

Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club
June - October 2008
Newsletter

Welcome one and all to the 2008-2009 season.

2008 Australian IRB Championships

Since the end of patrols last April many members of the club have been very busy organising and assisting with the running of the 2008 SLS Australia IRB Championships.

This event was held in sunny conditions on the 20 – 22 June.

Competitors came from as far as Fremantle in the west and Kurwana Waters in Queensland.

The event was a resounding success. The event referee, Mark Fisher, complemented the Shellharbour club on the excellent standard of carnival organisation and delivery.

Many thanks to all the Shellharbour SLSC members who assisted with this event. Special thanks to Terry Barton and Sandy Rose who were able to source much of the equipment needed and getting it set up. Special thanks, also, to Maree Love and members of the ladies march past team for the Officials & VIP catering, Trina Jensen for providing First Aid, Sandy Rose (again) for the BBQ, Paul McKinley for the carnival use IRBs & the containers & Wayne Cavanagh for arranging and co-ordinating the club workforce.

Not to forget Rob McAlister who did many various jobs to ensure the event ran smoothly.

These folks were given help by many club members and it goes to show that

most of the Shellharbour SLSC members are willing to put up their hands to help major events.

Also thanks to a number of businesses and organisations in the local area that assisted with the supply of goods and even labour for this event. Namely Shellharbour Workers Club, Kel Campbell Fuel Distributors, Shellharbour City Council, Rose Brothers Homes and Barton Constructions.

Thanks also to local SLS clubs at Kiama, Kiama Downs, Shoalhaven Heads and Warilla that also provided IRBs and other equipment for the running of the championships.

AGM and Club Committee

The Club Annual General Meeting was held on the 29th June 2008. President Rob McAlister thanked everyone for their support over the year and during his term as Club President. Dene Herbert was elected as President, Terry Barton vice-president, Dana Richards secretary, Chris Troutman treasurer, Sandy Rose club captain, Wayne Cavanagh JAC chairman, Paul Schloeffel chief instructor.

Dene is excited with the challenge of working with the committee and club members to continue the fine standard of patrols, competition and social events over the next 12 months.

New Life Member – Rob McAlister

At the AGM a nomination for the life membership for Rob McAlister was put to the members. The details of the nomination were read to the meeting and as a result of many, many years of

hard work for the club Rob was elected unanimously to the status of Life Member. Congratulations Rob!

Swimwear

The club committee has decided to go with a new supplier for the next 12 months. The supplier is Kozii. The swimwear sub-committee and the soft gear steward have been working hard to get these new costumes for you.

2009 Presentation Night

Following the success of the 2008 Presentation Night at Warilla Bowling & Recreation Club, the committee has re-booked the venue for the next presentation night on 23rd May 2009.

2008 World Lifesaving Championships

This year saw competitors from Shellharbour SLSC take part for the first time at the ILS Championships held in Germany. Paul Condron and Jo Helson participated in the event. Paul performed well but did not make it to the podium. Jo continued her excellent form which she showed at the Australian Championships in April and won medals in her events. Congratulations to both of these fine ambassadors.

Life Saving Awards

Some of the instructors of the club also worked through the winter with a Surf Rescue Certificate squad doing their course in the July holidays.

Off-season Board Training

Paul Condron and Jo Helson a number of members continued training into the autumn months. A number of juniors and seniors took part in pre-season board training during the winter months.

Combined SC/FSC Club Conference

In August Dene Herbert, Sandy Rose and Wayne Cavanagh attended a combined South Coast/Far South Coast club conference. Trina Jensen was also in attendance as a member of the SC Branch BOLS. A wide range of lifesaving and club issues was discussed over the two days. We came away feeling that we are doing most things well.

2008 Patrols

Through August and September Club Captain Sandy Rose spent many hours preparing patrols and the patrol roster for this season.

All patrol members now have 44 hours each to patrol over the season. The club has increased the total number of hours from 432 up to 440. For the first time there will be full patrols at South Shellharbour during December, January and February.

Annual Gear Inspection

On 14th September the club lifesaving equipment and facilities had the annual check over from members of the South Coast Board of Life Saving. The members of the Board were impressed, with nearly all the equipment in excellent condition. Some equipment needed some adjustment on the day so that it could be passed. Thanks to Sandy Rose, Rob Ryan and the others who helped with the inspection.

Building Extensions Application

On Friday 26th September it was announced that Shellharbour SLSC was successful in its application for funds in the SLS NSW/NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation Club Facility Grant. We will receive \$350 000 to put a second story on the present clubhouse and to do renovations on the present structure.

This is much welcomed news as the present clubhouse is bursting at the seams with over 500 club members using our facilities.

Thank you to the members of the building committee, along with Tracey Freeman, who have done a great job with this project.

Thanks to those members and families who were able to attend the quickly arranged press conference on the Friday afternoon.

The club has also been successful with a number of other grants. A big thank you to Tracey Freeman who has been doing the applications and submissions.

Raising of the Flag Ceremony.

On Saturday 27th September, the first day of the patrol season, Shellharbour SLSC hosted the inaugural South Coast Branch "Raising of the Flag" Ceremony. The event was held in beautiful weather and was attended by Jenny George Federal MP, Lylea McMahon State MP, branch sponsors and local council representatives 8 of the 9 South Coast Branch clubs were in attendance with 7 club flags in the parade.

About 20 members from Shellharbour took part in the march. Photos from this event can be accessed from a link on the club website.

Thanks to Dick Plummer for his assistance with various things and to Dana Richards for supplying a wonderful morning tea.

Registrations/ Proficiencies

Patrolling members are reminded that they need to pay their fees and complete the club membership forms ASAP.

Over that last four weekends nearly 300 junior members have enrolled, or re-enrolled, with Shellharbour SLSC. In that time good weather and calm surf conditions have enabled these junior members to get through their proficiencies and the education awards. Patrolling members have also done proficiencies on two days. A third and last day is set down for Saturday 15th November.

Boaties Raffle/ Carnival

Club members who row boats have just held a very successful raffle. The proceeds of this raffle will enable the club to purchase some new oars and repair some other oars.

On the 6th December Shellharbour will host round 2 of the Warilla Bowls South Coast boat series. A spectacular day of racing is assured. Please see Mark Bartlett if you can help out beforehand or on the day.

2008 SLS NSW Endurance Champs

On 11th September a number of members took part in the SLS NSW Endurance Championships at Cronulla. There were some excellent results with Zoe Elkerton winning her two events. Results to hand are:

30-39 F surf race – Dana Richards 2nd
U/15 F surf race – Zoe Elkerton 1st
Senior M beach run – Dean Boyton 3rd
30-39 M beach run – Dean Boyton 1st
U/15 Ironwoman – Zoe Elkerton 1st

NSW Country team to NZ

Congratulations to Rachel Hobson who has been selected in the SLS NSW Country team to tour New Zealand this season. Rachel has been selected as the female beach competitor in the U/16 age group.

Coolangatta Gold

That right folks, we have four members who have just competed in the Coolangatta Gold team's race. Paul Schloeffel (ski), Ray Hobson (board) Dean Boynton (run) and Greg Robinson (swim) took part in this iconic event. We hope they will recover soon.

Community (Bendigo) Bank, Notts Smash Repairs, Transfield Services, Telstra, Kel Campbell P/L, Ray White – Shellharbour City, BJ Love Financial Services.

Patrols 2009-2011

SLS NSW has asked Shellharbour to do more patrol hours in the coming years. As a result a proposal has been compiled explaining how we might do this.

The present committee does not want each patrolling member to do more hours. In fact we would like to reduce the number of hours that each patrolling member does from 44 down to 40 & then 36 over a number of years.

To do this we plan to slowly and sustainably increase the number of patrols that we have in that time. Next season we want to have 12 patrols doing 40 hours, the season after 14 patrols with 40 hours each and the season after that 15 patrols doing 36 hours each.

With the increased number of patrols we will need to have more members with the Beach Management award or the Patrol Captain's award. We are hoping to have two people per patrol with this qualification over time. Please give your name to Paul Schloeffel if you feel you can help in this regard.

Support our Sponsors

If possible we would like our members to support those that support us. Let them know that you are a member of Shellharbour SLSC as this may result in our club receiving further funds.

Shellharbour Workers Club, Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club, Oak Flats