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84 YEARS OF

VIGILANCE AND SERVICE

PROFESSIONALISM.. It's NOT the job you DO; It's HOW you DO the Job. That is to always behave in a manner, to carry yourself in such a PROFESSIONAL way, as if there ever is a reflection, it's a positive one.



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At the end of our club's 84th year of service, it is still important that we maintain our association with those who have been so important over these years. None more so than our 'founding fathers' pictured in the background at the opening of our first clubhouse in 1935. Links with those early members are so very important and recently the son of our first President Donald (Mick) Airlie Warden, and his wife visited our club and presented two items of memorabilia. These were a set of cutlery and his father's original Passport which he had for his trip to Hawaii in 1925. This is of particular importance because we have now the proof of the age and provenance for the Hawaiian surf board which occupies 'pride of place' in our foyer. These family heirlooms are so precious and we will value them.

Steven Warden is shown here presenting the canteen of cutlery to President Rod Austin while "Mick Warden" (arrowed) looks on. The Warden family have been very generous, previously giving to the club, a collection of his medals and cups which he was awarded over a great career in surf lifesaving and we thank them. A full run-down on D.(Mick) A.Warden can be found in our history book.

The President Speaks.... Hi, again to all our members, with another surf lifesaving season about to commence. I hope you all enjoyed the break.

Our recent AGM and presentation of the Annual Report was accepted by all present. All the positions on the Board of Management were filled, along with some other positions. In saying that, there are still positions that require members to 'put up their hands' and assist in the running of our Club. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm are needed as we progress into 2020 and beyond. In particular one very important area that needs to be strengthened and fine tuned is in Member Protection. At present the Club is short of MPO's and would like to see the number increased to eight. This does involve an 'on-line'* course which has to be carried out to ensure your suitability for this ever-increasing facet of surf lifesaving, so that all members can enjoy a safe and happy environment.

Members should also be aware that not only does the new season represent our 85 year, it also marks forty(40) years of female activity as full patrolling membership. Currently, Mollymook SLSC has 48% female membership, and what an asset this is for our Club and Surf Lifesaving. Not only in the important patrolling aspects, but also in the realm of Surf Sports. The Club has been traditionally strong in surf boat rowing and this has benefited greatly from the inclusion of female surf boat events and the stimulus women have provided.

Finally, I would like to remind members that two very major events are to be hosted by the Mollymook SLSC in 2020. The National Australian Surf Rower's League (ASRL), Australian Championships are to be held on our beach 14th/15th/16th of February 2020. The second event will be the National Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) also to be hosted by our Club in late July 2020. We will be asking for the assistance of all members in the running of both these prestigious National events, so that they run smoothly.

Have a successful and safe season 2019/2020.....Rod Austin OAM.

** EDITORIAL... Members, this is our 85th season coming up and 10 years have passed since we held our celebrations to mark our 75th birthday and what a great time we had! It certainly bonded us all together, past and present members at that time. Back in April 1938 an article appeared in the "Surf in Australia" magazine and the 'mag' is going to reproduce it here.

The article is entitled.... "UNITY IN A SURF CLUB" *and was written By "SCRIBE"*.
Perfection can never be attained, but to gain success it must be striven for, and it is the striving that brings success. A surf club these days has many activities, firstly the object for which it is formed, namely the patrolling of the beach for safe bathing and first aid work; secondly, competitive work at inter-club carnivals; thirdly, social activities; and, fourthly, administration.

The President of the Club is the axis on which the Club either rises or falls, and together with the Club Captain and Secretary, these people are the crux and pith, as it were, for everything hinges around them, and if their work is unified one with another, it spells success.

To gain unity and cooperation, which is at all times vital to the success of the Club, members should realize that it is as much their Club as the other persons, and rally around in a body and support all branches (of the Club), for runners and rowers are just as good publicity to a Club as swimmers and vice versa. Good club people though not competitors, are equally as valuable as those before mentioned; they all do patrol work.

To support any one branch of a Club's activities will, for a time, bring success to a Club, but sometimes at the cost of breeding discontent amongst other members, and it is indeed a wise Committee, which supports all aspects, for although it cannot expect to satisfy all and sundry, it is on the right path to gain unity.

Support from members in both patrol work and social activities breeds good-fellowship, and this in turn, develops unity, and if all members were to realize that if they worked in together and took a pride in the club, the SLSA of Australia would indeed be a fortunate body, and all members would be better off.

Wise words indeed and 80 plus years on they still have relevance today. It is YOUR CLUB, we are all here for a COMMON PURPOSE which continues to UNIFY us. The Editor.

and this season has other highlights....

30+ years since we started patrolling South Narrawallee which has been a success, regardless of some early misgivings. Our Club was commended by SLSNSW and SLSA for extending our patrols. It was indeed a 'source of pride' and unifying, as our club now patrolled three areas, Mollymook south, North Mollymook and South Mollymook. This also extended into our 24/365 call-out, all of which continued to the present-day.

35 years since our first female bronze squad and their acceptance as full patrolling members of Mollymook.

30 years since the IRB teams' "Day of Infamy" when on the way home from the State Titles, they stopped on the Expressway north of Sydney, for a 'comfort stop'. The buses then drove off and left a female member of the team stranded in the dark and alone. She managed to hitch hike into Sydney and ultimately re-united with her family.

60 years since the unbelievable news came through that the Mollymook SLSC Senior A Boat Crew had won the Australian Titles at Merewether Beach. This was the first National title won by the Club and soon after the Club christened the new surfboat *the Maurice Shipton*.

50 years since the Junior Boat Crew won the Club's second Gold Medal at the Australian titles.

40 years since our first NSW State Gold Medal when the Junior Boat Crew were successful.

SO... this new season and the new decade has lots for our Club to ponder on and CELEBRATE.

AWARDS.... Do you think you qualify for Service or National Patrol Service Awards. Michael Pontefract keeps these up-to-date (thanks Michael), but occasionally there is a 'slip-up'. So if you think you qualify and have not heard anything about it, please contact the Board or Club Registrar Wendy Austin. The club also has a 'backlog' of bronze medallions and certificates from previous seasons which have not been given out. If this applies to you please contact the Editor.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT INSTRUCTING ??? WANT TO JOIN ONE OF THE BEST EDUCATION AND TRAINING TEAMS??? The new Director of Training and Education Emma Woodward could do with your help and knowledge and she would love to hear from you to boost the numbers on her team. She is always available to discuss what the position entails. Some give it some thought; it is a rewarding job!!!!



"That was a narrow escape miss; do you feel OK?"

"Heavenly, will you be on duty next Sunday?"

George little Aussie 1924.



If our Bronze Medallion could talk it would give us another 'Glimpse into our past' relating to the recollection of Sir Adrian Curlewis, saying how beaches used to be roped off, males on one side and females on the other. He also recollected how sometimes females would get in a little trouble in the surf and the males had to duck under the rope, swim out and bring them back.(see previous issue.)

The author Ray Slattery's book, "Grab the Belt" features a rescue at Queenscliffe where a girl, unconscious, was carried from the surf by her male rescuer, to a first-aid station behind the beach for treatment. This led to an amusing aftermath offending an 'outraged citizen' who seemed to think it all some kind of game. So he wrote to the newspapers; "*It is a disgusting state of affairs,*" part of the letter ran, "*when respectable people visiting the beach are confronted with the unmoral (sic) sight of a half-naked female being carried off the beach by a half-naked male.....*"

This tendency for outraged citizens and 'mothers-of-ten' to write letters to the newspapers, was quite a feature of the years when surfing and lifesaving were finding their feet. When a fine Australian athlete shed his clothes to play a major role in a mass surf rescue, almost invariably an indignant letter appeared in the newspaper. Apparently the writer did not think the saving of eight lives worthy of mention. The letter was concerned solely with what it termed "*the shocking scenes of male nudity on Coogee Beach.*"

In 1912 a letter-writer complained that semi-clad men and women in close proximity in the surf were "*rapidly turning the beaches into the Devil's playground!*"

Needless to say, the (surf) lifesavers survived all the pin-pricking and small-minded criticism, and the movement spread until eventually the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia was functioning in all states.

'SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO... FIVE-YEAR PUMICE INVASION ON ITS WAY !!

A carpet of floating pumice stones from marble to basketball size is heading slowly, but steadily for the Australian East coast. QUT geologist Scott Bryan has been studying the unusual rock raft phenomenon for some time and said it was more common than most people thought. "We see it happen every five years or so. There was a big event in 2013(some of you may remember) where a lot of pumice washed onto Australian beaches, that was from the Havre volcano," he said. "This is a fairly regular occurrence in that region, so since the Havre eruption were a little overdue." The pumice raft will be carried by ocean currents and travel through the South Pacific region, eventually washing up on our shores early next year. (SMH 24/8/2019).

** The Havre volcano is an undersea seamount, deep in the Pacific near the Kermadec Islands.

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

Surf Lifesaving Support groups, including our own Club's 24 hour call-out service have enabled our movement to extend coverage over a wider geographical area, and over a full 24 hour time-frame. This has involved working with Police and the Volunteer Coastal Patrol, local Ambulance and SES; often under very poor conditions, sometimes in darkness, in hazardous seas, and in bush fires, and sometimes across turbulent, swift floodwaters. Call-outs have always involved varying degrees of danger and risk. Surf lifesavers have always been ready to give assistance when needed and provide expertise and equipment. So when the call to rescue goes out on a false call it is upsetting as the following report from the Sun-Herald on August 18 recently comments on.....

SEARCH FOR SWIMMER WAS BASED ON A HOAX.

The report of a missing Victorian swimmer on the NSW South Coast, sparking a three-day search at a cost of almost \$1 million, has turned out to be a hoax.

Emergency services were called to Gillards Beach, north of Tathra after the 42-years-old man's clothing and belongings were found left near the shore at 5.30pm on Wednesday two weeks ago.

But police have now confirmed the man fabricated the story, and the three-day search may have cost emergency services more than \$1million.

Search crews were expected to resume looking for the man this morning, but were stood down by police.

NSW Police South Coast District Chief Inspector Peter Volf conformed a 42-year-old Victorian man was now wanted for making a false report to police. After an extensive emergency service response to the report, police may seek compensation, with Inspector Volf estimating the overall search cost is approaching \$1million.

Emergency search teams from surf life saving clubs, Merimbula and Bermagui Marine Rescue, Bega Valley SES volunteers, NSW Ambulance, Pol Air and the Westpac Rescue Helicopters were all part of the effort to find the 'missing' swimmer.

Older members of our Club would remember a similar situation taking place back on 22nd January 1989 when
..... On the 22nd January (1989) local Milton-Ulladulla Police alerted the Mollymook Surf Club call-out crew at 12.30am, just after midnight. A mayday call had been received from a sinking vessel off Narrawallee Beach and this had launched a massive search. The surf club IRB with Tom Law, Michael Pontefract and Rod Austin were first into the water and searched through the dark and early dawn until daybreak. The search involved police helicopters, naval Sea King helicopters from HMAS Albatross, fishing vessels and the Ulladulla Coastal Patrol; as well as the Mollymook SLSC.

This search continued over a wide area of ocean until morning without success, until the call was later revealed to have been a hoax, resulting from phone call by a male camper at Lake Conjola. He was later charged and fined, and ordered to pay compensation.

Quite often as each season progresses surf lifesavers are often put on alert by members of the public concerned about missing persons, especially children; or dolphin sightings which have been mistaken for sharks; and even 'white-capped' swells mistaken as wind-surfers. These are not wilful hoax sightings, but all have to be followed-up. Hoax calls like the two above are thankfully not common.

"VOLUNTEERING IS GETTING HARDER".. This was an article in a recent newspaper about how hard it was for organisations like Rural Fire Service, SES, Surf Lifesaving to attract new members. Young males in particular are no longer attracted to these volunteer groups, and in many places the organisations are almost defunct. Which means for us we have to work harder in recruiting and holding on to our membership. We can all play a part in this.

OUR CONSTITUTION AND RULES...

The Constitution of our surf club (like all clubs) is governed by a 'set of rules' and these are constantly being updated. You are probably aware that the latest revised Constitution for our club was planned to be ratified at the recent Annual General Meeting held early in August. However this did not eventuate as the Board felt that all members should be able to familiarize themselves with it before voting on its acceptance. For this reason the revised version was placed on our website for your perusal. Since then it has been necessary to revise further the revised edition in the light of recent changes to the SLSNSW template on which the Constitution was based. The revised, revised Constitution will replace the one at present on the website.

Operation of the Constitution.

The Club and the Members acknowledge and Agree:

- (a) that they are bound by this Constitution and that this constitution, operates to create uniformity in the way in which the Objects and surf lifesaving are to be conducted, promoted, encouraged, advanced and administered throughout the South Coast Branch;
- (b) to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of surf lifesaving, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and surf lifesaving;
- (c) not to do or permit to be done any act or thing which might adversely affect or derogate from the standards, quality and reputation and its maintenance and enhancement;
- (d) to promote the economic and community services success, strength and stability of each other and to act interdependently with each other in pursuit of their respective objects;
- (e) to act in the interests of surf lifesaving and the Members.
- (f) Where the Club considers or is advised that a Member has allegedly :
 - (A) breached, failed, refused or neglected to comply with a provision of this Constitution, the By-Laws, or any resolution or determination of the Club; or
 - (B) acted in a manner prejudicial to the Objects and interests of the Club and/or surf lifesaving; or
 - (C) brought the Club, any Surf Life Saving Club, or surf lifesaving (including the Branch, SLSNSW and/or SLSA) into disrepute;
- (g) the Club may, after allowing the Member a reasonable opportunity to explain; adjudicate, and if necessary penalise, the Member with such penalty as it thinks appropriate.

Constitution of the Club..

The Constitution will clearly reflect the objects of SLSNSW and shall generally conform with the Branch and SLSNSW Constitutions, subject to any requirements in the Act, and at least to the extent of:

- (a) the Objects of SLSNSW;
- (b) the structure and membership categories of SLSA;
- (c) recognising the SLSA as the national peak body for surf lifesaving in Australia;
- (d) recognising SLSNSW as the peak body for lifesaving in New South Wales.
- (e) recognising the South Coast Branch;
- (f) Such other matters as are required to give full effect to the SLSNSW Constitution.

So what had to happen in the revision was to take our "old" Constitution and "marry it" to the SLSNSW template. This allowed us to keep objects pertaining to our club circumstances along with the objects of SLSNSW. You will be asked to attend a Special General Meeting later on this year to vote on its acceptance.

"Well What Did Happen At The AGM???" Around 50 members were in attendance for firstly the presentation of the Annual Report on Season 2018-19, our 84th Year since our foundation. If the season could be summed up in a few words it could be stated as being "steady as she goes", with most aspects of club life proceeding smoothly. Financially the Club is sound, but Members need to realize that help is always needed with fund-raising. That doesn't mean that the Club can rest and coast along for our 85th year as it will be busy as ever and changes need to be made.

One change that was not made was in the election of Directors to the Board. All the incumbents except the Director of Education and Training, Bruce O'Sullivan, decided on re-nominating. It again will be the job of the various Directors to fill their portfolio committee positions, and it is hoped that this can be done with your help.

Special Resolutions were passed to award Life Membership to three Club Members. These were to Sue Whitford who becomes the first female elected to Life Membership of our club. Both Bruce O'Sullivan and William "Mick" Bond were elevated from Honour Membership to Life Membership. Mick Bond last season completed 60 years of patrols, Bruce for his patrol work, Branch and Club work.

To all three of these, a resounding round of applause when an affirmative, positive vote from all the members present was announced. Congratulations and well done for your sustained commitment to Surf Lifesaving at Mollymook SLSC.

Missing from the AGM was Jon Donohoe one of our three patrons. Jon was too ill to be present and the members present asked Peter Stapleton and Pat McGrath, his fellow Patrons, to give Jon our Best Wishes.

At the end of the AGM the caterers moved in and Members enjoyed some social activity.

....."And that ended the 2018-19 Season and now the 2019-20 season, the start of a new decade, lies ahead."

[OUR ANNUAL Report](#), presented at the recent Annual General Meeting was well received by members in attendance. Copies are still available from the Director of Administration Sandra Woodward. Just below, the 'mag' has included some excerpts from each of the Director's reports for you to read.

"It is important to (the Board) to remain focused on the duty you have undertaken today for the next twelve months. We must not be complacent and we must continue to improve all functions of Club activity and new ideas, continued development, fund-raising and above all, keep a happy, safe and friendly environment." President..Rod Austin OAM.

"What a wonderful, dedicated group of people make up our Board." Director of Administration..Sandra Woodward.

"The main reason(surf) lifesaving at Mollymook is so professional is due to the quality and commitment of our Patrol Captains. These people are forever committed to the cause and show immense leadership qualities to help keep our beaches safe." Adam Woodward..Director of Lifesaving.

"Our only (financial) downside this season was a very poor showing come the Annual Door-Knock Appeal. The general public are always so generous in this support of this event, but with limited collectors (this year) much of the money went uncollected." Kevin Whitford..Director of Finance.

"The total proficiencies for this season 2018-19 were three hundred and twenty two (322). This was (another) huge effort by those associated with completing this very large task. This was coupled with the other training that goes on to make the season a very busy one for the trainers and assessors." Bruce O'Sullivan..Director of Education & Training.

"That said, I thought I would take the opportunity to remind ourselves that our community and visiting tourists rely heavily upon our skills and attendance to be available, to provide that monitoring and safety when visiting our beaches, which they greatly appreciate. So we (the Board) thank you sincerely for your ongoing commitment towards patrol attendance. Never doubt that you are the pinnacle of Surf Life Saving, with the knowledge that you are a highly respected and skilled Surf Lifesaving Patrol Members of the Mollymook SLSC. BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU DO BECAUSE YOU DO IT WELL!" Senior Vice-President..Rex Russell.

The Surf Sports Report is one of the most comprehensive and deserves to be read in its entirety. The success of our competitors at every level of competition is quite fantastic and due in no small measure to the efforts of Steine Lofts as the Director of Surf Sports and his wife who does the mountain of 'bookwork'.

***** And where were YOU when the moon was blue ?



If you were not there you missed out on a great night. Mike Gaffney and the band were excellent and kept the night rolling with many 'catchy' tunes from 'way back when', with a moon theme. People took advantage of the music to dance the night away including Councillor Mark and Ann-Marie Kitchener showing plenty of style, and even President Rod showing he too is no amateur with the 'soft shoe shuffle". If you missed out the band may be returning for another gig maybe next year's Presentation Night. So when it comes around get in early.



***** "Maybe recovering from your exertions on the 'Footie field.." Congratulations to our female members who have by now completed their seasons on the football field. Eliza Green and Kyla Wall were both members of the Milton-Ulladulla Bulldog's U18 side who were Minor Premiers in the strong Illawarra division Rugby League competition. However they stumbled in the semi-finals to miss out on the Grand Final. Meanwhile in the other code of AFL Kelly Robertson was a member of the local 'Dockers' who were also Minor Premiers in their AFL South Coast competition with the semi-finals still to come.

***** Our Training/Assessors 'second to none'... Having completed the recent courses in Spinal Management, Advanced Resuscitation and First-Aid; and also as a keen observer of the IRB instruction over recent weeks; one could not help being impressed by the professionalism and expertise of our club Education and Training group. They are certainly 'second to none', continuing the tradition in our club of many seasons of providing top rate instruction. We should all applaud and support their efforts.

***** Finality coming in the SLSNSW Fraud case... After lengthy investigations, two weeks ago the final steps were taken by Police investigators, when they arrested a former employee of SLSNSW with the crime of defrauding the organization to the tune of \$2.5 million. The following is the e-mail sent to all NSW clubs from Mr. George Shales, our State President.

Surf Life Saving NSW welcomes the charges laid today against a former senior manager who is alleged to have fraudulently obtained a large sum of money from the organisation before resigning in July 2016.

We have been cooperating with the NSW Police for the last three years with their investigations and we now await the outcome of criminal proceedings.

We know our members share our anger, disappointment and frustration in this matter and we have endeavoured to keep clubs and other stakeholders informed of progress.

Extensive internal and external investigations and review processes have been implemented since 2016 which mean the necessary governance and financial processes are in place to ensure such a situation cannot arise in future.

These measures include obtaining endorsement of improvements from the Australian Charities and Not for profit Commission (ACNC), appointment of recognised internal and external auditors, a refreshed Finance and Compliance Committee (FACC), appointment of a new Risk and Compliance Committee (RC) and enhanced governance training for all members of the Board through the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

We thank all our members, partners and the community for their ongoing support during this difficult period. We will do our best to keep you informed of progress, however, as this matter is now before the Court, we are unable to provide more information at this time.

***** **IRB news..”A Blast From Our Past..** With the New Year 2020 will come the Australian IRB Championships to be conducted on our Mollymook Beach and for all ‘newer’ members here is a look back at our past and one of our famed IRB craft “*The Mellick of Milton*”.

Under the skilled seamanship of Tom Law and various crew members, in competition this group at one stage had won 23 out of 25 races in which it had entered, including the prestigious Mayne-Nickless state-wide event.

This boat, on the same afternoon in the middle of the handing-over and christening by Cecil Mellick of Milton, was called away to perform a rescue south at Burrill Lake. The ceremony back at Mollymook was resumed when the IRB returned after this mission. What a moment for “Mellick of Milton”!

***** **“ON THE SPOT”...** As reported in an issue of the Milton-Ulladulla Times 21st August 2019 when former iconic professional surfer Mick Fanning was ‘on the spot’ to help put a smile on a teenager’s face after the 15-year-old suffered injuries while body boarding. He had come unstuck while surfing Meroo Point north of Bawley Point. As a result he sustained injuries to his pelvis and lower back in the large surf which necessitated him being airlifted to Canberra Hospital.

He was assisted by a group of surfers from the water who were ‘on the spot’, including the three-time world champion surfer Mick Fanning, before paramedics stabilised the teenager on a rock ledge. What a moment for the young surfer.

***** **“Always a Shark Story”...** As reported in a previous ‘mag’ about the Greynurse shark washed into the Lake Conjola entrance recently. These species of shark are protected and NSW Fisheries staff took possession of the 3 metre shark to determine, if possible, how it died. It was transported to Port Stephens where an examination by DPI staff determined that the under-weight shark may have died from two reasons; “it is not possible to provide a precise cause of death for the shark; hooks were found in the stomach and there was evidence of bacterial infection, both of which may have contributed to death.” A sad end to a protected animal.

***** **Something to Ponder Upon as season 2019-2020 Looms..** This is a statement from the SLISA Annual report of 1986-87 written by the then Hon.Chief Superintendent Warren Rennie. Almost thirty years on it still has relevance today.....”With increased crowds attending our beaches, being allowed access to areas at times quite distant from traditional safe bathing areas, (surf) lifesavers should take a more mobile attitude to their patrol work.”

“REASSESSMENT.....PROFICIENCY TESTING.....SKILLS MAINTENANCE”..... CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL
BUT WILL YOU BE READY FOR THE ANNUAL TEST AND THEN PATROL DUTIES???

***** Back in 1990 it was estimated that it cost at least \$81.25 to support each member of our club. Since then costs have risen and is now much more. Traditionally we have made up the difference between Membership fees and the actual costs by fund-raising and sponsorship. However it is time after many years to put our fees up unfortunately.

Dear Members

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE RISING, GET IN EARLY AND RENEW BEFORE THE 30TH SEPT 2019 AND YOU ONLY PAY THE CURRENT PRICE !!!!!!! GET IN NOW...

As of the 1st October 2019 the fees will increase to the prices listed below.

Membership fees for the 2019 – 2020 season

Active Member \$40.00	18 yrs +	\$40.00
Award Member \$40.00		\$40.00
Long service \$40.00		\$40.00
Junior Membership	(Active Cadet 13 – 14 years) (Active Junior 15 – 17 years)	\$27.00
Community Membership	18yrs + Member of the general community Eligible for general access to the club building ONLY does NOT include the Gym	\$60.00
Family Membership	This category is for parents+ children under 18yrs – exception older children that are still students eg. Tafe, Uni	\$80.00
Family and Nippers	\$12 extra per nipper child capitation Fee	1 child \$80.00 2 children \$92.00 3 children \$104.00 4 children \$116.00 \$128.00
Nipper	Nipper only includes capitation fee	\$50.00

Please be aware that this is not a decision that has been taken lightly. MSLSC has not had an increase in fees for over 15 years and as you can appreciate all other costs that the club incurs have been rising constantly. We still have one of the lowest fees in the country. If you feel these fees are too high please take a minute and check out some other club websites you will be surprised.

Not only are the fees higher at other clubs some other charges you would incur are:

Gym Fees, Board and ski storage fees, Competition fees, Training course fees, Certificate fees, Patrol Uniform Costs to list just a few.

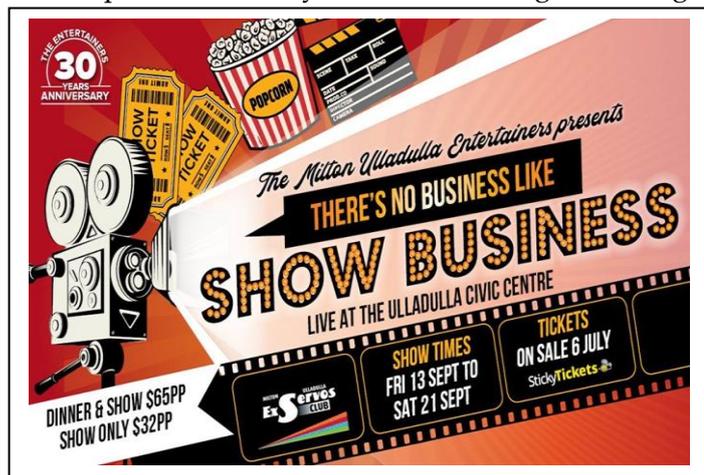
Thanking you in Advance

Management Committee MSLSC

Our revised fees will still be amongst the lowest of any club in the SLSA. Comments on Facebook from previous members support this...“(Your membership fees) are still cheaper than most (surf lifesaving) clubs in Illawarra”. “I may need to join Mollymook, that (fee) is more than \$100 cheaper than at Ballina (SLSC).” “Go onto the Internet and look up other surf clubs Fees, you might be amazed at what other clubs charge.”

One of the greatest qualities sought in a surf club member is to be RELIABLE...that is to be relied upon by your fellow club members to do a number of patrols each season; and to be relied upon to carry out your patrols in an efficient and coordinated manner.

ONE way to support our Club's finances is to buy tickets to the Entertainer's latest show. This annual event, since inception, has always donated one night's takings to our Surf Club, so support it.



Tables are being organized for Friday 20th September to see the wonderful Entertainers. It's a great social night. Please message Sam Crockett or text her 0410552116 to organize your tickets and payment. Dinner & Show \$67.80. Let's support those that support us. ❤️📄

(At present 2/9/19 only two tickets Have been sold !!!)

***** **BRANCH SAFETY PROGRAM...** This very worthwhile program ran from September through to February and the Educational Team Leaders were Adam Woodward and Sue Whitford. The idea behind the program is to take the message of Surf Awareness into our schools. Last year the team visited 14 school in our area and spoke to 3549, mainly Primary-age students. The team was always well-received and has already been invited back this season. Well done to our two leaders.

***** **MORE SAFETY NEWS (but from 30 years ago...)** Another reason to celebrate is the fact that after much pressure from Mollymook, the Shoalhaven Council decided to agree with the case to provided more Lifeguards on our beaches. Provision was made for two lifeguards to be stationed at Narrawallee beach, two at North Mollymook and two at South Mollymook;all for the duration of the six week holiday season. This certainly increased the element of safety for visitors to all three areas. Since then, more recently the Council have extended the South Mollymook duration to the end of February.

***** **SOUTH COAST BRANCH PRESENTATION..** Our Club was represented by two tables at the recent Presentation & Awards Night at Shoalhaven Heads Recreation Club. It was a successful night although the equipment grants to clubs was down on previous seasons, due to a lack of some major sponsorships. However our Club was among the award winners....

- Karla Jones*..... SCB 14-15 Female Competitor of the Year.
- Sam Zustovich*..... SCB U17 Male Competitor of the Year.
- Brock Scrivener*.... SCB U19 Male Competitor of the Year.
- Payton Williams*... SCB U19 Female Competitor of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GREAT EFFORTS.

Unfortunately the Awards for Club of the Year, Patrol Efficiency and Gear Inspection were not announced, but at least in the 'lucky draw' Mollymook did win a new Nippers Board.

***** **“COOLANGATTA GOLD”...** Once again some of our intrepid members are taking on the Long Course Ironman Event to be held on October 13th. This event takes between 4 and 5 hours to complete and both David Tudor-Jones and Tony Ireland have entered. They have both been training hard during the winter months to get the conditioning that this arduous event needs. Also entered in the Junior Coolangatta Gold is Matilda Buttel, one of our up-and-coming Nippers. Best of luck to the three of you.

***** **“ANOTHER ANNUAL EVENT COMING SOON”...** Yes, the event that Les O’Sullivan always looks forward to; the Annual Gear Inspection is on 15th of September (soon), and our club will be last on the day between 2.00 and 3.00 pm. Les, as always, puts on a great show, but, as always, needs your support to get the three sets of gear out and ready. Please contact him to help out.

***** **“ANOTHER ANNUAL EVENT COMING SOON”...** Yes, the event that we are all waiting for (?) is the start of the new surfing season and our patrol work. Patrols start on the 28th September and patrol rosters will be found on our web site. Any problems please see the Director of Lifesaving ASAP.

***** **“EMMA COMES ON BOARD”...** At the last Board meeting of our Club, Emma Woodward was formally nominated to fill the shoes of BOS and she was welcomed onto the Mollymook SLSC Board.

The LAST PAGE.... This winds up the Season 2018-2019 and the last of Volume 35 of the ‘Mollymook Mag’. With all the milestones to be celebrated (?) in the coming season our 36th birthday for our magazine is a significant one as well. Hopefully, over the next Volume, someone will put their hand(s) up to take on the role of Editor.

VALE... As is too often lately, we must mention the passing of Grant Evans, the son of Bob and Rhonda Evans. Grant joined the Club and gained his Bronze Medallion N45304 on the 17/3/1984. He completed patrols and rowed in one of the Junior Boat Crews (of which the Club had three). Grant left for work before returning to Milton. His passing was held at the Surf Club with a very big crowd in attendance.

Grant’s father Bob was a well-known member of Mollymook, completing 25 years of patrol service and a member of the Senior ‘A’ Boat crew, winning a silver medal at the Australian titles and a NSW silver medal in the Senior ‘A’ races, as well as many medals at Illawarra Branch level.

We offer our deepest condolences to Bob, Rhonda and extended family.



Another great photo from the lens of Ken Banks who keeps coming up with photos like this one. There is some conjecture about what the dolphin is doing. Is it happy that the IRB crews had just finished their course and exam, and that now the Sunday mornings at Mollymook would be free of fumes, noise and feverish activity; or was it that the dolphin was ‘jumping with joy’ and wanting to play so more with the rubber duckies?? You figure it out.. Happy end to 2018-19

*** **The Editor.**