

**DECEMBER  
2010**



### **CHRISTMAS DRINKS**

It would be good to see as many people as possible at the Club this Thursday for a Christmas drink. A Club swim will be held soon after 5pm.

### **PAST EVENTS**

#### **New Bronze Holders**

Congratulations to our Bronze holders : Ebony Alford, Emily Blackwell, Louisa Richards, Milli Rusby, Chloe Tanner, Darcy Tucker, and Elise Tuuri .

#### **New SRC holders**

Alice Harding, Sam Gilchrist- Byrne, Rachel Lippett, and Sheldon Skanes passed the exam, and can now join patrols and train to become "Bronzies".

#### **Senior carnival #1 Carnival at Moana**

Unfortunately due to a host of other commitments and ailments, the only competitors were boat teams. Conditions were very windy, with a tricky 1-2ft shore break, not ideal for a summer carnival! Three boat crews competed, with excellent results.

Open Men finished 5 th - Matt Smith (sweep), Dave Read, Steve Brown, Paul Buchanan and Scott Billington. Reserve Men had an outstanding day finishing First - Chris Tapscott, (sweep), Kym Overall, Steve Overall, Alan Reynolds and Steve Evans. Masters Men also finished First - Troy Irvin (sweep), Gary Humphries, Robert Mooney, Matt Smith and Mike Lippett.

#### **Junior carnival #1 at Somerton**

A small contingent consisting of 7 competition Nippers made the trip to Somerton to compete in the first junior carnival of the year. Sheldon Skanes (U14), Ella Smith and Natasha McMahon (U12), Brenton Skanes and Sam Van Ovelen (U11), Lochie Williams and Matthew Read (U10) carried the Port Elliot flag.

#### **Junior carnival #2 at Port Elliot**

Port Elliot was well represented and achieved some good results. The weather held out and it was very successful day all round.

#### **Surfboat Competition**

The last boat comp was at Middleton on 5th December, the day of the Junior Carnival in the bay. Conditions were clean and small - about 1-2 ft waves. Results - Open Men 1st - Matt Smith, Dave Read, Steve Brown and Paul Buchanan, with the assistance of fill-in rowers from the reserves crew. Reserve Men 2nd - Chris Tapscott, Kym Overall, Steve Overall, Alan Reynolds, Steve Evans

#### **Senior Carnival #2 at Southport**

This was cancelled due to inclement weather.

#### **Generous Donation**

Goolwa Craft Fair has kindly donated \$1000 to the Club to be divided between the SameWave and Nipper programs. We thank them very much for their kind donation.

### **New Equipment**

- Massage table for the first aid room
- Spinal board
- Hayden adjustable ski (on order)

### **ICE PICKS**

The break-up/barbeque breakfast for Ice Picks was held Sunday morning after the Proficiencies on the Saturday. It was not without incident! The swell around by Commodore Point was quite a reasonable size. Several swimmers got out however one male swimmer (no names mentioned) suffered a pounding and as a result swallowed a bucket load of water and was not in a good way. His cries for help were heard by two mermaids who had decided to swim their last ice-picks un-encumbered by bathers! The swimmer was rescued by these mermaids and carried back out to sea: one with an arm over and across his body and the other with an arm looped under his armpit. When safely 'out the back' the swimmer looked around and thought he was hallucinating, then fully believed he had died and gone to heaven....!! Anyway, an excellent cooked breakfast awaited for all, followed by the usual presentation of 'terrible trophies'. Ice Picks will resume on Sunday mornings at the end of the Patrolling Season, and anyone is welcome to join in the fun.

### **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### **Nippers**

This year we have close to 200 Nippers enrolled. Looking after the nippers we have a team of 50 or more helpers, including lifesavers, parents, and younger ex-Nippers. (some of which are now Lifesavers themselves). One of the most pleasing things in a Lifesaving Club is to watch kids go right through the Nipper ranks and become fully Patrolling Lifesavers. To see these young people then put something back into the program is excellent.

#### **Training**

A special mention must also be made to Anjie Collins and Jess Dennis, who are currently going for their Trainers Qualification. They have been active in training both groups and have had to travel to Adelaide to attend long sessions during the previous weeks. That is also a big commitment. Thanks also to Jeff Collins and Paul Buchanan who put in many hours as trainers.

#### **SameWave**

How Much Fun Can You Have At Same Wave?"

The Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club have now enjoyed six weeks of their new program 'Same Wave'. A program to offer people living with a disability the experience of enjoying being part of a surf club. The Same Wave participants learn competencies of water safety which is delivered by qualified instructors and volunteers. Over the last six weeks many of the participants have broken their personal bests and the new years goal is to swim further and keep challenging their skills. Saturday 18th December will see the program wind up for the Christmas break with a sausage sizzle following the morning activities. If you would like to know more information please contact Natalie Gilbert on 0437943920.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Junior carnival #3 : Sunday January 30 th at North haven**

**Senior carnival #3 : Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at Goolwa**

## **ASRL Surfboat Championships, Wollongong City SLSC, 4 – 6 February, 2011**

We currently have two crews going across to our sister club, Wollongong City, for the championships. As it is always a good club trip to Wollongong, if any members would be interested in attending as support to our crews, contact Rod Ellis (0411751355 or [rodney@jomar.on.net](mailto:rodney@jomar.on.net)) and we will get accommodation, transport options, etc. underway.

### **Surf-Lions Summer BBQs.**

Again through January, 2011, the Surf Club and the Lions Club will be running the Sunday evening BBQ and Bar outside the clubhouse.

The dates are January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, with setting up from about 3pm. They run from about 4pm to 8pm so patrols, please remember to work with the Lions members as they set up. The Lions Club continues to be a great supporter of our club; they were the big contributor to the change-over of the old Mule to the new larger, safer Mule for patrol work. It would be great to see as many Surf Club members as possible supporting the Sunday BBQs.

### **IRB Driver / Crew Training**

If you are interested please give your names to Regan Moon or Peter Trebilcock asap. So that training sessions can be organised.

## **PESLSC Building Redevelopment Steering Committee: Update**

***Objective: To provide a building that meets the needs of the Port Elliot Surf Saving Club now and into the future. The building shall incorporate practical functional spaces to enable the best possible delivery of surf life saving services to the community and visitors to our region.***

### **Preamble**

For some months, under the auspices of the PESLSC Council, this group has been undertaking preliminary work that will be necessary to achieve the above objective.

While some members of the club may think that this group is going to solve immediate storage and other facilities shortcomings, its major focus is on the longer-term strategic development of the site so that it provides appropriate facilities for several decades ahead e.g. 30 years.

### **Funding**

Funding for such a major refurbishment or complete re-building is anticipated to cost several million dollars.

The current funding model is predicated on 635sq m of space being provided and funded as follows:

- Surf Lifesaving SA's Facilities Management Group (FMG) 56%
- Alexandrina Council 33%
- PESLSC 11%

While the basic allocation of space viz., 635 sq m is under review, costs of any significant extra space would likely have to be borne by our club.

At the moment all available funds from the major source i.e. FMG have been committed for the next three years i.e. until 2013/2014. In other words the earliest that we would even be considered for an allocation of funds would be around 2015.

Realistically, we need to use this time to ensure that we preserve, acquire and set aside significant funds dedicated to meeting a significant portion of our share of the costs associated with this project.

**Activities so far have included:**

- Meeting with the Alexandrina Council's Heritage Advisor.
- A site survey, including contour mapping and location of existing buildings within the lease area.
- Checking lease arrangements.
- Checking with the Coastal Protection Authority and ascertaining that our current floor level would be above projected rises in sea levels.
- Consulting members about the facilities that they would like to see in any future re-development of the PESLSC via a whiteboard "mind map" and distilling those items into a survey.
- Surveying the members about the current strengths and weaknesses of the club and asking them to prioritize elements of our history and operations that are important to them.
- Attending monthly meetings of Surf Lifesaving SA's Facilities Management Group, thus injecting ourselves into this essential decision-making group
- Meeting with Alexandrina Council officers to acquaint them with our intentions and to ascertain their requirements of us, in particular, key dates for any submission to be included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan
- Devising a plan in the form of a Gantt Chart, to identify, prioritise and sequence the steps necessary to achieve our over-all objective.

**Pressing Matters**

- This plan in the form of a Gantt Chart, to identify, prioritise and sequence the steps necessary to achieve our over-all objective will be presented to PESLSC Council in the near future.
- A decision whether to refurbish or rebuild will need to be made as this will have a major influence on design and costings that are required by FMG and the Alexandrina Council.
- We have been advised by Alexandrina Council that a major review of their Long Term Financial Plan will occur in February/March 2012. At the moment this date is the crucial one that is the incentive to ensure that we are on Alexandrina's funding radar for 2015.
- It is therefore critical to have decisions taken as to whether to revamp or rebuild so that concept plans can be drawn up, a Quantity Surveyor can be appointed, and costings are available by November/December 2011.

**Additional Matters**

Any decisions about the provision of lifesaving services on the South Coast may impact on the scale and nature of any work proposed for the PESLSC.

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