CLIFTON BEACH SURF LIFESAVING



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President's Report

Hi everyone,

It has been an epic start to the season.

Well done to everyone who participated in the Surf Safari; there were some great results for Clifton, and importantly we had over 40 participants on the water, a mighty effort.

A big shout out to Boaty McBoatFace for retaining their title, although there might have to be an inquiry into whether you were the first boat over the line!

Thanks to everyone who came down to the club for the SLSA Awards of Excellence; we didn't win the big prize, but we had a cracking night, and it was a worthy recognition of all the work that has been put into the place over the past years.

Well done to Simon Bailey for leading the nomination process.

Well done, too, to Matt Clingleffer and his team for putting on Dark Clifton. It was a terrific success and such a great night to enjoy. These nights do not plan themselves, so I am grateful to all who contributed to the evening.

A big thanks as well to those who have been implementing the training for the upcoming season. There have been IRB and SRC/Bronze groups working hard on their qualifications, which will only benefit the club moving forward.

Our Nippers have also kicked off, and thanks to Eleanor and her team for leading this once again. We have had around 150 Nippers do their proficiencies, so all looks good for the summer season.

Our club Open Day will be on Sunday December 5th. Keep an eye out on our socials for more information and come down to see what your club has to offer.

Keep an eye out as well for information about upcoming carnivals, including the Clifton Summer Starter Carnival on Dec 18th!

Memberships are now due; please see the information in this newsletter about how to renew. Our fees have stayed the same for the last six years to make it as appealing as possible for people to join us, so please renew so that our financial stability is assured for the coming summer.

Now, it is over to you. We need you to play your role in making our club have the best summer ever.

Lifesavers - make sure you are proficient by the start of your patrol season; Nippers - try your very best and listen to your coaches, as they will help you become better at what you do; Athletes - train hard, have fun and represent the club with pride;

Parents and helpers - there are so many jobs to help out with, whether it be at the canteen, on the BBQ, helping with gear, raising money, or training for a qualification. Get around us and do your bit.

See you on the beach. Chappy

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Senior Surf Sports Report from Courtney

It has been a busy few weeks for our senior competitors already with the Mercury Surf Safari and the transition back down to Clifton to train in preparation for the first carnival.

At the Surf safari, we had some tremendous results including:

- Dan, Ollie and G successfully finishing the 21km course
- Cate Clingeleffer winning the under 17 race and being first female across the line in the short course
- Mary and Kate paddling the 12km course as the only double ski
- Laura Fullarton taking the win in the under 15, 4km board
- Maya Chapman winning the Under 17, 4km board race
- James Fullarton winning the under 17 male, 12km ski category

Fantastic results by all paddlers!

Tremendous to see so many Clifton paddlers out on the water achieving great results!

The week following the surf safari, we ventured back down to Clifton for training in the wind, rain and snow! The senior squad is into the full swing of surf training now with all sessions listed on team app for those yet to attend!

We now set our sights towards the Carlton Park Surf Festival on Saturday 27th of November for a practice run before the surf season commences with the next carnival being the Ulverstone Regional Carnival on the 4th of December where we will be undertaking our first camping trip for the season! To lock in a camping spot at Ulverstone, please talk to Barney or Courtney



Dan and Ollie with the "Master of Ski's" Graeme who could tell them many stories of his years paddling in Surf Safari

Nipper News from Eleanor

The season has officially started! It was great to have everyone back on the beach at Cremorne for our first session of the season. From now on we'll be at Clifton Beach SLSC each Sunday morning. Please be ready for action by 10am. By 'ready for action' I mean sunscreen on, wetsuits on, cap on, pink vest on, signed in, drink bottle, goggles and swimming cap in the bucket, and sitting on a line behind your age groups bucket.

Depending on your age group your time at Nippers on Sunday mornings will look a bit different. So here's a brief run down.

- Polar Bears you will have an hour of fun on the beach. You will meet with everyone else and then you get to head to the beach first.
- Under 8-Under 13 your sessions will run from 10am-12noon. Once we have had our catch up as a big group
 you will break off into Age Groups to a designated are around the clubhouse. Your Age Managers will then
 have a chance to map out a plan for the session which may include some activities up off the beach to help
 you work towards your relevant education awards. But don't worry you will always get a chance to get in he
 water at some stage through the session.
- Under 14's, you will meet with all the other Nippers at 10am before heading to the beach with Chappy for an hour of training as a group. Then at 11am if you have your SRC you will swap your pink vest for an Orange Water Safety Vest and support our Age Managers with the Nippers Program. We are really excited about this structure as we know how much our Nippers looks up to you guys as positive role models and know the passion and love you have of the Nippers program. We know that you will be able to share your knowledge and skills with our younger Nippers. For our Under 14's that are working towards their SRC, you will stay with Chappy and work developing your skills and knowledge to complete your SRC.

If there are any parents who are interested in completing their Surf Rescue Certificate, you can join in with Chappy at 11am on a Sunday morning. We will chat more about this opportunity at Nippers in the coming weeks, but in the meantime if you have any questions or are interested please let us know.

Just following up communication channels for Nippers this year:

- Team App If you haven't already please down load Team App and join Nippers Clifton Beach SLSC. The 'Event' section of the App has every Nipper sessions, training session and carnival already mapped out from now until March 13th. There are chat sections for topics like Uniform, Lost Property, specific chat groups for Age Groups. Please feel free to use this platform for asking questions or sharing relevant information.
- Email As always if you need to discuss something that not everyone needs to know about you can always email nippers@cliftonbeachslsc.com.au
- Facebook the club has two Facebook pages the public one and the "Members Clifton Beach SLSC" one. Please join both is you can stay up today with all the information.

Over the coming weeks our additional training sessions will begin.

Wednesday 6am and Sunday 8am are our board sessions. These session cater for all ages and abilities. Just make sure you have your pink vest and are ready with a board outside the clubhouse 5 minutes before the start time.

Friday nights from 5pm are going to be our 'Surf Sports Sessions'.

This means be prepared for anything related to Surf Sports! Bring your wetsuit, board (if you have your own), googles, cap, pink vest, runners and running gear. Sometimes the weather has made board sessions a bit miserable in the late afternoons but we hope, by having some flexibility in the sessions that we won't need to cancel these sessions.

We are going to have some special guests over the season to help everyone improve in all areas of Surf Sports. In the words of Bevvy "Focus on your weakness until it becomes your strength".

To all our Nippers that are more passionate about beach events than water events we hope to see you at these sessions too. Even if you aren't into competing but want to improve on your board, have some fun with your mates and spend more time on the beach, then these sessions are for you too.

At the end of the session the bar will be open and dinner will be available in the clubhouse.

Could you think of a better way to spend your Friday evenings with your family? In case you are wondering.... the answer is no! These sessions are outlined in the Events area of Team App.

See you all on the beach very soon!

Eleanor Kuylaars - Junior Activities Coordinator.

"Fun time and serious training" at Cremorne



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Information for Patrolling Members



Thank you for your flexibility with the patrol roster roll out.

Please also be mindful to check your emails and the club Patrols, Water Safety and ERT Facebook page for any roster updates.

Please also note that the club has five events (Triathlons, swim events etc.) to provide water safety volunteers for. Details of this will be sent via email and the Facebook page also. Cheers, Ciaran

Memberships Renewal Information

It's the time of year to start to renew all memberships. Our costs have remained the same this year and are outlined below. Don't forget that anyone under 18 will need to have a parent or guardian registered. You can follow this link https://sls.com.au/join/ to renew via the Surf Lifesaving Tasmania website. Scroll straight to the bottom to choose to join or renew. Don't worry if you've forgotten your login, it's only an email or text to get you sorted and logged back into surfguard. Once renewed it will lead you to the payment page. Any queries please email Juanita on membership@cliftonbeachslsc.com.au

Fees

- Active seniors \$165
- Cadets 15 17 years of age \$130
- Nippers 7 14 years of age \$120
- Polar Bears \$90
- Associate Members \$65
- Community Members\$45
- Family membership \$360
 (2 adults and up to 5 children)



Clifton Beach SLS Club is also registered with ticket to play. This provides two vouchers up to \$100 each towards club membership for children aged 5-18 years and listed on a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card or in Out of Home Care. Follow this link to find how you can register for the vouchers <u>https://www.cliftonbeachslsc.com.au/join</u>



President "Chappy and the committee" wish all of the members a Safe and Happy Christmas

