

**NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2009**



KEY DATES :

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CHEIF ASSESSOR / INSTRUCTOR/ ADVISOR

After 9 years of being the Club's Chief Assessor / Instructor, Ian has decided it is time to retire and let someone else take on the task. Luckily Reagan Moon has stepped up to the plate to take on the daunting task. This is going to involve a lot of training and learning by trial and error on his behalf. He will need the support and patience of club members as he becomes accustomed to the role. He is not an Ian Grant clone, and so will do things his way – be kind to him!

It is also timely to reflect on the outstanding job that Ian has done over those 9 years. I would need to get out the Thesaurus and start looking up superlatives, but Ian is a very modest person and would not feel quite comfortable with this. In a nutshell, he has been recognised nationally for his ability and it doesn't get much better than that. Speaking to other SA assessors, they have all said that if anyone passes their preliminaries or has been trained by Ian, then they going to gain their award with no problems. He has given the Club status and highly trained personnel. He is patient, efficient, and has a unique sense of humour. How many other clubs can lay claim to having an assessor who rides down to the beach on a 50 yr old gearless bike with a dog in a basket on the handlebars, and conducts proficiencies on the beach in a pair of work boots ! Ian will still be around and helping out of course. But on behalf of the Club and all those from other Clubs which Ian has trained and assessed a very big thank you. Ian has agreed to take up the role of 'Lifesaving Advisor' in the Club.

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Also we will be running a series of short workshops to update all Bronze holders that do not hold Defibrilator awards to be able to use the Defib in an emergency

Thanks Reagan Moon Chief Instructor
Ian Grant Life Saving Advisor

CLUB CAPTIAN

For those who haven't heard as yet, at this years AGM I was elected as Club Captain for the upcoming Season. For those who are wondering the role of the Club Captain is to basically concentrate on helping keep the lifesaving side of the club running well. These areas include patrolling, water cover, special events and everything else lifesaving related. Over the season I'll be bringing out some new ideas that I think will improve the service we offer to the public and our members, all the time keeping you informed as we go.

Any ideas anyone might have regarding our lifesaving services will be much appreciated, so please feel free to bail me up when you see me down the club, phone me on my mobile or email me and I'll see what I can do about incorporating your ideas. Alternatively you can talk to your Vice Captain – Verity who is in charge of patrols or your members' reps being Matt Smith and Colin Sibly and they will

make sure that I hear what you have to say. Every newsletter I'll give you a bit more idea about what's been happening and where we're going, so stay tuned.

Notes from the Club Captain

1. After discussion among patrolling members, we have decided to come up with a Patrolling Handbook for those looking to start patrolling and for patrolling members who are looking for some straightforward guidance on what is expected of them on patrol. This handbook will cover things like starting and finish times, meeting patrol obligations, finding subs etc. Anything you desperately want covered in these guidelines? Let me know.
2. Andrew Bedford from State Centre has kindly extended a couple of invitations to our various members.

Firstly – Anyone from the club who would like to become involved and get an understanding of how the State Centre Communications (radio) Room works can come down any day and have a look. If you have members who would like to do a “shift” in the radio room they would be more than welcome. With the introduction of some new systems (cameras, tracking etc) your members may find it interesting.

Secondly - On the SLSSA web site they are requesting expressions of interest for RWC (Jet Ski) operators. The training is initially over 3 days then supervised 20 hours operations. This doesn't mean you have to travel to town to be supervised as the RWC's do operate on the south coast. If anyone is keen for extra information let me know or apply online.

And finally, Thanks go out to Lucinda for laying down some great foundations in being a great Club Captain over previous seasons giving me a solid base to build from.

Cheers Hamish
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MEMBERS REPS

Matt Smith and Colin Sibly are the members Representatives on Club Council. Their role is to bring questions, issues or concerns from the Club members. You can contact either by phone or email if you cannot see them in person.

SUBS FOR 2009-10 SEASON

Club Council has approved the new subs which have a modest increase over last year. Seniors \$80 , Youth (15- 18) \$55, Juniors \$45, Family \$155 + insurance. Hopefully this year more people will take the option of paying on line – details later.

PONTOON

Before you all sigh and compare it to the saga of the Victor Harbor non-existent pool : at the AGM a motion was passed directing the Club to have the pontoon in the water by the start of the season. Kym Overall has done some extensive homework and has determined that we need a Development Application. He will do this and follow the process through. The big sticking point still is the public liability insurance – hopefully the council will help this, and in the meantime we will get a quote. If the Council will not come to the party and the quote is enormous, then we have a new decision to make unfortunately.

200 CLUB

This year this major sponsorship initiative has been given a new lease of life. Jeff Collins has compiled a list of around 150 businesses in our 3 towns and divided them amongst the Cadets as a part of their YIPS responsibilities. Working in small groups they have been visiting these businesses and dropping off information about the 200 Club and leaving them a stamped envelope for a reply. Most businesses have opted to take the information and sponsorship money is beginning to arrive.

We will print laminated certificates of appreciation, which the Cadets will deliver to the businesses.

They will also do a follow-up visit to keep the sponsors informed of developments and invite them to a function at the start of the season.

This is a great opportunity for the Cadets to be involved in the running of the Club.

TURKEY TALK with ELLIOT THE BUSH TURKEY

The season has not begun in earnest and already there have been some outstanding Turkey deeds. Elliot (who now has a proud new profile photo) has already recorded Bryn's broken wing, and Marty's multiple travel stuff ups. Here are the latest offerings



Elly saved up to buy a new top of the range iPod for 'Marty's Magical Stuff Up Tour' of Pt Douglas. It lasted one day! – lost on route. To follow it up she took a tumble off a rock with her new (and expensive) camera. End of working camera. One expensive holiday that!

Matt Smith (with an assist from Penny) also gets a strong nomination. Out collecting firewood in the Inman Valley in their trusty Tribute 4WD and trailer, they happened across a small creek crossing. Penny was reluctant, but with Matt (passenger) giving his positive appraisal of the depth, they plunged in. They got 3/4 way across and there it ended. Matt and Penny had to escape via the windows and across the roof and trailer. Matt then had to return to 'save' brave Choco from the car. Eventually a tractor was used to extract the car (now a very wet write-off) from the creek.

Unfortunately MS (under duress) has to confess to another before Randall spills the beans. Ms called into the Telstra shop complaining of a dead mobile – he had been charging it all night, and yes, the power was turned on at the switch. Randall took out the battery and declared the phone was probably dead, but give it one last try on the charger. MS returned home and plugged the phone in again. Two hours later and the no luck, so MS picked up the phone to go over to the shop to buy a newie. Oops. The phone had been plugged into a charger that was not plugged into the switch. The plugged in charger was charging thin air !!

TRAINING NEWS

As usual a dedicated bunch of Juniors (and some seniors) have been training twice a week. The R&R team have been having sessions with Neville and are becoming accustomed to new roles with Jamie Buchanan has moved in to replace Matt Wright. Saturdays have been regular trips to Middleton for surf training. The improvement in skills and confidence of the kids is striking! On the 18th a group of them paddled from Horseshoe Bay to Middleton with IRB support from Bewko and Matty. Hamish obviously relishing his new role as Club Captain also undertook the paddle.

Boat crews have also started training, with at least 4 crews competing this year. They will also benefit from a new set of oars, sweep oars and rollicks. It was good to see the Womens Crew out and rowing last Saturday.

CLUB HOUSE NEWS

One of the 'problems' of having more Juniors and Seniors competing is how to store the ever-increasing amount of gear in a safe and accessible manner. New gear Steward Michael Lippet will be working with Club room Stewards Tim prance and Paul Buchannan to solve the problem. Expect changes !

Club Council has approved the erection of a privacy partition outside the ladies change rooms.

Also approved is a replacement for the Mule. This one will carry 4 passengers and will have a better-placed towbar – no more skun knuckles!

CURRY NIGHT

About 25 people attended the informal Curry Night on the 22nd. We all shared some delicious curries, watched some 'Bollywood', listened to Indian wedding songs and saw the Power slowly being demoralised by Brisbane. Luckily the Power supporters had left by the time Brisbane hit the lead, so their grief was not shared.

The next food night we decided will be a Taco theme. A good way to spend an informal Saturday night with family and friends!