



Welcome to the festive season.

Ahhh. Long hot days, clear blue water, the perfume from sunscreen, the buzz of the blow flies, the stings from the mozzies, the complaints of sunburnt children. Summer hey. We wouldn't have it any other way. It's also during this time of year that we spend a large portion of our time with family and friends. So we hope that over this festive period you have a very happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year, celebrating with loved ones and having pleasant memories of those you may have lost throughout the year.

Cheers.

A Mule for Christmas

Arriving just in time for Christmas and before the start of the busy holiday period was the new Mule.

"The new diesel Mule is a welcome replacement for our old model." said Craig Dennis (club Gear Steward). "It has a lot more torque so you can get through the soft sand a lot easier."



Craig and Nathan Dennis fitting out the new Mule.

the key to the on position, take note of the glow-plug on the dash. When the light has gone out then you can turn the key to start the Mule.

This piece of equipment is a fantastic asset for the club and has come about by the generous donation from the CWA of Victor Harbor.

Even though the new Mule is the same size and operates the same as the old one there are a few differences.

Firstly, "It's green. So don't park it by the bushes," jokes Craig. "We may never find it."

Secondly it is a diesel and needs to pre-heat. So when you go to drive it you will need to turn

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HELP WANTED

SameWave

Every Saturday during the
summer season

Helpers assemble at the club at
10.45am

Programme starts 11am

FUN TIMES FOR ALL

Notes
From

THE NIPPERS

Even though the weather was a bit average on the final day of the Nippers for 2011, everyone still enjoyed the activities and meeting Santa.

So far the season has been full on. Most of the age levels are full to overflowing. There is quite a waiting list that is still growing, which is a good sign for the future of the juniors.

The juniors have also been competing both at state carnivals and internal competitions, where everybody seems to enjoy the atmosphere and being given the chance to compare their skill levels against others.

From a bystander's point of view, Saturday afternoon at the beach is just a hive of activities. And it's great to see all those children being encouraged to get out from in front of the TV and be active as well as learning some life long skills that can help others in our community.

Thanks to the parents and leaders of the groups that make this possible.

From humble beginnings, around 38 years ago, where the numbers totalled about 15, to today, where we have over 200. We certainly have come a long way.

Notes
From

THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

It's been a fantastic start to the 2011 /12 season with plenty of awards already obtained.

The IRB area has seen a number of new drivers and crew added to their ranks.

And within the last few weeks there has been a Bronze squad, consisting of, Ryan Finlay, Luke Finlay, Rachel Lippett, Hudson Trigg and a radio group, Craig Dennis, Randall Warner, Will Miller, Peter Cummings pass their exams which will bolster the numbers for patrol members.

Congratulations to you all.



The new Bronze holders.



The new Radio Operators.

In the next few weeks there will be an ARTC group trying their luck with the examiners. Good luck to them.

Plus there are other people still training for their Bronze award and a few other awards. So keep up the good work.

A special thanks goes to the trainers of these people. It is often a thankless task; but not this time. These people who are gaining new skills could not do it without you.

Keep up the good work everyone and we will continue to push forward and gain a lot more awards in the second half of the season.

Have a very merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Regan Moon



10.4.10

10.4.10 is a new addition to the newsletter where random people (not randoms) are asked 10 questions for 10 answers. People are selected, not because they have a special talent or hold a special position within the club. No. The criteria is different. Everybody who loiters around the club is a potential target. Who knows, it may be you that is asked to fill out a questionnaire with 10.4.10 written at the top, and you too may become famous through having your profile appear within the pages of this amazing and worthwhile publication.

Name: Penny Smith **Age:** Old enough to know better.

10.4.10

What is your nickname? Chook.

What is your favourite movie? Something About Mary.

Who is your favourite athlete? Sally Pearson.

Is anyone an inspiration for you? Many people, ordinary people faced with extraordinary situations and challenges.

What is your greatest achievement? My family.

If you could be a super hero, what super power would you have? Mind reader.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be and why? Byron Bay. Love the vibe, weather and beaches.

What has been the most embarrassing thing that has happened to you? Grated my warts in the cheese fondue. (That's a grate moment)

Do you have a party trick? What is it? Yodelling.

Is Port Elliot SLSC the greatest SLSC in the world? Absolutely.



Name: Paul Buchanan **Age:** 44

What is your nickname? Bewcs.

What is your favourite movie? Schindler's List.

Who is your favourite athlete? Kelly Slater.

Is anyone an inspiration for you? Absolutely.... Jeff Collins.

What is your greatest achievement? Getting married and having 2 wonderful children.

If you could be a super hero, what super power would you have? A surfing super hero. The power to conquer any wave, any time.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be and why? Port Elliot. Forged awesome friendships and would be hard to leave. Town full of wonderful people.

What has been the most embarrassing thing that has happened to you? Looking at video footage of myself the next morning playing air guitar at a party the night before.

Do you have a party trick? What is it? Turning a tea towel into a gutted rabbit.

Is Port Elliot SLSC the greatest SLSC in the world? Don't know. Only been a member of this club. No others.

PESLSC ROCKED

BY JAY HOAD



Jay Hoad returned to the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club on December 10th.

There was a good crowd on hand to hear Jay Hoad belt out a string of his favourite songs.

Jay's talent has taken him a long way in the music industry and his ability to play multiple instruments makes him a unique performer on the music scene.

This one man band is well worth the effort to see at any venue.

So do yourself a favour and check him out next time he comes to the club or try and catch him at The Gov. on Friday, January 20th.

Rowing in Robe

Port Elliot surfboat crews were competing in the Navy Australian Surf Boat Rowers competition.

PESLSC was represented by 4 crews, including the first time in many years, an U19 Girls Crew.

Conditions were blustery and the seas were sloppy, which comes as no great surprise.

The Masters crew competed in 6 races finishing in the top 4 in their division. There were 2 'reserves division' crews, with both finishing strongly. Matt Smith's crew came 2nd on Saturday, and first in the Sunday races.

Tappy's crew had two U19 boys (Cameron Smith and Ty Haynes) filling in, and finished second on Sunday.

Ty had a brutal introduction to surfboat racing, getting bitten by a crab and then jamming his thumb in a strange conformation that damaged the ligaments.

The U19 Girls had no other crews in their division, and so rowed in the Master's division for 4 races. They learnt a lot and had a big weekend, and obviously won their division.



BRIGHTON SLSC
AUSTRALIA DAY MASTERS TEAM EVENT



The Brighton SLSC will conduct a Masters Team Event on January 26th 2012 at Brighton Beach. Registration will be at 8.30 with events to be completed by mid-day.

All events will be team based and, along with traditional relay events, will also include run-swim-run, Cameron and more.

Enjoy Australia Day festivities following a great workout.

Keep the date free, put it in your diary and start getting your teams together.

More details to follow but teams of 4 will be mixed ages and non gender specific. Do not worry if you do not have enough as mixed club teams will be encouraged so that no one misses out.

Hi All

Well it is that time of the year again when people start taking particular interest in patrol hour obligations. As discussed at our meeting it would be great if you can keep your members informed and on track. Essentially (although there are many variations) people require their hours by December 31st to be able to compete in Championship events.

Cheers

Michael Schetter | Manager Surf Sports



RETURNING

JANUARY 21ST
2012

Port Elliot
Surf Life Saving

JUNIORS

Every Saturday afternoon from
1.30 pm until 3.00 pm

Ages 5 to 13 years

ALL WELCOME

**Keys are available now
from the Bar.**

Thursday nights &
Saturday afternoons

New keys \$20 deposit

Change over keys \$10

Keys are available to Senior General Members (18yrs +) and Active Bronze holders.

FREE

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