



Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Newsletter

November 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- NOVEMBER, 2020

Mudjimba Patrols - doing our work at the highest standards

Thank you to all our patrols for ensuring that our key reason for being members of Surf Life Saving – ‘keeping our beach safe’ - is being done at such a high standard. I continue to be impressed with the presentation of our patrol areas. They are well prepared, our members wear their uniform with pride, we are vigilant at the water's edge and in our towers, we have people engaging positively with the community and, equally as importantly, we have people having a great time, with great mates.

I have also been impressed to see so many of our younger members being encouraged to step up and take a leadership role on our patrols - our future is certainly looking positive. Can I encourage every patrol to utilise the time together to build skills and abilities across the team? Consider asking the younger/newer members to review the patrol set up against the Buhk/Wilkes Inspection criteria, have teams practice working together/communicating with each other through scenarios, etc.

Mudjimba Beach - The place to be!

Our ‘Little Surf Club’ has certainly been living up to my belief of it being ‘the best’ with a swarm of activity and a few surf stars on our beach over the past month. Even whilst we are challenged every day with renovating our clubhouse and facilities, we still manage to host SLSA events, Jet Ski Training and lots more alongside these. I think the secret might be out?????



Proficiencies

With two proficiencies down and a record number of members completing their proficiency last week, it is appropriate to acknowledge the enormously positive feedback I have received from our members about the effective, efficient and supportive manner in which our Chief Training Officer and our Club Training Officers have run our proficiencies. The consistent feedback has been that not only was the training and instruction “Top Class” but genuine appreciation was expressed about the efficiency of the process with every participant feeling confident in their Skills Maintenance. Thank you to Peter for co-ordinating his team that includes Guy, KT, Karyn and our paperwork marshals - Fay, Tanya and Maree.

Something new:

Based on feedback from early in the year, we will trial something new for our next proficiency. Our Youth Leaders, through the co-ordination of our Junior Vice-Club Captain – Ollie, will offer tech and tutorial support on 28/11/2020, the Friday night before the next proficiency session. A team of our youth will be at the club from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm to set up club laptops, assist with log ins and tech support and provide tutorial support to complete the online component of the Skills Maintenance. So if you have tech/internet issues or, like many of us, just get frustrated with technology, these guys live and breathe in this world and are offering to assist any member who might want some support.

Can I say an enormous thank you to our youth leaders for this initiative? Yet another example of what I love about our club! Like a supportive family, individuals step up, when able, to assist others who might need some extra help or where we might have some additional knowledge or skills. If this initiative works well, I am confident it will become a feature of our proficiency programs in the future.

Clubhouse Update

The building extensions continue to take shape and we are still aiming for a December opening of the new facilities. I have included a few updated photos to share progress both inside and outside. Having recently explored getting quotes for some renovation work at home, I have become even more aware of the tremendous support our builder is providing our club. At a time where it is almost impossible to get tradesmen to even quote for work, Latitude Construction (our builder) is working to ensure tremendous value from our investment while our project continues to progress towards our completion timeline.



Nippers off to a flying start

We are now into the swing of our Nipper season and the new organisational arrangements are going well and I am confident some of the new strategies for organisation will remain well after we move through the current COVID restrictions. A couple of really key reminders for our new families to our Mudjimba Nipper family group that we need to ensure a parent/carer remains on the beach at all times during the Nipper Program and to also remind new families that each week, one Age Group will have the opportunity/responsibility to help out our amazing Sam on the BBQ at the Clubhouse (ready to feed the hungry hoards). You can see from the photos that it really is a lot of fun, but we also need to all help out to allow us to continue to provide this service after the Nipper Program. Can I make special mention of our Superstar Sam who spends endless hours through the week ensuring we are set up for the BBQ and there from 7.00 am (and most of the time missing her own kids in the program). Certainly the new Canteen Area (when open) will make life easier but I would like to express, on behalf of all our members, our thanks and appreciation to Sam – say a special thank you this week when you see Sam behind the BBQ counter.



Uniforms

We are able to share some exciting Clothing information from our Clothing Officer, Larnie. She will aim to be available for uniform purchase every Sunday morning 7am till 8.30am but would love someone to offer their help by assist her on Sundays or when she can't be there. If you can help out, catch up with Larnie on Sunday inside the Clubhouse.

Please note these messages from Larnie:

Patrol Uniforms: Please return your old patrol uniform if you need a new one, and please let me or your PC know if you need to replace dirty, old, uniforms or just need a new size, it is important we wear our uniforms with pride and maintain a high standard on the beach, I will endeavour to be available to access these when you need (with notice).

Swim Wear: Very excited to let you know that we have the first swim wear order in for the year, as you may or may not know as a small club we have all our swimwear made to order, so thank you for your patience on this front.

What do you want? Let me know, give me feedback, if you have a suggestion I am listening, we are looking at a 'Boy Leg Swimmer' for ladies as just one idea/suggestion.

Upcycled Fabric: Being trialled for potential use on our patrol uniforms, IT IS AWESOME!

Not available yet to all, but they are available in ladies shorts in four colours if you are interest let me know, see below.

Additional short option for female members (Not for Patrol):

To cater for the demand for female members to wear the short, we have made the same design available in a sports short for female members for purchase if desired. The sport short includes the flat lace as suggested by members, slightly shorter (the same length as the first trial short designed) and available in four colours as seen below. Using the same upcycled repurposed fabric where 78% is made from large fishing nets and other pre and post-consumer waste continuing to support the cause, saving marine lives and sustainability of the oceans. The short is made here in Australia by local manufacturers supporting local Queensland businesses.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JvQgSTEpzk>

Management Meeting Business

Can I please take this opportunity to recognise your hard working Executive Members and Club Officers for their commitment, not only to our beach, but also to the bureaucratic requirements of running our Club. These volunteer people not only spend endless hours ensuring our Patrols and Equipment are top class but also undertake endless pieces of paperwork and attend numerous meetings to help our little club thrive. I particularly wanted to acknowledge their commitment to representing you, the members, by consulting widely to assist us in our decision making. There was no greater example of this than the recent agenda item regarding the future purchase/replacement (or otherwise) of our 4WD. There was considerable input sought, including asking every patrol for their feedback as to their members' thoughts. Subsequently, the initial motion to sell and not replace the 4WD was defeated at the recent Management Meeting based on the member feedback tabled. The Management are now charged with developing a proposal, budget and timeline around the next vehicle purchase for our club. We will seek a few members to assist in developing a proposal, budget and timeline for consideration at a future Management meeting. See me if you have an interest in this space.

Mudjimba Surf Club Training

Thank you to our Surf Sports Team for providing training for club members. We again receive this support from our coaches on a voluntary basis and for the sole objective of helping us to be better, fitter, healthier life savers. See our Surf Sports Officer's Report for timetable details.

The current approved training sessions are:

WEDNESDAY: Beach Training sprints and flags -

Starts 28th October

1630 hours – 1730 hours with Ryan

Bring training gear, hat and a water bottle

Open to all SRC and BM holders.

SATURDAY: Surf Skills Training

0700 Boards with Shippy

0800 Swim with Shippy

Bring your goggles, pinks. Open to all SRC and BM holders.

Intermediate paddlers are welcome to join as well – Must be members.

Clubhouse Security

I need to remind all members to be vigilant around building security and to remind every member that whilst every request to utilise/borrow club equipment will be considered, it is imperative that all equipment borrowing is approved and is recorded in our Equipment Borrowing Register before being removed from the clubhouse. Two specific examples I need to highlight is that it would appear that two of our resuscitation manikins have been borrowed and removed from the club. These borrowings are not recorded in our register and we are unaware of who provided approval. Please make urgent contact with our Administrative Officer if you are aware of these borrowed pieces of equipment. The second example is that 3 of our club laptops have been borrowed and again not recorded in our register or who granted approval. As above, if you are aware of any information regarding the borrowed equipment, please contact the club. Due to the value of these items, if we are unable to clarify borrowing arrangements then I will ask that the items be reported as stolen.

Regards Darrin

Club Captain Report

Thanks to the QLD State Government QFES grant (Queensland Fire and Emergency services) we received \$ 6400. 00 to upgrade equipment. With this money we will be replacing the current first aid/resus. kits to one bag currently in use in the SSV. We will also be introducing the new Halo oxygen kits. We will also be purchasing new signage, new defib. pads, binoculars, megaphone, training defibs.

Please talk with you Patrol Captains about upcoming courses and what's happening around your club. Please also if you are about to turn 18 years old, you will need a Blue card to work with children. If you have one coming up for renewal, please do not wait until it expires. You can apply for a new one up to 2 months prior. Please keep up the fantastic efforts on patrol and water safety.

Chief Training Officer Report

Our next Bronze Medallion Course has just started with Karyn as their Training Officer. We are also planning a Bronze Medallion-(week intensive) Course timetabled for the 28 December to the 2nd of January.

Skills Maintenance for the 24th of Oct went great. We had our largest ever number, 44 members, requalified in a single Course. Our next Skills Maintenance will be run on 29th of November (see Darrin's section of this newsletter if you might wish to access Tech or Tutorial support for the theory component).

First Aid course completed on the 28th of Oct with 6 members from Mudjimba and 7 from Kawana renewed. The course was run at Kawana SLSC.

IRB Driver Course, Crew and ART are yet to be timetabled.

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Expression of Interest for Any Nipper Parents to be an Official

We need Officials so we can attend carnivals, please send an email to surfsports@mudjimbasurf.com.au or

admin@mudjimbasurf.com.au .

Requirements to be an official:

☑ REGISTERED and FINANCIAL member who are a minimum of 16 years +

☑ MUST hold a current Working with children check – Blue Card (aged 17 1/2 years +)

This course provides a basic understanding of the key events conducted for junior level competitions.

Register your interest and we can arrange for your online modules access, this is followed with a face to face workshop, before your complete on the job training and assessment over a two carnival period.

The club will pay for your AWARD and you will receive a New Officials kit containing 1 Surf Sports Manual; Logbook; Course flip chart, Officials Shirt, Assessment paperwork and Official handbook.

Junior Activities Chairperson Report

Nipper registration has now closed

Youth Development Officer Report

First Youth social activity for the year was a success at Mooloolaba Beach. It was great that Mudjimba Surf Woman for 2020, Brittani, was able to join in with a very competitive game of Soccer, 4-way Tug a War and other shenanigans.



An Instagram page for our Youth aged 13-18 years to follow has been set up @mudjimbaslscopyouth to keep up to date on the latest information along with the usual email system for those without Instagram. Upcoming events will be posted on both.

We have 8 Youth undertaking the Bronze Course with Pete and Karyn completed the mandatory pool swim on Sunday, we wish them all the best over the next 6 weeks.



Our Under 14s will be interviewing for the highly sort after position of Junior Club Captains over the coming weeks and we wish all the applicants the best of luck!

Thank you to the 11 Youth that were able to take part in the Hot 91.1 Clubbie Calendar to raise funds for our SOS campaign. Listen out for them on the radio over the coming weeks as they will appear live on air with Sam, Dave and Ash. Calendars will be on sale through the club in time for Christmas presents - \$15 with all profits going directly to the club! Order via youth@mudjimbasurf.com.au. **These will be available from early December.**

SOS Fundraiser - final results (excluding calendar funds still to come) \$2004 thanks to a last-minute surge from Mick and Patrol 8 tipping us over the \$2000 mark and securing 7th place over all out of the Sunshine Coast clubs.

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