



# Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Newsletter

March 2021

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

### A brief update

This month's newsletter is just a brief update on some of the key events that are happening in our great little club and a chance to continue to say a huge thank you to our members and their commitment to surf lifesaving on Mudjimba Beach.

### Upcoming dates and events

Junior Presentation and AGM - Our Nipper Season is fast drawing to a close. The last Nippers day will be Sunday 14 March and the following week we will meet at Aqua Fun Park on 21 March at 8.30 for a 9.00 start. To round out the season we will hold our Junior Activities AGM and Presentation Day on 28 March at the Club at 9.00 for a 9.30am start. There will be no cost to ensure that all of our club members and their families are able to attend the Awards Presentations. Nipper Awards can be found in the Nipper Booklet.

Senior Presentation - This is a reminder that we have our Annual Presentation Dinner to be held in our own club facilities for the first time on 29 May 2021. The Presentation Dinner will follow the afternoon Awards Presentations which will be conducted in the park in front of our clubhouse on 29 May. Our intention is to ensure that all of our club members and their families are able to attend the Awards Presentations and then, for those who wish to continue, have a celebratory evening in the evening following. It is hoped that the Presentation Dinner will really be an opportunity for patrol groups and club members to come together socialise and to celebrate the end of our season. It is planned that there will be no costs associated with the Awards Presentations (a picnic in the park format) but there will be a cost for the Presentation Dinner. We will be sending that information to you via Facebook and by our next newsletter as soon as we are able to finalise costings.

The other key events for us to be aware of are the Annual General Meetings of both our nippers on 28 March 2021 and Annual General Meeting of our club which are being held on 26 June 2021.

A reminder that we have called for written nominations for positions on the Management Executive (Directors) for the 2021-2022 season. A direct email will be sent out closer to the date for nominations as they need to be submitted one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. This is a great opportunity to help lead our great little club into the future and if you're interested in any of these positions don't hesitate to contact any of the executive about the roles and responsibilities.

Reminder also that we have posted the draft constitution for the 2021-2022 season on our website and this will be endorsed at our Annual General Meeting.

## **Clubhouse facilities update**

It's great to see our new facilities being utilised so extensively. The club executive have been developing Facilities Use Agreements so that we can ensure club member use of our facilities remains our priority but also provides a way to support community associations and groups in the Mudjimba area, who might also wish to utilise our facilities. These documents are in draft form at the moment and we will be trialling their use over the next couple of months to see how well they work. We encourage club members to use their club and subsequently, if you are considering hosting an event and want to utilise the club, there is a single point of the booking application process available through Tanya in our Administration Office. Tanya will also coordinate seeking approvals for outside community organisations who may wish to utilise our facilities. We are utilising Google Calendar as a single point of truth for all bookings and we encourage all users, club members, trainers and community organisations to ensure they book through Tanya where the events will be collated as a point of reference for availability of our facilities. To assist you and support these booking arrangements we have also developed an equipment booking system so that if members wish to utilise any club equipment, we encourage you to again go through our Administration Officer who can coordinate all of these bookings and ensure that there are no duplications of requests for our equipment and resource.

## **Club Championships**

We have rescheduled our Club Championships for this Saturday the 13th of March and we are hoping that the weather conditions will be favourable and that we can get as many patrolling members and our youth to attend our Club Championships and to have a great day of camaraderie and also a chance to see how our surf lifesaving skills have developed over the year. I hope we get a great turn out for what is always a fun day.

## **Women in surf**

I am writing this newsletter on International Women's Day and what a great opportunity for us to continue to celebrate our own Women in Surf, especially our entrant in SLSQ's Women in Surf this year, Brittani Newman. Brittani has been showcasing our club at surf lifesaving events including a recent SLSQ luncheon and she is planning to host a few more events for our club and members in the coming months to support fund raising that will come directly back to our club. So, if you are available to attend any of these events I would encourage you to give it serious consideration and support another of our amazing women in surf who has chosen to take up the challenge of fund raising for our great little club.

Presently, Brittani has four things on the go:

- a 100 chart, she will get around this coming Sunday with the nippers to sell squares. \$2 a square to win \$100.
- Spanish themed luncheon at Florentina's Friday 26/3/2021-- See the upcoming flyer on Facebook
- Mudjimba SLSC will be one of 3 token jars at Grill'd Sunshine Plaza for April. Great if all members can get down to Grill'd and drop in a token when you're there.
- Bogan Bingo and Yabbi races in April-- More info coming.

Brittani and her helpers have a number of prizes already in hand, however a shout out to all club members to donate prizes if they know of someone who would like to, or can would be appreciated.

## **More new resources for our club**

It was exciting to see the arrival of our new SSV on the beach last weekend. The purchase of the SSV was a priority for our club executive due to the condition of our old SSV and the fact that it was moving well out of its warranty dates.

The club is also purchasing an additional roller door to replace the large roller door to our patrol workshop and we will also be replacing the security door to the Mudjimba Room that serves as our entrance for our nippers on Sunday mornings. Additional to these new facility upgrades, the Executive have also ensured additional funds have been set

aside to support the purchase of a new IRB motor for the end of the season, ideally to be available for the 2021/2022 season. Our club remains in a strong financial position and we will endeavour to continue to spend our hard-earned income on resources that make our surf lifesaving as effective and efficient as possible.

### Thank you

I would like to finish my President's report by expressing my sincere thanks to our nipper families and our nipper managers and especially our Junior Activities Committee for what has been an outstanding Nipper Season in 2020-2021. The achievements of all of our nippers has been fantastic to watch and to see each and every one of our members grow in their surf lifesaving skills is why this programme is such an important part of our surf lifesaving movement. We certainly owe a debt of gratitude to our JAC Chairman - Adam Amos, and his support team, for ensuring what was looking like being a potentially a difficult season with COVID-19 into an amazing season. We have one more week on the beach and an end of year celebratory activity before the Awards Presentation and AGM for our nippers. I certainly hope we have a huge turn out again in 2021-2022 and I would encourage all parents to stay connected with our club. I would also like our nipper parents to give thought to becoming even more active in our club in the coming season. We will need executive members in our Junior Activities Committee, coordinators roles, managers and helpers on the beach. As I have in all my newsletters, I would like to remind our nipper family that we are "a family" and as such we each play a part to help the family function. A part of our commitment to the nipper program is to support the set-up, the pack down and the barbeque on a regular basis. In the 2021-2022 season all families will be rostered onto duties to assist with the set-up and pack down and the barbeque to ensure that no one person has those responsibilities for the season. We anticipate that this will only mean one or two occasions across the season where a family member will be asked to contribute to the Mudjimba Surf Lifesaving Club Nipper Program, it's a great way for kids to see our active involvement in their nipper program.

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