Welcome to 2015 a New Year with new goals to be achieved.

As most of you will be aware, a call was put out for any member who could help do a Christmas Day patrol. Things were looking pretty bad coming into the holiday. However, the final response was outstanding. Of particular note I saw Mal Pratt (Life Governor) leading by example doing a patrol and Peter Lucas who despite battling serious illness was again the mid-day Patrol Captain for Christmas Day. To every MEMBER who patrolled on Christmas Day – THANK YOU your commitment IS very much appreciated and recognised.

1 January 2016 the Black Swan celebrates its 100th year anniversary. The Board of Management is asking members for their Expression of Interest to form Working Committees to finalise plans for events that mark this special occasion.

To register please fill in the EOI Form (page 2 of this newsletter) and return to the Lifesaving Office. I would urge every member to be part of this celebration, and in my years at the Surf Club I have found that the more I give, the more benefits I receive.

The Maroochydore SLSC / Shimoda Life Saving Club Exchange Program has come and gone for 2014. My belief is that this Culture Exchange between our members must continue. Further support was given by Maroochydore by donation of an IRB and Motor to Shimoda to expand their club’s patrol capability on their beaches.

In Dec 2014 the Club was granted $100,000 by the Qld Government. This money will be spent to redevelop the lifesaving area on the ground floor. However to complete the project we will require some volunteer workers. Watch out for our call for help in future newsletters & emails and respond if you can give your time and labour.

Raising public awareness and financial support of Maroochydore SLSC is done by the Board of Marketing & Promotion. The Board has done a great job this year running the August Race Day, mid-year and January Golf Days, July Sports Lunch and December $10,000 Draw. Lots of events to plan and deliver, on top of which the Marketing team worked each day at the 2 carnivals held on Maroochydore.

Our Sponsors - we could not do what we do without their generosity. Both the A Mart Sports Junior Carnival and the Murphy Builders Classic Carnival were great successes. To every worker a job well-done showcasing Maroochydore Beach. I would like to thank Helen Patrick and her team that do the food preparation and everyone who worked cooking & selling food and drinks on the day. A big effort that is much appreciated. Carnival set-up and pull-down was well organised and a credit to Wade and his team.
I would like to say thank-you for all the time and effort your club’s Directors on the Lifesaving Board of Management and Supporters Club Management Committee give each month. Let’s keep up the good work & finish the back end of the season on a high.

In closing I would like to remind members of our club motto “Vigilance and Service”. To me this means that we will provide all necessary resources and services to ensure No life is lost between the Flags at Maroochydore Beach.

See you on the beach.

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**SHIMODA**

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**SHIMODA 2015 Japanese cultural exchange program**

Would any interested members please indicate their willingness to travel to Shimoda in August 2015 (Exact date still to be sorted out).

This is a great cultural exchange and I am sure that the Shimoda members will benefit as much as you will.

Please e-mail me on surfers@live.com.au if you are interested.
Tracey & I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and got the New Year off to a good start.

We have finally taken ownership of the new IRB, motor and trailer that was sourced via a successful grant application. While running the new motor in I adjusted the transom height to improve performance, which should now be close to the mark. If anyone using the new IRB has any concerns about how it handles, please let me know.

The crewie course is on target to start on the 10th of January, and by the time this newsletter gets circulated the paperwork would have already been submitted to branch for approval so no late applications can be accepted, however if you are interested in doing your drivers course or any future crew course, please contact either Michelle or myself to register your interest. At this stage we are planning to commence the driver's course after Aussie titles, dates to be confirmed later.

This year our president, Steve Weiland suggested we send some IRB equipment to Shimoda (Japan). And we are happy to advise that we will be sending the IRB known as Swanie and one of our motors (#2) to our sister club in Shimoda, they are always in need of equipment and it will be good to see the equipment continuing to be used within surf life saving. And a special thank you to Peter Robson for arranging the transport of this gear.

Last but not least, should you have an incident that involves an IRB and or the crew and you feel that it warrants further investigation, please contact me as soon as possible and advise of the details and the names of all parties concerned (if possible). This way if an incident report needs to be filled out and submitted to MSQ I will know of the situation, as it will be me they come asking questions.

Cheers for now.

See you on the beach, safe Boating.

As you are probably aware Meggsy (Michael Brooks) has stood down as Boat Captain due to other commitments.

I have been acting in the position & was official indorsed at the 2014 General Meeting

We had two carnivals in December

Broadbeach:

Maroochydore sent five crews to the Navy series carnival at Broadbeach on Sunday and we came away with some very solid results.

Broadie turned on the biggest surf of the year – a solid 4-5 feet and a few thumping shore dumps. The officials were close to calling it off, but we proceeded and it was challenging.

The Force Reserves turned in our best result and came home second in the Open men final after open men, reserve men and Under 23 men were combined. They hit the line first in front of Currumbin, but hit a shallow sandbank and that stopped them dead. A protest did not go their way but it was a great effort from the boys.

Maroochydore Spartans also raced in combined open men and scored a first, second and a third in our three heats. Come the fourth heat to make the final we got off the beach first, but got a big back shoot and we did not finish the race, with a cracked sweep oar.
Megsey's Under 19 males had their best outing of the season and are starting to turn into a competitive crew. They led one of their heats from start to finish but got belted coming home and after leading all the way 30 m from shore, they could not quite hold their momentum. Good job guys.

Our Minx Open Female had their first hit out of the season but given their high standards, it did not go to plan. The girls ran into solid walls of water every time they started and finished out of the final.

Maroochy Classic:

BIG SURF AT MAROOCHYROE FOR THE BOATIES

The Maroochydore crews had a big day. The forecasters said it would be five to six feet and they were right, with a 20 knot southerly thrown in. The best performing of our crews was again the Force Reserves who got second in the final and the only reason they didn’t win is because Mooloolaba drifted over on them 10 strokes off the beach. The Force Reserves are having a terrific season and we will all be stunned if they don’t get the State selection in Reserve Grade or A grade. Megsry raced his under 19’s in the big stuff and they have improved out of sight. They are taking it a bit more seriously and have a lot more confidence. They looked very good on the water today.

Laurie lined with the MINX with Katrina filling and had a couple of starts before deciding it wasn’t worth life and limb after an ugly collision when they were hit side on by another boat (not their fault) Laurie then had a second crack at it with the Under 23 Males who had their first start. The guys had not been in the surf for 12 months and had never rowed in a Clymer boat. They had a crack, caught a great wave in their first heat for second in Open Men and then rolled the boat in the second heat. The Spartans got the worst of it going out in their first heat and finished behind crews they would normally flog. That’s surf boats. They came in and then the Maroochydore Assets (Under 23 Females) sucked it up and had a crack in the big stuff in the next race. The girls turned third, but got across the line first after we pulled a large nasty one that dumped us in the low tide and in turn we damaged the rowlock placement in the bow seat. Because of the damage the racing was over for the day for the Reserves and Assets.

Next big event Tugun 10/01/2015 Navy Series Round 3 & 4 State selections

Sean Chapman (Stickers)

Height - 188cm
Weight - 115kgs
Born - 18/7/86
Strength - Good looks, durability, commitment, easy going, good sense of humour, physical strength, mental toughness, great hair, great body, honesty, kind hearted, caring, charming, witty, Facebook Promotions.
Weakness - Honesty. And my choice in Togs
Other sport interests - There is no other sport outside Surfboats

Years in Surfboats - 4
Favourite Movie and song - 2000 Australian Surfboat res grade final commented by Bob and Corey. Favourite song; love is an open door. Frozen
Favourite Quote - Sean this (surfboat rowing) is a democracy of one.... Me! ’Bob Stone' If you get all the one percenters right you'll get 100% right. Zane Hilton (Melbourne Rebels coach)
Goals in Lifesaving - Lead the club song up stairs in 2016 with an A grade surfboat gold medal around my neck.
Make the Australian surfboat boat team.

Lachlan Hoffman

Height: 6ft 2
Weight: 85kg
Born: 28/01/98
Strength: Learning
Weakness: public speaking
Other sport interests: Rugby Union

Years in surfboats: Half a year
Favourite movie and song: The Departed. And anything from One direction
Favourite quote: Bob Stone- 'swing'
Goals in surf lifesaving: serve the community
Christmas 2014 has been and gone, and we are now into 2015.

Just last week I was speaking to an old friend who asked me about sharks along our beaches. I said it had been a few years since I could recall having to close the beach due to a shark sighting. Murphy’s law, on Saturday afternoon 3rd January, one of our local lifeguards was out surfing about 100 metres south of the flags when he spotted a 2 metre shark cruising where a few surfers were waiting to catch a wave. He went straight in and told the tower radio operator, who conferred with the PC, Maggie Donnelly, and sounded the shark alarm, closing the beach for an hour or so whilst the IRB went looking for the culprit. Just goes to show that we still have the odd shark around, but invariably we never see them, thankfully!!!

I particularly want to give a big thank you to all those members who volunteered their time on Christmas Day. The day gave us good weather and beach conditions with good crowds that were generally quite well behaved. Surf conditions were also good which meant a relatively uneventful day overall. For those who could not make the day, you missed out on fresh prawns, oysters, cold meats, cherries, watermelon, and much more. Food was terrific. I also want to thank Luke, the club chef for organising the food. Many thanks again Luke.

Now the season begins to heat up, with carnivals and all sorts of events coming up as we head towards Aussies once again.

Over the Christmas new Year period we had the general meeting during which we discussed the issue of minimum patrol hours and the need to have all the recognised awards covered on each patrol. No formal decisions were taken but it was interesting to receive feedback from various members about ways to address the matters. One club has as policy that all members who receive some form of subsidy for training etc are required to complete at least one new award per season as their part of them receiving financial support or similar from the club. An interesting concept worthy of consideration. Another club has as policy that members are not able to do a number of voluntary patrol hours at the end of the year to ensure they meet the minimum hours to compete, if they have not covered their rostered patrol hours, once again an interesting concept.

In saying that, I have to say that most members are keen to complete their rostered hours, and in most cases when doing some voluntary patrol hours they do so for the right reasons, and not the wrong ones. Can I therefore ask all members that you all aim to do at least one new award per season and make the effort to show up at each rostered patrol between now and season end. If unable can you also do as much as you can to arrange a sub, and let your patrol captain know well ahead of time. There is nothing more frustrating to a patrol captain to arrive for patrol and have one or two key people not arrive. So, please do as much as you can and enjoy your time on the beach.

If you have any concerns or suggestions to improve things please make contact with me sooner rather than later.

Maroochydore SLSC Golf Day

This is the last time this day (after 37 years) will be played at Horton Park as the Club is moved to their new course at Bli Bli.

WINNERS: Mark Kelly, Shane Bridley, Peter Owen, and Trent Butlin
Women were involved in the swimming and Royal lifesaving side of the Maroochydore Life Saving and Swimming Club from the earliest days. After the Aquatic Carnival at Dunethin Rock at Easter 1916, the first official Club swim opened the Maroochydore Club's second season in October 1916 at Cotton Tree.

Then the pattern was set: after swimming races round at Cotton Tree, involving men and women, the men would then train for surf patrol duty on Maroochy Beach.

The first female participant was 12 year old Lily Anderson who was a member of a local family who later gave so much to the Lifesaving activities through Oscar and Bob Anderson. They were early patrol members at Maroochydore. Much later, Lily Anderson was to marry Joe Suosaari.

The daughters of famous Foundation families emerged in the records of the Boxing Day 1916 Cotton Tree swim - May (9yrs), Lily (13yrs) and Elsie Venning (15yrs) competed, as well as the Youngman girls - Edie, Gertrude and Mary. FO Venning of Royal Life Saving, Brisbane was the main driver for our first local male Lifesavers to be trained in the skills of Royal Lifesaving in December 1915 and over the following few years. OH Youngman of Maroochy River was the second President of the Club, taking over from William Whalley, who had been elected on 1 January 1916.

For the New Years Day 1917 swim at Cotton Tree, more famous Foundation families were represented by their women and girls - 18 year old Hilma Anderson swam. She was soon to marry Maroochydore Lifesaver, Harold Weston. Mrs Alice Maud Weston along with "Mrs Wells" also swam in races that day, both members of the famous Wells & Weston families of Maroochydore Swimming and Lifesaving Club.

Our Royal Lifesaving "Founding Fathers" made it very plain why they promoted the regular swimming meets at Cotton Tree for both the local men and women: it was all about promoting water safety for both sexes in the sometimes tricky waters of Maroochy River and Maroochy "Heads", as the beach area was then called.

Elsie Venning became by far the most well-known female Royal Lifesaver, becoming the most highly-qualified woman Lifesaver in Queensland in the 1920's as well as a Nationally-ranked pool swimmer.

After SLSA took over the Royal clubs in 1931, women had to wait 50 years for full membership recognition. We have never looked back since then!

THE FIRST CENTENARY BOOK FUNCTION, 3 MAY 2015.

On Sunday 3 May 2015 the MAROOCHYDORE FOUNDING AND PIONEER FAMILIES LUNCH will be held in the second-floor function room. The event will be hosted by our two "Australian Surf Life Saving Hall of Fame"members Olympian Clint Robinson OAM and Super Coach Lenore Grice.

The History Book Committee will be presenting the pictorial history and "curious facts" of our Foundation years.
THE FIRST CENTENARY SEASON EVENT - THE INTERNATIONAL SURF RESCUE CHALLENGE - EARLY SEPTEMBER 2015

An estimated 8 International Teams will descend on Maroochydore to compete in a series of events. This will kick off our Centenary season. Previous venues for this event have been Bondi, Durban and Tauranga New Zealand, so it is a big honour for us to host. More details soon.

THE SECOND CENTENARY BOOK FUNCTION, LATE OCTOBER 2015

On this night we will cap each of our 170+ Australian Gold Medallists and honour our 28 World Champions, our Aussie Pool Champs and more. Oh, and launch "The Black Swan Record - 1916-2015 - Loyalty, Guts & Glory" - the third edition of Maroochydore's outstanding competition history of 100 years. More details soon.

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When did you start in Lifesaving?
I started as an under 8 nipper at Alexandra Headland in 2003.

When did you join Maroochydore SLSC and what bought you to the Blackswan?
When my coach left my previous surf club, I felt no inclination to stay. I heard good things about the Maroochydore ski squad and knew a couple of the guys from racing. So I had a look and here I am.

Who is your sporting mentor or inspiration?
Shane Dalziel is my first ski and kayak coach. He introduced me to paddling when I was 14. He has helped me learn from his experiences not just my mistakes.

What was your most memorable achievement in sport?
Last year at Junior Kayaking World Championships I placed 4th in the K1 1000 and was lucky enough to be a member of the K4 1000 crew that placed 3rd.

How much do you like yoghurt?
Well after kayak training and before gym we normally have breakfast. A staple of breakfast is yoghurt and muesli, I’m generally pretty hungry and in a rush to eat. So I have been known to skip the muesli, as it takes too long, and attack the yoghurt on its own. This time saving tip means I can eat all the yoghurt without any obstacles offered by the muesli. I do enjoy a tub or 3.

Being one of the tallest/biggest guys on the beach do you find other competitors are intimidated?
Not sure, no one has ever mentioned anything.

What do you do with yourself when you are not involved in Surf Lifesaving?
I’m studying exercise science at uni and kayak training 3 times a day, five-six days a week takes up a fair amount of time.

In my spare time I like to reacquaint myself with the couch and a movie.

What do you want to do when you grow up?
Don’t know that I really want to grow up, but I’m studying at the moment to hopefully one day be a physiotherapist.

Where do you see yourself in 2016?
Hopefully racing skis for Maroochydore at Aussies on our home beach, And watching Australia winning Olympic medals In Rio.
When did you join Maroochydore SLSC and what bought you to the Blackswan?
I joined Maroochydore in U9s. I came to the club because I was at a different club and didn't like it and decided to try a different club so we chose Maroochydore.

Who is your sporting mentor or inspiration?
My sprint coach Glen Wilson.

What was your most memorable achievement in sport?
When I won my Australian title in beach sprints last season.

What is your favorite food?
Spaghetti

What do you do with yourself when you are not involved in Surf Lifesaving?
I play soccer for both my school and for my club NYU.

What do you want to do when you grow up?
I would like to get a trade as a carpenter.

Where do you see yourself in 2016?
Competing for Maroochydore as always and hopefully making the Australian team.
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Well done to all Senior athletes who took part in the training camp prior to the break. Completing 3-4 sessions a day for 5 days takes a toll on the body and mind. One of the sessions was a 24km ski, ride, run, swim from Dunethin Rock back to the Club. We weren’t setting any speed records but had a great time training in parts of the river most had not seen before and paddling double ski’s with some Athletes having never sat in a ski before. Well done to Tara Patrick who completed every session that week, it was a great effort!

Upon returning to training we will be entering our *Competition Phase*. Sessions will be based around maximising anaerobic capacity and speed, whilst continuing to develop race strategies. Skill refinement will become a major focus and I strongly encourage members to take up the option of the Friday afternoon skills session (U14-Open).

I trust everyone is having an enjoyable Christmas/ New Year’s break spending time with family and loved ones. This is an important time of year to celebrate and rest; recharging the body and mind for the upcoming year.

Nipper News

Welcome back !!! Nippers is on during the holidays and we love seeing your smiling faces there every Sunday.

There are quite a few events coming up so make sure you check your emails from the club and age managers. If you aren’t getting emails can you please contact Michelle at the club and double check your email.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the competition calendar attached to earlier newsletters but here is a snapshot carnivals and events for January and February….

Friday 16th- Sunday 18th Branch Surf rescue Championships. A great carnival to watch some of our champion surf athletes.

Saturday 17th January Fastest Man on The Sand U11 opens Kurrawa.

Sunday 1st February the 8-10 teams carnival. Always a great event and a great opportunity to compete with your friends and make new ones

Saturday 7th February there is a board Riding Championship, not sure of the location yet but we have some awesome surfers amongst us, so keep an ear out on a Sunday and we will let you know and will be great to check it out if possible.

Sunday 8th February will be our Club Championships. For new families to the club, this is our own mini carnival. It does sometime run a bit later than 10am but it’s a great day to hang round and watch the kids.

Enjoy your holidays and rest up because……. before long we will be back to school!!!