



Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Newsletter

January 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mudjimba SLSC's 2021-2022 Season continues to demonstrate strength through adversity.

The 2021/2022 patrolling season has certainly presented us with a range of challenges ranging from a world-wide pandemic, tropical cyclones, tsunami alerts, hazardous surf conditions, La Nina Effect (above average rainfall), unseasonal bluebottles, enormous holiday crowds, rescuing a boat from running aground on the Island, several rescues including an early intervention resuscitation, kite board rescues and hundreds of preventative actions, provision of additional Duty Officers and supporting substitute patrols across the region all whilst maintaining our own patrol strength and delivering the majority of our Nipper Program, concluding our proficiency testing and running additional training for Bronze Medallion, SRC, IRB and First Aid, hosting our Paralympic champion Blake Cochrane, hosting our first Christmas Carols for Clubbies and still raising funds to support our key priority of high quality operational equipment for our club and members.

It is exhausting (and exhilarating) just to list some of the achievements and impacts on our club over the past two months, but certainly goes to demonstrate why we should be incredibly proud of the work we are doing each and every day to provide a safe, family-friendly and community connected environment for our members and the community. I would like to acknowledge the enormous number of people who have volunteered for a host of additional patrol hours during the past two months as we navigate the constantly changing regulations from QLD Health, Qld Government and SLSQ, the impact of home quarantine/isolation and especially those who volunteered to patrol on Christmas Day. The fact we have maintained our universal goal of zero preventable deaths on our beach, kept our community safe and had a heap of good fun along the way, is testament to the unbelievable culture we have within our club to "make it happen".

The operational management of our club has been outstanding, and I have received very direct feedback from a number of sources about the quality of patrolling occurring on our beach and I would like to acknowledge our Director of Life Saving - Guy Tanner, our Patrol Captains and Vice Captains and each and every patrol member for your work to ensure we maintain very high standards.



New Operational Equipment for our beach -congratulations Phill



Supporting other clubs with operational patrolling



Christmas Carols for Clubbies



The legend, Paralympian Blake Cochrane talking to our Nippers and families



A huge thank you to Energex for their financial support of our Future Leaders Program!!!!

The 2022-2025 Strategic Plan (incorporating the 2022-2023 Annual Operational Plan)

The MSLSC Executive have continued to refine the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan (incorporating our 2022/2023 Annual Operational Plan) to be presented at the 2022/2023 Season AGM. This document charts the long-term and medium-term goals for our club and aims to ensure our club remains a high performing, sustainable volunteer organisation.

Whilst we have previously sought input into the future Strategic Plan, please don't hesitate to discuss your thoughts with any member of your executive so your voice can be heard or email me directly to include your input into future strategic planning discussions.

Future Leadership of MSLSC

As we enter the second half of the season, it has become an urgent priority for us as a club to outline our serious concerns about our leadership succession planning for the next season. We have 4 senior executive who have indicated they will be retiring from their roles at the conclusion of the season and two additional executive who are keen to retire when suitable applicants step forward and are prepared for the transition into these roles.

As a club we have advertised our desire to provide a full year induction into future roles for next season, we have held individual discussions with prospective club leaders, we will hold informal gatherings to encourage and support future leaders and we have discussed at every Board Meeting strategies to ensure our club's sustainability. Now is the time to put your hand up whilst we have a very experienced executive team who are all committed to ensuring a successful transition to any future leader who is ready to do "their bit" next year for our club.

As a matter of urgency we will be looking for a new Club Captain, Chief Training Officer, Secretary and Club Deputy-President for next season. All these current Directors have provided decades of service to our club already and will remain highly active members and have committed to support any new executive. So now is the time to have discussions with our executive, now is the time to be transitioning and learning the role and now is the time to be

preparing to present yourself to our membership at the AGM as a great nominee for these positions in the ensuing season.

Our future sustainability relies on these positions being filled and our goal is to support our members to take on these roles and to assist you to take our club into the future with strength, confidence and a strong strategic position. I am happy to talk with you at any time to clarify any questions or hesitations you may have!!!!

2021/2022 Season Club Championships (pending COVID-19 Regulations)

The club has proposed the following date for our club championships with an alternative date if required. The Club Championships will be conducted on **Saturday 5th of February 2022**. The alternative date (if required) is **Saturday 12th of February 2022**.

2021/2022 Season Awards Presentation and Annual Dinner (pending COVID-19 Regulations)

It is proposed that we hold an Awards Presentation Afternoon (as per last two years) utilising the MSLSC and adjacent park. The club will host a BBQ in conjunction with the event. It is proposed that we hold our Annual Dinner on the same evening following the Awards Presentation afternoon and that the event be host at MSLSC.

The date for this is proposed as **28 May 2022**. More detail will be provided but we are super keen to have an organising group to assist in the event organisation. If you are willing to help out this year, please contact Darrin or Fay ASAP.

Lion's Club BBQ

We continue to benefit socially and financially from the partnership with Maroochy North Shore Lions Club with the monthly hosting of their BBQ to fundraise for our club. These events are bringing in around \$600 /month and are projected to deliver an additional \$6000 annually to our club.

Nipper Program Resumption Update

Following the MSLSC Board of Directors Meeting on Monday night we wish to endorse our Junior Activities Committee's decision to pause our Nipper Program until the 6th of February 2022. This decision will be reviewed on 30th January 2022. The Board considered our club's absolute desire to continue to offer our 2022 Nipper Program alongside: daily changes to COVID-19 circumstances; the prospect of an impending COVID-19 diagnosis spike; Government youth (school aged children) directives; current quarantine challenges affecting weekend patrol and subsequently Nipper water safety volunteer availability (home quarantining has seen weekend MSLSC patrol strength depleted and MSLSC is also supporting other Sunshine Coast clubs with additional members allowing them to open beaches) and decisions of other local Surf Clubs regarding postponing their Nipper Programs.

After weighing up these factors and being cognisant of the impact on our enthusiastic Nippers and their families of postponing our program, our reservations around sufficient water safety volunteers being available to safely deliver a quality Nipper Program has led to us making the difficult decision to postpone the recommencement of Nippers. Please understand that this is a difficult decision to make knowing the impact this will have on our members and therefore our club. We will continue to assess the circumstances affecting the health and well-being of our members and our highest priorities will be to maintain operational patrol strength on our beach and to complete our 2021/2022 Nipper Program.

Regards Darrin Edwards
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DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING REPORT

- Members, please keep a look out for upcoming IRB Crew and Bronze courses. Talk to your friends about joining up to a SRC or Bronze course.
- Really good effort by all patrols over the Christmas and New Year period with not the best weather and extended patrols. As of the time of writing this report, we have had to contend with large surf, COVID, floods and even a Tsunami warning.
- Mudjimba Patrolling members are also supporting Rainbow SLSC club as they struggle to put members on patrol with the current COVID outbreak.

Guy Tanner

Director of Life Saving – Mudjimba SLSC

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING REPORT

IRB Crew Course at Mudjimba SLSC

3rd February – Thursday from 6pm to 8pm

5th February – Saturday from 7am to 2pm – Training

6th February – Sunday from 7am to 2pm – Training

12th February – Saturday from 7am to 2pm – Training and Exam

New Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate format at Mudjimba SLSC

25th January – Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm – Information Evening

Note: Surf Rescue Certificate timetable will be shorter

5th February – Saturday from 7am to 2pm – Training

6th February – Sunday from 7am to 2pm – Training

12th February – Saturday from 7am to 3pm – Training and First Aid from 11.30am to 3pm

13th February – Sunday from 7am to 3pm – Training and First Aid from 11.30am to 3pm

19th February – Saturday from 7am to 2pm – Training

20th February – Sunday from 7am to 12pm – Assessment

Please note: Courses have been put forward for planning knowing that there are ever changing COVID-19 restrictions.

Peter Harvey

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Please read [SLSQ Circular 21.01.2022](#) for full details on SLSQ Requirements for Reporting Vaccination Status. Please respect that this SLSQ Requirement will have significant impact on individuals and our club. Please seek whatever support you need to allow us to retain each and every member of our mighty club.

Message from SLSQ – Submit Your Vaccination Status

Reminder that all members of Surf Life Saving Queensland that are 16 years of age and over are required to be fully vaccinated with their status recorded by 31 March 2022.

Members can now submit their vaccination status to their club with only a few simple steps.

There are two options to submit your evidence of Covid Vaccination.

OPTION 1: Send it directly to your club

Submit your vaccination certificate direct to your club (via email admin@mudjimbasurf.com.au or in person)

OPTION 2: Submit the vaccine status form online

1. Go to the [vaccination status form](#)
2. Enter your name and date of birth
3. Select your club, enter your email address, and phone number
4. Select your vaccination status and details
5. Attach evidence of your vaccination (Certificates that are uploaded to the portal will be purged in line with privacy requirements)

Submit and you will receive a confirmation email and you are ready to go.

Watch the [VIDEO](#) for a step-by-step example. For more information refer to the circular sent in todays member email (emailed to all members).

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