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BENDIGO BANK BACKS US !



Clovelly Under 14s Nippers are pictured with the **Bendigo Bank** Banner on February 8th. Both the Surf Club & the Nippers have received generous cash support from this local community bank. Support those who support your club.

SPORTS LUNCH 8TH MAY

Tickets are going fast at only \$80. This includes drinks, meal & the speakers. Last year's event was 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 are available from **Ken Ryan**. Payment up front is required.

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Your club website now also includes in the “Training” section details of all courses available to members, and the dates of the next assessments. Take the opportunity to up skill when you can.

Eight members of our most recent SRC squad completed the Radio Operators Certificate in February. This course was presented in an entertaining fashion by club radio guru **Tony Beger**.

Twins **Allie & Samantha Russel-Floyd** gained their Bronzes in December. For just over 2 weeks in February, the girls and their Mum **Sandra**, lived 300km west of Alice Springs on an Aboriginal settlement. They were leading a wild dog control program!



Dogs between the flags perhaps?

CLOVELLY TEAM FOR THE NATIONALS

Congratulations to the following members who will represent the club in Perth in mid March. **John McNamee, Jenny McNamee** (official), **Paul Smith, Adam Maroon, Paul Hinds, Eric Graham, Rob Rathbone, Garry Pepper, Marcus Currie, Alex Finch, Alistair Weir, Wendy Pepper, Mark Scott, Glen Lofts, Bernadette Chisholm**, Well done to all on the bolstering of the club subsidy, with your tireless work on fundraising BBQs this season.

COOGEE CARNIVAL 7TH FEBRUARY

This year this popular local carnival doubled as an Open Carnival & the Sydney Branch Masters Championships. Clovelly was very well represented by a large team of competitors of both genders & ranging from Juniors through to Over 60 Masters. We even had 2 tents on the beach! Clovelly fielded competitors in beach events, surf boats, board, ski & surf races. Leading the way was Clovelly Competition Director **John McNamee**. Full results are available in **John's** informative Beach Bulletin Issue 15.



Eric, Rob, Smiley, Adam, Boof - Boat semi.



Karon, Helen, Wendy, Jo, Regina - its all Clovelly!



Regina, Lyndall, Helen - They run, they swim.....



Geoff Scott - “give me more! I'll paddle back to Cloey”



John (Scats) & Henry - Men's Surf

TOM CADDY RELAY—Sunday 1st March

This now annual event featured 6 teams of 15 swimmers each. Five of these were Surf Club based. In recognition of Tom's involvement with them for much of his life, the invited 6th team is the City Tatts Cheetahs Swim Club. The Cup was taken this year by an eclectic mix from the Giles at Clovelly Fitness group. The minor medals saw a great battle between the Eskies A Team & the Cheetahs. Great organization was provided for the event by **John & Jenny McNamee**. On behalf of Giles, **Wendy Pepper** is pictured below accepting the Cup, from Surf Club president **Glen Clarke**. Also; long service club member **Greg Simms** with **Margaret D'Ornay**. (**Greg** did his Bronze with **Geoff James'** vintage when his family were neighbours of the **D'Ornays** in Melrose - he now lives in the Hunter Valley); **Ken Ryan** & his happy team from the Surf Club Swimming Club. The Clovelly Nippers also fielded a dynamic team.



STATE MASTERS - SWANSEA February 26-28th

Full results available in the Beach Bulletin. OTS does not have the space to record such a full catalogue of tremendous performances. Highlights included: **Glen Lofts** 1st 45-49 Flags & 3rd Sprint; **Mark Scott** 1st 50-54 Sprint; **John McNamee**, **Glen Lofts**, **Mark Scott**, **Garry Pepper** 2nd 200 Year Beach Relay. Congratulation to all, but especially to **Glen** who took home 3 different coloured medals! Special mention to **John "Scats" Stewart** on 5th placing in both the 45-49 Surf & Rescue Tube events, and to the 160 years A boat crew on making the semis. Yes, we are there, on the sand and in the water! Other strong performers were **Geoff Scott** on board & ski, & **Bernadette Chisholm** & **Wendy Pepper** on the beach. Again, thank you to **Jenny McNamee** for being there as an official. Your club continues to seek expressions of interest from members who would like to take on the rewarding role of carnival official - it is a one day training course. See **John McNamee** or **Tania Rouse** if you are interested.

DIARY DATES

17-22 March - Aust Surf Titles - Scarborough, WA.
 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

- the final sets of new weights bars and dumbbells arrived in the gym during February. The old bars which were welded and painted by Life Member & former President **Jim Wells** have given great service over almost 2 decades. **Wellsie** lives up in Queensland these days. The old gear is being quickly snapped up at \$10 a bar or set of dumbbells. Money goes in the silver mail box, in the hall outside the office.
- The period for public comment on our Development Application has now expired. This storage facility will have minimum visual or other impact on the land surrounding the club. It is underground. There were some ill informed negative inputs, but the club is confident of gaining approval sometime in March. The job will then go to tender and hopefully construction can begin later this year.
- Active members **Ken Stone** & **Molly Cocks** are congratulated on their first rescues during Feb. Both occurred in the Bay using rescue boards. While on Water Safety patrol for the Nippers **Ken** pulled a struggling swimmer on to his board. **Molly** performed a similar feat while on patrol. **Ken** is shown demonstrating his unique style. Well done also to **Scott Guerin** of Patrol 3. The club received a thankyou e-mail on Sunday 1st March - "One of your members, **Mr. Scott Geurin** rescued me this morning - how can I say enough thankyou for saving me - words are not enough. I was panicking, **Scott** quickly got to me, with his calming presence, he brought me safely back to shore." **Scott** obtained his Bronze in November 2007. Vigilance & Service" - this is why we are here!
- Clovelly Resident **Dr. Andi Christoff** was a vital part of the CPR for a drowning victim at Thommos Bay in February. She is an Emergency/Intensive Care Physician at Westmead Children's Hospital. Clovelly patrolers led by **Susie Petersen** were involved in this critical incident. **Andi** gave of her time down at the club on Sunday 1st March to brief members on appropriate protocols and responses in such situations. **Andi** and daughter **Mia** are pictured. Thankyou for sharing your expertise **Dr. Christoff**.
- Our 3rd Bronze Squad for the season is progressing well under the experienced tuition of **John & Jenny McNamee**. The squad contains a great blend of the young and the older. Examination in late April.
- Clovelly Nippers wind up for another season on Sunday 8th March with the AGM and Presentation morning. Thankyou to retiring **President Mick O'Connor**, the committee & Age managers. Full report next month.
- The ongoing upsurge in Masters competition at Clovelly will hopefully enable the club to field a Taplin Relay team next season.
- LATE PRESS - CLOVELLY FINISHES 4TH OUT OF 12 CLUBS IN THE BRANCH MASTERS CARNIVAL AT COOGEE** - 1North Bondi, 2Nth Cronulla, 3Maroubra, 4Clovelly, 5Bronte, 6Cronulla, 7Wanda, 8Elouera, 9Tamarama, 10Bondi, 11Coogee, 12Sth Maroubra. A great result against strong competition. Well done **Macca** & team.

