

Newport Surf Club

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Nick Carroll Reports On a Weekend's Activities...Sunday 14 February

Newport water masters were all on hand when South Curl Curl's Tim Seeney suffered his massive heart attack on Saturday -- I think we should give some kudos to Tim Francis, who jumped straight in with his professional training and took a big hand in giving Tim a shot at life.

The IRB crew (part of the carnival water safety set up) along with Queenscliff's Tim Hayes did a great job bringing the patient back to the beach -- he was on the sand within a minute of falling off his board.

An Avalon masters competitor had to run for a defibrillator. The patient was lucky that a pro lifeguard, a doc, and Tim were all on hand.

Then a couple of post-patrol incidents restored my faith a bit. One involved a man who'd been stung by bluebottles at Whale Beach, then collapsed outside his home in Ross St after returning from Whaley.

Love Patrollers Bill Washington, Barry Cooper and Ben Matthews had hung around treating kids for bluiers after the patrol had officially finished and they responded to this call out rapidly and calmly, giving the man a first aid assessment and providing him with ice and advice. The man's reaction passed without undue concerns and by the time the ambos got there, he was ready for his hot shower.

On return to the clubhouse around 6pm we took a phone call from Surfcom who had an urgent request for IRB backup for a suspected drowning at Avalon. The IRB was tucked away in its shed but Barry responded instantly and with some help from Bill and Ben and Kieran Menzies, we were able to provide the requested backup. Fortunately it proved a false alarm and the IRB was back by 7pm.

I reckon Barry's willingness and response and availability in both these incidents is worthy of all our respect and maybe some sort of mention in dispatches.

2010 Club Golf Day @ Bayview Golf Club

Friday 16 April - Dust off the Clubs

Dust off the golf clubs because the Newport golf day has been organised for Friday 16 April. It will be an Ambrose competition which is a lot of fun and gives everyone a chance.

It will be an 8.00am shotgun start (No one is being married forcibly!) with registration at the pro. shop from 7.00am. A bacon and egg roll sandwich will be provided for breakfast and then lunch back at the club house.

The cost for the day will be \$95 and that includes breakfast **and** your lunch as well as the chance to win prizes for your golfing prowess. If you need a cart it will cost extra.

So make a up a foursome for the day, it will be a lot of fun particularly as a drinks cart will be travelling around.

Now, we need corporate sponsors at \$500 a hole so if you have any connections please let us know. We want to raise as much from the day as possible and your support to make it a huge success will help.

Contact Jack Holland (99798300, 0438 023539, jack@tmpmonavale.com) or Doug Menzies (0418 163620, dmenzies@tscnsw.org.au) plus don't forget we need hole sponsors (@\$500/hole).

Where are you Tiger?

Sales of History Books - Have You Bought Yours Yet?

Stocks of our history books recording our first 100 years are gradually going down. Have you bought yours yet? They will make a great addition to your library, a wonderful present for a family member or a friend and a great idea as a gift to you business associates.

To buy the book (Great value at \$65) just go to the club's website and there are discounts for multiple copies.

Lock - Up Your Valuables

A recent experience where a person went into the club rooms and stole car keys and then a car while the club members was in the water, is a warning to all members to secure any valuables including car keys.

Anyone seen in the club who is not known, but claims to be a member, should be asked the question "Who is your patrol captain?"

If you see club doors open when they shouldn't be please make sure they are closed.

Club Membership

At last count we had 1200 members with new bronze squad recruits and including 439 Nippers.

New Surfboat Arriving

A brand new surfboat has been delivered and will be officially handed over to the club at 2.00pm on Sunday 14 March. Representatives from our sponsor companies will be at the handover, as well as some Pittwater Councillors. The local Federal Member and State Member of Parliament have also been invited as well as the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch.

We are indebted to our major sponsors Bullock Manufacturing Pty. Ltd. who have contributed handsomely to the cost of the new boat. The new boat will have Graffiti Gone inscribed on the side. Graffiti Gone is one of Bullock Manufacturing's products.

The co-sponsors for the surfboat are United Resource Management and we thank them for their valuable contribution

Watch The Club's Website For News Updates

The club's website is a great way to keep up with the latest news from your club so make sure you go to www.newportsurfclub.com.au We also have a Facebook page so make sure you keep in touch.

World War 1 Memorial Board

A World War 1 Memorial Board is to be presented to the club by the President of the Pittwater RSL Club. The RSL Club has kindly funded the Memorial Board which will list the names of the members who served in that war, some of whom gave their lives.

The presentation will take place at the club at a date to be determined, but as close as possible to Anzac Day. Keep an eye on the website for the date of this significant event.

Thanks go to Col Maclean who liaised with the RSL Club to secure the funding. The board is a direct result of research undertaken during the compilation of the history book.

Gary Cook to Receive State Life Membership

Newport Life Member, Gary Cook, will be presented with his SLSNSW Life Membership Badge on Sunday 28/2/2010 at the State Open Championships.

"It's a very proud moment for me in as much as it will be only the 3rd Life Membership issued to a member of our Club in 100 years," said Gary.

Gary, as everyone knows, has had an enormous input to our club and to surf lifesaving in general and thoroughly deserves any accolades he receives.

He received his Newport Club Life Membership in 1979 an SNB Branch Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and then SNB Branch Life Membership in 2006.

"Since 1949 there have been around 220 SLSNSW Life Memberships issued and of these there are approx only 110 still living.

"With a total NSW Club Membership now over 65,000 members it is pretty humbling to be presented with such a prestigious award," Gary added.

Congratulations Gary on this well deserved recognition of your efforts for surf life saving. The Club and its members are proud of you.

Breaking News!

Water Tank Issue Update

President Ted Smithies has just filed this report

In January 2010 the Club applied for a Surf Life Saving Australia grant under the National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative. This funding was essential to enable the Club to meet the cost of tank installation. The application was successful and a grant of \$9,999 was approved. The Club has since accepted the grant conditions and is awaiting the 50% upfront payment to provide us with sufficient capital to commission the remaining work. On completion of the work we will receive the remaining 50% of the grant.

After the Club received approval for to the grant Gary Cook (Life Member) and Ted Smithies (President) met with Pittwater Council representatives to gain Council's agreement to the most appropriate style of Water Tanks. This meeting was very successful with Gary and Ted able to gain Council's acceptance of the style of tanks favoured by the Club.

Over the next few weeks Gary and Ted will be meeting with the tank installation contractor to resolve any outstanding technical issues and arrange final installation.

Next Social Function - 6 March 2010 - Trivia Night

- Michael King is organising a trivia night for Saturday, 6 March
- So organise a team (recommended table size is 10, maximum 12)
- BYO snacks
- Drinks available at the bar

Events

February

- **25** State Masters at Swansea Belmont
- **26-28** State Open Championships at Swansea Belmont

March

- **6** Bronze Exam
- **6** Trivia Night (tables still available)
- **14** Launch of new surfboat
- **16-17** Australian Masters Championships at Kurrawa
- **18-21** Australian Open Championships at Kurrawa

April

- **10** 60s Party – with a live band “Overnight Sensations” and prizes for best 60s style outfit
- **16** Golf Day

Got Any News For The Newsletter?

We intend producing a regular newsletter so if you have any news you would like included please send it to John Guthrie email sashapr@sashapr.com.au

Let's hear about things that are happening in competition, success stories, rescues, events and functions etc.

The newsletter will come out about each month so give us your stories, anecdotes whatever you think will be of interest to members.