

The BLACK SWAN

December Edition
2016

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MAROOCHYDORE S.L.S.C.



Dear Members

President Report

Disable Surfing Australia was on our beach last Saturday and a number of our club members joined in to help. It was a fantastic day. Our AM patrol team helped older individuals out through the surf on rescue boards and helped them catch waves to shore. Other members and the general public helped by maintaining surf corridors set up to guide disabled surfers safely back to shore. The delight on the faces of the patrol members and the people they assisted was wonderful to see. Local Councillor, Jason O'Pray, organised for a trial of beach access matting to be laid from the car park right down to the water's edge enabling people

with disabilities to enter the water. A first on Maroochy beach. I would highly recommend to our members that they put their hand up to help next time DSA come to Maroochy. You get more than you give, seeing the smiles and joy on the faces of those who ride the waves is a lifetime memory. Murphy Homes Maroochy Classic Carnival will be our next major carnival on the 21-22 January, this is a big weekend and we need volunteer helpers for this great Surf Carnival. You can **register** as a helper at the Lifesaving Admin desk.

18 December is the **\$10,000 Draw. Tickets are ON SALE NOW.** At only \$100 per ticket you get a great afternoon of food and drink, and the chance to catch up with fellow club members, PLUS a good chance to win \$10,000 or five chances to win \$200 cash.

LAST CHANCE Proficiency is on 7th December. Make sure you get there on time – starts at 8.00 AM The General Meeting is being held on Saturday, 31 December starting at 8.30am upstairs in the Black Swan Room. It is important that all members come along and hear how the Club is progressing, and to have their say.

Following the General Meeting a short presentation and workshop will be held to get our members thinking about the future of our club, and to gather their ideas on what should be considered in the Future Strategy Plan now under development.

With the festive season coming fast, it is important that we ask our mem-

bers if they have any spare time on Christmas Day to help man patrols. Maroochy is proud of its 100 year record of 'no life lost between the flags' and we want to maintain this record in the 2016-17 season. Please contact the Lifesaving Admin office, or Scott Steele [DoSLS] to register for Christmas Day patrol.

I would also like to welcome members of the Shimoda Lifesaving Club who arrive here on 9 December for the Maroochy part of the exchange. All clubs members are encouraged to mix with the Shimoda crew whilst they are here. This exchange has been taking place for over 18 years and everyone I know who has been involved speaks so highly of the friendships formed with our Japanese counterparts, and the experiences they have shared.

Finally, I wish all club members and their family a safe and joyful festive season.

See you on the beach, or at one of our club events!

Steve Wieland

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Surf Life Saving Maroochy



From September 2016 to May 2017 every weekend and public holiday, surf lifesaving activities on the beach are always carried out by our volunteer lifesavers. Paid SLSQ lifeguards patrol during the week and keep our Sunshine Coast visitors safe.

Patrol Statistics for the month of November:

215

Preventions

Maroochy Beach
Preventions

5,452

beachgoers

Maroochy Beachgoers

1

Rescue

Total Maroochy
Rescues

2

First Aids

Total Maroochy
First Aids

Lifesaving



December 10th brings the start of the holidays and an extra half hour to each patrol. Start time remains at 6.30am; beach open at 7am.

Changeover moves to 12.30pm; beach closed at 6pm with PM patrol finishing at 6.30pm. These times will be in place until January 23rd, when school resumes.

The patrol roster for the second half of the season is now finalised with no adjustments to last week's draft. As is tradition, Christmas Day has not been rostered for. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to patrol Christmas Day. We need to be fully operational from 7am until 6pm so please advise the Lifesaving Office if you can help.

Well done to those who have successfully used the Facebook group "Maroochydore Volunteer Lifesavers" to request or accept a swap. It is evident who's making the effort and there is now an incentive to accept

swaps on the site (a Grill'd voucher valued at around \$15).

Congratulations to Patrol 6 who scored 338 / 346 in our first inspection of the season, last weekend. Sophie Croucher and her team have also accrued a number of new awards, so they are applying the pressure to Nigel Ulrich's Patrol 9, who have their eyes on a "3-peat" for Patrol of the Year. That said, the quality of patrols across the board has been very good, so keep up the great work.

If you are interested in a course, please register with the Lifesaving Office. Lauren is keeping lists and when we have adequate numbers, our CTO Brad Kildey, sets course dates. If you've been waiting on course dates, chances are we're waiting on you to take that step. This includes ATV, so register ASAP.

See you on the beach with sand between your toes.

Scott Steele

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Join us on Facebook

Join our private Facebook group - search for:
Maroochydore Volunteer Lifesavers



Or you can [visit the website](#) if you are looking for a current copy of the Patrol Calendar and patrol team rostered dates.

2016/17 Skills Maintenance

HEADS UP! Put this dates in your calendar for the next Skill Maintenance days it will be the last training session!

- Sunday 11 December 7.45am - noon

Anyone who has not completed a Skills Maintenance day and who is not proficient by 31 December 2016 will not be permitted to:

- Perform patrols
- Participate as water safety
- Operate rescue craft or
- Compete in surf lifesaving competition

NOTICE OF CAUTION:

The 2016-17 Skills Maintenance is an online assessments via www.elearning.alaq.com.au.

Do not complete the SLSA Skills Maintenance online assessments that you see on the member's portal – they will not be recognized in Queensland.

Membership & Admin



Inaugural U15-17 Youth Camp

The inaugural U15-17 youth camp comprised of 15 youth and 5 youth mentors all travelling by hire bus to Rainbow Beach Surf Club. Survivor themed team challenges, games and activities saw some hilarious and unexpected outcomes (never seen a patient carry quite like it!).

While the weekend focus was about fun, friendship and laughter; it was also about surf lifesaving, with the team patrolling Rainbow Beach on Saturday afternoon and being introduced to equipment like the IRB. We all had a terrific time and can't extend our thanks enough to:



Rainbow Beach Surf Club for having us and making us feel welcomed and the Youth Development Officer Ben Ellwood, everyone who attended and the behind the scene supporters and organisers.

Our terrific U15-17 participants together we created a positive fun environment and memories that will last a life time.

Can't wait for next year!
Toni Pettigrew.

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YDO Update

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 10th December - Shimoda Special

From 4:30pm we will be meeting at the Surf Club and then head down the road for a game of tennis with this year's Shimoda Team for a friendly game of Tennis at the Maroochydore Tennis club, and then back to the club for a BBQ dinner.

Register your interest on the Clubbies Facebook events page with Ben or Lifesaving Admin.



YEP

Want to register for 2016-17 Youth Excellence Program? Then fill in page 3 of the YEP Participant Handbook and give to Lifesaving Admin desk. The club's YEP Co-ordinator, Ben Ellwood, or one of the YEP Mentors will give you a call and help you [get started](#).



Members Profile



Aaron Penfold

This months Members Profile.

How long have you been a member of MSLSC?

I have been member of Maroochy Surf Club for 10 years, starting way back in under 9's.

Do you compete and what is your favorite event?

When I do compete I'll give the good old board a crack.

What do you study/work as?

I'm currently studying a Bachelor of Paramedics at the University of the Sunshine Coast and working part-time.

What made you want to become a Patrol Captain?

I felt that being Vice Patrol Captian under the watchful eye of Ollie Hoelscher I would further my lifesaving skills and involve myself in another element of the club.

Tell us about your experience with waverunner?

I have only just qualified as a waverunner operator so have very limited experience at this stage but am looking forward to exposing myself to a different side of surf life saving.

Do you have any other ambitions in lifesaving?

In the future I'm aiming to finish my degree and become a Paramedic in the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Maroochy Old Swans Social Group

Register at the Lifesaving desk for the opportunity to reconnect with past and present members, continue long-lasting friendships, make new ones and keep up to date with the latest news at Maroochy SLSC.

Watch this space as we will be planning further announcements including information regarding the Annual Get-together.



Spotted...

Look who the patrol team spotted on the beach Saturday morning last month...

Olympian Cate Campbell. Gold and a silver medallist at the [2016 Summer Olympics](#). She is the current world record holder in both the short and long course 100 metre individual freestyle events.



'The Life and Senior Members matter!

Welcome to the Life Governors' corner of the Club Newsletter, a new segment for the end of our Centenary Year and beyond. Hope you like it.....

Noel 'Tommy' Godfrey

The widow of the late 'Tom' Godfrey, Sandra, asked me to pass on to all Maroochydores her deep appreciation for the Club's strong presence at Tommy's recent funeral at Bli Bli. Noel 'Tom' Godfrey joined the Club in 1951 and so was a contemporary of Doug Webster, John 'Gozzer' Goldsbrough, Graham Ashton and Ron 'Crocker' Parton (1952). His send-off on Tuesday 9 August attracted arguably the widest cross-section of 1950s and 1960s members and a large contingent of Life Members. The church was packed, because Tommy was of an original cane grower family which settled near Bli Bli in the late 1800s. Tommy and Sandra were our guests at his last Life Members Lunch at the Black Swan Room in May. He was terminally ill and he bid us an emotional farewell unlike anything we have seen before. Tommy was very happy to see our Centenary celebrated,

and like our mate Bard Claffey in April, took his leave knowing that he had given great service over 65 of those 100 years. Recently, however, a most interesting thing has happened: Sandra Godfrey has asked that Tommy's Life Member tie be handed on to a new Life Member who is elected in the future. This is a wonderful gesture and no doubt will be discussed and decided upon when next the Life Members meet. Who knows, a fine new tradition may start right there, with some families perhaps choosing to keep the tie, or pass it on. Watch this space!

Some Mayhem from Peter Aiken

There was another 'LMs Moment' in early November when many Life and Senior members attended the book launch of Peter Aiken's book, 'Who took the F and C out of Teaching?'....That's 'Fun and Creativity', folks!..... Life Member Shane Bridley did a magnificent job as MC of the launch. There were many teachers, students and parents who obviously admired and respected Peter in his long teaching career. Of course, Pete wowed us with funny stories, songs and reflections on the ancient art of teaching.

March Past for 2017

Oh, and btw, MARCH PAST TRAINING for Life and Senior members - and the Ladies' Team, begins in mid-January. More details to follow, but for now:
LMs and Senior Members
Coach Bill Scott - 4pm on Saturdays
Ladies - Coach Paul Boulton - Sundays early.

Merry Christmas to all, see you at the General Meeting on 31 December, and let's have a great New Year together.
Ralph & Pratty



Club Chaplain

Well here we are into December which means the lifesaving season is almost half over. Where have the months gone?

Just the same it is at this time of year that we begin to focus on family.

That in many cases involves having family members in other parts of the country or possibly overseas. Phone traffic increases dramatically on Christmas Day as we all call family members to wish them a Merry Christmas. What are you doing on Christmas Day? Will you be having a traditional Christmas dinner, and sharing gifts with family. Having 7 very young grandchildren of my own their day is one of excitement and exhaustion by the end of the day and an early night.

I would ask you all to Spare a thought for those in our community who have no

family, who are homeless, or for whatever reason may spend Christmas alone. Christmas is traditionally a time of giving and we Australians are known by our generosity towards the less fortunate in our communities.

Whilst most of us celebrate Christmas and the public holidays attached to it, I would ask you to consider the significance of Christmas and the events that took place some 2000 or so years ago. Jesus Christ was born as the savior for the world. Many may say it was an old wives tale but if that was the case why do we celebrate it as we do?

Let's put it back to its rightful place in our lives and where possible reach out to someone in need.

God bless

Clive Herral



Shimoda Sister Club...

In 1999 Maroochy Surf Life Saving Club formed a relationship with the Shimoda Life Saving Club of Japan. This exchange has provided fellowship between the two clubs for over 18 years and we look forward to welcoming members from Shimoda back here during Decembers. If you see them around the club make an effort to say hello and introduce yourself.

Surf Sports



The calendar year is almost over, so all competing Cadets, Seniors and Masters Competitors who are not long service must have completed their 25 hours before the 31st December 2016. Proficiencies must also be completed before the 31st of December if you wish to compete at any of the Championship events leading up to and including Aussies.

Please stay diligent with your patrol attendance as not showing up may affect your entry into future carnivals. Congratulations to Lincoln Dews for achieving 3rd place at the Doctor race in W.A, first Aussie home. Well Done!

Our all concurring Branch Team have made it 9 seasons in a row beating all who stood in their way .

Our training programs under the watchful eyes of the Coaching staff continue to yield results and training squads are being well attended.

Well done to all those members who assisted last Saturday with the Disabled Surfers. It was great to see so many of our members both patrolling and social turning up to support this event .

Go the Black Swan



Masters

Four Maroochydore Masters competed in the recent Mooloolaba Craft Carnival with good results in great conditions.

Craig Vipond came 2nd in the Surf Ski and 3rd in Double Ski with Peter Mitchell. Peter Mitchell also came 5th in the Surf Ski and Yoshi Nagamizu came 5th in his Surf Ski race. Some of the Masters also had fun in the open events!!

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Maroochydore Masters Facebook page for updates. Board training with Jobbo is now on 6:30am Saturdays - any changes to this will be sent out through the FB page.

Keep up the training team but most of all have fun and have an awesome Christmas!

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Coach Update

November has been busy busy busy with carnivals, camps and training. We have had some great results and continue to improve and move forward as a competitive team. The Youth (U11-U15) sections of the club won the overall point score at the Maroochydore Amart carnival. Once again this great beach turned on conditions ideal for racing with 3ft of swell rips and a slight chop testing all athletes. Not to be out done the Senior Club (U17- Open) won the overall point score at the Oceans 38 carnival on the Gold Coast.

We have also contested the Young Guns carnival at Kurrawa and Summer of Surf Series. There will be a carnival this Saturday (3rd December) at Alexandra Headland for anyone wishing to check out the action and support our competitive team.

Well done to our youth leaders lead by Ben Ellwood who successfully took 15 of our Under 15 and U17 members on a youth development camp to Rainbow beach. I'm told the camp ran smoothly and the kids had an absolute ball undertaking a range of different activities and generally just enjoying each other's company.



Thank you to all
volunteers who assisted
in rolling out beach mats
for disabled beachgoers.

On Saturday 26th of November we hosted the second Disability Beach Matting Council Trial for wheelchair access, thanks to the great work of local Councillor Jason O'Pray.

In association with this trial the Disabled Surfers Association (DSA) the day was a huge success for our disabled beachgoers thanks to all of the Volunteers who made this happen!!



Junior Activities



Hello Nipper families,

We are certainly deep into the nipper season and our calendar has been full of activity. I can't remember a longer period on Maroochydore beach when we have had near perfect conditions each Sunday and at carnivals for our Nipper competitive team.

The co-ordinated approach of delivering best surf skill practices at a Junior Activity level can be illustrated by the latest string of carnivals, where the skills of Maroochydore Nippers were on display. All of the JA committee and parents are privileged to have witnessed so many special performances and kids achieving personal goals regardless of how diverse these goals are. The courage and determination displayed should help them in life and maybe help them to perform rescues and save lives when they are on patrol in the future, who knows what paths they may take.

Over the last month our Nipper families have been operating back to back weekends and an extra ordinary work load has occurred for these families. The recent Amart, carnival held at our beach and hosted by our club was extremely well run by the Branch officials, and were thanked on behalf of

the Junior Activities Committee. The operational side of the carnival of set up and pull down was well attended by Maroochydore members and non-members. We have noted some observations to improve our processes for next year and the running of future carnivals at our club. So we need to look after our sponsors and on behalf of the JA Committee we all thank Amart management and staff for their support. Since they have supported us it may be a good time before Xmas to support them.

There are so many people to thank for their contribution to date.

The committee continue to engage many more families to assist in the BBQ area that operates on Sunday, especially from the younger age groups.

The JA committee in its last meeting has reported that the financial status of the Division is working well within the JA budget. Funds raised at the recent Amart carnival via the BBQ was an excellent fund raiser for the Junior Activities Division with takings around \$3600. In summary, on behalf of the Junior Activities Division I'd like to be very grateful for all our volunteers in our organisation and the special help that our nipper parents provide for the future direction of Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

My best in lifesaving,

Kirk Jarrott, Director of Junior Activities

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Key Dates for December

The full activities calendar for all Junior Activities is [available on the website](#).

Sunday Nipper Day

4th (photo day)

11th (photo day)

18th Christmas Break-up.

25th No Nippers

1st Jan 2017 No Nippers

Club Carnival Days

17th & 18th - Oceans 38 - Tugun

SOCIAL MEDIA



To keep up to date on what is happening with Nippers, make sure you are connected via [Team App](#). Team App is free! If you have not yet registered, use the Team App - [How to Guide](#) to get started! Also you can find us on Facebook "[Maroochydore Nippers](#)".



Great results from our Junior teams at the Amart Sports Junior U11-U15 Carnival!!!

With the Carnival results showing the teams achievement on the day.

1. Maroochydore 237
2. Alexandra Headland 159
3. Sunshine Beach 154

To view all Carnival Results go to [CLICK HERE](#)

And THANK YOU to Brett Shuttleworth who has taken so many amazing photos for us at each event and are shared on our Facebook Page.



New BBQ's...

A BIG THANK YOU to Kim Musgrove who has been successful in a bid for a Community Grant to purchase two new shiny BBQ's for our club kitchen. And in honour of two dedicated volunteer members who have cooked up a storm many times over and at many events to support the club we have proudly given each BBQ a name in their honour. "Bob" and "Randall".



Events & Promotions



Surf Girl Update...



On the 15th of November, five surf girls from across the coast travelled to participate in the annual Steve Irwin day held Australia Zoo. On the day we were given the opportunity to put our well developed surf knowledge to the test and to educate and talk with the general public about Surf Lifesaving. The day was fun and all in all it was a fabulous day being able to talk with the next generation of potential junior surf lifesavers.

In other surf girl news, I have been completing many training days over the last few months to further enhancing my public speaking skills and dealing with all that comes with being an entrant in the Summer Surf Girl 2016 competition. From this I have gained vital skills in order to manage the role of being Maroochydore Summer Surf Girl. That's all from me, I look forward to seeing you all at the next Summer surf girl fundraiser !!

Darcey Starr-Thomas

Important Dates

Make sure you have the following dates saved in your Calendar for December and the New Year...

10,000 Draw
18 December 2016
 Maroochy Surf Club from 3pm

Summer Surf Girl
Maroochydore S.L.S.C
Annual Charity Golf Day
6 January 2017
 Maroochy Golf Club

Murphy Homes Maroochy Classic & Summer Sky Show
21 –22 January 2017
 Maroochy Surf Club & Cotton Tree Park

Summer Surf Girl Breakfast
31 January 2017
 Maroochy Surf Club

Further details and updates for each event will be posted on the Clubbies Facebook page and in next months newsletter.

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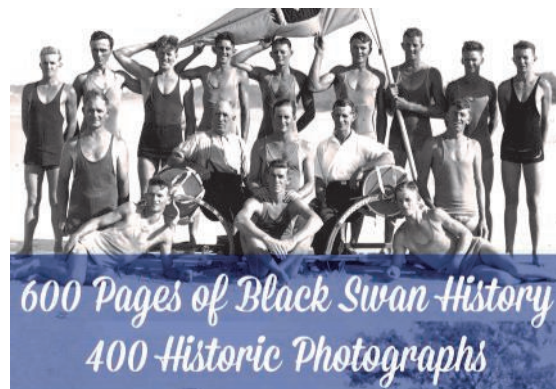
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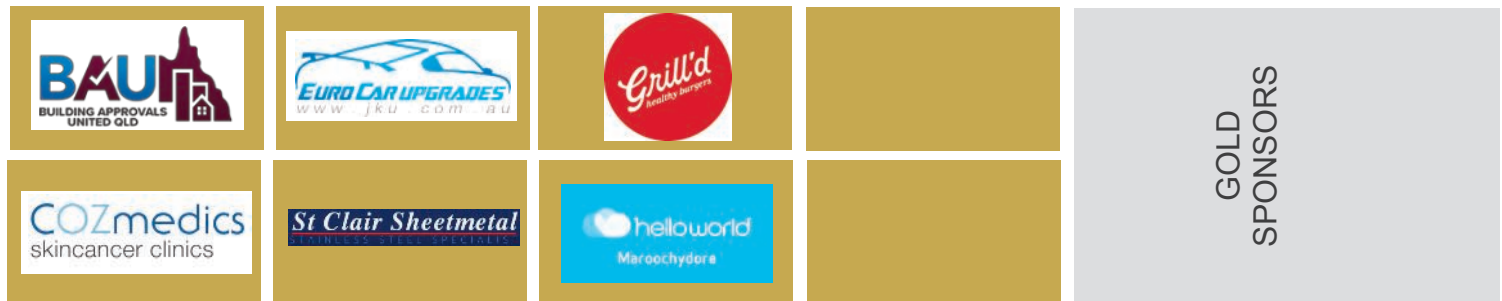
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