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INTO THE SURF WITH YOU



Surfing time has come, the weather is just the thing. Cast all your cares and worries overboard and into the Surf! In the roll and break of the wavelets, and the splash of the water, and the laughter of the youngsters, you can forget all about the War, and the Income Tax, and the Price of Living, and be care-free again.

..." Not likely !!!!! "
said our first patrol of the 11/12 season, led by our President on a cold, miserable Spring day.....

.... but didn't they all look the part in full uniform. "An awful day...but you looked OK !!"



PRESIDENT'S REPORT.. Well members the season is underway with patrols starting , gear inspection completed and membership forms and fees due again.

Thanks to all of you who have decided to tie on the red and yellow quartered caps again. Wear them with PRIDE.

You have by now received your membership forms along with the "Volunteer/Student declaration" form that is required to be filled out, signed and returned to the Registrar. In the past this has not been happening, with the document being returned, not being fully completed.

I'm sorry, but if you do not fill-in and sign the declaration you cannot join a surf club here, of anywhere else in Australia.. it is your responsibility and we cannot accept your membership without it.

We have made the following point before, regarding membership fees. Our club has a very modest fee structure compared to other clubs. Many are charging in excess of \$130-150 per season which does not include competition fees which can be \$200 to \$250+ , and gym fees (if they have a gymnasium) of up to \$150 to \$200 per season....this on top of, in some cases, completing 50 hours of patrols

FEES 2011-12	Join	Year	Gym	Lock.
Junior Active	60	30	20	20
Senior Active	135	50	20	20
Act Res/Vet/Long	135	50	50	30
Associate	135	170	100	50
Pensioner Ass.	50	60	50	20

Unfinancial bronze holders as of this date will be charged a late fee of \$50, while Associate

These are the current fees for an Eastern Suburbs surf club. Note also that unfinancial members are charged a late fee of \$50 !!

So we are still fairly well priced at Mollymook, but we need your support as

the following Editorial (below)states..

Our website is currently being upgraded again and looking pretty impressive to say the least.. But it can only be as good as the information supplied to our website IT personnel, Anne Pomfret and Greg Cougar. Also be aware that this 'mag' can be accessed on the website. We are also hopeful to start an 'e-newsletter' advising of up and coming social events, training and competition dates and any other events happening in and around our club.

But the most important part of Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club is for you to come along and enjoy the Club and become part of it.....it is a nice, friendly place to be.

Best wishes for another great season,
Rod Austin.

EDITORIAL...Our 77th year of patrolling Mollymook beach has already started and although the weather for the first patrols has been diabolical, it hasn't dampened enthusiasm. Your willingness to again front up for patrols is admired by many in our wider community. Recently I was asked to speak to the local Rotary club and the depth of feeling there towards you and our club was one of deep gratitude for the service we provide.

At the recent Branch Presentation night it was announced that after 16 years Integral Energy have decided not to sponsor the Branch. They have been a major sponsor and their withdrawal will put a serious dent in Branch finances. It is likely that Bluescope steel is also looking at their position as well. There is little doubt that sponsorship and fund-raising is going to be much harder over the next seasons.

At our AGM the meeting again decided to leave our fee structure unchanged. As

COLLECTION BOXES in the following businesses..

- Burrill Lake Newsagency.
- Mitre Ten Hardware Ulladulla.
- Mollymook Ocean Street Newsagency.
- Burrill Lake Supermarket.
- Steve Everett South Street Barber shop.
- Mollymook Tallwood Ave Newsagency,
- Haydens Pie Shop Ulladulla.
- Ulladulla Newsagency.
- Mollymook Beach Hut.
- Burrill Lake Fish Shop & Takeaway.
- Mollymook IGA Supermarket.
- Mollymook Tallwood Ave Bottleshop.

we have explained previously in the 'Mag' our fees are around the lowest of any surf club in the association. Some clubs ask members to part with fees much greater than ours. You may have been interested to read above of the Fees for a smaller Sydney club. Others charge much higher than these.

However this can't continue much longer unless members are willing to help out. The President's pleas for help with raffles has gone unheeded, as has pleas to help on the Annual door knock and in the BBQ van. If the President closes down the raffles for want of assistance then members can expect a probable hefty increase in fees next season. It is the raffle money which subsidises all our insurances, and helps to provide the equipment so necessary for patrol work. So give it some thought. It is not a hard task selling tickets for an hour or so on a Friday night maybe once a month. Fifteen or so newcomers would make all the difference !!

In saying so we might ponder the question.. "How much does it take to run a surf club like ours ?" We will follow this up in the next issue of the 'mag'. But you might like to read the following piece taken from the Daily Telegraph recently....

Coolum Surf Club "are at war over the government's proposed poker machine reforms, which could leave their club with a \$720,000 black hole and budget cuts to crucial rescue equipment.

Ian Swan--who sits on the Coolum Surf Club board--said yesterday small clubs such as his would be in the firing line. His club has 48 poker machines.....we rely on that money coming in to help pay for the equipment (such as) IRB's, utes and trailers !"

Surely, with 48 poker machines, and even with the costs of the reforms, a 'small' surf club like Coolum could still function successfully. How much do they need ??

Have a rewarding season 2011/12. See you on the beach.

*****The Editor
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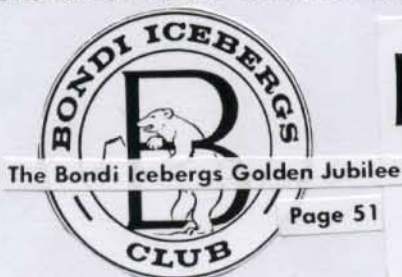
Earlier this year, as Kingscliff's picturesque beach began to erode, Tweed Shire spent \$600,000 to restore it in time for the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships to be held there. A month later, the emergency works washed away. Then, at a cost of \$140,000, sandbags were laid to protect the surf club. Next, a 70m-long double wall of sandbags, costing \$255,000, was installed in front of the caravan park. But the tides kept rising. The rate at which the foreshore was disappearing peaked at 15m in a single day. In total, a 100m stretch of beach, road, trees, gardens, parkland and caravan park property has collapsed into the ocean. A real mess. Kingscliff needs help.

3. Mollymook Tallwood Ave Takeaway. Commercial Hotel Milton
 Star Hotel Milton. Milton IGA Supermarket.
 Milton IGA Bottle Shop.

RESCUE... RESCUE... RESCUE !!!

Last month one of Sydney's iconic events celebrated its 40th birthday. This was the running of the City to Surf Fun Run, an annual event which is now rated as the largest event of its kind held anywhere in the World.

The first run was held on the 5th September 1971 with many thousands competing and a large crowd of spectators waiting at the finish line at Bondi. BUT, they got more than they bargained for as the following article shows us. They witnessed a dramatic, but ultimately unsuccessful rescue, where members of the Bondi Icebergs Club, including many past and current members of the two Bondi Surf clubs, took part.



HEROIC RESCUE AT BONDI BEACH

September 5, 1971, will go down in history as the day Bondi Icebergs Club made history and became the first club ever to receive the Certificate of Merit of the Royal Humane Society of NSW for a gallant rescue in which many members took part.

The unique honour followed the dramatic rescue of a woman parachutist, Mrs Pattie King, 27, of Cremorne.

The desperate struggle to save the young woman, in which many members of Bondi Icebergs Club took part, was watched by more than 10,000 people who had gathered at Bondi beach to watch the finish of the first City-to-Surf footrace.

During the drama enacted off Bondi beach, Mrs King was under water for about 20 minutes, tangled in her parachute lines and at another stage of the rescue she was dragged away from her rescuers and disappeared in the surf.

Mrs King's husband, Colin King, who was supervising safety procedure from the beach, watched his wife fall into the surf in horror, and the desperate attempts to rescue her.

Mrs King was one of 10 Australian Parachute Federation members who were to make a free-fall jump from 10,000 ft and land on the beach.

The parachutists opened their chutes at 2,000 ft, but a sudden drop in the wind caused three of them to fall into the sea.

Mrs King, who had previously made more than 360 descents, hit the water only five yards from MacKenzie Point, South Bondi, where 12 ft waves were breaking onto the rocks.

Mr Bob Treanor, a fireman, and Mr Ernie Scrusse, a policeman, were lined up with other Bondi Icebergs ready to start a race in the baths at 10.45 am. They immediately dived in to help the woman in distress.

The two Icebergs reached Mrs King, but could not keep her head above the water, and with each wave she became more entangled with the parachute lines.

The water filled her parachute and although she was wearing flotation gear, each wave dragged her under.

Mr Kevin Doohan, of Fletcher St, Bondi, tried to take out a belt and line from a reel near the point but the line proved to be 20 yards short.

The 17ft fibreglass Waverley power rescue boat had been delayed because it had first picked up Mr Ian Swinbourne, of McMahons Point, who had parachuted into the water half a mile out to sea.

He said later that he had collided with Mrs King's parachute when his own opened at 2,000 feet.

There were a couple of twists in the lines, and when they straightened out, he had veered sharply into Mrs

King's suspension lines, just below the edge of the canopy.

To stop himself going through the lines and getting entangled, he spreadeagled his arms and legs.

Swinbourne bounced off the taut lines, but one flicked his reserve parachute ripcord and he floated down with two parachutes, unable to steer.

One of the other parachutists, Mr Geoff Bingham, of Mitchell St, McMahons Point, landed on McKenzie beach. He immediately released his gear and dived into the sea to help Mrs King.

By this time the power rescue boat had got to within 10 yards of the drowning woman and her supporters.

A crewman dived in with a line and tied it to the chute, hoping to tow her away from the rocks, but a huge wave washed over the boat, washing another of the crew overboard.

The parachute, like a giant sea-anchor, dragged the stern of the boat down and the next wave flipped it over backwards, throwing the driver and Mr Swinbourne into the surf.

The boat was smashed on the rocks.

Mr Treanor told the Sydney Morning Herald, "When the big wave that overturned the boat hit the chute we couldn't hold the woman. She was dragged out of our hands and we couldn't see her in all that white water."

A rip known to locals as the "bogey" carried Mrs King opposite Bondi Baths where a man glimpsed her hand in the surf and about 15 men jumped into the water to help her.

One, Mr Neil Smith, of Waverley, had been directing the rescue from the beach by two-way radio. The men fought desperately to keep Mrs King up, but her parachute and sodden equipment were too heavy.

"She kept sinking, so the only thing we could do was to grab the parachute and drag her along the bottom to the beach," Mr Smith said.

He added: "We just couldn't pull her up and she was underwater for about 20 minutes. It took a long time because it is rocky there and she kept snagging on the bottom."

Resuscitation equipment was rushed to the beach from the Prince of Wales Hospital. Dr Terry Tydd of the Prince of Wales Hospital, Dr James Smith of Randwick, and Dr T. Kraemer, of Bondi, took turns in giving Mrs King closed chest massage and other cardiac treatment.

Oxygen was administered continuously in the ambulance on the way to hospital.

The jump master and State Secretary of the Parachute Federation, Mr Ted Harrison, 34, of Glebe, who was one of the parachutists, said two wind indicators dropped head revealed that the jump should be made about 100 yards south-east of MacKenzie Point, if the parachutists were to land opposite Bondi Pavilion. To stop them overshooting and crashing into the crowd, he said, he added a safety margin of 200 yards.

But in the 10 minutes it took the aircraft to climb from 2,000 to 10,000 ft, there had been a brief lull in the wind.

"We were expecting the wind to increase and not drop," he said.

Mr Harrison said he was so confident of landing on the beach that he jumped with a \$700 motor-driven camera which was ruined when he landed in the sea.

Others injured included the driver of the rescue boat, Mr Paul Hoolahan, of Bronte, who was taken to Eastern Suburbs Hospital suffering from concussion but was later allowed to leave. Another crewman, Mr Paul Meehan, of Bondi, was taken to St Vincent's Hospital, where he was treated for cuts, shock and immersion and was allowed to go home.

Mrs King died four days later in hospital.

Congratulations poured into the Icebergs Club for its major role in the rescue of Mrs King.

Signed by the mayor, Ald Doug Morey and the Town Clerk, the club received a letter under seal of Waverley Council, which stated:

Hon. Secretary 25th August, 1972
Bondi Icebergs Club,
Dear Mr Gow,

The aldermen of the Council of the Municipality of Waverley, at the ordinary meeting of Council held on Tuesday evening last, 22nd August, 1972, noted with appreciation the information forwarded by the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales, that it intends to issue a Group Certificate of Merit to the Bondi Icebergs' Club, following upon the courageous actions of many members who took part in the rescue operations following upon the tragic sequel of the organised parachute descent which was held on the occasion of the City-to-Surf race on 5th September, 1971.

The Council feels that the award made by the Royal Humane Society has not only brought honour to the members concerned and to the Bondi Icebergs' Club but to the Municipality of Waverley.

Authorised by Resolution of Council of the 22nd August, 1972." Signed Mayor and Town Clerk.

The Council seal was affixed to the letter, and on it was overwritten "The Council's seal was affixed hereto to conform with the Resolution above noted."

The Royal Humane Society Certificate which with Council's letter, and a citation and photographs of the Governor of NSW, Sir Roden Cutler, presenting the award to club members is now framed and hangs proudly in the clubhouse.

The Certificate of Merit states:

The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales.

"This Certificate of Merit has been awarded to members of Bondi Icebergs' Club for bravery on 5th September, 1971." Signed (Sir) Adrian Curlewis, President.

The citation in the frame, states:-

"On September 5, 1971, shortly after 10.40 a.m., Mrs Patricia King, a member of the Australian Parachutist Federation, while taking part in a parachute jumping and free-fall display, fell into the ocean off MacKenzie Point, when she failed to reach the nearby appointed landing position on Bondi Beach. Hampered by both her main and emergency parachutes and a heavy easterly swell, she began to drift towards a bombora off the rocks south of Bondi Baths.

"Bingham, who landed safely, discarded his parachute equipment and swam out to her assistance, where he was joined by Maidment. The two men tried to support Mrs King, who was hampered not only by two parachutes but also by her jump suit, boots and helmet, although wearing a partly-inflated 'Mae West' jacket.

"Scrusse and Treanor, then reached them and made unsuccessful attempts to release the parachute harness. By this time the five of them had been carried into the Bombora and as large waves pounded them, the men several times lost their hold on Mrs King.

"At this stage, Messrs Meehan, Fatoupolis, Hoolahan and Greenwood, members of the Bondi jet-rescue boat, together with another rescued parachutist Ian Swinbourne, reached the group. Meehan and Fatoupolis tried to fasten a line from the boat to Mrs King's parachute in an effort to drag her away from the rocks.

"The attempt failed when the boat was washed onto the rocks. It's occupants were thrown into the water and were in danger of drowning, particularly Hoolahan, who had a head injury.

"Members of the Bondi Icebergs' Club got Hoolahan, Fatoupolis, Greenwood and Swinbourne out of the water on to the rocks. Scrusse and Meehan were picked up in a police launch. Meanwhile some other members of the Bondi Icebergs' Club tried to pull Mrs King to safety by using her parachut lines, but continuous high waves swept her out of sight. Later, Mrs King was sighted near Bondi Baths and members of the Bondi Icebergs' Club succeeded in getting her to the beach.

She died four days later in hospital."

Despite the sorrow at the passing of the plucky woman parachutist, the rescue operations added a thrilling and dramatic chapter in the annals of Bondi Icebergs' Club.

The City to Surf Race became an annual event for members of our club with members competing each year for almost the first twenty years. It was always trained for and members looked forward to the incredible experience of competing. Maybe we could revise this tradition if there was interest? Let us know.

Lifesaving Update Issue 16 .. August 2011. If you can't get a hard copy go to www.surflifesaving.com.au ... **Competition.. The first person to get the answer to the following question, to the Editor will win a prize.**

5. **Question.. "In this issue of the 'Lifesaving Update' what is there that relates specifically to our Mollymook club. ?? "**



**IF ONLY OUR 'ICONIC' BRONZE MEDALLION
COULD TALK ...IT WOULD TELL THE STORY
OF FRANK NORTON ...**

Frank passed away earlier this year after being a member of Bronte since 1937. He was Club Captain, then President from 1954 to 1969 and Patron from 1970 until 2011. he was elected a Life Member in 1952 and Life Governor of the club this year. Frank represented many of the members of surf lifesaving clubs who spent much of their youth fighting in WWII. In May 1943 Frank and his mates of 6

Machine Gun Battalion were camped at Kembla Grange on the south coast. With little warning they were loaded on trucks and driven to Bass Point, south of Shellharbour. There they found a ship, the tanker US Cities Service Boston, which had crashed on rocks in a raging storm.

Ropes were secured to the ship and, using a bosun's chair 62 crew members were rescued. Unfortunately as the last man was being brought ashore, a huge wave washed four of the rescuers into the water and they were drowned--the only casualties of the accident.

For his part Frank Norton received a citation from his battalion and a Letter of Commendation from the US War Shipping Administration. Rescuing people from the surf was to play a major part in his life. Frank Norton went on to see service in New Guinea in 1943 and 1944; and in Borneo at Tarakan and Balikpapan in 1945.

"THE QUESTION....OFTEN ASKED.... 'HOW WILL YOU PERFORM WHEN PLACED ON THE SPOT!' ???"

This was certainly the last thing on the mind of club member Neil Blair recently when he went for a late afternoon game of golf at Mollymook Hilltop course. Limbering up on the practice tee he was "placed on the spot" when an elderly golfer alongside him on the practice tee collapsed. Neil now had to put all his surf club training into practice as he carried out his first CPR.

He immediately commenced CPR while getting another by-stander to call 000, continuing to apply compressions for nearly 30 minutes until the ambulance paramedics arrived.

Subsequently the patient was air-lifted by helicopter to Sydney, where unfortunately he passed away.

Neil did a great job and he and the ambulance personnel gave the man every chance, but to no avail.

Congratulations Neil on a job "well-done".

PLEASE take some time to reflect on your own individual skill set and ask yourself --

What do I need to become a better surf lifesaver and clubperson ?

Patrick Keating...Education manager..Bronte SLSC..2011.

From the 'Lifesaving Update' Issue 16.. August 2011: **The Power of the Uniform!**

Have you ever noticed when standing at the water's edge in your uniform, people will automatically move into the flagged area because they recognise you as a lifesaver ?

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Often you don't need to blow your whistle or address the public with a message over the loud hailer; the power of the red and yellow uniform is enough !!!

The Mollymook Mag... Volume 27/28.. "Building on the traditions of our past & striving to always improve!"
Our new Director of Lifesaving or Club Captain Mick Crowle, has not wasted any time in making his presence felt. This is his first decree.

TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS...
RE: STANDARD PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS IN CASE OF
DEATH OF PATROL MEMBERS.

It has recently been brought to the attention of Mollymook SLSC that many patrol members have been dying while on duty for apparently no good reason at all; furthermore, the same patrol members are refusing to fall over after they are dead.

Where it can be proved that the patrol member is being held up by the rhino, the side of the patrol trailer, a patrol flag pole or the IRB, a ninety day period of grace will be granted.

The following procedure will be henceforth, from the start of the 2011/12 season strictly adhered to.....

If, after several hours, it is noticed that the patrol member has not moved or changed position, the Patrol Captain or Patrol Vice Captain will investigate. Because of the highly sensitive nature of our patrol members and the close resemblance between death and their natural patrolling attitude, the investigation will be made quietly so as to prevent waking the patrol member if they have just fallen asleep. If some doubt as to their true condition is felt, the extending of a box of hot beach hut chips is a fine test. If the patrol member does not immediately grasp a handful of said chips, then it may be reasonably assumed that they are dead.

NOTE: In some cases the instinct to "extend" the hand for the hot beach hut chips is so strongly developed that a spasmodic "Clutcher Reflex" action may occur even after death!

In all cases a sworn statement by the dead person must be filled out on a special form provided for the purpose in the patrol book.

Signed... **MJC..CC**

#.. "and on a more serious note from Mick.." Firstly...Members are asked to take equipment when conducting rescues. If no equipment is used we will be contacted by the South Coast Branch Director of Lifesaving, and asked to explain **WHY !!**

Secondly a reminder to Members that **CANNOT** make their patrol. You are to...

- o Arrange a swap.
- o If unable to find a suitable swap -- contact your Patrol Captain.
- o If Patrol Captain unable to find a swap -- contact your Vice Club Captain, Brian Gallagher.

Thirdly...Mick is procuring a suggestion box for you to place suggestions in. Stupid comments will be discarded as will vexatious complaints. Only constructive comments will be acted on.

From the Bronte SLSC Annual Report 2010/11.. **"Hours of quiet scanning and polite 'shoo-ing' (while on patrol) in the knowledge that almost every rescue is truly...**

.... a failure of prevention."

Nigel Harvey... Bronte SLSC Lifesaving Manager.

CLUB NEWS FROM HERE & THERE...

******* Gear Inspection..GREAT !!!**

Once again under the charge of Les O'Sullivan our club has been able to present our gear for the new season in a superlative and professional manner. There is no doubt that the array of gear and its condition would rival any club in Australia. This is no mean feat when we consider that no other club presents three complete sets of gear to cover our responsibilities. Even the officials on the Saturday morning were amazed to see 27 rescue boards lined up for inspection and 35 rescue tubes. In the overall 'wash-up' , only a couple of very minor infringements were discovered. Congratulations Les and your helpers, Murray , Russell Megarrity with the first-aid gear, Mick & Brad Crowle with the boards, Scott with the IRBs, Dave with the radios, Herman with the rescue gear and any others who helped out on the day.



******* Congrats to the Bulldogs U/18 players...** In a previous issue of our 'Mag' the continuing success of the U/18's was mentioned. Well they continued this success onward undefeated taking out the Grand Final in Grand Style. To 'Orbit' Love, Coach , Brad Moore, Mgr; and all the players ... Congratulations and well done. Many of the team are of course members of our club and we hail their success.

******* "Patto on the mend.....but has a setback!"** Popular member John 'Tiger' Patterson has once again gone under the surgeon's knife to fix up his shoulder. The operation was a success and John had been progressing well until his beloved team, the fabulous Wests Tigers, stumbled and were beaten by a golden point. It was catastrophic, Patto was inconsolable and his recovery put back some weeks as he comes to grips with this defeat. We might say Patto that others in the club know the feeling and have been as equally devastated as your are. However the Tigers will arise stronger than ever in 2012 !!!

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED.. TO be rostered to help out in the barbeque van for the upcoming 'Breakfast on the Beach' & the 'Surf Boat Classic' in November. Please contact Murray Gordon on 44557476, or see him around the club; Thanks.

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**Question ?? What board can I use for training/recreational paddling ?
Answer..... Those which have a 'TRAINING sticker attached !!**

The Mollymook Flag... Volume 27/28.. "Building on the traditions of our past & striving to always improve!"

***** **"Grey Nomads Return"**... Great to see that all the wanderers in our club have returned safely after spending time away. Not all probably are 'grey nomads', but are certainly wanderers. Jim and Jan Bryant, Geoff and Nicolee Starkey, Dave and Rosemary Burke, George and Ann Kolek, Kevin and Marge Pollock, Lee Young, and Ken and Janice Burton have all been away, but are now back home. All have had a great time and enjoyed themselves and are full of stories. Great to have you all back.

***** **Historic AGM...** A large crowd attended our Annual General Meeting last month no doubt attracted by the fact that the President of Surf Life Saving Australia Mr. Graham Ford was an honoured guest. To see him lined up alongside Alan Whelpton, past President of SLSA, Life Governor of World Lifesaving and AM, and our Patrons John Donohoe AO and Peter Stapleton AO, both Life Members of SLSA and Pat McGrath, it was certainly an historic occasion for our club.

It was also important and gratifying to see a number of our sponsors in attendance as well to meet these important guests. Of course, our sponsors are also important to our club and it was great to see so many in attendance.

***** **Farewell to Kim...** Kim Wilson has been part of the furniture at our club since the 1995 season when she gained her bronze medallion on 28/10/95 (No:- N73173). She has completed 16 seasons, gaining her 15 yr patrol service badge and always being a 'real' active member. Kim was also a stalwart in the Ocean swimming group, hardly missing a session. To our dismay Colin has stolen her away from us and it looks like Byron Bay SLSC will gain a great member. All the best to Kim and Colin from the members of Mollymook.

A farewell party has already been held. It was well-attended and well-celebrated, with the highlight being the eloquent and moving speech given by Jim Betts. Jim wowed everyone with his capacity to put into words how everyone felt about losing Kim from our club.

***** **Branch Presentation Night...** Although it is some weeks since this was held we need to report that three of our members gained awards. These were Jake Trew who was the joint winner of the U/14 Male Competitor of the Year, Len Bolin who was the Coach of the Year and Mick Crowle who was the Official of the Year. Congratulations to you all on a fine effort. All these awards are fought over, but you came out on top.

Our club also gained a new rescue board, a new outboard motor and an electronic blood pressure monitor, plus a first aid kit.

IRB DRIVER'S AND CREW PERSON'S COURSE COMING UP....
ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT.....
SCOTT GRAHAM.... 44542893 OR 0402498357 ASAP!

***** **RADIO NEWS...** Back from a 'wonderful' trip to Britain and Europe, R/O Dave Burke reports that prior to the start of this season we had to have all of our radios re-programmed. This was a requirement from SLSNSW as there have been changes of frequencies. This is currently being done. However there is a chance that some radios can't be re-programmed and will have to be replaced. As always this will be an expensive exercise.

Dave has also advised that Clubs are to radio Surfcom to request any/all support including ambulance/ police/ fire/ helicopter/ marine rescue.....and wait for it ... snake handlers !!
Dave says there is no truth in the rumours that the Shark Patrol will also do Snake Patrols.

From the Bronte SLSC Annual Report 2010/11. **(Youth development): "I can honestly say it's been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.."**

Basil Scaffidi ... Youth Manager Bronte SLSC.

WHAT IS MAKING THE NEWS IN OUR NEWSPAPERS....

Read on to see what is

happening all over the place.

In our last issue we wrote about the problems other clubs have to contend with, such as crocodiles, sea wasps and disappearing beaches. Here are some more which have been reported on of late from all around the World ... "How lucky are we at Mollmook!"

Amoeba deaths

WASHINGTON: Three young Americans have died this year from a rare brain infection caused by water-borne amoeba, a one-celled organism that swims up through the nose.

The Centres for Disease Control in the US said a 16-year-old died of the infection earlier this month after an outdoor swim in Florida, and a nine-year-old died in Virginia after a summer fishing camp. In June, a 20-year-old in Louisiana was infected by a contaminated nasal allergy spray.

An amoeba is found in warm freshwater lakes, rivers and occasionally in poorly treated swimming pools.

AAP

Piranhas' surf attack

RIO DE JANEIRO: In a scene that could be straight from a horror movie, hordes of hungry piranhas have attacked 100 swimmers at a beach in Brazil's northeast.

Authorities in Piaui state said yesterday a lack of predators meant fish numbers had grown out of control.

At least 100 bathers had to be treated at hospital in Jose de Freitas after being bitten on the heels or toes at the local beach last weekend.

"As they have no predators, piranhas have begun attacking people on the beach," official Romildo Mafra said.

Fish batter swimmers

LONDON: Britons are experiencing a heatwave with a bit of bite as more than 1000 holidaymakers have been stung by a poisonous fish.

Scientists have found that numbers of the weever — the country's most venomous fish — are on the increase.

Weevers have always been a hazard on the country's southwest coast, but this year people have been stung as far afield as Hastings on the south coast and North Yorkshire. Marine experts blame the cases on warmer sea temperatures.

Shark warning ignored

CAPE TOWN: A British man deliberately ignored warnings and signs that a great white shark had been spotted off a beach before he had his legs bitten off while swimming in South Africa yesterday.

The man, named as Michael Cohen, is in a critical condition after he was attacked while swimming, despite warnings the shark was circling close to the beach in Cape Town.

The 43-year-old is said to have swum regularly at Fish Hoek beach, notorious for great white sightings, even telling fellow beachgoers: "If a shark takes me, then blame me, not the shark."

Witnesses said he parked his car and walked right past a flag indicating a closed beach.

At least two people warned him that a shark had been seen, but he strode into the water anyway.

Tracy Sassen, a former South African surf champion, watched as Mr Cohen was taken by the 3m great white only metres from the beach.

"I saw two swimmers in the sea, even though the beach was closed," she said.

"I saw a burst of water and thought it was a seal taking a sh or something. Then people started rushing into the sea and pulling this guy out of the water. He was moaning, Please help me."

WIZARD OF ID BY PARKER AND HART (with thanks!)



"HOW RUSSELL HOPES TO LIFT OUR 'BOATIES' PERFORMANCES THIS SEASON!"

Recognition for lifesaver vest inspired by a tragedy

Sarah Whyte

QUEENSLIFF ironman Saxon Bird's death in a surf-ski accident on the Gold Coast was the catalyst for a lifejacket that could help revolutionise water safety.

The designer of the self-inflating lifejacket, Chris Fox, was a member of the same surf club as Mr Bird, whose death at a Queensland competition last year raised questions about water safety.

The jacket, called "9th life", was awarded second place on Friday night at the 2011 Australian Design Award – James Dyson Award.

The creation by Mr Fox, a 23-year-old industrial design student from the University of NSW, monitors drops in oxygen levels, and automatically inflates so the user is brought into a safe upright position and can signal for help via GPS.

Mr Fox said the ironman's death had compelled him to design a life-jacket that could be incorporated into surf lifesaving competitions.

"The whole reason this happened to him [Mr Bird] was [that] they couldn't find him because once he was knocked out he had no way of floating," he said.

Safety move 15 years late

ALMOST 15 years after Australian Surf Lifesaving officials first considered trialling it, all competitors will wear bright fluoro vests at this year's Aussie titles.

Boaties are agreeing even though it could cost crews thousands of dollars because the vests will cover the sponsors' logos.

The measures follow an investigation into the death of Queenscliff ironman Saxon Bird last year, and the death of 15-year-old Robert Gatenby in 1996. An angry member of a surf website said the vests were "well and truly overdue".

The Mollymook Mag... Volume 27/28.. "Building on the traditions of our past & striving to always improve !"

***** **Sponsor's Liaison Officer...** In the previous issue of the 'Mag' we reported that a job description was being drawn up for this position. This has been now completed and we do have two members who may be interested in taking on the position. This is great news !

Also Russell McGarrity offered to take on the vacant role of First-Aid officer which was quickly accepted by the Management Committee. Russell had his "Baptism of fire" getting everything ready for gear inspection. He was undaunted by this responsibility and spent many hours in the F/A room. The result was that the gear inspection could not find any faults at all...it was 100%. Well done Russell.

However the club still needs a Bar Manager and a Youth development Officer. Please come forward if interested !

***** **Jake has been a 'busy boy'...** Not only did Jake Trew win Branch U/14 Competitor of the Year recently, than he was on his way to Canberra as a member of the U/12 NSW soccer team to compete at the Australian titles. The 'Mag' doesn't know the results of this as of yet, but congrats again to Jake on his selection.

***** **Reg Woods.. 'dead-set legend...'** Most of us have had occasion to see 86 year old Reg Woods from Sussex Inlet in action as a trainer and accessor. At the recent Branch Presentation night Reg received the award for 'Training Officer of the Year'. A few weeks later Reg was nominated as a Life Member of the South Coast Branch, an award richly deserved. All at Mollymook send congratulations to Reg.

***** **Keep an 'eye' on the board/ski/swim team this season...** The 'hard yards' have been put in over the past few seasons by Tony and..... Results have improved each season, but this coming season could produce even better results. It won't be for want of effort as the group have been training hard. Three mornings a week starting around 6.00 am at the beach with around 17 starters each day, and then swimming training at the Leisure Centre Tuesday and Friday evenings. A comprehensive traing plan is being followed under Tony and guidance. All competitors are keen and motivated and will do well.

Beach coach Sean Hendry has also got a few 'beachies' together for training, but needs a few more to put together relay teams. Please contact him. Likewise our 'boaties' who have already had a meeting to finalise crews. More young rowers are required to form new crews and replace gaps in other crews. Russell would like to hear from anyone interested.

THE FUTURE OF YOUR MOLLYMOOK MAG ???? With a printing run now of 250 copies, each of 12 pages, plus the posting costs of 55 cents, we are looking at ways to save. Already the 'mag' has been trialled on our website and this will continue. Last season we did ask members to let us know if they would like to get their copy this way and we had only two replies. Could you please take time to let us know if you would prefer this to getting it via the post? A box will be provided near the patrol book for you to put your response in...Thanks..The Editor.

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THE LAST PAGE... The main feature here is passed on to our President, who is still pulling his hair out with the ongoing drama of our building... "Over to you Rod !"

"Members, We are still pushing relentlessly on with our building alterations and improvements. Life member Geoff Starkey leaves no stone unturned in endeavouring to secure funding for these works.

Our clubhouse has passed its 'use-by-date', with 'Acro' props holding the main hall trusses in place, flooding which occurs whenever heavy rain falls, electrical wiring needing continuous repairs due to water damage, stormwater pipes also continually blocked, brickwork with spalling,and so the list goes on !!! Not a pretty site (sic) !!

As well leasing negotiations have been well underway for some time (measured now in years) , with Council now wanting to increase our lease from \$77 a year to \$10000,,(YES read that again..Ed.) for premises that are in a pathetic state of repair. As well there is little interest from them to assist our fund-raising through grants to fund the improvements. Lots of meetings, and negotiations are still in progress." "Thanks for the update Rod."

Not all surf clubs have the same problems with their Council. The following refers to an Eastern Suburbs Club who in March opened a much-needed Boatshed/extended gym/new female amenities funded in the following way....

- NSW Government grant of \$360k - Paul Pearce was instrumental in this.
- RCC \$80k interest free loan
- RCC \$150k for hall asbestos removal
- RCC \$200k set aside for concrete cancer and other building maintenance in near future.
- Simon Figures & his firm, Glass Outlook for the donation of the large Perspex plaque acknowledging members contributing to the "buy a brick" scheme.
- 13 members who pledged \$10k loans each
- Members who paid \$100 for the "buy a brick"
- Clovelly Nippers for their financial assistance.
- RCC for funding required landscaping
- SLSNSW for general assistance in facilitating grants.

Paul Pearce is the local State member. RCC is the Randwick City Council and their contribution amounted to \$430,000 plus landscaping.

At the official opening it was also announced that the NSW government had pledged another \$165,000 to assist the club repay its loans on this project & finance further work.

In his address the Mayor guaranteed that RCC would match this \$ for \$. (...and this work was completed last month.)

This feature is in no way meant to be critical of the club, the RCC or the State

Government. It is meant to show what can happen when all three players work together for a common purpose.

MILLARD, Lloyd Reginald
 Passed away suddenly on 24 July 2011.
 At St George Hospital.
 Aged 81 years.
 Late of Ulladulla.
 Beloved husband of Wilma.
 Much loved father and father-in-law of Craig & Michele, Donna & Bill.
 Pa and Poppy of Joel, Cody, Jessica, Paul.
 Brother of Warren (dec).



The relatives and friends of the late Lloyd Millard are invited to attend his funeral service to be held at Mollmook Surf Club, Ocean Street, Mollmook on Tuesday, 2 August 2011 at 11:00 am.
 At the conclusion of the service there will be a private cremation.
 In Lieu of flowers donations may be left at the service for Diabetes Australia.

VALE.. Lloyd Millard gained his Bronze 26655 on 9/1/49 and for the next decade this "all-rounder" was an integral member of our club. He had three successive years from 1952/53 until 1954/55 as Club Captain, a position in which he excelled. Lloyd was also the Club Treasurer in 1954/55 as well, and gained his Instructor's Certificate in 1954. The role of Beach Inspector was one he filled with professionalism and he was acclaimed for the role he played in recovering the body of Dr. Joseph Goldman who drowned at Mollmook while having an early morning swim.

Lloyd was also an excellent competitor in flags, sprint, wheelbarrow and march past as the standard bearer. At the 1953 MMK carnival he was described as the "best local competitor". In club competition he won three successive Club Championships winning the 'Mick Warden' cup. Recently Lloyd donated his cups and club blazer pocket to our club for

display in the foyer. Lloyd loved every minute of his time as a member of our club. RIP.

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