

**NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER
2009**



KEY DATES :

**24th October –
Registration and
Proficiency Day**
**31st October – First Day of
Patrol**
**8th November – Junior
Carnival at Horseshoe
Bay**

CHEIF ASSESSOR / INSTRUCTOR/ ADVISOR

Proficiencies for ARC, Spinal management, and de-fibrillation were held at the Club on the 24-25th of September and were well attended.

CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

Hi All, Hamish here. What a busy couple of months we've had. As people may have been noticing there has been a bit of a whirlwind of action around the club as we lead up to the new season. I want to make sure all of you have a chance to stay informed with what's coming up so each newsletter I'll try to cover the basics, but if you would like to know more please contact me and I'll try to keep you all in the loop.

UPCOMING TRAINING AND AWARDS

Keep your eyes on the website over the season for State Centre run courses or if you're at all interested in gaining any other new qualifications through the season please contact Hamish to find out more information. At this stage we are just trying to get numbers together so we can arrange trainers and course dates so register your interest asap. We all know of at least one person who's not a current member that would make a great lifesaver. There is a spot for them and this year is their best opportunity to get involved, so if you know this person talk to them and stay tuned for details.

- IRB Drivers and Crew – Starting soon, see the club website and contact Mark Finlay
- Bronze medallion or Surf rescue certificate
- Senior First Aid – We need good numbers to apply for a course down here
- Advanced Resuscitation
- Spinal Management
- RWC (Jet Ski) – Already have an ongoing list of possible candidates, stay tuned
- Radio Operators Certificate (No swimming or running required)
- Training officers' certificate
- Assessor's certificate
- We are also looking for anyone interested in gaining there Patrol Captains Silver Medallion. Might you be ready to step up next season?

PATROLS

IMPORTANT: Attached at the end of the newsletter is this years patrol roster and the patrol groups. These will also be available off the website and we will sending out sms reminders as we lead up to each weekend as reminders, so please make sure that you keep the club updated with mobile number changes at the registration day and through the season.

The Patrolling handbook is coming together and will be ready for the start of the patrolling season, covering protocols and expectations for patrols.

Anyone who has qualifications that aren't gained through the club (Senior First Aid) PLEASE let

Verity know so we can get safeguard upgraded to reduce the number of problems that occur from not knowing who has what qualification.

IMPORTANT: Regarding the SMS and emails that you receive periodically from the club, the majority of these are now done through a computer program so don't just reply to the msg. You'll need to contact the numbers shown in the msg content.

RADIOS

I'm arranging in conjunction with Andrew Bedford (AB) from State Centre for a group of us to go down and have a tour of Surf Command's radio room. I hope this will give us an opportunity to look at how other club's radio systems work. Please contact me if you'd like to see how the other half live. Depending on numbers we'll book a time to go have a looksee.

IMPORTANT: The radio problems that have been haunting us over the last few seasons are being addressed as we head towards the first patrol. Bob has ordered 1 new handset and has 2 others off for checking. We may well end up getting another new 1 to replace one of these also. Our base set has also been having problems, with AB looking to source us a new one. Along with these replacements we have formally approached State Centre to apply for funding to upgrade our entire system as part of a national funding scheme. Also as part of a required aerial shift that is occurring up on the hill, we are looking to shift our UHF up the top as well which will improve our line of sight reach down to some of those spots where we've previously been left in a radio blackout.

RESCUE !!

Earlier in the month we had a callout for a surfer who'd been caught in a rip from Middleton Bay. Matt Smith and Paul Buchanan jumped in the duck and whipped over to pick him up from around a kilometre offshore. The surfer was conscious but tired and was successfully picked up and very grateful. So much so that he came back down the club last Thursday night and brought a slab of beer and made a donation to us. His little kiddies made a couple of thankyou cards too and their picture of our rubber duck is one for the art gallery. We'll put these down in the patrol room for a look if you get a chance.

OPEN DAY

The 'Open Day' on November 14 is gaining momentum with plenty of publicity on its way promoting what's going to be a massive day for the club. Marty tells me we will have an outside broadcast by 'Happy FM' (Great Southern) on the day. Stay tuned and please contact me to find out how you can help on the day. A program of the day's events will be out there soon and is attached to the newsletter. Start talking it up to everyone you know. We have roles for everyone from helping out with all sorts of stuff so get involved in helping promote the club.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL : ALL HANDS ON DECK !

Club council applied for a couple of events to be held at our beach this year. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our application for State Masters, so they'll be held elsewhere this year (MOANA). We did however get a hold of the ever-popular junior carnival and all hands will be needed on deck for this day whether it's helping out the auxiliary, on the beach as a work party or on patrol and in the water. It is also great for kids to see the support from the Senior Club members – something they will carry with them.

CLUB SWIMS

I'm looking for a person to be the driving force for our traditional swims. These really need to continue on and while I'll be able to help with them but I won't be available every Saturday, on the ground to make it happen. If you're the person or the people with the passion to make this year of club swims the best please yet contact me ASAP.

PORT ELLIOT SHOW

Our club was responsible for manning the gates for the recent Port Elliot Show with the big carrot of a

\$1000 donation for our efforts. For all those that helped, thank you. Well done to those that who were busy doing other things at the show. It was a great weekend and with record numbers of people through the gates we earned every cent of the upcoming donation. To all those involved good job and well done being part of a community institution and helping to lift our profile with everyone who were greeted by our members.

CARPARKING

Whilst I appreciate that our already limited car parking has been further diminished by all the work going on around the flying fish we all need to start getting back into the habit of not using inside the gate as our personal parking area. We all have the privilege of gate keys to make it easier for loading and unloading of goods and equipment but don't forget it is a public space and not our personal car park. We need to load/unload what we need to then shift our cars back out to the car park or if necessary up the hill. Parking inside the gate is not only something that creates a poor perception of us with the general public, but with nippers just weeks away is just straight out dangerous. Cars and kids don't mix.

WATER COVER

At the last YDC meeting in town the rules regarding water cover for event were clarified. Legally we all know we need to have various ratios of qualified members for water cover for both events and training. What has been clarified for us is that these hours of water cover can actually be counted towards end of year patrol hours under a few conditions:

- A log of the water cover must be kept in the patrol book, complete with signatures, times etc just like a regular patrol.
- Orange Caps MUST be worn for the water cover to be considered to be legitimate.
- If caps aren't worn, the log isn't filled out or ratios not met and an accident occurs during the training/event then there is a possibility that the club could be opening itself up to being accused of not meeting duty of care under water cover requirements. For those providing any sort of water cover please ensure that members are meeting these requirements.

Cheers Hamish

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IRB TRAINING

Last call for IRB drivers and crew to start training

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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.

NEW EQUIPMENT

We have a new 4 seater mule to increase our rapid mobility for callouts and patrols. Please give this the same respect you did the previous mule. It is an expensive and important piece of rescue equipment and will be a vital part of what we do in upcoming seasons.

Victor Harbor Motorcycles have provided excellent service in the changeover and deserve any business we can pass their way.

Repc has donated the flashing light set up. This was unexpected and appreciated. Thankyou.

Club Council has also approved the purchase of new manikins, more rescue tubes, and a carry bag for the life support equipment.

200 CLUB

To date 37 companies have paid \$200 and have been given certificates of appreciation. A sign is being constructed to display on the balcony and another one for the bar area. The full list of the 200 Club Sponsors and their business' details are on the club's website with links to any business' websites. Please support these businesses.

A function will be held on the 22nd October to thank these generous sponsors and to conduct the draw for naming rights to the Surfboats and Oars.

TRAINING NEWS

The 'new seasons' SRC and Bronze groups have been training Thursday evenings and on the weekends for quite a few weeks now under the guidance of Jeff Collins and Paul Buchanan. . A very successful 2 day camp was held for them at the Club in September. These two groups will be examined very early in the season giving us more qualified people on the beach. Well done to all the people involved – it has been a big and important commitment by all the people involved. Well done!

The RWC (Jet Ski) training has commenced with congratulations to **Greg Hoffman** for making it into the first course. There are a lot of people are interested in getting their license for the RWC. Some people were not available for the first training and other people needed to have current pre-requisite awards such as First Aid and ARC. The club will be putting together dates and courses for those who need to update awards and Hamish will keep everyone informed of these as we go. Thanks for everyone who put their names in to do their RWC and stay tuned for more info. Greg now goes by the code 'Lifesaver One'.

CLUB HOUSE NEWS

SECURITY: Recently there was an unlawful entering in our change rooms while one of the boat crews was out training and a number of valuables personal items were stolen. Please be careful when leaving gear in the rooms when you go for a swim or other training.

PRIVACY SCREEN: A screen outside of the women's change rooms is currently being constructed and installed this will give added privacy for the women and girls who use the room.

WATER SAVING: It's no surprise that showers are our clubs biggest water user. Please limit the time you spend in the showers and encourage others to do the same. Don't be afraid to tell someone they've been in for long enough and finally **WETSUITS ARE NOT TO BE WORN OR WASHED OFF IN ANY OF THE SHOWERS!** Wash your feet off outside in the tubs provided and take your wetsuit off before getting into the shower. This keeps water use down and sand out of our plumbing.

NEW HOSES: People will have noticed that we have 2 new retractable hoses. Please:

- Don't let the hose retract covered in sand as this will eventually wreck the mechanism that makes it a great idea.
- ALWAYS disconnect the hose at the tap after use to make sure that we don't end up with burst hoses and wet floors.

FOOTY TIPPING NIGHT and GRAND FINAL DAY

This was a great success. Once again thanks to Vicki for organising this throughout the season It was a lot of work and provides a way of people letting of a lot of hot air during the winter after those cold swims! As fate would have it, Vicki actually won this year to rapturous applause. Discussions continued long after the final count was tallied, with humble pie and sour grapes accompanying the magnificent spread organised by Vicki and her helpers.

Mark James also ran the annual Finals Tipping competition. It all came down to the result of the Grand Final, and Marty and Shirley, were biting fingernails, right down to the end. However Marty prevailed with \$25 as the winner by having a perfect record. Craig and Jeff picked up the other prizes, presented at the club, and sorry Glynn, long way to go, you may need some coaching next year!!?? It was good fun day at the Club with a before the game swim and BBQ and substantial turn out. Pricey ran a variety of mini-sweeps to add extra tension and coffers to the Mason household. And watching it on that big screen ... fantastic!!

OUR SURFING LIFESAVERS ! (By Matt Smith)

The club has had a great start to the competition season with a gold medal already under its belt courtesy of **Anjie Collins**, winning the U17 Women's title for surfboard riding.

Sun 11th October saw a contingent of surfers (competitors) from the club compete in the State Surf Lifesaving shortboard titles, held at the cliffs at Middleton. Conditions were clean, glassy 1-2ft (generous). Anjie out surfed and outsmarted her competitors to take the final easy, with some classic, smooth free flowing surfing. Anjie was clearly a class above the rest of the field.

Mickey Mason surfed well, but unfortunately did not progress past the first round in the U17 men's. Mickey was up against some class surfers, and should be proud of his efforts.

The open was surfed by some hacks that went out to have some fun, and fly the flag for Port Elliot. Mark Williams (the good surfer), Peter Mason, Jeff (Kelly Slater) Collins (with his short hair) and Matt Smith surfed well.... but did not make it past the first round. Overall it was a good day, look forward to doing it again, with some extra people next year. For those wanting to go in the Long Boards, please let me know ASAP



TURKEY TALK with ELLIOT THE BUSH TURKEY

Matty Smith is almost trying to invent a category for himself "Turkey on wheels". Not only did he drown his 4WD, but he has followed that up with not being able to return from Saturday Middleton training on 2 occasions due to (a) water pump shitting itself, and (b) running out of petrol. There have been copy-cat actions such as Bewko locking his keys in his car at the Club.

A club member recently purchased a dual cab ute. One Thursday night he opened the back door and began to step in to drive home. No steering wheel there – how embarrassing.

What about those whales which have been popping up in front of the kids paddling to Middleton! Don't they know about the 200 metre rule?