



# Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Newsletter

December 2020

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Heading into Christmas with plenty to celebrate

It is hard to believe that we are moving into the last month of 2020 already and even more remarkable is the sheer amount that our tiny club has achieved already this season. In spite of the challenges of a global pandemic and a national recession, Mudjimba SLSC has continued to establish itself as a "can do" club where we have maintained an excellent active membership, recruited to capacity our Nippers for 2020/2021 and continued a building program which will see us moving into our new and upgraded facilities across this month.

The cornerstone of these achievements has simply been the extraordinary commitment of so many club members and so many of our local community members to our club. We have been humble recipients of a tremendous number of financial donations and grants and the sheer number of hours our volunteer members have given to our club either Patrolling on the beach or with special project work is breath-taking. But it is because of these very contributions that our club finds itself in a very solid position financially with our operational equipment very well maintained and the physical expansion of our club's facilities occurring. I would like to publicly acknowledge this commitment to our club and encourage every member to take pride in the work they do for surf lifesaving but especially for the Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club.

Whilst we are confident we are in a solid position, we are also acutely aware that we have some more challenges ahead, particularly as some of our larger and more expensive pieces of equipment are reaching that point where we need to plan for their replacement. Your club executive have been budgeting and prioritising our spending to ensure that we are able to manage these financial challenges as they arise this year and into 2021.

### Thank you to our Training Team

I would like to thank our training team who have been working through the entire season to conduct proficiencies, deliver First Aid, ART and IRB Training and to run Bronze Medallion Courses for SRC and new members. Firstly I would like to acknowledge the extra hours of volunteering this team have provided (additional to their Patrol hours) to make this happen but to also share the enormous amount of positive feedback I have received personally about the quality of the training and the professional and effective manner in which it has been delivered. Thank you again to Peter,



Karyn, Guy and KT (and a mention also to our Club Vice-Captain Ollie Earl who initiated a Youth supporting Senior Members strategy assisting with technology support for the online components of our Skills Maintenance).



### **Club Officers' Wish List and Building Project Wish List**

Management Committee Members received a request from me to prioritise the growing list of items we have on our two Club "Wish Lists". The directions were to prioritise all Health and Safety requirements and then to look at how to best distribute \$25 000 of accumulated funds towards funding the highest priority items on our lists. These prioritised lists also give clear direction and guidance to our amazing Grants Officer-Kamen.

### **Proposal to Council to improve the signage and vehicle storage and parking between our clubhouse and Power Park**

Management Committee considered a draft proposal to put to Sunshine Coast Regional Council to address signage and vehicle storage and parking around our club. The Executive are keen to improve the safety and the aesthetics of the area between our club and the beach and the edge of Power Park. We will be attending to the removal of some superfluous equipment but are hoping to partner with the Sunshine Coast Council to further improve this area surrounding our club. It is timely to remind all members that no cars, other than the Lifeguard's Council Permitted Vehicle, are to be parked in the area east of the clubhouse. Obviously there is always capacity for deliveries and pick-up of equipment and materials from the concrete apron in front of our clubhouse but no vehicle should be left parked in these areas.



### **Proposals for Christmas Party, Presentation Afternoon and Awards Formal Evening**

With our Clubhouse extensions looking like they will become available for our use this month, the Executive are considering the following proposals to utilise our own club and facilities for our major functions and ceremonies. These proposals also reflect some of the positive experiences from conducting ceremonies differently this year during our COVID-19 safety requirements. It is proposed that we conduct our Christmas Party as usual in our own Clubhouse but utilise this as an opportunity to also celebrate the completion (or near completion) of our Clubhouse extensions. The proposal is to continue to hold our Awards Presentation Ceremonies as afternoon events, in the park area in front of our club and have it so there are no costs involved for people to attend with family and friends. The idea will be to continue with the "Picnic in the Park" concept successfully used early this year. The final aspect of this proposal is to then host a Formal Dinner on the evening following the Awards Afternoon in our own Clubhouse and in the Park. This will be a catered function, with some associated individual costs, and will be an opportunity to dress-up and celebrate our Award winners and the 2020/2021 Season. The Executive are seeking feedback in the coming week to assist with decision making.

# ***DATE CLAIMER: We are proposing to host our Christmas Party on 20<sup>th</sup> December from 4.00 pm as a Picnic in the Park. More details to come soon.***

## **Building Extension Update**

You will notice that the clubhouse extensions continue to draw closer and closer to conclusion. Our amazing builder, Latitude Construction, has been pushing ahead and has given me a Practical Completion Date of 20 December 2020 (but this is pending a few external factors working in our favour). The internal flooring to the extension has been completed and the internal spaces are looking fantastic; Rohan from Noonan Painters is repainting the existing clubhouse and if you have a few spare hours he would appreciate some volunteer help during this week. The paint has been donated to the club by Rockcote and Rohan is donating his time to paint the existing parts of our club. I continue to feel humbled by our community's generosity.

Stainless Steel benching, and electric Cooktop and a Range Hood have been ordered for the new Kiosk and should be installed just before Christmas.



## **Surf Women of the Year**

Congratulations to Brittani and her team of helpers who have made a tremendous start to fundraising for our club. Not only have we received very generous donations from the Lions Club of Coolum and individual donors but Brittani's team had a very successful Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings last week. All funds raised will be returned to our club to support Operational Budgets in our club. Keep an eye out for future opportunities to support Mudjimba's very own Women of Surf!!!!

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## **Club Captain Report**

The general condition of the club and our equipment continues to improve with a committed effort to source funds to update our equipment and also the due care and attention that all members are giving to the club's equipment. Particular recognition is given to our members who are continuing to invest their time in the maintenance of the club equipment and subsequently making enormous savings for our club.

**The Lifesaving Operations Sub-committee** met again this month to provide an opportunity for our Officers and Patrol Leaders to discuss the ways of operating on our beach. The utilisation of the "What's App" phone application has proven a highly successful mechanism for communicating operational information in a time effective manner. The Lifesaving



Committee were also given the opportunity to discuss priority funding of items from the Club's "Wish List" for future investment in our club.

**Extended Patrols** start on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> of December and will be finishing on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Patrol hours are 07:00 am to 12:30 pm and 12: 30 pm to 6:00 pm.

**Christmas Day Roster**, as always, our Christmas Day Roster is a 100% voluntary roster where we ask members to consider their family celebration circumstances and then nominate if they can assist with ensuring we have full coverage across the day. We schedule three sessions across the day, so if you can afford 4 hours either early, middle or late then please see your PC to sign-up. PC's will promote with patrols, roster is on the notice board in our Operations Workshop.

**Patrol Logs-** can we please make the accurate and detailed completion of the Patrol Logs a priority for the remainder of the season. There are often some incomplete sections and the clarity of coverage of all proficiencies could do with some attention. This is an easy area where we can score 100% of points on an inspection.

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## Chief Training Officer Report

Our newest **Bronze Squad** were examined on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> with all participants being successful. There were 15 candidates, 6 of whom are completely new to our club and 13 also completed their First Aid Training. There will be 3 new adult members appointed to Patrol 2 and 1 to Patrol 9. The rest are SRC to Bronze. I will be keen to work with Sunshine Coast Branch to run a Silver Medallion BM course in our new building in January.

There will be a new **Bronze Squad** starting on December the 16<sup>th</sup> December with an introductory briefing and course outline. The Intensive Course will run from the 28<sup>th</sup> December to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January with each day running from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm. So to our new Nipper families, this is a great way to get into surf lifesaving and also get the chance to play with your own kids and all whilst giving back to our magnificent community.

There will be one final **Skills Maintenance Session** held on 27<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30 am, so let's see if we can encourage any non-proficient or recently ex-members from last season to take the plunge and return for the remainder of the 2020/2021 season.

**First Aid Certificate/Advanced Resuscitation Certificate/IRB Drivers and Crew Certificate-** We will look at scheduling courses for members in late December/early January pending interest and trainer availability

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## Surf Sports Officer Report

The Sunshine Coast Surf Rescue Championships will be held from January 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> 2021. If you are interested in being part of this prestigious event then please contact me by registering your interest by email to:

[surfsports@mudjimbasurf.com.au](mailto:surfsports@mudjimbasurf.com.au) or [admin@mudjimbasurf.com.au](mailto:admin@mudjimbasurf.com.au)

There is an Age Group category to suit all members from Under14 to Masters and we will be publishing training dates where all members will be welcome to come along and brush up their skills.

**Training for December and January: Park Run has started again at 7.00 am on Saturday mornings; Swim and Board Training from 8.00 am on Saturday morning.**

# Date Claimer: The 2020/2021 Season Club Championships and Dogs' Day are scheduled for: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January (alternative date of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January)

Please note the competition events and rules for this year's competition:

## Categories Male and Female:

U 15/Cadet; U 17; U 19; Open; Masters 30+; Veterans 50+

## Events:

Surf Race; Board Race; Iron (Board & Swim); Sprints; Flags

## Points Scoring:

Championship points will be awarded to the first five (5) placegetters in each age group. The first placegetter gaining 6 points through to fifth gaining 2 points, the sixth and all that entered the event will receive 1 point. The winner of each category will be the highest score and will have completed all 5 events, if a count back is required then completed Patrol Hours (as of the day of the event) will determine the winner.

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## Junior Activities Chairperson Report

The Junior Activity Committee met on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December and submitted an application to SLSQ to have the Junior Activity – Nipper Christmas Party, scheduled for the Aqua Fun Park, endorsed. The Nipper Program continues to be a feature of our weekend of Patrolling and the new "Field of Play" set-up is certainly improving visibility, organisation and subsequent safety. Please check your Messages, Facebook and emails to monitor which age groups are rostered to assist with the set-up and pull-down. We do need every parent/carer to assist across the Nipper Season to ensure we have to equipment in place each week. With everyone doing a little our Nippers get to learn about surf safety, develop water and beach skills and have a lot of fun along the way.

Can I also remind our families to look at the BBQ roster each week to lend a hand at the Nipper B.B.Q.? As with the Equipment Set-up/Pull-down, if every family contributes once every two months then the burden is shared (you also get to meet some more families from our club).

Last weekend saw our Points Day run during the day with a great turnout and lots of talent on display.

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## Youth Development Officer Report

There was much excitement for 20/21 season in the announcement of our Junior Club Captains. It was a difficult to short list our U14 candidates as there were many strong applicants. Thank you to everyone who applied.

After much deliberation we are pleased to announce the Junior Club Captains are Maya Ward and Lewis Harry and the Junior Vice Club captain Flynn Carey. Congratulations Maya, Lewis and Flynn and we look forward to your leadership.



Much fun was had at this month's Youth social activity held at Maroochy Waters mini golf.



Our next event will be our Youth Christmas party will be held at the Bli Bli Aqua Water Park on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>.

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