



Newport Surf Life Saving Club

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Newport's Great Silver in the Surf Teams Under 15s at Titles

Max Brooks, Fletcher Davies, Peter Euers and Cooper Halligan have scored Silver in the Surf Teams Under 15s, Newport's first national open water medal in a long time!

Our successful competitors were competing in treacherous surf against the best in the nation at the Kurrawa championships and have shown the way for future generations of competitors from Newport Surf Club

Big Effort by Beach Competitors

On the beach Newport were represented by 6 beach competitors. Newport had two competitors qualifying for the finals of the beach sprint, Jake Lynch in the u/19's and Ben Ambrose in the u/17's with Jake finishing 4th, just off the medals by a few one hundredths of a second and Ben coming in 8th in his first year of u/17's.

The u/19 men beach relay team of Luke Tyler, Rob Barkley, Ben Ambrose and Jake Lynch qualified for the final with a reasonable chance of a top 3 finish but unfortunately dropped the baton in the final.

The open men's relay team also made it to the semi finals, just missing out on qualifying for the final, and young Josh Tyler also made the semi finals of the u/15 men's beach sprint. Well done to all competitors on their efforts at the Aussies and throughout the season

Gold, Gold, Gold at Aussie Titles!

Congratulations to **Jan Proudfoot** who in heavy surf won **Gold** in the two major water events. Jan is now the **Australian Masters Champion of the Surf Race** and the **Board Race**. That's a tremendous effort by Jan.

Then **Jason Chapman** won **Gold in the Beach Flags** and **Silver** in the **Beach Sprint**, **Margaret Pearson** won **Gold in the 2km run**. **Ted Smithies** won **Gold** in the **Beach Sprint** and **Bronze** in the **Beach Flags** and **Marty Lynch** won **Silver in the Beach Sprint** and **Silver in the Beach Flags**.

As if that wasn't enough **Brett Budd, Jason Chapman, Marty Lynch** and **Ted Smithies** won a **Silver Medal** in the **200 Beach Relay**.

In another great effort **Kevin Flood took Silver in the Iron Man**, and **Alan Channells**, won **Bronze in the Double Ski Race** paddling **with Kevin Flood**. (There's something about the combination of Channells and Flood that reminds us of water!)

Newport was the second highest scoring NSW Club, behind Queenscliff. All the club results are on the SLSA web site, you can list them by competitors by club and lists club against club.

Congratulations to all those members who travelled to Kurrawa to compete in the club's colours.

The Newport Flounders Give a Big Thanks to Bernie Howard After Bronze Medal Win

The Newport Flounder boat crew of **Rob Emerson (sweep), Otty Nouak, Paul Quin, Jack Holland, Craig Holland** gave a superb performance to win a **Bronze Medal** in the 200 category.

According to Jack Holland; "We were lucky or unlucky enough to have to row around the buoys three times in the massive surf & somehow managed to come away with a bronze medal which was our first.

"My brother & I have been rowing for thirty odd years & it's our first Aussie medal and my second final since 1980 as a junior.

"**A huge thank you to Bernie Howard** who really was the unsung hero up in Qld. We all would not have been able to compete unless we had someone doing water safety and Bernie drove an IRB for up to five hours in massive dangerous surf.

"If you had seen the things the ducky drivers were doing on Wednesday in the surf risking their own safety to rescue stricken boat rowers you would have been amazed. Bernie's efforts were greatly appreciated by all the rowers," said Jack.

Jack said Bernie Howard was actually shaken up pretty badly after being dumped out of the ducky by a huge wave a hundred or so metres out to sea. "We were all very worried as he had to be rescued and taken to first aid".

What a superb effort by Bernie Howard. All the boaties and club members in general, salute your extraordinary exploits. It is just another example of why Newport is such a successful club and the great spirit within our ranks.

A big cheer for Bernie!

Sad Loss

Saxon Bird, the Queenscliff Iron Man competitor who was killed while competing in his event at Kurrawa was well known and liked by many members of our club. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this very difficult time.

Mark Shows His Skills

Mark Ansiewsz has produced some excellent artwork for the club flyer, promoting the club's history book, to be used for a letterbox drop in the local area. Mark provided his considerable skills free of charge for the flyer which depicts some of the most popular photos from the book.

Thanks Mark.

Happy Birthday Bert King OAM

Life Member, club legend and surf lifesaving icon Bert King OAM, celebrates his 80th birthday in April.

Bert, all the members of Newport Surf Life Saving Club are delighted to wish you a very happy birthday and at the same time take this opportunity to thank you for everything you have done for Newport Surf Lifesaving Club for over 60 years.

Congratulations.

Bronze Squads - 15 Squad Members

Ian Crutch reports that there were 15 bronze medallion candidates who completed their exam on 9 March. Congratulations to their instructors Mike Rosic, Tony Brigden, Alana Smithies and Lynne. Many Thanks to the assessors Sandy, Bernie, Alphabet and lots of others.

39 Squad Members Brave Wind and Chop to Gain Bronze

The following Saturday (13 March) another Bronze Exam was highly successful with all 39 Newport Bronze candidates passing the big test. Ian Crutch says; " It was a very trying day with lots of wind, chop and nasty biting purple people eaters".

"A big thanks to all the assessors and our caring trainers, Ben Cummins, Marty Cowper, Nick Carroll, Mark Fletcher and Rob Barkley".

A big congratulations to all the new Bronze Medallion holders

Pub to Pub Fun Run

We are helping out in the Pub to Pub fun run to be held later this year. We also have an opportunity to sell raffle tickets see Crutchy and Bev. Particularly all those competitors! If you haven't got a book of tickets then see Bev!

NSW State Titles

The NSW state titles were held over the weekend of the 28th of February to the 1st of March where Newport were well represented in the beach team with 10 competitors with all doing no worse than making the semi-finals in their events.

The Open men's beach flags saw Tristan Conn and Ryan Molloy both narrowly missing qualification for the finals as well as Steve Hatch in the open sprint.

Jake Lynch in the U19's finished with two silver medals in two very close races in the beach flags and sprint. Rob Barkley made his way into both semi finals of the U19 men's beach flags and sprint but just failed to qualify for both finals.

Tatum Ansiewicz too made the U17 women's beach sprint semi finals and furthermore finished in 5th in the final of the beach flags. Josh Tyler competed in the U/15 men's beach sprint semi finals but was unsuccessful in making the final. Ben Ambrose finished with a 6th place in the final of the U17 men's beach sprint.

The U19 men's beach relay team of Lynch, Barkley, Ambrose and L.Tyler finished a close 4th in the final and the Open men's relay of Lynch, McPherson, Hatch and Ambrose came through to take out the bronze medal.

QLD State Titles

A bit under two weeks away from the Australian titles at Kurrawa on the gold coast, two Newport competitors, Jake Lynch and Steve Hatch made their way up to Kurrawa to compete in the QLD state titles against some of the top competitors in the country on the 6th-7th of March.

Steve Hatch racing in the Open men's beach sprint came through in what was a close race to finish in 5th of the final of the sprint. Jake Lynch took out the bronze medal in the U/19 men's beach flags and sprint.

Trivia Night a Success

The recent Trivia Night held at the club in March was a great night and thanks for the organisation of the night go to Jan Proudfoot and Michael King.

Thank you to the following businesses who donated prizes for our Trivia Night:

- Aangan Curry, Newport
- Beachside Homewares, Newport
- Braza Churrascaria, Newport www.braza.com.au
- Cha Rice and Noodle, Newport
- Contours, Mona Vale
- Home Bistro, Newport www.homebistro.com.au
- Di Van Ooi, Newport www.divanooi.com
- Fishbowl Cutter, Newport
- Surfside Video Shop, Newport
- Lucky's & Pep's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, Newport
- Newport www.newportflorist.com.au
- Saddlers Wines, Hunter Valley
- Surf 'n' Men, Newport
- The Gallery of Hair, Newport www.thegalleryofhair.com.au
- Wild Lotus Floral Design

They deserve our support in return.

World War I Honour Board

The President of the Pittwater RSL, Mr. Brian Sargeson, will be presenting the club with a World War I honour roll at After 5's on Sunday 2 May.

The World War 1 Honour Board lists members who fought and in a number of cases gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918. As far as can be determined 25 members of Newport Surf Club served in WW1. Six of these were killed.

Five brothers of the Porter family served and three did not return. Kym Charles, her husband Wayne son Andrew and daughter Shelly will be present as direct members of the Porter family.

Four Newport members were awarded the Military Medal for Valour and one was awarded the Military Cross for Valour. Most of those who went away to the war were wounded so severely physically or mentally they were never to return to the club and records were lost.

The need for an Honour Board was picked up by Col Maclean during research for our history book and he gained the support of the Pittwater RSL for the cost of the board. A great deal of research in Canberra was undertaken by long serving member Justin - Downey Price as part of the history book compilation.

All members are invited to attend at 5:00pm.

Narelle Says Thanks

Narelle Nouak has asked us to pass on a big thank-you to everyone who attended her farewell party recently. Once she's downloaded some of the photos from the night we might look at putting a few of them up on the website.

Special Needs Program - Our Marlins and Dolphins Conquer Pittwater!

The Marlins and Dolphins Nipper group had a rowing day and BBQ at Bayview on Saturday 6th March. There was fierce competition between the two teams with Michael King's team finally winning out over Rob Emerson's team, winning two races to one – maybe due to the volume of cheering??? Or was it Doug's loud voice???

Much fun was had by all – so many thanks to the juniors, under 23 ladies and masters rowers, as well as our sweeps extraordinaire Rob and Michael. Also to Jack Holland our greatest mentor for helping to make this day possible. We hope to be able to do it all again early next season.

Nantucket Shield - 26 April

The Nantucket Shield is scheduled for 11am Monday 26 April.

The activities will be followed by a family lunch.

More detailed information will be emailed soon, with flyers posted around the club.

Golf Day Postponed

It has been decided to postpone the golf day that was to have been held on 16 April. It will be held later in the year.

Club Presentation Night 22 May - Put the Date in Your Dairy

This season's Club Presentation Night will take place on 22 May. Please put the date in your diary now or mark it on your calendar. More details to come.

Club House Working Bee - 2 May - Volunteers Needed

We will be having a working B at the clubhouse starting at 10:00am on Sunday 2 May. Please come along to help give the clubhouse a bit of a spruce up.

Club's AGM - Sunday, 1 August, 2010

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1 August 2010 at the club house.

Please put this important date in your diary to ensure we have a good roll up on the day!

Keep an Eye on the Club's Website

It's always a good idea to keep an eye on the club's website for the latest news. Events and other happenings are listed on the site so it is a handy reference. You can also join our Facebook page, see the website for details.

Got News For The Newsletter?

If you have news for the next issue of the club's newsletter please send the information to John Guthrie at sashapr@sashpr.com.au. There must be lots happening out there that the members should know about and it is your newsletter.

Thanks to those members who have contributed to this edition by way of articles/corrections.