



Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Newsletter

MARCH 2022

PRESIDENTS REPORT

SLSQ Review of Mandatory Vaccination Requirements

Great news!!!!!!

I attended a recent online meeting with SLSQ Board of Directors following on from our, and other clubs', request for a review of the current SLSQ Position Statement on Mandatory Vaccinations.

The State-wide Meeting of Club Presidents were advised that the initial SLSQ Board decision regarding Mandatory Vaccinations and subsequent Circular have been withdrawn from implementation.

This will mean there will be no mandatory vaccination requirement for SLSQ members to participate in surf lifesaving activities or events. The position reached, mirrors the Position Statement we presented to the SLSQ Board for consideration. Whilst the new Circular sent directly to members will emphasise the 'PREFERENCE' for members to be vaccinated, this will no longer be a requirement. We will still need to observe healthy hygiene behaviours as was always a priority for our work.

Thank you for your continued respectful advocacy for our members and your willingness to take a position in support of our membership.

Patrolling in 2021/2022 Season has presented many, many challenges

A huge thank you to the men and women of Mudjimba SLSC for the ongoing support for our community in a season that has again presented many, many challenges. I appreciate the ongoing commitment to keep our beach and community safe during extreme and challenging conditions that have affected members of our club directly with impacts on their homes, businesses, friends and family.

We have maintained patrols, we have supported disaster management in Gympie and Brisbane, we have reworked Nipper Programs almost every week to provide opportunities even in very challenging times.

I wish to express my gratitude to our members who were called up to assist with flood rescue work in Brisbane. Your efforts saved lives and provided care and support for communities in despair. I am immensely proud of your work and our service organisation.





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 aim to ensure our club remains a high performing, sustainable volunteer organisation.

2021-2022 Season Awards Presentation and Annual Dinner

This year's Awards Presentation afternoon utilising the MSLSC and adjacent park have been booked for 28th May 2022. The club will host a BBQ in conjunction with the event.

This year's Annual Dinner will be held following the Awards Presentation afternoon and the event will be hosted at MSLSC.

We are requiring another 3 people to assist with planning and preparation for these events. Please contact Darrin, Fay, Maree or Tanya if you can assist with the event preparations.

Education and Training

'Peter Harvey has advised the Board of Directors of Mudjimba SLSC that he will be standing down from all Surf Life Saving duties effective immediately. Peter's contributions to our club are enormous but he has 100% support from the Board, and I am confident of 100% of our membership, for this decision. All training and education priorities are to be directed to either Guy Tanner or myself and we ask you to respect Peter's need to disconnect from club activities and duties for the time being. We wish Peter well to return to good health and surf lifesaving.'

Opportunity to step-up to Patrol Captain in the coming seasons!!!

Upcoming Silver Medallion Beach Management Courses (SMBM)

COURSE 1:

Sunday 10th April 2022
Sunshine Coast Branch Office

COURSE 2:

Sunday 17th April 2022
Sunshine Beach SLSC

If you are interested in participating or needing more information, please contact Guy Tanner, clubcaptain@mudjimbasurf.com.au or 0419 707 169

Maroochy North Shore Lions 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 per month and are projected to deliver an additional \$6000 annually to our club.

Some of the Best Equipment on any Beach!

We received our newest piece of surf lifesaving equipment with the arrival of our new motor. It is with much pride we can present a new IRB and Motor during this season. A huge thank you to our Grants Officer – Tim Young and to our new sponsor Energex for their donations and funding for these resources.



Nipper Season

I did want to express my appreciation to all our Nipper families for sticking with us during what has been a very challenging season. I want to express my appreciation to Scott Cossar and our whole Junior Activities Team for being as agile as possible to continue to deliver our Nipper Program even when mother nature was trying its best to slow us down.

I was delighted to hear of the numbers who attended our re-located Nipper (swim) day at Cotton Tree Aquatic Centre and our Nipper AGM and Presentation morning when again the conditions were making delivering our programs difficult. Thank you for responding to our last-minute changes to planning and by all reports the days were great, fun and successful days.

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to our parent community and my appreciation of the dedication of our Nippers to learning life-saving skills especially when it was not always easy. I would also like to acknowledge and thank each and every Age Manager and Water Safety member for signing up and therefore allowing us to run our Nipper Program for your kids. I would like to acknowledge our magnificent catering team (Matt and Loretta and all their helpers) for ensuring our Nipper BBQ certainly went to the next level and filled the stomach after a gruelling day in the surf.

The key aspect of this communication to you is to express on behalf of our parent community and the club our appreciation to our Junior Activities Committee. Nippers at every club runs only when you have an executive willing to make things work. A huge thank you to our JAC Executive and special thank you to our Junior Activities Director – Scott Cossar!!!!

Scott has indicated that he will not be standing for re-election as our JAC Director and the Club is indebted to Scott who came back to a leadership role in our Nipper Program even though he no longer had any children in the program. Scott brought a love for lifesaving, a passion for kids and an infectious enthusiasm to our Nipper Program and the Mudjimba Board of Directors. On behalf of the kids, parents, club and community, we would like to say thank you.

The challenge for our club is for new families to step up into the next season's leadership roles. As I stated earlier, we MUST have a JAC Executive to deliver a Nipper Program and I can guarantee, you will be well supported to transition

into these incredibly important roles. It will be imperative that we have a Director of Junior Activities for the upcoming season and I would invite any member who is willing to support the club in this role next season, to discuss your interest with myself, our Club Captain – Guy Tanner or your out-going JAC Director – Scott Cossar.

I apologise again for my absence from this year’s Junior Activities AGM, but look forward to continuing the Nipper Program in the 2022-2023 Season.

From our Director of Junior Activities – Scott Cossar

‘THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH for all your hard work and effort in making the best of the worst weather we have had to endure in our beautiful paradise coastal world at Mudjimba, the beach we all gravitate to and embrace our pristine coast with little colourful people on a Sunday morning. Well that’s it until another season comes right around the bend before we know it. Signing off for the last time groovers, wish you all a well deserved break, happy holidays over Easter. Please stay safe and see you on the sand.

Yours in lifesaving, Scottie Cossar 🤓👍



Club Captain Report

Mooloolaba Mile 27th March 2022

We had 3 IRB’s and Crew plus 18 rescue board paddlers providing Water Safety at this year’s Mooloolaba Mile – thank you to all that attended the event representing Mudjimba SLSC. The Club will receive payment for this Water Safety commitment.

Youth Development Officer Report



Upcoming Youth Activities

6pm, 29th March 2022 – Youth Meeting at the Clubhouse

7am, 2nd April 2022 – Snorkel to Mudjimba Island

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