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*ONE Club, ONE Culture, OUR Sustainable Future*

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## MEMBERS REUNION

If you have been a part of the Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club as a Member or Supporter of the Club you are invited to attend.

If you know of other current or former Club Members we ask that you please pass on the details of the reunion.

For full details [CLICK HERE](#)

## KARAOKE NIGHT!

Don't miss out on what will be a great night of laughs and entertainment at the Maroochydore Surf Club karaoke night.

Funds raised will be donated to the 2018 Summer Surf Girl, Nikki Chapman and the Maroochydore Surf Club. [I Hope to see you all there singing your heart out!](#)

## President's Report

### Dear Members

The year is moving along fast, as the club is doing its 4th weekend of patrols already.

In this short time, the Club's Training section has achieved a lot. The school holiday period was very busy with 26 SRC members trained ready to patrol and another 17 SRC members gaining their Bronze Medallion. Also during that time, **Noel Furmage** worked on getting his Radio Officer Training Certificate and has now completed one of his two courses to finalise his training.

During the first half of the year **Mike Dwyer** and helpers spend a lot of time running Skills Maintenance Days. This Sunday the 4th Skills Maintenance Day is being run. So far around 80 members have updated their skills. Many thanks to everyone involved, it is a job well done.

Summer Surf Girl is a SLSQ leadership program available to female members within Surf Life Saving that seeks to raise awareness of their club in the local community. Over the last 50 years more than \$15.7 million has been raised and returned to lifesaving clubs to purchase equipment.

This year **Nicky Chapman** is endorsed as the club's 2017 -18 Summer Surf Girl. Nicky will be working hard over the next 10 months to raise vital funds for Maroochydore SLSC. She has a lot of initiatives planned and I ask every member to get behind Nicky by attending functions, buying raffle tickets or offering to help when needed. We wish you every success Nicky as our representative.

Coffee is now available Sunday morning at the Kiosk. Funds provided by the Supporters Club purchased a commercial coffee machine and stand which can now be used by Junior Activities and at Carnivals to make and sell coffee. First operating last weekend, **Sara Brown** worked hard pumping out hot coffees. The club will be offering Barista training to our young club members who want to learn these skills. Dates for training will be advertised soon.

Last weekend Coolangatta Gold, the first major carnival of the season, was held. Some great results were achieved by our club members but most notable was the win by the talented **Bri, Tiarnae** and **Jenaya Massie** who won the long course events.

**OUR VISION**  
*Zero preventable injuries  
and deaths in Maroochydore waters*

## LIFESAVING news and updates



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Well the 17-18 season is underway! I have stepped into the role as Acting Director of Surf Lifesaving, while Scott is on leave. I thank many of you for the support provided whilst establishing myself into this role.

As we are finding our feet and getting settled into the season ahead, it has been really great to see most patrols having a good turn out with correct uniforms. Just remember, it is really important to arrange a substitute if you're unable to fill your patrol and send a courtesy message to your Patrol Captain informing them of the change, to ensure they're well prepared for the shift ahead.

We congratulate 26 nippers who qualified for their SRC, over the September school holidays. This is a really big step in their development and some have even hit the beach already taking on patrolling duties!

Over these holidays we have also seen 17 SRC holders upgrading to their Bronze medallion, equally a sterling effort! A big thanks must go to Brad Kildey and Narelle Souter for being the primary trainers for these groups and to the support network of water safety, cooks and logisticians who all contribute to ensure these programs are able to be facilitated. Welcome on board to the 43 new award holders!!!

If you have any desire in gaining any new awards please contact the Lifesaving office for more information or to register your interest.

To any persons with SMBBM (Patrol Captain award) we need you! We currently have one team that does not have a PC allocated and would love to hear from anyone interested to take on this opportunity.

Please ensure you've registered for an upcoming Skills Maintenance session to ensure you are proficient for the upcoming season.

Looking forward to a great season ahead!

### RADIO OFFICER

Please welcome to the Lifesaving team as the newly appointed Radio Officer, Graham Davies, and his Deputy Chris Easey. Graham joined the Club in October 2014, earning his Radio Operator Certificate on 14 December of that year. We look forward to his contributions to the Board Of Lifesaving.

Thank you to Noel Furmage who has done a terrific job over the past 3 seasons. Noel has stepped down as the Radio Officer to help with the Gear Steward duties.



### SOCIAL POST HIGHLIGHTS

#### SKILLS MAINTENANCE

Have you registered your attendance for a skills maintenance day? This year, each day will be capped at 40 participants so get in early to secure your preferred day. Don't forget to complete your online theory before the day via <http://elearning.alag.com.au/>

#### NEED A SUB?

Post a shout out on the Lifesaving Facebook Page. Search. Maroochydore Volunteer Lifesavers





## SOCIAL POST HIGHLIGHTS

### SUNDAY LIFESAVING OFFICE HOURS

The Life Saving Office will be open on Nipper Sunday's from 7:45am - 11:30am. If you need togs, caps, gear, or anything membership, please try and come see me within those times.

*Be a leader in the provision of quality lifesaving services engaging our club members and inspiring others in the community.*

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### MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

To strengthen links between our Youth and Active Club two NEW Member Programs have been added to YEP. If you are keen to participate in any program please complete the registration form by clicking on the links below.

#### Lifesaving Competition Member Development Program

is designed to give members who compete in Lifesaving Competition an opportunity to expand their knowledge of surf lifesaving operations in remote and/or tropical locations. Read more about the Program [CLICK HERE](#)

To register your interest [CLICK HERE](#) to download the form.

#### Maroochydhore SLSC Cadet Mentor Program

In conjunction with the Board of Surf Sports and Board of Junior Activities. The Program is designed to develop a positive relationship between the Junior members and the Cadet Mentor, who provides support and a positive role model to the Junior member as they shift into a Cadet and Patrol Active status within the club.

The Cadet Mentor is a voluntary position. The Mentor strives to give the Junior member a supportive and enriching experience at weekly Junior Activity training sessions. Each Cadet Mentor is assigned to an age group (U6 to U14) and will offer guidance, support and encouragement to their group. Read more about the Program [CLICK HERE](#) and [CLICK HERE](#) to download the form.

### YEP BRIBIE ISLAND CAMP FORMS DUE

Recently cancelled due to carnival clash a new date for this event been set for the 24th February 2018.

If you are keen to participate please complete the registration form by clicking on the link below. Either submit the online form or find a copy available from the desk.

We ask that you pay the \$80 camp fee at the time of submitting the form. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the form.

### YOUTH EVENTS COMING UP...

Here are some key youth event dates to save in your calendar.

SAT 18 NOVEMBER 2017

**Aqua Fun Park**  
Day event time TBA

SAT 16 DECEMBER 2017

**LazerZone**  
Evening event time TBA

SAT 27 JANUARY 2018

**Australia BBQ and Games**  
midday to late afternoon

SAT 24 FEBRUARY 2018

**Proposed Brbie Island Lifesaving Camp**





## SOCIAL POST HIGHLIGHTS

### CADET TRAINING

Wonderful morning on the beach on the 25 September. Our Cadets were fortunate to have former World Champion and 2x Australian Ironwoman Champion Kerri Thomas take them for a session and pass on some of her wealth of experience.

We'll see more of Kerri through the season. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the photos.

We then had our Surf Girl Nikki Chapman and current Australian Lifesaving Team Captain Pam Hendry join us for our ins and outs swim session. Thanks Nikki and Pammi!

**Don't forget, club swim session every Sunday 9-10am!!**



*Surf Sports continue the proud Club tradition of supporting athletes to achieve excellences in all their surf sport endeavors*

## SURF SPORTS news and updates



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### COOLANGATTA GOLD

Maroochydore sent a small but successful team down to the Coolangatta Gold this year. The Open Girls team of Bri, Tiamee and Jenaya Massie in "Team Massie" won the long course event on Sunday in stunning fashion. While the U19 boys of Matt and Adam Palmer, Byron Turton and Ethan Irvine lead Saturdays short course race, from the start only to be piped in the last 70m of the race.

Hayden Cotter and Nikki Bamforth contested the short Course individual events putting in solid efforts and learning a lot about the race and themselves in the process. Both athletes will be back for another crack next season and know doubt be better form this years' experience.

### VOLUNTEERS AT EVENTS

We have been a successful club for a long period of time and one of the keys to this sustained success is group contribution. We need everyone "chipping in" if we are to remain a competitive force. Two areas need drastic improvement;

- Officials at Senior Carnivals
- Water Safety at Junior Activities Training

It's not good enough to stand there and watch the same people do all the work, we shouldn't have to ask for assistance all the time. If you see there is a need for a role to be filled, please go and help. The fact that this message is so repetitive is not good enough. We are all trying to provide an environment that is beneficial to our children and the community and to do this we need to be pro – active.

### COACH UPDATE

We have had our first carnival of the year with the State Endurance Titles held at Tweed Heads & Coolangatta SLSC.

The conditions were testing with strong onshore winds creating large "chops" and a strong side sweep. Maroochydore had solid results (see club website for details) across the board with wins in multiple age groups and all disciplines. The next event is the Coolangatta Gold held on the 7th & 8th of October. We will have teams racing both days and individuals on Saturday. If you have time come down and support the team.

The Nippers have just returned from the annual "Boot Camp" at Stradbroke Island. The group were put through multiple sessions each day; designed to take them out of there comfort zone. I'm very pleased to report that the group accepted the challenges laid before them. We do a lot of running on the camp, something most of our athletes are not used to but they all "dug deep" and completed the tasks set before them.

Each year we have the "Frenchman's beach stair challenge" this is some 200+ stairs and the challenge is to see how many times you can run to the top in 30 minutes. This year numerous athletes broke their "personal best's" and Jacob Bristow (U14) broke the overall record, going up and down 29 times! Awesome effort by all involved.

A big thankyou to Ben Healy and the team at "Finz" who again sponsored the Nippers Tee -shirts. This is the 6th year in a row Ben has looked after the camp shirts and they are always greatly appreciated by the athletes and support staff.

### MASTERS UPDATE

The Masters had a great weekend at Hervey Bay, we were made extremely welcome by the Hervey Bay SLSC, we were grateful for Peter Mullet Mitchell for the transporting of the equipment, and we also thank Stuart Travis for organising the trailer and the tents, also our officials Marg Allison, Jethro, and Dave, First Aid Officer Phil Lyons.

We ended up with 4th overall but watch out next year, our ladies were the Stars, com on fellas we have to pick our game up. Our competitors were well organised with the assembly of our area and packing up. Well Done.

### 2017 REUNION FOR PAST, PRESENT, SUPPORTERS & MEMBERS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 11:30am – 3:00pm  
Black Swan Room, Maroochy Surf Club  
\$25 per person / Finger food and cash bar  
RSVP Lifesaving Office 5443 1323  
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*Nippers is a fun way for kids and families to learn both lifesaving and surf sports activities*

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES news and updates



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There are quite a few reasons to celebrate Nippers this month.

A huge congratulations to all the 26 Nippers completing their SRC!!! This means Maroochydore will have an extra 26 new Patrolling members keeping the public safe on our beach.



To keep this dynamic group together over the years is primarily due to the magnificent job that Rob Boughton, Kristy Rychvalsky and Mick Casey have done as Age & Assistant Age Managers.

I had the privilege of being this group's Age Manager in the early years after Fiona passed them on to me (in the U6's). Over time I saw Rob, Kristy and Mick's inspiring enthusiasm and I handed them the baton and what a fantastic job they have done.

The whole club should be very proud of what they have done to grow our patrol ranks and help develop some superb young Australians in the activity we so dearly love.

Another congratulations goes out to all our Nippers who have achieved their proficiency. Our Chief Training Officer, Brad Kildey has again done an extra ordinary job to deliver the proficiency program and also deliver the SRC course to a large group of SRC's. Thank you so much Brad.

To all those who competed in tough and testing conditions at Tweed Heads and Coolangatta in the State Endurance Championships a huge well done. The wind, sweep and waves surely tested every competitor and they all certainly got a taste of rugged competition. It is too hard to single out individual awesome performances as there were way to many to mention.

We also had an action packed, Buggy Bootcamp where Buggy certainly delivered another energy zapping program. Every participant from U12 to U14's had a RED HOT GO and certainly tested their inner spirit. Thanks again to all those involved in creating wonderful memories for our Maroochydore Nippers.

Over the coming months we are rolling through the competition calendars where weekends get extremely busy. I urge all Nipper parents to get on our Social Media outlets and keep updated on what is going on with training and other Nipper matters.

We really do need extra help on the beach for carnivals where officials and water safety will be required otherwise our numbers will be restricted.

The management of water safety and officials for carnivals will be managed by each Age Manager. We need 1 water safety per 5 competitors and 1 official for every 8 competitors. The more we have the more we can switch throughout the day, so the more the merrier.

On a normal Nipper Sunday we will be moving to rotations which means we will need to get certain Age groups to take turns and help cook and serve in the Nipper kiosk.

We collectively need to help Helen and her team behind our snags and burgers as all proceeds goes to fund our program with much needed equipment.

See you on the beach !!

Kirk Jarrott



### SOCIAL POST HIGHLIGHTS

To keep up to date on what is happening with Nippers, make sure you are connected via Team App. Team App is free.

Also find us on Facebook "Maroochydore Nippers".



*On the twentieth anniversary year, the largest group ever sent from Maroochydore made the trip, Nikki Chapman, Jason Childs, Callum Stewart, Bruce Morris, Tara Patrick and Team Leader Oliver Hoelscher.*

## MAROOCHYDORE TEAM RETURNS HOME FROM SHIMODA



In August, six members from Maroochydore traveled to Japan to spend two weeks living, training and exploring with our sister club Shimoda. On the twentieth anniversary year, the largest group ever sent from Maroochydore made the trip, Nikki Chapman, Jason Childs, Callum Stewart, Bruce Morris, Tara Patrick and Team Leader Oliver Hoelscher.

At Shimoda, the Maroochydore team was made most welcome during their stay. On the first day the team was privileged to meet the Mayor and local media, who provided support of our on going program and the long term relationship.

Our team had the opportunity to help train the Shimoda lifesavers in all operational aspects, IRB, Board, Swim, Run and Ski skills. In addition, Maroochy members spent time helping the nippers gain the fundamentals to grow into future lifesavers. The Shimoda lifesavers were very passionate to fine tune their skills and very receptive towards new techniques. The Maroochy team also gained many invaluable insights and experiences with the Shimoda lifesavers, especially their team work, dedication, and commitment to the cause of lifesaving.



After morning training, the Shimoda Lifesavers spend full days patrolling in significant 35C or above heat, and perform multiple rescues a day as they oversee some beaches with up to ten thousand visitors. Many beachgoers are not strong swimmers and rely on pool floats for safety which are easily blown off shore with afternoon winds, and the Shimoda and Maroochy members were kept busy assisting with multiple rescues each day.



During some 'down time' the Maroochy members were taken to see some of the local sites and visit some of the significant cultural locations across Japan, visiting temples, traditional restaurants along with natural caves and monkey temple!



The whole team stayed on in Tokyo for a few extra days after the official program ended, and enjoyed being shown around the sights of Tokyo by their Shimoda friends.



Our team members Oliver, Nikki, Jason, Tara, Callum, and Bruce thank both Maroochydore and Shimoda Lifesaving Clubs for supporting this program, and all have great memories and new friends for a lifetime. We look forward to welcoming the Shimoda team to Maroochydore in December. The Shimoda team would love to meet as many Maroochydore members as possible, so pop in and say G'Day and join in the training, fun and experience !

Peter Dunn



### SOCIAL POST HIGHLIGHTS

#### SHIMODA HIGHLIGHTS

[Check out some of the photos](#) from our crew who have headed to our Sister Club Shimoda in Japan. They look like they had an absolute ball!! What beautiful beaches, food, and people!!!







## SOCIAL POST HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 28TH  
MAROOCHYDORE  
SUMMER SURF GIRL  
KARAOKE PARTY

MAROOCHY  
SURF CLUB  
MAIN FLOOR  
8PM TIL LATE

Funds raised will be  
donated to the 2018  
Summer Surf Girl &  
Maroochydoe SLSC

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or visit the Lifesaving  
Reception Desk to book  
your table

For more event details  
[CLICK HERE](#)

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## ANNUAL EVENT DATES

NOVEMBER  
Rebel Junior Carnival  
11 November 2017

DECEMBER  
Maroochy 10,000 Raffle  
Maroochy Surf Club / 17 December 2017

JANUARY  
Surf Girl Charity Golf Day  
Maroochy River Golf Club / 5 January 2018

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