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News, Information and People From Your Club

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PATROL SEASON - commencing Saturday 27th September

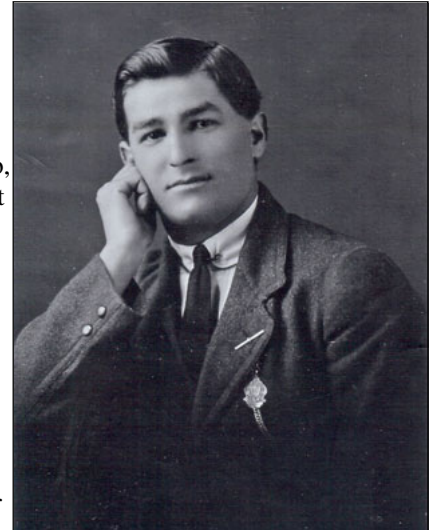
All members are aware that our club has one prime reason for being. We carry out the volunteer patrolling of Clovelly Bay & environs to the very best of our abilities. Without the Red & Yellow we are nought. Your club is a Surf Life Saving Club and a proud foundation member of Surf Life Saving Australia. We were initially conceived as Little Coogee Swimming & Life Saving Club in 1906. One proud moment in our history was in 1927. This event was properly acknowledged 29 years later. I quote from a letter written on club letterhead on 23rd January 1956, addressed to **Mr. George Pike, Esquire** (pictured at right)

“ Let it be remembered and known to all men, that you, in company with three other members of Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club, **Ronald Slater, William Miller & Charles Brooks**, did carry out a gallant and meritorious rescue on the Fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty seven in the open waters off Clovelly Bay, in the State of NSW, wherein by the gallant disregard to your own life and limb, the lives of two people were saved, and for the honours thereby bestowed upon the Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club, the members wish to express their appreciation and hereby acknowledge your bravery and fortitude. As witness the hand of the President, **G.C. James.**”

This meritorious rescue will be featured in the History of SLSNSW to be launched later this year. The prose is of an earlier style, but the event was, and should still be, inspirational to all those active members who don the red and yellow under the auspices of Clovelly SLSC.


New Gear Steward **Alex Finch & IRB Captain Andrew Hodge** have been working hard to ensure that all our equipment, and indeed their storage areas are in tip top shape for the Gear Inspection on Sunday 14th September. If you can give them a hand with anything, please don't hesitate to offer your assistance.

Congratulations to the following members who were confirmed by the August Management Committee meeting as office bearers for season 2008-09. Additional Vice-Captain, **Susie Peterson** : Recruitment Officer, **Sara Thompson** : IT Manager, **Alistair Weir** : Gym Captain, **Joe Thomas**. They join the office bearers already confirmed at the AGM. **Sara** joins **Dad Pat**, who is club Registrar, & brother **Chris “Topper”**, who is Assistant Secretary, to give us three **Thompsons** working hard for your club. Thank you for the lend of your family **Michelle** - they couldn't do it without your support.



Some Dates for Your Calendar

- Sun 7 Sept - Fathers Day Buffet Lunch in club bar.
- Sun 14 Sept - Gear Inspection
- Sun 21 Sept - Eskimos WSA Champ at Newcastle
- Sat 27 Sept - First Patrol of the Season
- Sun 28 Sept - Launch of Patrol Season Club BBQ
- Sun 12 Oct - Nippers Season Commences
- Sun 16 November - Veteran's Day at the club.

Bronze Proficiency	ARC Proficiency
Sun 26/10 9am	Sun 12/10 11am
Wed 12/11 6pm	Wed 15/10 7pm
Sun 16/11 9am	Wed 22/10 7pm
Wed 26/11 6pm	“get in early!” 
Sun 30/11 9am	



Photos from AGM 27/7/08: L-R - **Dr. Bob Callaghan** (Life Member) accepts his 50 year membership medal from President **Glen Clarke**; Special guests **Paul Pearce** (Member for Coogee) & **Rob Yeldon** (President SLSS); Our longest serving member **Keith Pateman** (70 Years) with **Glen**.



AROUND YOUR CLUB

- an interesting story from the World Lifesaving Championships in Germany in July. **Derek Wong** reports that at one stage board paddling events were almost cancelled due to dangerous conditions created by the wake of a passing ship!!
- IRB Captain **Andrew Hodge** has another string to his bow. **Andrew** was successful in obtaining his RWC driver qualification on Sunday 17th August. This qualification to drive rescue jet skis is not given lightly. Congratulations to **Andrew** on being the first such SLSA qualified person from Clovelly SLSC. "RWC" by the way appears to stand for Rescue Water Vehicle which I guess are a form of Rescue Water Craft which are also sometimes referred to as RWV !?!
- As part of History Week in early September, the Bowen Library are featuring a Randwick Surf Clubs exhibition titled "**Sentinels by the Sea**". Your club has contributed photographs and assistance with this display. It should be interesting - get up there to Anzac Parade, Maroubra Junction and take a look.
- Thankyou to **Telstra** for their funding towards the purchase of 2 more "soft" rescue boards for the club. This is part of the **Telstra Grants** system to which we applied for funding.
- Club President **Glen Clarke** was on hand at **Souths Juniors Club** on 27th August for the Community Development & Support Expenditure Scheme (CDSE) presentations. The CDSE scheme is coordinated by RCC with local registered clubs. Our application was for funding towards the provision of our voluntary life saving services. Once again, **Souths Juniors** have proven to be the major benefactor for your club from this scheme. **Glen** accepted a cheque for \$10,000 provided by the **Juniors**. Thank you to **Souths Juniors** President **Keith McCraw** & his committee and members.
- Plans for the club redevelopment works are close to completion for submission to RCC of a Development Application. Draft plans are on show on the notice board in the hall. Stage 1 entails the construction of a large underground equipment storage area under the park just across from the south-west corner of the clubhouse.
- **Andy "Winkie" Winters** will be conducting evening stretching classes in the club hall on Thursdays at 6pm. They are free for club members. Check the notice board in the hall for details.
- The **Randwick District SLS Executive** held their AGM at Clovelly Surf Club on Sunday 24th August. This body consists of representatives from Clovelly, Coogee, Maroubra & South Maroubra Surf Clubs. District Secretary **Geoff Martin** flew direct from Beijing to be present. He had been a starter on the athletic track in the Bird's Nest Stadium. **Geoff**, from Coogee SLSC, was the starter for the Men's 100m Final at the Sydney Olympics. Congratulations to **Rob Yeldon (Coogee)** & **Geoff James (Clovelly)** who were confirmed as Permanent Members of the Randwick District of Surf Life Saving. This is the District's version of Life Membership and is awarded for outstanding service to the District. Both **Rob & Geoff** are previous Club Presidents who have served the District Executive for many years. The revolving Chairmanship of the District was accepted for this season by Clovelly President **Glen Clarke**. *Pictured below l-r clockwise :*
- **Tim Murray, Gary Pracey, Trent Thomas** (Maroubra SLSC), **Geoff Martin** (Coogee), **Glen Clarke, Karl Solomonson** (Maroubra) & **Geoff James**.
- Active member **Erryn Twigg** is the swimming events coordinator for the Australian Police & Emergency Services Games at Coffs Harbour from 9-18th October. **Erryn** is then off to Europe for 6 months vacationing.
- The **Clovelly Surf Club Swimming Club**, for over 20 years guided by **Ken Ryan**, commences it's season down at the **Geoff James Pool** on Saturday 3rd November at 8.45am. "Friendly races in all strokes for kids of all ages."
- Late press on a board rescue off the breakwater by 2 members, at 7.30am on the morning of Monday 25th August. We never rest!



\$	Joining	Yearly	Gym	Locker
Junior Active	50	30	20	20
Senior Active	100	50	20	20
Act Res/Vet/Long	100	50	50	30
Associate	100	170	100	50
Pensioner Ass.	50	60	50	20

FEES for season 2008-09 are now due, & payable by 31st October 2008. Un-financial bronze holders as of this date will be charged a late fee, while Associate members will have to reapply for membership. Bronze holders with 50 years membership at Clovelly pay no fees. **All payments must be accompanied by signed SLSA/Clovelly membership form.** **OFFICE OPEN**, every weekend, staffed by management committee, from 2nd August **10am to 12midday SAT. & SUN.** to 26th October. Also, payment (with form & cheque) by mail to Secretary, Clovelly SLSC, PO Box 2094, Clovelly NSW 2031.