



The Deewhy Surfer

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November 5, 2011 12:00 am

- November 5, 2011 12:00 am
- DYSLSC Sponsors Day (Dee Why - help required)
- November 5, 2011 12:00 am
- SNB Boat Premiership – Rd2 - Newport
- November 6, 2011 10:30 am
- DYSLSC Club Championships - Rd1
- November 12, 2011 12:00 am
- Ocean Ski Series - Rd4 (Narrabeen)
- November 12, 2011 6:00 am
- Ocean Thunder Boat Series - Rd1 (Dee Why - help required)
- November 13, 2011
- JAC Carnival U8-U14 Manly – water safety needed
- November 20, 2011 10:00 am
- Water Proficiency Dee Why Beach
- November 20, 2011 11:00 am
- Bennett Junior Iron Man Freshwater Beach

Welcome to the second newsletter of the 2011/2012 season.

BUILDING

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the completion of the building work is nearly complete. A disabled chair lift is about to be installed after remedial work was completed to adapt the clubhouse for its installation. Next is the tiling of the new wing and then we are ready for the full Certificate of Completion.

Meanwhile, we were able to utilise the downstairs area and the new lifesaving and lifeguard area is working a treat with everything in its place and room to move. Now I know we would all like more room, however, we are restricted by the foot print of the building as



allowed in the Council Plans of Management for the area. Of course, if you feel so inspired that you wish to take up the cause to increase our foot print, feel free to move ahead on that although as the current extension took 11 years you may like to get some of the under 8's on your committee so that they are around when you are successful!

The positive comments keep coming and it is interesting to hear so many people speak about the quality of the work and the seamless addition.

Meanwhile, a massive reorganisation has taken place within the Board and Ski area and many thanks to Grant Marshall, Marty Quinn, Geoff Crittle, Matt Molinia, Nic Marshall and Spiderman Hatfield (ask him about his death defying experience and then ask Barb Payne for the real story). I am sure there were others and my apologies for not mentioning you. A lot of thought has gone into making the clubhouse livable by all sections including our expanding oarsmen and women from the shipping department.



SPONSORSHIP

Last year the Club initiated a Sponsors' evening which was very well attended and highlighted the diversity of the Club and the many sections that make the whole thing work. Again we are having a demonstration by some Nippers as well as presentations by our two Junior Life Savers of the Year. In addition, we are very fortunate to have long time Club member Hayden Quinn of MasterChef fame to address our sponsors on his life at Dee Why and his life after MasterChef.

SRC/BRONZE

Once again the SRC candidates were put through an intensive three week course run by Matt Molinia, Rob Stephens and Steve Haggett along with assistance from Grant Marshall and Warren Hannam. I am also aware that others like Michael Polley and Adam Hockley



also passed on their experience as SRC holders and assisted with water safety. For the first time for a long time we also had some candidates from Cheltenham Girls School who took it upon themselves to do the course. A couple of them proved to be very competent in both swimming and running. So, as I said at the patrol uniform presentation, welcome to the best thing you have done so far in your young lives- Martin Bedo, Melanie Bulic, Tim Brown, Alexander Bernes, Cassandra Armenio, Clayton Anastasia, Shaun Wylie, Grant Wildcash, Hannah Tavner Hanks, Lea-Sherina Sakhrani, Daniel Rashleigh, Meg Plush, Ollie Northeast, Harrison Marshall, Lewis Lloyd, Cara Jacobs, Mariah Dunn, Lydia Dahlen, Taylor Campbell and Emma Cunneen.



While all this was going on, the first intake of Bronze candidates commenced training and are finding their way around manikins and rescue boards.

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Fantastic news reached me during the last few days with Paige Wiseman and Bronte Halligan (daughter of that great North's player Daryl) both selected in the World Junior Water Polo Championships target squad. Both girls will represent Australia in 2013 at the Pan Pacific Games with the hope that they will be successful in gaining selection for the 2014 Under 18 Australian Team for the World Water Polo Championships.



Congratulations girls on this outstanding achievement.



CENTENARY

As mentioned above the Centenary publication is coming to fruition and shortly a sample of the publication will be available for pre-publication ordering - along with several events and merchandising which is being finalised at this time - so look out soon for an order form.

As many of you may have seen, our Centenary celebrations featured in the Manly Daily one year out from their commencement which generated a lot of interest from past members.

COOLANGATTA GOLD



Six teams from the Club contested the 2011 Coolangatta Gold with some outstanding results. As usual we had to rely on several ring-ins to make up the teams and they all acquitted themselves exceptionally well. To Belinda O'Sullivan, Adriel Young, Aleks



Kohonen, Lindsay Bridges and Nathan Payne thank you for joining us and allowing our members to compete in their Everest event. The results were as follows.

Open Female Teams

Dee Why Black Swans – Belinda O’Sullivan Ski, Emma Jeffcoat Swim, Aleksii Kohonen Run and Madi Quinn Board placed 12/25 in a time of 4h 9m 32s.

Dee Why Diamonds – Jenny Listberger Ski, Rebecca Djuric Swim, Lindsay Bridges Run and Madi Wylie Board placed 19/25 in a time of 5h 0m 1s.

Open Male Teams

Dee Why Mens A Team – Adriel Young Ski, Mat Weisse Swim, Jamie Listberger Run and Harrison Selby Board placed 17/47 in a time of 5h 10m 27s.

Dee Why Marigolds – Geoff Crittle Ski, Chris Morgan Swim, Vaughan Williams Run and Nathan Payne Board placed 21/47 in a time of 5h 24m 56s.

Dee Why Anchors – Peter Hatfield Ski, Grant Marshall Swim, James Stirling Run and Justin Sharkey Board placed 24/47 in a time of 5h 36m 9s.

Open Mixed Team

M & M Hall – Malcolm Hall Ski and Board and Meagan Hall Swim and Run placed 10/12 in a time of 6h 5m 15s.

One competitor I would like to mention is Madi Wylie who stepped in rather late in training and suffered an injury and an illness before the event, however continued training with her partner Cara Jacobs several nights a week. Having just received her SRC last year, it is a tribute to her that she accepted the challenge and rose to record very creditable times and maybe we'll see our first female Club member individual Gold entrant in years to come.

Of course, the competitors only made up part of the logistic exercise in getting the show on the road and achieving such excellent results. Support personnel were Marty Quinn, Jo Quinn, Ed Selby, Sue Jeffcoat, Cam Wylie, Wayne Weisse, Phil Thomas, Roger Jacobs, Nic Marshall and Harry Marshall. A big thank you to Geoff Crittle who towed the heavily laden gear trailer for the teams.





Next year the Coolangatta Gold is on the same weekend as the Centenary celebrations for the Club, so the thinking is that maybe the Molokai event in July 2012 needs consideration. If you are interested let me know....looking at a team of 12 to start with and then see if we get more interest.





UPCOMING EVENTS

The first round - and the 21st time Dee Why have hosted the Ocean Thunder Professional Surf Boat Series - will be held on Saturday, November 12 and, as usual, your help is requested for an hour or so from 6am and again for an hour or so from 3pm to set up and pull down....breakfast for those in the morning and the organisers always buy a beer or two for those that assisted at the end of the day so come along and enjoy the dawn at Dee Why beach.



The Club has purchased new TYR Costumes, Rash Vests and Jammers

MEN'S COSSIES \$27.50 - \$30

WOMEN'S 1-PIECE \$50 - \$55

WOMEN'S 2-PIECE \$60 numbers limited

RASH VESTS \$40 - \$45

JAMMERS \$40 - \$45

The Club has priced these items at a very low profit margin, in fact taking the cost to the nearest five dollars, so that you can buy as many items as possible. Please see Janine in the clothing shop every Sunday morning before and during Nippers to pick up some great bargains.



SUNDAY MORNING EVENTS



New members welcome

10.30 am - 45 minute sessions

Includes :

SURF SWIM

BOARD RACE

BEACH SPRINT

BEACH FLAGS

TAPLIN (SWIM,BOARD,SKI)

Do as little or as much as you want

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2012 Centenary Celebrations

To celebrate, Dee Why SLSC will have many events and opportunities to be part of the festivities.

This includes:

- Friday, October 11th @ DYRSL for welcome drinks

- Saturday, October 12th @ Mirimar Function Centre for the Centenary Ball

- Sunday, October 13th @ DY Surf Club for brunch

An account has been established where you may pre pay for the 100 Years Book and also for the Centenary Ball.

The account details are:

BSB:062155

A/C: 28007911

You must include your name and a description of the payment.

eg.: Joh Bloggs Book.....If you are part paying for the Book

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Deposits can be made direct via Netbank as above or via cheque to the Club Secretary – PO Box 151 Dee Why NSW 2099



Club Captain Update Denise Gammie

It has been a fairly wet start to our patrolling season with several patrols having to retreat indoors. The weather can only improve from here on in !!

I'm hearing nothing but positive comments & praise on the patrol trailer; which is equipped to carry all the necessary gear - a massive ice-chest that will keep the ice frozen for up to 5 days, storage for patrol members bags and even lockers with keys for your other items. Don't forget - if you use one of the lockers - put the key back at the end of patrol. I do have a master key if you run into difficulties.



We've had several patrol members attend a Basic Beach Management Course and are now on the way to becoming great Patrol Captains. Thanks to those of you who could make the course. For those of you who couldn't, once Branch advise of future courses, I'll be in contact.

If you are a Patrol Captain, please remember to check your pigeon hole in the Captain's Room. If you couldn't make it to the Patrol Captain's Meet & Greet last month, a package of information for you is waiting to be collected. I will also put information in there from time to time (as well as emailing you) so you have info on hand to discuss with your patrols. I have also located a number of old awards belonging to patrol members; and they are also there waiting for you to collect.

Proficiencies are well underway. Please don't forget to speak to Greg Punch if you have any queries. I know some of you have requested other days to undertake your proficiency due to work commitments. We will work with you to achieve this - you just have to ask.



We have a new Bronze group underway and also now have 20 fresh young SRCs ready to hit your patrols. Please make them feel welcome, they are the lifesavers



RSL CLUB

of the future. The comments from the external assessors were very pleasing, so well done to all of them.

We haven't been surprised with any patrol inspections as yet, but the club will be conducting our own over the course of the season. These will be part of our criteria in working out a Patrol of the Year. I'm sure we are all more than ready for any such inspections. Please ensure you are in full patrol uniform. If you need anything in regard to uniform, please see me.



If you haven't already, check out the DY Face Book page. Your interaction would be greatly appreciated and - from time to time - we will post surveys for your feedback. Our club website should also be reviewed for upcoming events & important information: www.dyslsc.org.au

I've handed out many parking permits. If you would like one, please contact me as the parking rangers have been out and you will cop a fine if you've not got a parking permit or purchased a ticket from one of the machines.

Most of you would have been through the new building extension where we park the patrol trailer. Please make sure you don't leave your rubbish behind. There are plenty of bins around the clubhouse, don't be lazy, put your own water bottles/coffee cups in the bin yourself ! Thanks to those who have been sweeping

out the sand and keeping this area tidy!!

Don't forget, once you wheel out the trailer and the IRB, all the doors to this area **MUST BE SHUT.**



In regard to radios, can you please ensure they are dry and switched off when placing them back on their chargers at the end of your patrol.

Also, I've been forwarding to the patrol captains information as it comes to hand from Branch regarding the radio transmissions and not being able to hear properly. The latest update from Surf Life Saving New South Wales has just arrived. The Warringah repeater (WARGH on your radios) is now fixed. Initial testing by SLSNSW at a few locations shows that reception is good. The repeater will not be linked to the rest of the network this weekend, it will operate as a stand-alone channel. If communications are successful this weekend, SLSNSW will re-establish the link for the following weekend.

Therefore, this weekend, the Surfcom operator may not answer you straight away if they are operating on another channel. From the following weekend, all



clubs should be linked which will create a virtual single channel. Thank you for your ongoing patience.

On a final note, the Patrol Roster is constantly being upgraded, as new members transfer, new Bronze/SRCs get allocated etc etc. The master list will be available to you via the club's website.

See you on the beach



TRAINING TRAINING TRAINING

MONDAY – NARRABEEN LAKE, SHARK PARK
MEET AT THE CAR PARK READY TO BE ON THE
WATER AT 5PM

TUESDAY – DEE WHY BEACH SKI TRAINING
WITH PETER HATFIELD 5PM

WEDNESDAY – DEE WHY BEACH WITH
SCOTT JONES

THURSDAY – DEE WHY BEACH SKI TRAINING
WITH PETER HATFIELD 5PM

FRIDAY – DEE WHY BEACH CROSS TRAINING
SESSION 5PM

SATURDAY – DEE WHY BEACH CHANGE-OVER
SESSION

BOARD & SKI PETE HATFIELD

It's great to see so many turning up for training - lately we have been running out of equipment - so be early to get the ski you want or grab a double and pair up

Sharpening surf skills sessions will be this month's goal on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5pm.

Last weekend was the State Endurance Championships - Maddison Quinn and Emma Jeffcote both represented the club in the longer races. Emma won gold in the 5km Beach Run and Maddie finished just out of the medals in her events.

You will notice some changes to the board ski sheds. Thank you to Grant, Marty, Geoff, Wayne, Phil, Matt Molina, Greg, Nick, Harry and everyone else who gave their time and skills to help in the move.

Damage to club craft happens from time to time and is mostly the result of accidents in the surf. Please inform me ASAP of the damage and I will fix it so we can keep all our club equipment on the water.



VALE NELSON CHAD
LIFE MEMBER DEE WHY SLSC



Sunday, October 9, 2011 Life Member Nelson Chad was to reach his final resting place – the Point at Dee Why Beach.

Nelson's wish was to have his ashes scattered at dawn on his favourite beach and several days earlier plans were put in place to provide Nelson with a dignified, private send off by family, close friends and club members.

At 5.30am the first rasp of an IRB motor broke the still dark night of Dee Why Beach and was soon joined by the strain of those carrying a surf boat to the water's edge. Out of the gloom strode two past members - George Ling and son and Olympian Dickie Ling.

The second rasp of another IRB motor was heard as the sun began its journey towards the horizon and the first rays of daylight peaked over the edge of the sea and revealed a gentle surf was going to be the order of the day.

Gradually more and more people appeared from the car park and along the beach

promenade including police from the Local Area Command and soon a second Dee Why surfboat, the old wooden Tom 'Wockeye" Hand Dee Why RSL VI was to join the newer Taste boat at the water's edge. This was followed by a surfboat from neighbouring Freshwater SLSC.

All was in readiness and, at 6.10am, Life Member and lifelong friend of Nelson and his family John Ewing stepped forward to read the following:

Today is a very special day.

Today we are saying our final farewell to one of Dee Why's special sons.

I don't need to spell this out to people of my generation, however for the benefit of the younger people here to pay their respects this morning, I would just like to run through a few of my personal memories:

Nelson grew up in Dee Why, joining the surf club as soon as he was old enough.

He went on to become an outstanding Club Captain, pulling the active membership out of a period in the doldrums, on to the other extreme of winning the Branch Patrol competition 2 years running.

He also grew a strong culture of strong Sunday morning competitions, not only swimming and beach events, but board paddling relays and surf boat races for everyone.

Nelson was a keen R & R competitor and went on to become an exceptional coach, of Dee Why and later Freshwater—winning a State Title along the way.

He was a member of Branch Teams, and



was appointed Captain of an Australian Instructional team that toured throughout Asia.

He followed this by being the driving force behind a most successful instructional team of Dee Why members to Bali, where we set up a surf lifesaving club at Kuta Beach, which is still going strong today.

He earned bravery awards for rescues, as well as multiple bravery awards during his outstanding career in the police force, where he is credited with introducing ground breaking ideas and procedures, and he also found time to graduate from Law School as a Barrister.

He set a precedent when he was selected to attend the FBI Training Academy in the United States, and came top of a course in the process.

His loving family is here today: Kerryn, Rebecca and Jason, Jacqui and Jim, Nicole and Bryan, Jan, Dane, Brae and Lauren, Sophie and James, they would all like to say thank you for sharing this occasion.

Farewell Nelson, you were a very special person for all of us.

The reading by John was full of emotion which truly set the tone for the events about to unfold.



The first boat to sea was the Freshwater crewed vessel followed closely by the lead craft in what would become a surf lifesaving armada. Sweeping this craft was Life Member Tom Hand, and his crew, handpicked by Nelson, were Life Members John Ewing and Jeff Andrew and the engine room of the crew in Past President Mark Ballesty and Ashley Cardiff both of whom were members of the Australian Champion Dee Why SLSC Reserve Boat crew of 1992. The second boat was manned by our latest Australian Representatives in Steve Scott as sweep, brothers Eric and Jason Rowe and Jay Yeoman. The fourth seat in their boat was left vacant in a mark of respect for one of their own, Australian Representative, Nelson Chad.

As these crews made their way through the small break they were joined by a family friend on a surf board and a lone ski paddler from the Freshwater SLSC. Further along the beach Nelson's wife Kerryn and daughters Nicole, Jacqui and Rebecca boarded the two club IRBs crewed by Matt Molinia and Darren Armitage in one and Life Member Dave Lang and Dave Spinks in the other.



As they made their way to sea a large flock of Corella's left their overnight resting place among the pine trees. While initially their departure was loud and raucous when they flew over the fifty or so assembled they became strangely silent.

As the first lip of a blood red sun peeked over the horizon all three surf boats drew starboard of each other and were joined by the surfer and the ski paddler and the two IRBs. In unison the four oars of each surfboat were hoisted to the heavens to remain arrow straight for over five minutes as no doubt words were whispered and individual memories of Nelson were replayed silently in the minds of those not only on the water but also on the beach and around at the pool. The sky was now a blaze of burnt orange as the sun continued to rise and we were all witness to the best sunrise at Dee Why beach for over a month. One lone cloud drifted majestically in front of the magnificent sun.

When you could not imagine that the ceremony could be enhanced a lone whale broke surface 200 metres away and headed towards those sharing it's domain. One of the greatest sea creatures on earth had come to farewell one of the great ocean men to have walked the earth.

At around 6.25am on Sunday 9 October 2011, just three days short of the 99th Anniversary of the Dee Why SLSC, one of the Associations and Club legends found his final resting place.

Now when you swim at Dee Why always be aware that the spirit of one of our greatest lifesavers will be there to guide

you onto the best waves and to ensure that you safely negotiate the break at Dee Why Beach.



NIPPERS MATT MOLINIA

With another season under way, our Nippers had their first day on Sunday 9th October. Unlike last year, our season has started with great conditions and great weather, though the water temperature is a little cold. All age groups were in full swing, especially our new U6 Nippers showing they have what it takes and are not afraid to get wet.





On Saturday, October 15, we had our annual Nipper Parents welcome. It was an excellent turnout with more parents attending than in previous years. It was great to see a whole lot of new faces and also the regulars. A good evening was had by all and some great dishes were brought along. By popular request, we will have another similar social evening, date to be advised.

On Sunday, October 23 our U8-U14 Nippers were in full swing with their first Club Champs and Iron Person Challenge back to back. A great effort by our U9s and 10s, many of them first season out in the open water swimming and paddling around the cans. It was also a huge effort for them all to back up and compete in the Iron Person challenge. Excellent results in the intermediate age group (U11-U13) with several U11 competitors gaining places over their older competitors.

Prior to the start of the season, all of our U14 Nippers and some new members (a total of 20), took their next step in their surf life saving careers and started their Surf Rescue Certificate course (SRC). The candidates conducted themselves with

maturity and pride and were excellent ambassadors for Dee Why. I am happy to say that on Sunday, October 16 all of the candidates successfully completed their SRC (and I might add with great praise from the assessors). It is great to see that, soon after completing the course, several were already volunteering for patrols and water safety.



On Sunday, October 30, Dee Why hosted the Bennett Board Classic – the first Junior carnival of the season. The day was a huge success with approximately 370 registrations - the biggest attendance since the carnival started. The carnival started at 12:30pm and was done by 3:30pm which, for those who have been to carnivals, is an excellent outcome. Dee why was well represented with in excess of 40 entries and



several making finals. The big event, the All Age Relay was taken out by South Maroubra.



Up coming Events:

Sunday 6th November: Club Champs followed by Iron person

Sunday 13th November: JAC carnival at Manly U8-U14, Officials sorted, **water safety (at least 4 on a rotating shift for U11/U12 water area) required.**

Sunday 20th November: Bennett Junior Iron Man at Freshwater beach, 11am Start

Sunday 27th November: Handicap challenge at Dee Why

Hope to see you all there



Dee Why Surf Club thanks the following sponsors

