

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB Inc.

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What a fantastic result at the Australian Championships for Avoca Beach. Congratulations must go to the competitors coaches and officials for their outstanding efforts this season. The results are displayed in the newsletter and reflect the tremendous effort of our coaches. I take this opportunity to thank Beno and Q for their contributions as they have both having a rest from their positions. Jack Mitchell's 3 Golds and Mel's achievement were highlights of the competition. As most would realize there are a number of members who are consistently volunteering their time to maintain the club facility. We thank them for their efforts and encourage more involvement from members to lighten the load. Our thanks go to Tony Bennett and his House committee for the time they are committing to the club. Thanks also to Anita for the work involved around the WA tour and combining this with her normal administrative duties.

As this goes out we will also be acknowledging our sponsors and donors at a special function on Friday 13th. We again appreciate the wonderful support that we have from the community and sponsors and encourage all members to support these groups wherever possible.

A special thanks to the training group who have done an exceptional job in the awards area this year. To Andy, Mick, Craig, Brad, Murray, Bob, Stuart and Peter your efforts are appreciated.

It is also good to see IRB competition up and running and I encourage members to get involved as this is where the skill of handling IRBs is learnt. Anyone interested please see Stuart Patterson or contact the office.

As we head toward winter it is a time for people to think about awards they may like to do to upskill. I recommend that all members look at gaining their defib award and if possible undertake a patrol captains course if interested. Any member looking for options please contact Bob Mellis for details.

MEL MACPHERSON Boaties Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Mel Machperson from the Zenith Crew, who was inducted into the Boaties Hall of Fame following the SLSCA Championships.

Mel was only to be nominated for induction based on her amazing tally of 3 Gold Medals in the Australian Championships Opens Women Boat, however when she attained her 4th consecutive Gold Medal in this event (2 years with Bilgola and 2 years with Avoca), a hurried phone around was done, and Mel was unanimously endorsed into the Hall of Fame, becoming the first female boat rower to be inducted.

Congratulations Mel who is not only an amazing boat rower and great competitor, but an enthusiastic team and Club Member! (*You did well Brad in luring her to Avoca!*)

Aussie Thanks....

Thank you to all who assisted in the preparations for Aussies, notably

- **Slim Peebles:** Organisation of Team Uniform (thank goodness for his foresight in warm bulky jackets, which were much appreciated)

- **Murray Tancred:** Organisation of the containers
- To All who assisted with the packing of the containers

- **Gordon Stalley & Garry Clarke** our resident photographers

..... And all our Coaches & supporters! Well done!

AB SLSC AGM - 5 August

The Club AGM will be held on Sunday 5 August.

The meeting shall look at the accounts & reports from the Board of Directors, and the election of all Office Bearers.

Although all positions are declared vacant it is understood that several positions such as

- Director of Administration,
- Director of Life Saving,
- Masters Captain,
- Head Coach

are not being renewed by the incumbents and we ask that members put some thought into possible replacements.

Nominations for positions must be given to Brett, 7 days prior to the AGM, and must be endorsed by two members. Nomination forms will be issued at a later date.

A reminder to all Members should they wish to put forward a motion for discussion at the meeting that it must be received by the Director of Administration, Brett Hunter, 42 days prior to the AGM.

Any nominations for Life Membership must be endorsed by the Life Member Committee and submitted to the Director of Administration 90 days prior to the AGM.

DIARY DATES:

Saturday 13 April	Terrigal Ocean Swim
Monday 16 April	Containers return
Sunday 22 April	Nippers Presentation
Wednesday 25 April	Last day of patrols
Friday 11 May	Captains Keg
Sunday 24 June	Nippers AGM
Saturday 30 June	Club Preso
Saturday 28 July	Red Faces
Sunday 5 August	AGM
6 - 9 March 2008	State Championships
1-6 April 2008	Aussies in Perth

CAPTAINS KEG - FRIDAY 11 MAY

The traditional last day of patrols thank you to all our patrolling members, will not be held on the actual last day of patrols, out of respect to Anzac Day Services, however this will now be held on Friday, 11 May at 6pm.

All members who did patrols are invited to attend the wrap up and thank you night at the Surf Club for a few drinks and snacks.

Hope to see you there... and anyone who has not collected their thank-you-for-doing patrols shirts, these will also be available on the night for collection.

Please disregard any earlier dates that have been mentioned, but due to various commitments, this date was the first date available.

BAR STAFF

Please phone Rod Butler if you are interested in doing your RSA course at a discounted rate in view of helping with the Club work and the possibility of assisting with function bookings. Please phone Rod Butler

The Club is in need of bar staff for the various community and club functions, including assistance with Sippers.

Anyone Club members who have their RSA and are interested in assisting please let the Club know.

SLS CC AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE:

On Saturday 16 June SLS CC will be hosting the Awards of Excellence Night.

If you have anyone who would you like the Board of Directors to consider for nomination in the following categories:

U15, U17, U19, Master, Open, Athlete of the Year, Volunteer, Official, Coach, Rookie, Team Lifesaver of the Year,

Please let Garry Clarke or Brett Hunter know.

PHUKET

Slim Peebles, after much lobbying has obtained a grant for the training of lifesavers in Phuket Thailand. With this in mind the Club, is asking for volunteers, particularly trainers, to go and assist in this worthwhile task.

On Saturday, 14 April at 7:30am there will be a meeting of all those interested in going to assist with the training and set up.

IRB RACING IS BACK!

Stuart Paterson is managing the IRB Racing which takes place during winter in the off season.

Training will be on Sundays at 10am commencing THIS Sunday, 15 April.

Carnival dates are:

28 April	Long Reef
12 May	Kiama Downs
9 June	Terrigal
23 June	Pacific Palms
7 July	South West Rocks

This is a team sport and a great opportunity to fine tune rescue techniques and IRB driving skills, and have some fun.

So anyone interested in assisting, training, getting involved, or just wanting to see what it is all about talk to Stuart or come to training.

The Club has sent its sympathies to the Clark family and Terrigal SLSC following the tragic death of Donnica Clarke on Tuesday 17 April. Donnica was an outstanding competitor, a great team member, and following injury this year, a great Age Manager.

SLS CC NOMINATIONS

If you are interested or concerned or want to be part of the way SLS CC is run, nominations are now being called for the following SLS CC Boards:

- Board of Directors;
- Board of Lifesaving (Education)
- Board of Lifesaving (Rescues)
- Board of Surf Sports (Management)
- Membership Services
- Committees & Interbranch.

All nominations for the various Boards are due in at Branch by 13 April, and must be endorsed by the Club.

Full details of positions & forms are available on the website or from the office.

Opens 2007 Australian Championships - 14th in Australia

JACK MITCHELL U/19

1st Ski

1st Ski Relay

1st Double Ski

Lachlan Tame U/19

1st Ski Relay

1st Double Ski

3rd Board Relay

Tim Paterson U/19

1st Ski Relay

6th Double Ski

Zenith:

1st Open Female Boats

Aaron Benson U/17

1st Board

1st Board Relay

3rd U 19 Board Relay

Liam Jackson U/17

1st Board Relay

3rd U19 Board Relay

4th Open Board Rescue

Dean Mackay U/15

1st Board Relay

4th Ironman

Marissa Moore U/15

1st Board Relay

2nd 2km Run

Jess Davis U/15

1st Board Relay

6th Ironwoman

Jade Condon U/15:

1st Board Relay

Tristan Rossiter U/19:

2nd Surfboard Riding

Z Crew:

3rd Open Boats

Munjas:

3rd Reserve Boats

Chris Parker:

4th Open Board Rescue

Jess Redden Finals Flags;

Darren Clarke Final Open Belt;

Dan Collins Final Open Ski

Masters 2007 Australian Championships - 5th In the Australia, 1st Cub from NSW

NIGEL TEBB 35-39 YEARS

1st Ironman

1st Board

2nd 110 Ski Relay

2nd 130 Board Relay

3rd 30-34 Board Rescue

3rd 130 Taplin

Tweakers:

1st 240 Boats

Gordon Jones 30-34 years

2nd Ski

3rd 30-34 Board Rescue

6th Double Ski

Jim McAtamney 55-54

2nd Ironman

3rd 130 Taplin

2nd 130 Board Relay

3rd Board

4th 45-49 Board Rescue

Greg Cook 45-49 Years

2nd Beach Flags

3rd 110 Board Relay

5th Beach Sprint

Matt Mitchell

2nd 110 Ski Relay

6th Double Ski

Murray Iles 50-54 years

2nd Beach sprint

Blurs:

2nd 160 Boats

Richard Brierty:

2nd 110 Ski Relay

David O'Grady 45-49 years

3rd 130 Taplin

2nd 130 Board Relay

4th Board Rescue 7th 45-49 Board

Jeff Smith:

3rd 110 Board Relay

Dan Ryan:

3rd 110 Board Relay

4th 200 Sprint Relay:

Cappas: 4th 120 Female Boats

What A Championships! As the above results show, the Club did incredibly well.....But one of the things that stood Avoca out from many of the other Clubs, was the fantastic Club support the competitors had, the great sense of history in the tent with Dan Collins in his Avoca jacket over 20 years old, and Tim Paterson in his father Avoca jacket, the fun that was had in the tent and what great mates people from Avoca are.

Masters was a Nigelfest as the above results show. Gordon Jones in his first masters, two medals.... Could have been 3! Jim McAtamney and Dog as always getting great results, ■ Jeff Smith injured in the flags,

In the Opens, first medal of the Championships went to Marissa Moore U15, 2nd 2km run. This along with Tristan Rossiter's silver in boardriding added variety to the medal tally.

Then Club turned out in full force on a cold windy, rainy afternoon to see the U19 ski relay, Jack Mitchell took off with determination, Tim Paterson, increased the lead, and Lachlan Tame was a sole paddler on the way in such was their lead. The way the boys combined to put in three great paddles was a credit to their coach and all those who saw it put this as a carnival highlight. However, this was eclipsed the next day when the U15 girls in windy, choppy big seas put in amazing paddles to win the board relay. Jess Davis gave them a great lead, and then Jade Condon, stepping up from the U13 crested wave after wave whilst all behind her lost their boards, we knew Marissa would hold her own, but conditions were gutsy and it was just hoped Marissa would not be blown into another area.

Liam & Aaron showed great teammanship as they competed in various age groups Winning gold in the U17 board relay and then bronze immediately after in the U19 and Liam stepped up to paddle with Chris Parker in the Open Board Rescue, coming 4th meanwhile Aaron was winning gold in the board. Along with Dean Mackay, these boys continue to outstand.

In the boats we saw Wendy Norman being tossed around like a rag doll as she attempted to get in the boat, the girls finishing 4th in an event where teams could have been half their age... then later in the carnival, Wendy decided to ditch the rest of her crew and bring the boat home solo.... Luckily without too much injury.

The last day saw the elation of the girls wining back to back Open Boat Titles, and then the boys come in 3rd in close conditions, then the Munjas elated at their result. The Nigel Tebb paddling out in the taplin, bringing the Club in 2nd finishing with Yesterday's Hero, Trevor Gee bringing the Club into 11th.. It was great carnival.... As some and these were just some of the highlights...

Congratulations to the following Nipper State Finalists:

Jade Condon U13

2nd Board

3rd Ironperson

3rd Swim

Jake O'Brien U12

3rd Flags

Brad McCloghry U11

1st Board

2nd Ironman

Jackson Mills U10 2nd Flags

Sean Ludlum U10 3rd board

2nd U10 Board Relay: Sean Ludlam, Luke Wiseman, Nick Fallon

Connor Kondrat U9 2nd Flags

2nd U9 Male Board Relay: Jordy McCarthy, Kieran Richardson, Billy Watkins

Darcy Griffin U9 3rd Board

Jorden Giffin U8 1st Sprint

Nipper Dates:

Sunday 22 April Nipper Preso

Sunday 24 June Nipper AGM

MEMBER NEWS:

Welcome to our newest Club Member: Millie Rose Parker born 14 March to Leslie & Matt.

Congratulations to:

Jaci & Nigel Tebb and Dan & Belinda Mitchell on the forthcoming additions to their families.

Annual Report Reminder

A reminder to all Sectional Heads, Committee Heads and anyone else wishing to write a report for the Annual Report, that all reports are due in by Mid May.

It would be appreciated if all could assist in getting their reports in on time

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