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TAMARAMA TO CLOVELLY

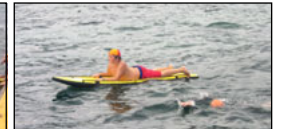
This inaugural ocean swim drew 600 competitors on a grey Easter Monday morning. This was a joint venture between Tamarama & Clovelly Surf Clubs. At the Clovelly end, **John McNamee** was the main man, with **Chris Glover** from Tamarama being the Race Director. Over 50 Clovelly members volunteered for jobs including First Aid, Fresh Fruit, BBQ (with sausages donated by **Australian Gourmet Meats**), Water Safety, and even Electronic Timing Ankle Removal duty. Thankyou to all. First across the line was **Paul Lemmon** (31.02) followed by **Jake Nolan**. These 2 Freshwater members were followed by **Andrew Bowden** from Bronte. The actual overall winner was **Dario Pelli** (30.00) who started in the 2nd wave. First lady was **Luane Rowe** (31.20) from the Willoughby Club coached by **Graham Brewer**. The winner received the **Graham Brewer Cup**. **Graham** is an Olympian who started as a Clovelly Nipper and then competed as a Senior for Tamarama. **Graham's Mum** still lives across the Bay in Eastbourne Avenue. Member for Coogee **Paul Pearce** (47.55) finished strongly and commented on what a great race it was. Clovelly finishers included **John Stewart** (39.14) - this placed “Scats” 15th out of 122 starters in the 40-49 Male category. **Tim Walsh** (41.02- 4th U/19 Male), **Rob Heavener** (40.17), **Derek Wong** (42.11), **Henri Lekeu** (43.20), **Amanda Cocks** (51.11) Noted Beer Brewing Baron **Chuck Hahn** came 4th in the O/60 in 40.35.



L-R - Luane Rowe, Danielle & John Stewart, Jake Nolan, Paul Lemmon, Andrew Bowden.



The swim looks like becoming a fixture on the Ocean Swim Calendar. This year it was covered by local media, ABC TV & TV choppers. Thanks to **Donacher Reidy** of the **Fox & Lion** at the Entertainment Quarter & to **Paul & Hanka** at the **Green Mango Café**, for donating the repast raffle prizes for the day. Pictured below are **Chris Glover & John McNamee**, & just some of the volunteers who helped to make it all happen.



10 Years !

Congratulations and well done to **Gary & Jo Cooper**. With **Jo** as Patrol captain and **Gary** as IRB Driver, they completed their 10 years of Vigilance & Service at Clovelly on Sunday 29th March. It was the PM patrol, so congratulatory drinks were the order of the day in the club bar afterwards.



Advanced Resuscitation Certificate

This is not a joke! On 1st April at Coogee, **Phil Sweeney, Jessica Wheatley, Craig Wheatley (Jess' Dad), Richard Allcroft, Mark Goodwin & Scott Guerin** gained their ARC. Congratulations to all, & to Squad Trainers, **Tania Rouse & Mark Percy**. Congratulations also, on recently gaining official Assessor Accreditation, to **Chris “Topper” Thompson, John McNamee & Jenny McNamee, Tania Rouse.**





Last Bronze Squad of the Season

Congratulations to **John & Jenny McNamee** on introducing yet another squad to the wonders of Surf Life Saving. They completed their Part A Theory & Resuscitation on Wednesday 15th April and their Part B Practical in the surf at Coogee on Sunday 19th. Giant surf, howling wind and driving rain saw the exam transferred from Maroubra to Coogee. Coogee Beach was closed with 2 metre plus waves, strong rips and cross-currents. It was that big, the cans for the run-swim-run had to be placed out beyond the point. Board & tube rescues were true tests of surf skills. The Coogee IRB driver was injured landing the boat in the tough conditions. Congratulations to **Esther Lekeu, Annie Rennie, Mikayla Dunn, Lee Kiligrew, Steve Thompson, Caitriona Puren, Mairi Robertson, Maggie Neil, John Shanahan, Angus Fontaine, Warren Zhang, Michael Weatherly & Daniel Roden**. The squad en-masse, then fronted for a quick first patrol on the last day of the season the following weekend. What spirit! Welcome to all, to the ranks of Active Members & to full time "Vigilance & Service" in season 2009-10.



This 1904 photograph is from the collection of **Mrs. Marj Fairley (Nee Stead)**. **Marj** is the daughter of **Charles Stead** who was a Little Coogee Swimming & Life Saving Club committee member in our 1906-07 foundation season. **Charles** was then Club Captain from season 1907-08 to 1913-14. He lived up in Seaview Street. They called this rock the "diving rock". Exactly where it is, is for you to determine. The breakwater was clearly much wider in those days. Have a look at that left hander on "The Hammer". These 1904 locals had already formed an unofficial band of guardians of the Bay. This again raise questions about the true beginning dates of Surf Life Saving in Australia, and indeed the validity of the official SLSA history which doesn't mention Clovelly until 1914. Coincidentally, this official history was written by the same historian who wrote the history of Bondi SBLSC. A number of other Sydney clubs have raised doubts about their so-called official foundation dates, both before & since the 2007 Centenary of Surf Life Saving in Australia.

AROUND YOUR CLUB

- **Mother's Day Luncheon** is on upstairs at the club from 1pm on Sunday 10th May. Great hot buffet luncheon. \$35 adults: \$20 children. Mums receive complimentary champers & guava juice.
- **Renee Finch** has recovered her bracelet courtesy of **Reg. Owen Boylan** was in town from Perth in early April.
- Out at ANZ Stadium on Sunday 5th March the Bulldogs had an on field presentation of "legends". Clovelly SLSC members **Joe Thomas & Dave "Cement" Gillespie** were there. One of those "legends" out on the field resembled "**Faz**", well known Giles at Clovelly character.
- Thank you to **Mark Kelly** from local IT specialists **Peak Solutions**. This firm completed some maintenance work on the club computer system in March. They then cancelled the invoice and did not charge for their time & expertise. 0404 405405 is their number if you need help.
- Last day of patrols was Sunday 26th April with **Karon Lekeu's** Patrol 5 winding up the season for us. From 2pm upstairs there was entertainment, a great BBQ and a celebration of a season of "no lives lost".
- Received a call from **Ron "Cherub" Hardie** in April. The **Clovelly Cherubs** was the original name given to our Nippers. This was in honour of **Ron's** tremendous competitive surf record at State & National levels. Now living in South Australia, **Cherub** is planning on competing for the Eskimos again this season. Club spirit overcomes the distance. It will be a great O60's relay team.
- Thankyou again to the **Clovelly Hotel** for the regular loans of their bus for transport at club events. Most recently it was used during the T2C Ocean Swim & for the Watson's Bay to Clovelly Run.
- **Luane Rowe**, fastest woman in the T2C had a scare during the swim. When a news helicopter came down to ear shattering level she feared they were warning her of a shark sighting. **Jake Nolan**, was 2nd across the line but 1st out of the water. Jake's electronic ankle timer came loose as he got up & Freshwater club mate **Paul Lemmon** dashed past him as he stopped to retrieve it.
- Congratulations to **Aidan Kane, Kurt Shields, Phil Sweeney, Scott Guerin, Mark Goodwin & Aidan Fitzgerald** on gaining their Defibrillation Certificate at Bondi on Monday 20th April. Thank you to Trainers **Mark Percy & Tania Rouse**.
- Sydney Branch Boards of Lifesaving & Surf Sports will hold their election meetings at Clovelly Surf Club on Wed 27th May.
- Former active member **Chris "2 Dogs" Rauch**, now living & working in Vienna, sighted in the bar in late April.
- **On a more sobering note. Active members identified as being in default of patrol hours for the season just past, will be receiving official notification from the Management Committee.**

DIARY DATES

- Sun 3rd May - Annual Watson's Bay to Clovelly Run
- Sun 3rd May** - Eskimos AGM/Opening Swim
- Fri 8 May - Clovelly SLSC Sports Lunch
- Sun 10th May** - Mothers Day Luncheon
- Sat 30th May-Sydney Branch Awards of Excellence at Tradies at Sutherland
- Sat 13 June** - Presentation Night - Easts Leagues
- Sun 12 July - Clovelly SLSC AGM