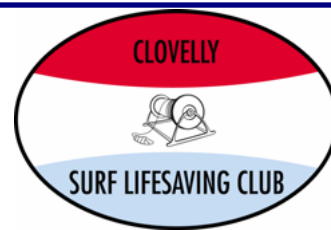


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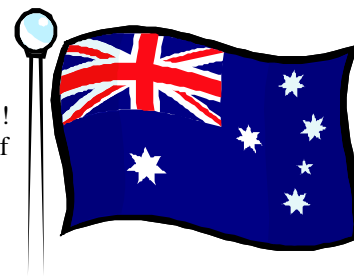
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## FEBRUARY 2008



### AUSTRALIA DAY

Your club is committed to celebrating our national day with gusto. It sure makes you stop & think, when you realize that our club is only 5 years younger than our nation, or our nation is only 5 years older than us! With the music of **Ricky Lynch & Hollie**, and a great Barbie courtesy of **Rob Johnston, Caroline Kane & Ossie**, upstairs was a sea of flags and dinki di gear on Sunday 27th January. On a more sobering note, we remembered **Mr. Akram** who tragically passed away after being washed from Shark Point during heavy seas in December. The Clovelly SLSC will be donating all bar profits, plus the proceeds of the raffle on the day to the **Akram** family, to hopefully in some way assist them through the pain of their tragic loss. Thanks to **Louise Currie** for her sell out job with said raffle tickets. An innovation this year was **Social Secretary Bronwyn Maroon's** “Day in the life of an Aussie” race. 4 heats vied for places in the final with extreme skills displayed relating to singlets, thongs, stubbies, zinc, aeroguard, wheat-bix, vegemite, saos, Billy tea, meat pies & warm beer!!! The finalists were **Richard Alcroft, Matt Scott, Georgie Currie & Jake Smirnotis**. An enthralling competition saw young **Jake** take out the prize of a great meat package donated by **A&G Meats**.

### Coogee Carnival

On 2nd February, this annual carnival was also the Sydney Branch Masters Championships. Clovelly was very well represented. Congratulations to medalists in their respective age groups. **John McNamee** 1st Sprint, 3rd Flags: **Jo Cooper** 1st Sprint, 2nd Flags: **Wendy Pepper** 1st Flags, 2nd Sprint: **Mark Scott** 2nd Sprint: Men's Relay of **John McNamee, Gary Pepper, Derek Wong & Mark Scott** 2nd : Women's Relay of **Midori Adams, Fiona Wright, Wendy Pepper, Jo Cooper** 2nd. Also proudly wearing the Clovelly cap were **Jason Say** (U/19 Sprint), **Tim Walsh** (U/15 Surf), **Andrew Goodieson** (U/17 Board), Clovelly Boaties ( **Paul Smith, Adam Maroon, Eric Graham , Rob Rathbone , Alistair Weir**): **John Stewart** (Surf) : **Kurt Shields** (Open Sprint) **Al Pausey & Geoff James** (Board). Of special significance on the day were **Tim Walsh's** first competition at an Open Carnival & **Midori Adams** winning a silver medal in her first ever surf carnival of any type. Congratulations to both. Clovelly also had its highest number of officials at a carnival in recent memory-without them there is no carnival ! Thankyou from all of us to **Ray & Jeanette Isaacs, Jenny McNamee, Craig Wheatley & Tony Beger**. L-R Below: Men's Relay, Women's Relay, Boaties start. Note from the boaties photo that once again Coogee turned on a surf for the carnival.



The photo at left below shows Little Coogee Swimming & Life Saving Club members (name changed to Clovelly SLSC in 1914) diving “off the square” around 1910. The large rock packed with the spectators has since been shifted 10 metres or so to the south, back against the cliff. Such is the power, of the never to be underestimated ocean! That rock is still there today-have a look ! Pictured at right are a group of Clovelly Nippers on that very same rock earlier this month..



**AROUND YOUR CLUB**

- congratulations to **Jon Donohoe AM**. **Jon** was a worthy recipient of the honour of being installed as a member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day awards for 2008. **Jon** received this in acknowledgement of his “service to sport through a range of professional organizations, particularly Surf Life Saving Australia, and to tourism.”
- Congratulations also to **Dylan Ward** who couldn’t sit the original exam, but obtained his belated Bronze on 20th January at Maroubra. **Dylan** was in **Chris “Topper” Thompson & Tania Rouse’s** squad.
- The Manly Surf Carnival on Sunday 27th January commemorated the first carnival held by the Manly club 100 years ago. **Bernadette Chisholm** ran very well to place 2nd in the women’s 2K beach run. At that carnival in 1908, the first ever surf boat race in Australia was won by your club, then named Little Coogee.
- Pictured at right is **Andy “Winkie” Winters** during his recital of his self penned “A Country Town” on Christmas Day. It is about Clovelly Surf Club & it’s members. Far right are a few of the many members who plunged into the green tinged Bay in pursuit of the elusive pudding winning Christmas boiled eggs!
- Met **Glen & Clair Hardy** down the beach on 27th January. **Glen** is the son of **George Hardie**. **George & his brother Ron (Cherub)** were great swimmers for Clovelly back in the 50s & 60s. **George** has recovered well from a quadruple by-pass operation in October last year. He lives at Kawana on the Sunshine Coast.
- On the same day, also said hello to **Laurie Freier** down the Bay. **Laurie** is an ex Club Captain at Clovelly. He is living on the Central Coast & was in town to catch up with his son, Wallaby hooker **Adam**.



Clovelly members once again say thankyou to **Dr. Rick Wilcox** of Coogee Skin Cancer Clinic at 177 Malabar Rd South Coogee, 9349 1999. **Rick** donated 5 hours of his time between 9am & 2pm on Sunday 3rd February to provide a “sell-out” crowd of patients with free skin cancer screening checks. **Rick** had provided a similar service for members last year. If you have any worries in this regard, don’t hesitate to make an appointment just over there at South Coogee. Count up how many hours you spend in the sun while on patrol! **Rick** is pictured at left with **Pat Thompson**, one of his many patients on the day.

**For Your Diary**

10/2/08	Bondi Carnival	6-9/3/08	NSW Masters & Open Champ. at Swansea Belmont
17/2/08	Branch Open at Maroubra	1-6/4/08	Aust. Masters & Open Champ. at Scarborough W.A.
18/2/08	Nippers Branch at Maroubra	27/4/08	Last Day of Patrols - end Season BBQ
29/2 -2/3/08	Nippers NSW Champ. at Swansea Belmont	9/5/08	Sportsman’s Lunch (see below)
Sun 9/3/08	Tom Caddy Relay Day at Clovelly	July	World Championships Germany

**SPORTSMAN’S LUNCH** - The traditional name, but all ladies welcome! A club fund raising initiative this year on Friday 9th May, 12-3pm at the **Clovelly Hotel**. Hosted by reknowned sports manager **Steve “Chimes” Gillis**, the guest speakers will be top level. \$80 per ticket from **Jim King, Ken Ryan, Glen Clarke, Boof Smith or Geoff James**. Bookings close March 30th.

- **Clovelly & Tamarama** Nippers contested the Annual Australia Day Carnival on Sunday 27th January. This year’s host’s, Clovelly took out the shield this time around. Tamarama had proudly held the Shield for the past 12 months. Pictured below left are some of the happy competitors mixing and getting to know each other. At centre, some of the Tamarama Under 14 competitors present the shield to Clovelly Under 14 representatives. Below Right -Today’s Nippers are regularly braving the waves of the breakwater en-masse.

