

IN BLACK AND WHITE

e-news from Broadbeach SLSC

16/11/11

Patrols ...On the Beat.....

Patrol group 7 enjoyed a busy but safe Sunday afternoon last weekend. With the start of schoolies and warm weather the beach was more crowded than we have seen it so far this season. With a small swell and clear water there was no shortage of swimmers all afternoon. Great to see **Tim** and **Shane** back on Patrol, and they did a fine job for much of the afternoon manning the southern flag and preventing swimmers from drifting outside the flags due to the consistent sweep.

Cheers, Peter Ffrench

Patrol 5 (Saturday pm) was punctuated with the sighting of some birds flocking on top of the water about 150mtrs from shore. IRB driver and crew decided to check it out, and discovered nothing untoward at first. To his credit, young **Jacob Wilson** as crew spotted fish at the surface and jumping, and when the IRB did a search of that area found **two huge rays** chasing fish. While this was not a threat to swimmers – it was still about 200 mtrs off shore, a radio call went in to Surfcomm when Jacob said “**that one wasn’t round!**”. The call was put in to request Peter Anderson (Surfers Paradise) who was on Waverunner 6 to help check out the situation, but it was discovered that there was a dolphin in the area at the time – **Steve Egorov** can testify to that! The dolphin came in quite close to the patrolled area but caused no fuss and quietly moved on.

Ashly put the young ones through a test of their signals and the result was very pleasing. **Bonnie** set up a scenario and had **Alyce** pretend to be signalling for help from about 75mtrs off shore and OUTSIDE the flags. Let’s be honest.....the members who did not know it was a scenario were not quite as quick as they should have been in seeing a potential serious situation. *Vigilance pays dividends*. It was reinforced that Patrol members are there to PATROL – to keep their eyes on the water!

Patrol 4 on Saturday morning had to help a member of the public who was dumped in the shore break. It seems he has broken a collarbone and was very well cared for by the Broadie patrol members and is well on the way to recovery already.

We need to catch up on the patrol hours that have been contributed over the last two weekends:

Four patrols each weekend for over the **last two** weekends have contributed nearly **400 hours !!!** This is calculated by the actual hours signed on by the patrol members on the beach. i.e. if a patrol has 10 members on patrol and they patrol from 12:30pm to 5 pm that’s 10 x 4.5 hours.....45 hours. It might seem unimportant at first, but if our members weren’t there on the beach, and supporting each other, it would be a different scenario. Congratulations and thank you to those who are contributing their time to keep the public safe

Training & Educationand a little Surf Sports Competition News

A Big Thanks to **Josh Campton** and **Pete Walker** for sorting the boards and having repairs done to make sure we have sufficient equipment for training and competition. The boards are now locked when not in use, and if you would like to use a board for training or practice outside of training sessions, please use the yellow rescue boards.

EXECUTIVE CUP

For those who are unfamiliar....the **Executive Cup** is run each year over a series of 5 races culminating in the final which will be competed on the **Club Championships** day.

This year the dates for the Exec Cup are:

Round 1	Dec 11	8am
Round 2	Dec 18	8am
Round 3	Jan 22	8am
Round 4	Mar 11	8am
Round 5	Apr 29	8am

That means....you guessed it..... **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** are being held on **April 29** 2012. Anyone can enter the Club Championships and it will be a great day of fun, competition and friendship.

The Branch Director of Lifesaving, Marg Watson, has requested Expressions of Interest in a FINAL RTO Induction and TAF proficiency for early December, maybe as early as the middle of next week.

Names need to be forwarded to Branch ASAP of members still requiring one or both of the above.

From Boppa (aka Kevin Brown) our CTO (that's *Chief Training Officer*, not what you were thinking)

Bronze Medallion

Eight members currently in training.

IRB Drivers and IRB Crew (used to affectionately be called the shipping department)

One trainer, three Drivers and seventeen crewies were put thru their paces last Saturday and all were successful in gaining their awards. Good job **Chantel, Nathan** and **Jason**.

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) Upgrade

Coming on Sunday 11th December 2011. Unfortunately the course is restricted to only those who are current in both ARC and Defib awards. All other prospective candidates will need to do a complete new Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate in the New Year.

ATV Operator, Tractor Induction and 4WD Induction

This is still on the drawing board and I will advise further in due course.

Operational First Aid

Six members completed their 3 year renewal and eight newbies gained the OFA award.

Any Education or Training queries please contact **Kevin Brown 0408085403** or **Lee in the office**.

Juniors

Thanks to everyone who made the Coochi-Broadie Nipper day a success. We had about 50 members of Coochiemudlo Island visit and join in the activities and patrol with us. There was also about 20 parents who visited and were made welcome by our members. They all enjoyed themselves and are keen to return next year.

The LAST day of Nippers before the Christmas break will be **December 11. Santa** will be there, and so will **Joe Vickery** – our very own Titan. So come down and share the fun and activities with the Juniors and with Joe and make him (and Santa) welcome.

*Did you know that **Joe Vickery** has done his Bronze medallion????* Come down and ask him about it.

There will be a sausage sizzle and some fun activities happening.
The Nippers will commence activities again on January 22 next year.

Ashly is still needing to fill a couple of spots for House to House collection this weekend – please book in your times with Ashly (see below).

Contact **Ashly Wilson 0412782362.**

Fundraising and Other things:::::

There's only one word....**COLLECTIONS COLLECTIONS COLLECTIONS**

It's that time of the year! Please do your bit and contribute just a little time.

Contacts:

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See you on the Beach!

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