



Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

# The Dee Why Surfer

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## Dates for your Diary

### **MARCH 2**

IRB Crew Course

### **MARCH 21**

Local Tibetan program

### **APRIL 3**

Nippers AGM and Annual Presentation Evening

### **APRIL 19**

DY2K Swim and Biathlon

For our members, we have a long list of ongoing activities. Those wanting to get fit, maintain current fitness or work towards Ironperson status, Club training programs are held every day. Swimming training is available every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 7pm at Pittwater House for \$5. Or you could try the Sunday morning events. Our Club offers the best gym membership rates in Dee Why - \$55 a year for active members and has a new spin bike (for those that have a working gym key).

For the social butterflies, members are welcome to wander up the stairs to the Betty Barry Room any Sunday morning from 10 for a cuppa or quiet drink. Meet some of our senior members, life members and executive team.

## From the President's Laptop

With Adrienne Lowe

With the season well underway, I am pleased to report that Patrols have remained strong. Beach goers can be assured that all our Patrols consist of members that have been fully trained, proficient and updated in the latest in emergency care and beach management. So far this season, total beach attendance is over 328,500. We have had 219 first aid cases, including 159 marine stings, 3 major wounds and 1 spinal. We have conducted 2,071 preventative actions and 49 rescues. The Club has processed 556 awards from our under 8's to the 30 year National Patrol Service Award.

## **NIPPERS AGM AND PRESENTATION EVENING APRIL 3**

The younger members are well catered for. Nippers run every Sunday morning from 9 am. This season our Nippers have organized interclub competitions with Nth Curl Curl, Long Reef and rural Orange. The BBM Nipper camp was a great success. A Nipper contingent has traveled to Orange for some inland water training and fun.

Progress on the Centenary celebrations and book are in full swing. Stories for our Hundred Year Book are being compiled and documented, the first draft is due mid-year.



DO YOU HAVE ANY INTERESTING YARNS FROM THE 70s AND 80s TO INCLUDE IN THE NEXT EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER?  
Email to [president@dyslsc.org.au](mailto:president@dyslsc.org.au)

On the community side, we were involved in the Warringah Council Australia Day activities, including the Manly Warringah Dash 4 Cash, Nipper display, March Past demonstration and water safety for the Ocean World creatures. We opened the Club free of charge to the Council on the day for administration and costume changes.



**Adrienne and Chelsea – Australia Day**

Thank you to all the members who assisted with the four rounds of the Ocean Thunder series. A large army of members was required to set up the beach from 6.30am, maintain the BBQ and pack up in the afternoon.

I'm sure I can speak on behalf of all members in expressing our sorrow at the devastation and tragic loss of lives in the Victorian Bush fires. Over the weekend a collection tin was set up at the Club for donations.

## Behind the Scenes

The Deputy President, Simon Moriarty, submitted the CDSF funding mid-year report to the Dee Why RSL by the due date. Branch President, Gordon Lang and the Branch CEO have had discussions with Ric Hart. The current status is:



- Warringah Council understands the need to negotiate separately with the 9 Warringah SLSCs on the facilities management;
- Warringah Council is still pushing for a united approach on the Lifeguard issue.

Branch is currently advertising for a Support Officer. Surf Life Saving NSW is looking for a Sales Representative - Commercial and Training. Both positions can be viewed on the SLS NSW web site.

And more on the dreaded SLS audits. I'm pleased to report the Training Department passed with flying colours.

Your Executive Committee is in the process of consolidating Club sponsorship arrangements and obligations.

Thank you to Michael Crawford for taking the rubbish from the Betty Barry Room out every single Monday. Not part of the Secretary's job description, but greatly appreciated.

Greg Punch has taken on the management of the Cash Housie roster, much to my relief. If you can attend the DY RSL Cash Housie sessions on a Saturday or a Wednesday morning on the Club's behalf, please let Greg know.

Surf Life Saving Australia has set up an Ecosurf link on their web site, [http://www.ecosurf.org.au/Working\\_with\\_community](http://www.ecosurf.org.au/Working_with_community). The site is designed to keep Clubs informed on renewable energy sources, grey water recycling, Surf Club grants and funding.

ARE YOU A CLUB MEMBER INTERESTED IN BEING OUR ECOSURF DELEGATE?

## What's new?

This month's Emergency Care theme will focus on airbag checks. Using the airbag during resuscitation increases the oxygen the patient receives from 16% up to 95%. Patients will almost always benefit from the administration of supplemental oxygen. It is the responsibility of every ARC holder to check his or her equipment prior to patrol. Most ARC holders are spot on when checking the contents of the oxygen cylinder, but tend to overlook the airbag checks. If

you are a little rusty and not sure about them, Maz has attached a copy of the checklist to the board in the First Aid Room. It is essential to check the integrity of the valve and membranes.

Channel Seven's series Surf Patrol have again been prowling Dee Why Beach in search of a story. I thank all the patrol members who braved the camera over the last few weeks. Peter Martin may well be our new Tom Cruise.

## Looking ahead

On March 21, we are teaming up with the local Tibetan community. Plans are underway for a DYSLSC community education program and Club tour. Again if you're able to assist please let me know at [president@dyslsc.org.au](mailto:president@dyslsc.org.au). All this leaves no excuse for members not to be onboard during February and March.

## Housekeeping

A reminder to all Patrol Captains - please ensure patrol members are attired in full uniform and, yes, this includes the red and yellow cap worn on the head not the neck. The DHL tent must be erected and the Coke banner displayed on the Club. If any Club member is aware of any OH&S issues, please send me an email at [president@dyslsc.org.au](mailto:president@dyslsc.org.au).

## Training & Education Awards

With Kaz Marks

Our Bronze Medallion Course is up and running with 20 Bronze candidates and 4 SRCs. Bruce Richardson is our Senior Instructor with Steve Haggett and Kaz Marks flanking him. We also have some of our members who have done their Training Officer's Course, doing small presentations along the way, as part of their qualifications to gain their award. We are thrilled with the turn out of candidates, they are a great bunch of people and we're having a lot of fun.

## Training Courses

### IRB Crewperson Award

Monday, March 2 @ 6.30pm  
5 weeks x 2 sessions a week.

Bookings are essential. If you would like to join us, please contact Kaz Marks at [coyote18@bigpond.net.au](mailto:coyote18@bigpond.net.au).

## First Aid photos from Manly Carnival



**APRIL 19**

**DY2K Swim and Biathlon**

Contact Ian Nicol on 0411 316141  
if you can help with water safety or registrations



## Attention ALL members: Sunday Morning Club Events

- \* Club water and beach events open for all members, cadets (U15) through to masters (30+)
- \* Open to all new members currently undertaking their SRC and Bronze awards
- \* Opportunity for new and existing members to improve their fitness and skills
- \* Good preparation for Club Championships to be held later in the season
- \* Most of all, very social and great fun!

### Structure of Events

- \* Every Sunday Morning
- \* Start time – 10.30am, 45minute sessions to allow members to plan their participation (after Nippers)
- \* Beach/surf conditions prevailing, events will include a selection of the following:

Surf Swim  
Pool Swim/Relay  
Board race (teams relay)  
Board race (individual)  
Board 1km Race (warm up for the 2km Board Paddle Championship towards the end of the season)  
Beach Sprint  
Beach Flags  
Beach Relay  
Taplin Relay (3 person per team – swim, board, ski)  
Poles Beach Run (and back)  
Trigg Point Run (warm up for the Trigg Point Championship event towards the end of the season)  
Lifesaver Relay (including boats – run through in preparation to SNB Branch Champs event)

Weekly Results will be published on club noticed board (outside club captains room).

Contact either:

Gary Yabsley [yabsley5@bigpond.com](mailto:yabsley5@bigpond.com)

Phil Thomas [competition@dyslsc.org.au](mailto:competition@dyslsc.org.au)



Fantastic patrolling on Dee Why Beach



Helpers on Australia Day



Bruce with new Bronzies





## Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club 1912-2012

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### 100 years celebrations

#### Logo Competition

The Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club will be celebrating its Centenary year in 2012.

2012 will mark 100 years of patrols on Dee Why Beach.

The Centenary committee are planning a number of events to mark this milestone in our Club's history. Plans include a Centenary book, community open days, and Branch carnivals, historical displays including photos and memorabilia, and a competition to design a Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club 100 year logo.

**We would like to invite all club members to participate in a competition to design a Centenary Club logo.**

**The design must include the Black Swan above and the dates 1912 and 2012.**

The winning logo will be used in a number of applications including:

- Official letterheads
- Posters
- Advertising
- Banners
- Embroidery
- Newsletters
- Club Centenary Medals

The winners will receive a PC software package including:

Microsoft Vista  
Microsoft Office 2007 (Word, Excel, etc)  
Microsoft Student 2007  
Microsoft Flight Simulator Version 10

Valued at \$1,500.

Please send all entries to:  
[secretary@dyslsc.org.au](mailto:secretary@dyslsc.org.au)

or contact

Adrienne Lowe  
President  
Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

Competition closes at end of season, April 2009.



## Marketing & Sponsorship

With Steve Haggett

### BBM – Junior Development Camp January 2009

Once again a big thank you to BBM for their continued support of this worthwhile Junior Development Camp for another year.

Our Orange Nippers showed vast improvement with their surf skills and the boards, once again, proved very popular with everyone.

We were blessed with perfect weather and surf conditions and a great rollup of 50 plus juniors for 3 days of concentrated surf awareness and skill development.



Ivor and Robyn

The final day of camp was full-on starting with an early morning swim then meeting the Patrol. This was then followed by Ten Pin Bowling at the Dee Why RSL-AMF Bowling Centre, where some great games were played.

After bowling, we returned to the club for lunch and then Twilight Nippers to show off all those hours of training. A Dinner was held at the conclusion of a very tiring day to say thanks to all the children, parents, water safety, coaches and, most of all, to our friends from Orange.

Also joining us was Emma Tyrrell, who is currently researching for a Masters documentary as part of her studies for Bristol University in the UK. Her studies are based on the Australian beach culture and will be shown, if good enough, in European film festivals.

Her interest is doing a 'Bush to the Beach' factual documentary on what it means to children from the bush that come and experience the coastal lifestyle. Emma will be joining us on our trip to Orange to experience the country life of the Orange Nippers. We are all looking forward to our trip to Orange at the end of March. I'm sure we will all be excited to see the final production of Emma's documentary that she will be supplying us on CD.

With continued support from BBM, it is hoped that we can expand to include some other families from other regions of NSW.



Many thanks to BBM for their support





Dee Why and Orange Nippers

## Snippets from the history of the DYSLSC

### SHARK!

In line with the major newspapers around the country, it seems appropriate to include in this month's edition of our local rag, a story relating to a shark attack on Dee Why Beach. There are four different versions on exactly what occurred in the summer of 1934.

The following extract is taken from a BBC audio tape, sent to the Club last month by Dennis O'Toole, son of Laurie O'Toole.

"On a warm March day in 1934 more than 40 people splashed gaily in the sea, Laurie O'Toole was the permanent lifesaver on duty. Suddenly, the most feared words that could ever be heard on a surfing beach rang out 'shark'. No sooner that the piercing cry had gone out than O'Toole saw it. A sinister black fin breaking the surface had sliced its way towards the unsuspecting swimmer. The warning cries from the beach went unheard. The 14-foot monster completed its charge with such force the swimmer was tossed bodily into the air; quickly the surrounding seas became discoloured, green turning to red. With one vicious snap the shark had torn away it's victims' leg to the hip. The shark circled closing in again. With

one eye on the shark and the other on the stricken swimmer, O'Toole, with arms and legs thrashing in the water, dauntlessly entered the danger area. Through the blood-discoloured water ploughed O'Toole, closer to the stricken swimmer and the circling monster. The panic on the beach was indescribable. "It will kill O'Toole too!" they said. But O'Toole's strong arms went out to the boy tearing him away from those terrible jaws. The boy looked pleadingly at O'Toole. It's gone, my leg it's gone. Then he fell limp in O'Toole's arms. Others on the beach began to haul in the line, and the grim procession began to move away from the blood red water. The 14-foot shark, maddened by the flow of blood, closed in on O'Toole and his patient; spectators on shore turned away in horror. The shark did not attack again. Back on the beach O'Toole and others (F. Burke, N. Slee, T. Johnson, J. Stebbing and N. Walpole) attempted to stem the flow of blood from the boy's shocking injuries, but the youth died in their arms on the water's edge."

The victim was Frank Riley; he was swimming in water about a metre deep and only 25m from the shore when attacked. Frank was a local lad - one of eleven children who lived in Tasman St, Dee Why.

Laurie O'Toole was recognized by the Royal Ship Wreck and Humane Society, conferring upon him their highest award for bravery their Gold Medallion, and the SLSA Silver Medallion.

## Board & Ski

With Pete Hatfield

What a massive month of competition from our Board & Ski team. We had East Coast Masters, Manly, Freshwater and the Branch carnivals. Attendance for all these events was high and Dee Why showed our strength across all events contested.

With coach Scott Jones having our competitors in great shape for the events, good results and medals followed. Manly carnival saw our club enter an all-age relay and Branch, the Lifesaver relay. It was the first for a few years.





**Masters paddlers @ Branch**

With my carbon neutral goals in mind it's impossible for me to ledger all the results from these carnivals, however some stand out a little more than others from memory. Dan Miller competed in 7 events at Manly stepping up to the mark each time; let's try for 10 next year with the addition of 3 on the ski! Ian Nichol won gold on the Board at East coast. Jenny Listberger won Silver on the Single Ski at Branch and teamed up with Maddie Quinn in the Open Women's Double Ski taking it to the more experienced crews and earning Bronze.



**Jenny and Maddie @ Branch**

In all this was Dee Why's best Branch for quite a few years (coming 10<sup>th</sup> overall). Our hard work and persistence is paying off and with State and Nationals coming up, our expectations should rightly be a little higher this year.

Big thanks to all our competitors who helped with the Ocean Thunder Series this year; our contributions help bring great events like this to Dee Why.



**The crew at Branch**

## **Junior Branch Championships**

By Ben Davies DYSLSC Junior Development Officer

The weather conditions at South Palm Beach were not as bad as first reported. The temperatures that were predicted gladly didn't eventuate leaving the beach competitors with comfortable conditions to compete in. The water wasn't so kind with an often-difficult swell with gutters and uneven sand to negotiate. The parking availability and protection from the elements was always of concern. Shade tents set up on the site for our competitors and the close proximity of the board trailer made it better than expected. The day's events started early due to the extreme temperatures that were forecasted. The only hiccup during the program was that the water events would not stop for the March Past, so our appointed team would not be available to compete. Any nippers handy convened a flag party at the time to find that all the water areas did cease operation, leaving Dee Why no time to organize and compete in the event. I would firstly like to congratulate all our competing nippers for their efforts during the day and the spirited support they gave to each other. The results showed us that the training, along with talent and determination, helped us go one better this season.

We achieved strong performances on the day as the results show.



U/11 B Board Relay 1<sup>st</sup>  
 (Daniel Rashleigh, Harry Marshall, Shaun Wyllie)  
 U/13 B Beach Flags Andras Eglesz 1<sup>st</sup>  
 U/13 Girls Board Rescue 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 (Paige Wiseman, Madison Wyllie)  
 U/14 Boy's Beach Flags Connor Wyllie 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 U/12 Girl's Beach Flags Kata Eglesz 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 U/13 Boys Beach Sprint Andras Eglesz 3<sup>rd</sup>

**With strong performances by**

U/10 Boys Beach Sprint Emile Mau'u 4<sup>th</sup>  
 U/11 Girl's Beach Flags Alison Candrick 4<sup>th</sup>  
 U/13 Girls Beach Sprint Riley Cross 6<sup>th</sup>  
 U/13 Girl's Beach Flags Riley Cross 5<sup>th</sup>  
 U/14 Boys Beach Sprint Connor Wyllie 5<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our efforts, especially Ross Hockley, who got the trailer to and from the venue and Matt Molina, for organizing and getting things ready for the day. Thanks also to all those who worked in the background aiding our efforts. We all look forward to everyone returning in 09/10 to get another chance.

**Masters Results**

60-64 Swim Ian Nicol 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 60-64 Board Ian Nicol 4<sup>th</sup>  
 60-64 Rescue Tube Ian Nicol 4<sup>th</sup>  
 55-59 S/Ski Joerg Listberger 1<sup>st</sup>  
 50-54 Board Nan Crawford 4<sup>th</sup>  
 50-54 Swim Nan Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 50-54 Rescue Tube Nan Crawford 4<sup>th</sup>  
 50-54 Board Marty Quinn 5<sup>th</sup>  
 45-49 D/Ski Listberger/Boer 1<sup>st</sup>  
 45-49 S/Ski Pieter Boer 4<sup>th</sup>  
 45-49 Swim Cam Wyllie 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 45-49 Ironperson Cam Wyllie 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 45-49 Rescue Tube Cam Wyllie 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 40+ S/Ski Jenny Listberger 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 40-44 Swim Chris Morgan 5<sup>th</sup>  
 40-44 S/Ski Chris Morgan 5<sup>th</sup>  
 35-39 Swim Grant Marshall 6<sup>th</sup>  
 35-39 Rescue Tube Grant Marshall 5<sup>th</sup>  
 130+ Board Relay 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 130+ Taplin 4<sup>th</sup>  
 150+ Taplin 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 150+ Ski Relay 1<sup>st</sup>  
 120/140 Male Boats 1<sup>st</sup>

**Open Results**

Open Board Relay 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Open Board Rescue 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Open Lifesaver Relay 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Open First Aid Haggett/Thomas 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Open Boardriding Peter Sharkey 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Open Boardriding Maddi Quinn 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Open Women's Double Ski Quinn/Listberger 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 U/19 Taplin 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 U/19 Board Jackson Selby 6<sup>th</sup>  
 U/19 Board Relay 4<sup>th</sup>  
 U/19 Board Rescue 7<sup>th</sup>  
 U/19 S/Ski Jackson Selby 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 U/17 Beach Relay 5<sup>th</sup>  
 U/17 Boardriding Tim Rawsthorne 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 U/17 Swim Stephanie Weisse 6<sup>th</sup>  
 U/17 Board Maddi Quinn 4<sup>th</sup>  
 U/17 Board Rescue 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 U/17 Board Relay 5<sup>th</sup>  
 U/17 S/Ski Maddi Quinn 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 U/17 Boardriding Maddi Quinn 1<sup>st</sup>  
 U/15 First Aid Davies/Polley 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Steve and Phil - 1<sup>st</sup> Open First Aid**



**Taylor & Steven - 2<sup>nd</sup> First Aid U/15**



## COMPETITION DATES

- Sat 21 Feb 09 – Battle of the Boats at Pacific Palms
- Sun 22 Feb 09 – Battle of the Boats at Pacific Palms
- Thurs 26 Feb 09 – NSW Surf Life Saving Masters Championships at Swansea Belmont
- Fri 27 Feb 09 – NSW Surf Life Saving Open Championships at Swansea Belmont
- Sat 28 Feb 09 – NSW Surf Life Saving Open Championships at Swansea Belmont
- Sun 1 Mar 09 – NSW Surf Life Saving Open Championships at Swansea Belmont
- Sun 1 Mar 09 – Pack shipping containers for Aussies 2009 Perth at Dee Why
- Sun 15 Mar 09 – Touring Team depart for Aussies 2009 Scarborough Beach Perth WA
- Tues 17 Mar 09 – Australian Surf Life Saving Masters Championships at Scarborough Beach Perth WA
- Wed 18 Mar 09 – Australian Surf Life Saving Masters Championships at Scarborough Beach Perth WA
- Thurs 19 Mar 09 – Australian Surf Life Saving Open Championships Perth WA
- Fri 20 Mar 09 – Australian Surf Life Saving Open Championships Perth WA
- Sat 21 Mar 09 – Australian Surf Life Saving Open Championships Perth WA
- Sun 22 Mar 09 – Australian Surf Life Saving Open Championships Perth WA



**“On the verandah”**



**Junior March Past**

## AUSTRALIA DAY MEMORIES



**Senior March Past**



**Reel Party**



## AROUND THE CLUB



The Club would like to congratulate one of its new bronze members, Jason McBride, on the announcement of his engagement to his beautiful bride-to-be Heather. They are celebrating their engagement party on February 21 in our Swan Lounge and will be married next year.

From all accounts Jason's mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was the clincher!



On Sunday, March 22, Dr Jason Everett will wed Miss Anna Phillips - both long-term patrolling members of DYSLSC. They will be married at St Aloysius' College Milson's Point with the reception being held at the Mosman Art Gallery. The Club wishes Jason & Anna all the best for the big day and in their future life together as husband & wife.

Darren will have the patrol roster updated to ensure they are together on patrol and Anna's maiden name changes to Everett. Bring on the Nippers!



**The Hairy Lemon Ladies @ Ocean Thunder**



**Nippers – Australia Day**



**Kaz with new Bronzies**



DEE WHY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS:

