



BETWEEN THE FLAGS

Maroubra SLSC Foundation Surf Life Saving Club



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MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

Finally we have had some great beach weather with huge crowds at Maroubra over the holidays and recent weekends. I'd like to congratulate all patrols, as they have put in huge efforts performing a large numbers of rescues. Surf conditions have dangerous to say the least, with the majority of beach goers not aware how easily it is to get into difficulty. Well done.

In addition, we have had more patrol inspections, with all scoring very high to full marks – again a credit to our Patrol Captains and members.

A special thank you to patrolling members who volunteered for Christmas Day morning and afternoon patrols. It was extremely busy and they showed the depth of commitment our members have as they made sure the public was safe at Maroubra on this special family day.

Cheers, Arthur

LIFESAVING ONLINE

Lifesaving Online is a self-service membership portal for members of clubs and support organisations in Surf Lifesaving. You can make online payments (e.g. fees), renew membership (forms are electronically signed), check and update your personal details, view awards and patrol hours and check your patrol roster from this site.

There are three steps to register. Go to www.lifesavingonline.com.au



CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

The annual Christmas Scramble was held again on Christmas Day. The event has been conducted continuously since 1945. A small, but growing band of traditionalists attended, including the Solomonson and Cugin clans.

MAROUBRA SLSC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME ANNOUNCED

Director of Management, Tony Grivell, has announced a major membership initiative in **The Maroubra SLSC Scholarship Scheme**. Briefly, active members may apply for a scholarship of \$5,000 over two years to assist them in tertiary study. The aim of the initiative is to provide a dedicated young member of the Maroubra SLSC with the opportunity to further develop their career and become a valuable contributor to the club and the community.

Candidates must meet the following mandatory criteria:

- aged 17 to 25 years
- achieved 100% patrol efficiency for the previous 2 years (1 year for Season 2011/2012)
- be a financial member of Maroubra SLSC
- commit to maintain their patrolling efficiency whilst receiving funding under the scholarship
- have no outstanding debts with Maroubra SLSC
- have not been before the disciplinary board in the previous two seasons
- must be accepted into a recognised Higher Education provider such as a University or continuing a course at a recognised Higher Education provider

The selection process will require candidates to:

- submit an application form confirming they meet the mandatory selection criteria
- submit a Curriculum Vitae
- show examples of where they have contributed to the success of the Maroubra SLSC in their chosen field
- sit before a selection board to discuss their candidacy
- provide a 3 minute presentation to a selection board on a nominated subject

Further information on the scheme will be circulated. For more information about the scheme, contact Tony Grivell on 0488 203 912.



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PATROL PARKING SPACES

Active patrol members may now pick up their parking permits from Kevin in the office. Members can no longer use last season's parking stickers. Please do not park in the area if you don't have a current authorised sticker. Written notes and patrol caps will not satisfy the ranger and fines are regularly issued. *The club will not reimburse members for fines.*

SURF LIFESAVING SYDNEY FACILITATED COURSES

Members wishing to gain skills and training are invited to enrol in the following courses:

Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management (SMBBM) Course (details below).

Course Purpose: The aim of this course is to provide participants with the skills, knowledge and experience to manage a beach in emergency and non-emergency situations.

Pre-requisites: Minimum of 17 years of age Bronze Medallion/Cert II (**not proficient is ok**)

But must be proficient in one of the following:

BM/Cert II, ROC, ARTC, Snr First Aid, Spinal

When: Monday 5th March 2012 Session 1

Wednesday 7th March 2012 Session 2

Time: 6:30-9.30pm (both nights)

Where: Clovelly SLSC (upstairs)

Facilitator: Gary Daly

Registrations Close: COB Friday 27/1/2012

Other courses planned:

Trainers Course: 20th, 22nd, 27th February 2012
6.30-9.30pm each night; venue to be confirmed.

Spinal Management Course: 24th March 2012,
9am; venue to be confirmed.

Gold Medallion Assessment: 14th April 2012,
10am at South Maroubra.

To register for these courses, please contact Chief Instructor, Gary Cheer on 0411 635 593.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are 5-6.30pm on Friday evenings and 11am-1pm on Sundays. Secretary Kevin Grant's mobile number is 0420 722 859. Our office phone number is 9349 1336 and the email address is maroubra@bigpond.net.au

Between The Flags COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Would you like to be involved in Maroubra SLSC's new initiative? We are putting together a team of people who can use their knowledge and experience to improve the general public's surf education and awareness.

The club receives many requests from schools, community groups and other organisations that would like a Maroubra lifesaver to talk about beach safety and lifesaving roles.

Most of these requests are mid-week and, unfortunately, we are unable to commit to such times due to work commitments of our members. The club would like to service the community and put together a team of members that may be able to help with these request.

If you work shift work or have flexible work hours or you are a student and able to help, please contact Tim Murray on 0411 129 426 for further information.

SURF ED FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

This award-winning program is now in its 4th year and going from strength to strength. If you would like to get involved with this great program and assist the children with the activities, it is on every 2nd Saturday from 10.00-11.30am.

There are great personal rewards in getting involved with such a program.

Dates and times are 28th January, 11th and 25th February and 10th March.

For more information please contact Tim Murray 0411 129 426.

COL and PETER COMMITTED TO THE SEA

The ashes of 50 year member Colin Condon and Life Member Peter Chapman were scattered at sea in ceremonies held at Maroubra during January.

They join many of their friends in the water they both loved.

VALE COLIN CONDON, REGINALD CLARKE and IAN (LOU) VERRENDER

Sadly we record the passing of the following 50 year Long Service members of our club: Colin Condon, Lou Verrender and Reginald Clarke have passed away since publishing the last newsletter.

Our sympathies go to their family and friends.