



# Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Newsletter

October 2021

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Mudjimba SLSC's 2021-2022 Season off to a flying start

### Nipper Season starts this Sunday!!!!

We have had a great response to our sign-on days for this year's Nipper Program and we are excited to start the season on Sunday 10/10/2021. This is a call out to all members to come along and assist with our Nipper's first day. We would love to have a huge number of water-safety available to help build our new Nippers' confidence. If you have an orange water-safety shirt please come along and support our future bronze medallion holders. If you need a water-safety wetshirt we will be offering a free wet shirt to those members who undertake 10 water-safety sessions (or more) this season. Regardless of your water-safety experience, please come along on Sunday and be part of developing our club's future.

The 2021/2022 patrolling season got off to a flying start on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September with nice yet challenging conditions. The importance of our service to the community was never more evident than when our patrolling team combined with our IRB training team to execute a successful rescue on our first day of patrol. This is why we spend all year training our membership and preparing our equipment so that we can maintain our goal of "Zero Preventable Deaths in our Patrol Area". Congratulations and thank you to all those directly involved but I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of your Board of Directors who have worked through the non-patrolling season to ensure MSLSC is well positioned to perform our surf life-saving services to our community right from the very start of patrolling. Following two outstanding Nipper Sign-on Days we are looking forward to another bumper Nipper Season.



## Proficiencies are underway

Thank you to our Education and Training Team who have started our proficiencies. Our last Skills Maintenance was on 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 8.00 am. See the dates in our Director of Education and Training Report for up-coming dates for your proficiency. The online component has certainly been made much less complex than in previous years but if you would like some assistance with technology or with accessing the mandatory online component, then please contact us and we will provide the support you require.

## SRC CAMP

A huge congratulations to our newest SRC/Bronze Medallion Camp participants who were involved in our SRC Camp on the last week of the school holidays. Whilst the weather and surf conditions may not have been what was ordered, the enthusiasm and skill development of some of our future club leaders was fantastic to see. Thank you to a huge band of senior and youth members who volunteered their time during the school holidays to lead the camp activities, training and recreational activities.



## SECURITY



Whilst it is this Board's intention to make our clubhouse a welcoming place for all members and the community, a recent security audit has identified a few areas for the club to investigate to ensure clubhouse security and member security is maintained. One significant area of concern is the regular changing of the security access codes to doors and security systems. This is just an advanced notification that these codes will be required to be changed regularly. If you require clubhouse access to perform your role you will be advised of these changes prior to these changes being implemented, equally there will be deliberate attention to ensuring these password/code holders are registered (so we know who to contact for any future changes) and that these codes remain confidential. Whilst all Directors, Officers, Patrol Captains, Vice-Captains and Life Guards will be provided with any changes, contact our Administration if you wish to request addition to our security register.

## IRB/ Bronze/SRC training

We should be immensely proud of the training our little club is planning to deliver this season. We have begun our training and will continue to provide opportunities for our members, new and old, to build new skills and achieve new qualifications all through our season.



## Energex come on board as 2021-2022 Sponsors

It is with great pleasure I can advise you that we have had another successful Grant Application received. On Friday we were advised by Energex that we have been successful in gaining a \$5000 grant to support our Future Leaders Youth Development Program. These funds will be utilised to compliment the training our Youth Leaders are undertaking to be our club's future leaders. The funds were very timely with the recent loss of one operational IRB Motor to support our IRB Training Programs, these funds will ensure the continuing skill development of our youth whilst also ensuring our Operational Equipment remains in top condition for all member training and patrolling.

## Calling out to all members, YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!!!!!

### **Succession Planning for 2022-2023 Season**

We are very keen to put in place arrangements now, for people to feel comfortable to transition into future leadership roles in our club. With a significant number of experienced members (yes, most could also be called old) in our current Executive, it is our plan to identify people within the club who are willing to spend the year work-shadowing current members of our Executive with the goal of modelling the joy and pride, along with the requirements, of leading our club. The future of all club requires a planned transition and for each member to take responsibility for the club when it is needed. As an Executive, we would love to hear from members who might be keen to do some work-shadowing of our current roles and we will ensure interested members are engaged with the running of the club at all levels so that anyone who chooses to step into future leadership roles has a very clear understanding and confidence to perform the role.

So, please don't think this article applies to someone else – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!!!!!

**Current Leadership Opportunity:** SLSQ requires a new position- Member Protection Information Officer to be imbedded within all clubs to support the roll out of improved child and member protection policies. The role is simply a point of contact for members as to what to do if they have a concern within their club. There is no responsibility for this Officer to investigate or counsel members, as these roles already exist with the club, but to be a person all our club members are aware can direct them as to who to see if they have any concern. The candidate will be an approachable, friendly person who can communicate effectively with members across all age groups and has an awareness of club procedures/people available to address the members concerns.

If you are willing to take on this role or if you are ready to do some work-shadowing, please contact me on [president@mubjimbasurf.com.au](mailto:president@mubjimbasurf.com.au) or speak with any of your Executive so that we have a plan in place now and for 2022-2023.

**Darrin Edwards - [president@mudjimbasurf.com.au](mailto:president@mudjimbasurf.com.au)**

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## DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING

First two weeks of patrols completed including school holiday. Thanks to all for your efforts, some fairly busy beach conditions

If you are interested in becoming a trainer or a Patrol Captain, please make yourself know to CTO Peter Harvey

Mudjimba SLSC will be looking for a replacement Chief Training Officer (CTO) and a Club Captain for next season as both Peter Harvey and myself need a break/retirement. If you have interest, please contact ourselves or other members of the committee. The CTO position is critical to the growth of the club. Training and guidance are available for both positions. Without these positions filled the club would find it very hard to continue next season. Please do not leave your decision until the end of the season.

*Guy Tanner - [clubcaptain@mudjimbasurf.com.au](mailto:clubcaptain@mudjimbasurf.com.au)*

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## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Our Second Skills Maintenance was completed Last week 28 members Completed including 3 age Managers. One Coolum member and One Mooloolaba Member. Thanks again to the members for upskilling and the Trainers and Assessors for their help.
- Next Skills Maintenance Saturday 13th of November 8.00am to 12.00 noon and the Last Skills Maintenance session on the Sunday 12th of December 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm
- Our under 14 SRC group of 10 and 3 Bronzees completed on Friday 1st of October.
- Great work by Guy and those amazing club members that gave up their time for the course.
- Karyn progressing through with a Bronze and SRC Group. They are Nipper Parents. Water Safety for our Nips.
- New Bronze course group starts this Saturday for their first beach session
- Irb Drivers course to progressing
- First Aid evening course starting on the 5th and concluding on the 12th of October
- Age Managers still need to be Qualified. New Evening Dates for them to be the 13th and 20th of October.
- Procession planning for Members to take over the CTO position for 2022-23 session. I would love any interested parties to be mentored now for next session.
- Branch Education meeting on Wed the 6th of Oct.
- Will be trained to deliver the NAA award for Nipper parents of Age Groups 6s,7s and 8s for inshore knee deep WS only

*Peter Harvey – [training@mudjimbasurf.com.au](mailto:training@mudjimbasurf.com.au)*

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## DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Less than one week to go before the first day of Nippers commence, we have 95% of age managers having completed their skills maintenance and online courses. Just a few things to check before we are all systems go.

We will be up skilling our Age Managers with skills maintenance and introducing a brand-new role to parents in the U6 to U8's called NAA (Nipper Adult Assistant) which provides an opportunity for individuals to take on a beach and aquatic supervision role without completing a fitness orientated award (SRC or Bronze). NAA's are qualified to provide water supervision and 'shallow water' activities (such as wading) at a depth deemed appropriate for the U6-U8 age groups. They will be equipped with GREEN rashies similar to our existing ORANGE water safety. Branch still

need to fill us in on some qualifying measures that will make this new and exciting role for parents become such an advantage for the program and benefit all involved.

We will off course be guided by the Covid restrictions "Field of Play" requirements set by SLSQ or otherwise guided by government legislation. Hopefully these measures will not hindrance our nipper program too much.

*Scott Cossar – nippers@mudjimbasurf.com.au*

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Well done to our newest SRC and Bronze Medallion holders and a big thank you to Guy Tanner, Rob and Sally O'Neal, Scott Cossar, Kaitlyn Akers and all the other Trainers and Water Safety that assisted throughout the week.

We have an exciting season lined up of Youth activities and events. Keep an eye out for regular updates.

**YOUTH EVENTS FUNDRAISING**

**SEPTEMBER 2021**  
27-1 SRC Camp  
18 Patrol Season Begins  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

**OCTOBER 2021**  
7 Youth Meeting at the club 6pm  
9-17 SOS Week (Online Fundraising)  
10 First Day of Nippers  
30 Halloween Party – at the club  
31 Noosa Triathlon (Water Safety/Fundraiser)  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

**NOVEMBER 2021**  
19-21 Leadership Camp - PULSE  
Advanced Lifesaving Program 18+  
20 Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser  
27 PM Activity TBC  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

**DECEMBER 2021**  
17 Youth Meeting & Movie Night – at the club  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

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**JANUARY 2022**  
19-21 Leadership Camp Currumbundi - Camp Commando 13-15 years  
29 Youth Bike Ride  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

**FEBRUARY 2022**  
18 Trivia Night – at the club  
24 Youth Meeting (inc. planning for camping trip)  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

**MARCH 2022**  
4-6 MSLSC Youth Camping Trip  
21 Youth Meeting  
27 Mooloolaba Swim Festival (Water Safety/Fundraiser)  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

**APRIL 2022**  
2 Snorkel at Mudjimba Island  
30 End of Season Fancy Dress Party (theme TBC)  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

**MAY 2022**  
13 Ten Pin Bowling  
MY PATROL / NIPPER WATERSAFETY DATES

MUDJIMBA YOUTH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

\*\* Program dates are subject to change based on government restrictions. \*\*Social activities are recommended for ages 13yrs - 17yrs \*\*Not ALL Social activities are SLSQ endorsed, therefore not ALL covered by insurance

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