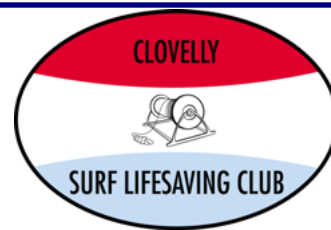


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6 MEDALS FOR CLOVELLY! AUSTRALIAN SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scarborough WA

Our best performance at a National Titles since the halcyon Clovelly days of the 1960s. In the Masters Titles on Tues 17th & Wed 18th March our Masters Beach competitors were on fire. Congratulations to : **Mark Scott**, the National Champion 50-54 Beach Sprint : **Glen Lofts** 2nd 45-49 Flags & 7th in the Sprint : **John McNamee** 3rd 60-64 Sprint, 3rd 60-64 Flags (yes, 2 individual & 1 relay medal to our Competition Director !): 3rd 200 Years Beach Relay - **John McNamee, Garry Pepper, Mark Scott, Glen Lofts** : **Wendy Pepper** 5th 45-49 Flags. On Thursday 19th March, **Bernadette Chisholm** was clearly inspired by the earlier Clovelly performances. In the gruelling Open Women's National Championship 2km Beach Run, **Bernie** displayed her fitness & courage with a great run to take the Bronze Medal. Our A 160 Years Boat Crew (“**Boof**” **Smith, Adam Maroon, “Smiley” Hinds, Eric Graham, Rob Rathbone**) rowed strongly, & made the final 14 out of 26 crews. The other Clovelly crew in the 160 Years (**Marcus Currie, Alex Finch, Alistair Weir, Garry Pepper**) were unable to start in the hazardous conditions. Pictured below : L-R **Mark Scott, Garry Pepper, Glen Lofts, John McNamee**: **Mark Scott: Bernadette Chisholm: 160 Years Boat.**



NIPPERS AGM & PRESENTATION

This finale to another successful season was appreciated by a packed house on Sunday 8th March. Well done and thankyou to outgoing President **Mick O'Connor**. Congratulations and welcome to new President **Suzanne Young**. **Suzanne** will continue as an Age Manager and is full of ideas for the coming season. At the time of writing she had already prepared and circulated an on-line survey of parents seeking input and feedback. **Suzanne & Mick** are pictured below. Other photos are Bank Board member, **Andy “Winkie” Winters** accepting a plaque on behalf of sponsors **Bendigo Clovelly Community Bank** : **Tony Laing** from **Raine & Horne Clovelly-Coogee** making presentations - **Raine & Horne Clovelly-Coogee** have continually expanded their sponsorship support over the past 5 years : **Kenny Stone** from Nippers supporters **Giles at Clovelly** with **Jack Whitaker & Olivia Maroon** who were awarded U/14s Most Promising members awards.



Some of the U/14s group had had 9 years consecutive membership since the Under 6s. Receiving jackets in acknowledgment for long service were **Jethro James, Jack Whitaker. Tom O'Connor, Molly Cocks, Cassie Chamberlain, Nikayla Wallington, Katherine Tarantilis & Olivia Maroon.**

SPORTS LUNCH 8TH MAY – SOLD OUT!

Tickets HAVE GONE quickly at only \$80. All 140 tickets now sold. This includes drinks, meal & the speakers. Last year's event was also a sellout. Its on from midday to 3pm on Friday 8th May at the Clovelly Hotel. Super Host **Steve “Chimes” Gillis** will again introduce you to a cavalcade of sporting personalities. Tickets for this major Clovelly SLSC fundraising event were sold out by **Ken Ryan & Jim King**

TAMARAMA TO CLOVELLY OCEAN SWIM T2C

Easter Monday 10am start. Check T2C website for entry details. Any members available to assist at the Clovelly finish should report to the club from 9am on that morning. This is our first foray into this discipline - try and check it out, &/or be involved. Enquiries to **John McNamee**.

INAUGURAL MAYOR'S CUP



At Maroubra Beach on Saturday 28th March there were 4 new inductees for the Maroubra Surfing Walk of Fame. They were **Dennis Heussner**, **Karla Gilbert**, **Mark Richards & Larry Blair**. Also part of the day was the first Mayor's Cup between the 4 Randwick Surf Clubs. The event involves 2 Nippers conducting a board rescue, then tagging the senior team who also complete a board rescue. As the Mayor started the event, the big surf washed the string of buoys into the surf zone. The Nipper swimmers were away, so the event continued. It was real action involving realistic board rescues in the turbulent white water. The Clovelly team distinguished themselves with a 2nd placing behind South Maroubra, with Coogee taking 3rd & Maroubra 4th. Congratulations to **Thomas Coyne** (Swim), **Jethro James** (Board), **John "Scats" Stewart** (swim) & **Al Pausey** (Board). **Jethro & Thomas** really had to hang on as a big set crashed through just as **Jethro** attempted the patient pickup. They then thrilled the crowd by surfing across the next wave right back to the competition zone to make the tag with **Scats**. **Mayor Bruce Notley-Smith** presented the medals, & a cheque for \$1,250 to each club. Thankyou to **Bruce & RCC** for the ongoing support.



DIARY DATES

Sun 5th April - Daylight Saving gone - patrols henceforth 10am - 4pm
 Mon 13 April (Easter) - Tama2Cloey (T2C) Ocean Swim
 Mon 27 April - Last Day of Patrols
 Fri 8 May - Clovelly SLSC Sports Lunch
 Sat 13 June - Presentation Night - Easts Leagues
 Sun 12 July - Clovelly SLSC AGM

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AROUND YOUR CLUB

- congratulations to **Richard Allcroft** on obtaining his Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management on 16th & 19th February. This course is now a prerequisite for Patrol Captaincy.
- **BLUEY BITES BACK!** Don't worry about the recent spate of shark attacks. Here at Clovelly we now have our own threat. **John Rowe** is well known for communing with the gropers in the Bay. In mid March **John** was moving some rocks on the Bay bottom. He felt an impact on his back. Yes, **Bluey** had struck back. A somewhat bemused **John**, was sheepishly displaying, for all & sundry, the scrapes across his back from our first recorded **Bluey Bite!** Lets hope **John's** son in law, **Peter Overton**, doesn't hit the National News with this one.
- Congratulations to **Syd and Margaret D'Ornay** on their 51st Wedding Anniversary on 22nd March. Some of those in the club bar on that day were actually born, back when **Syd and Margaret** were married !!!!
- The club bar looked like NRL headquarters on 22nd March. Clovelly member **Dave "Cement" Gillespie** was celebrating his 45 birthday. **Geoff Carr, Ricky Stewart, Peter Tunks, Joe Thomas, Scott Bennett and Steve "Chimes" Gillis** were among the Rugby League fraternity there to share the day.
- The Souths flag took precedence on the club flagpole after their opening of the season slaughter of the Roosters. Some members regained partial sanity the following weekend, when the Roosters crowed & the Bunnies retreated to their burrows !
- **Club Treasurer Ken Ryan & wife Anne**, are away from late March on their annual trek - this time, they will really be trekking - they are off to Nepal !
- RCC have now commenced work on the car park. There have been far fewer parking spots available from late March now that the fences are up ! Why couldn't they have waited until closer to winter ? This is the best time of the year down at the Bay. Over the last weekend in March, parking was impossible. Perhaps it would have been simple to open up the grass area between Victory St & the car park, for weekend parking. No, don't be silly, that would be a logical approach & helping beachgoers !
- **Billy Phillips** had a fall in March & a hamstring was badly torn. That's his brother **Barry** filling in for him on the car park collections. **Bill** is recovering well.

4 NEW BRONZES

These 4 SRC holders had been with a squad trained earlier this year by **Laura Percy & Andrew Hodge**. For various reasons, including not being 15 years old at the time, they didn't obtain their Bronze with the remainder of the squad. Congratulations to **Gareth Turner, Dylan Sweeney, Tim Lesslie & Sean Greenhalgh**. **Gareth** was even stung twice by bluebottles during his exam, but that didn't slow him down. Our final Bronze Squad of the year under **John & Jenny McNamee** are due to sit their exams later this month.

SUNDAY CLUB BAR PRICES

First rise in 3 years!
 From 5th April 2009
 Schooners \$3.50
 Middies \$2.80
 On public holidays all prices up
 e.g. Schooner \$4