book. If you do not check in with your patrol captain & get assigned a duty or area, you are not considered to be on patrol. Patrol Captains are requested to keep the patrol log book with them at all times.

Competitors are reminded that their obligations to their patrol extends beyond acquiring 25 hours of patrol for competition purposes by 31 December, Patrol obligations exist throughout the entire season. This was reiterated to the Club strongly when the Club was audited four years ago.

Patrol hours acquired from 1 January 2010 are counted towards your total patrol hours for 2010, why leave them for the last week to do?

We would also like to remind all Members that we are all volunteers and each every one of us is entitled to be treated with respect, especially those who have taken on extra roles and responsibilities, such as being a patrol captain or sectional head.

It is unfortunate that the Club needs to remind a few of our members of these rules, and fortunately for us, it is to but a few, and the majority of our members continue to provide an excellent service!

Once again, we thank all our volunteers and value your support, as does the community and visitors to Avoca Beach

Garry Clarke, President.

PARKING AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Members are reminded that the parking immediately outside the front door of the Clubhouse is designated parking for the Council Life Guards during the week, and the volunteer patrol members for that time only. It is not for general parking. Council does do random checks and fines are enforced.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thank you to following members who gave up some of their time on Christmas Day to ensure all visitors to the beach were safe that day. Even with the shocking weather we had great support!

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| Josh Barnes | Dylan Colman |
| Jeff Barnes | David O'Grady |
| Mick Kendal | Jess Barnes |
| Andrew Parker | Gordon Stalley |
| Gary Hore | Emma Johnson |
| Matt Richards | Nic Richards |
| Wayne Donnelly | Tony Bennett |
| Mick Pepper | McKenzie See |
| David Birt | Tony Ide |
| Olivia Doyle | Josh Malone |
| Brad Mitchell | Murray Iles |
| Pauline Priest | Allan Moffitt |
| Pete Merrick | Greg Tobin |
| Ian Charlton | George Spencer |
| Garth Hunter | Ian Wiseman |
| Nat Gathercole | Steve Jung |
| James Reeves | Cameron Stewart |
| Ben Spindler | Alex Tomlin |
| Michael Bain | Neil Lenehan |
| Ian Gillespie | Rachel Thurlow |
| Liza Whitfield | Nigel Tebb |
| Wayne Ludlam | Sean Ludlam |
| Peter Short | Maxine Short |
| Brian Munton | Gareth Munton |

Special thanks to **Dylan Colman** who patrolled the entire day, even when he realised that there were no shops open for food supply on the day!

BOARDIES DAY WRAP UP

Although the day was not that well supported by Club Members, some community groups raised on our behalf

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| Westpac Erina | \$158 |
| NSCC Health Promotion | \$88.50 |
| Nigel Tebb | \$315 |
| Brentwood Village | \$25 |

PATROL NEWS

The Club is awaiting delivery of two new patrol tents, which we had hoped to be delivered before Christmas. This will be a welcome relief to all patrols.

The Club has also organised, through the Sponsorship of the **Ladies Auxiliary** and **Airpak Sheetmetal** for the purchase of a new patrol trailer which will remain fully equipped at all times and will ease the set up and pack up of patrols. The Club thanks our two sponsors.

Radios

Can Patrols please and ensure that they put the radios in their correct charging holders and ensure that the light turns on on the charger so that the radios are fully charged for the next patrol.

If you have any problems with any of the radios, please let the Admin Office know.

Already this season we have two radios missing, and at a cost of nearly \$500 this is a costly exercise and the radios need to be maintained.

TOURING WELSH TEAM

The Club is looking for households to assist with billeting members from the Welsh Touring Team from 11 to 15 February 2010.

The 26 member team is coming from Wales to compete at the Branch and State Championships.

They are also keen to attend one or two of Dog's training sessions with the 15, 17 and 19's.

They accept that they will not be competitive, this is more a learning and development squad to help improve their skills and abilities.

The aim was to be part of the community for the Branch Titles, build the relationship with the Central Coast and then come together as a team for the State Titles.

The Club is looking for households who can assist with billeting some members of the team

Please contact Jeff Smith if you are interested in assisting. Email sthjq@ozemail.com.au or phone: 0411 014 470

COMPETITION NEWS

State Championships, Swansea Belmont

Masters - 25 Feb,
Surf Board Riding Events - Friday 26 Feb
Opens - Friday, Saturday, Sunday 26-28 Feb
Life Saving Events - 20, 21 Feb.

The full circular and any other updates are on the competition notice board and on the website.

Entries:

Entries close at the Club on Australia Day 26 January, but it would be appreciated if those attending can indicate to their sectional captains if they will be competing, so entries and teams can be finalised prior to the close of entries on 1 Feb with State. Any late fees will be payable by the competitor!

Any additional events, entered into after the close of entries, is \$16 per event., therefore it is important that each competitor clearly indicates their events and the team events they would like to be considered for.

Only those who are financial members of the Club and who have paid their competition levy, or are paying their entry fee to the Club for the carnival can be entered. Cost per carnival is \$32.

Craft

Please note all craft being used at the Championships will require a valid red & white scrutineering Stickers.

Finalists may be required to have their craft scrutineered prior to racing in event finals.

Officials

The ratio of officials per competitors is as follows:

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| 9-19 competitors, | 1 official |
| 20-39 competitors | 2 officials |
| 40-59 competitors | 3 officials |

Any official available to be assist at the Championships please let the Admin office know.

Masters

Kevin Bootle
Maree Bootle
Bob Dorrell
Marie Ward

Open

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| Kevin Bootle | Maree Bootle |
| Rob Davis | Bob Dorrell |
| Chris Gathercole | Mike Tamblyn |
| Bryan Low | Marie Ward |

AVOCA BEACH CELLARS GOLF DAY

Thank you to all those who participated in the Club's annual Avoca Beach Cellars Golf Day at the end of December. Unfortunately the weather conspired against our keen and enthusiastic bunch of golfers, and the game had to be cancelled mid round.

Thank you to **Avoca Beach Cellars** for their sponsorship of the day. Their ongoing support of the Club is very much appreciated, so please don't forget to support them and drop by to say thanks!

Thank you also to **Glen O'Brien** and **Keith Ferrier** who took on the great task of organising the day.

OCEAN SWIM

It is planned that an Ocean Swim, to be associated with the ex HMAS Adelaide and to be held in conjunction with North Avoca SLSC will be held some time in March.

We are now looking for Members who may be interested in assisting with the running of what could be a huge new event for the Club and what is hoped will become an annual event.

Anyone interested should contact Garry Clarke on 0410 571 415

NIPPERS NEWS

The Westfield Rookie Challenge is on Friday 22 February Toowoon Bay at 2:00pm.

This is a team event for 6 selected Rookies. All team members must have completed 12 hours of patrol by 13 January to be eligible for this event.

Sunday 10th January 2010 - first day back of Nippers

Sunday 17th January 2010 - Nipper carnival, Toowoon Bay

Sunday 7 February Jnr Branch Championships, Toowoon Bay

SLS NSW Age Championships

Information on events and all details are on the Circular which can be found on the Club website.

Thank you to those Officials who have already nominated to officiate at these Championships

Carolyn Booth
Marie Ward
Chris Gathercole
Julie Bromley

JNR SKI TRAINING

Under 17 ski training will now be at 4:30pm on Monday and Wednesdays.
See Matt Mitchell for further details.

SWIMMING IN AREA NEAR ROCK POOL

There is increasing incidence of general public and members ignoring warnings to swim in the area adjacent to the rock pool, in the area well known to locals as a rip.

The Club would like to request Club members wherever possible, to provide a positive example and comply with patrol requests.

Many visitors to the beach see locals in this area and think it is a safe area to be in, and venture in at times when the locals know it is unsafe to be in.

PATROL SWAP

Thank you to the few who contacted the office regarding days that they needed swaps for. It was great to get people in contact with each other.

7 March 9 to 1pm patrol... Mark Felton needs to swap... anyone available?

WORLD SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS OCTOBER 2010, ALEXANDRIA EGYPT

Planning is now well under way for a group of Masters to compete at Rescue 2010 in Alexandria, Egypt.

Entries are now open and information is available on the Club website.

Plan at this stage is to leave Sydney on 7 October, for competition on 10, 11 October. This will be followed by a day of sightseeing in Alexandria, and then returning to Cairo for some further sightseeing. Some will then travel on to Luxor and return home via Dubai.

Anyone thinking of joining them should contact Jeff Smith or Anita ajung@tpg.com.au. Airfares are approx \$1900 and 5 nights at Alexandria \$200.

MEMBERS NEWS

We are now half way through the season, and one of the things that the Club can be extremely proud of is the senior roles being taken on by our some of our younger members, in particular:

Dylan Coleman

Alex Tomlin

Both these boys have undertaken the Trainers Course (along with Scott Smith) and are currently co-training a bronze squad. Both have assisted with regals throughout December and both have assisted around the Club in numerous ways, as well as putting in many hours on the beach assisting with patrols.

Dylan in particular put in the whole day on Christmas Day.

It is great to see such great achievements amongst our younger members when there is often so much negativity associated with teenagers! *Thanks boys!*

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