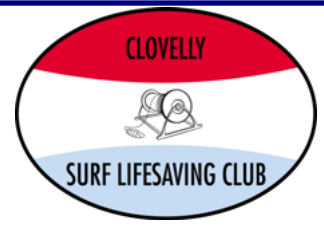


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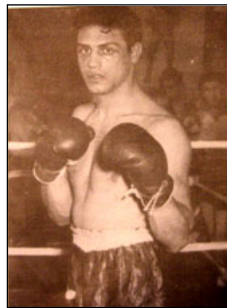
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We wish all members & their families a most happy & safe festive season. As always Clovelly SLSC will ensure the safety of beachgoers on Christmas Day with each of our 13 patrols rostered on a rotational basis through the day. The traditional club pudding races will be held Christmas morning, right on 10am. Then, Christmas Cheer in the bar from 10.30am until midday. See you there!



VETERANS DAY



Always on the 3rd Sunday in November, this year this gathering was held on the 16th. The attendees were all folk for whom Clovelly Surf Club was, or still is, an important part of their life. 50 year member “Lucky” Luciano Lombardi (left) was there. He gained his Bronze in 1955 after racing

motor bikes in Italy & starting a promising boxing career in Australia. This was the best patronised vets day in it’s 3 year history. With over 50 legendary luminaries attending, in lieu of all the names, please check out the group photograph below.



IRB Crew People

Well done to Tania Rouse, Neil Smallman, Chris Thompson, Alex Brun, Jaimie Livingstone, Francis Muir & Mark Hetherington. They obtained this much needed qualification on Saturday 1st November. Drivers and crew are always needed. Pictured below at Marourba getting air during IRB Proficiency on 8th November are Gerry McGillion & Alex Finch.



RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL

Clovelly SLSC again acknowledges the tremendous support that RCC provides for the 4 Randwick District clubs. Each club receives an annual \$30,000 Maintenance & Administration grant with no strings attached. At the Awards for Sporting Achievements evening at the Town Hall on 13th



November, Clovelly President Glen Clarke accepted the cheque from Mayor Bruce Notley-Smith. On the same evening, Clovelly patroller & Masters Beach Sprinter Mark Scott was inducted into the RCC Sporting Hall of Fame. Joining Mark in this select group was Randwick District SLS Secretary Geoffrey Martin from the Coogee club. Congratulations to Mark & to Geoff.

FRESHWATER MASTERS

Led by Comp Director John McNamee on 22nd November, gold medal performances included, Glen Lofts & Wendy Pepper in their flags & Mark Scott & John McNamee in their Sprints. (all pictured with Sprint Coach Pat Manning)



Glen has been around for a little while, and has now joined Clovelly with a transfer of his competitive rights from Mollymook SLSC. For full Freshie results catch the latest “Beach Bulletin”. An intrepid group of Clovelly boaties plus one swimmer (John “Scats” Stewart) ventured north to Scotts Head for competition on 15th November. Pictured below (l-r) prior to departure - Marcus Currie, “Scats”, Garry Pepper, Alistair Weir, Adam Maroon, Alex Finch, Paul “Smiley” Hinds, Eric Graham.



- The **Tamarama to Clovelly Ocean Swim** is a definite goer. This joint effort by the 2 Surf Clubs is being coordinated at the Clovelly end by **John McNamee**. The 2.4km swim will hit the water on Easter Monday 13th April



- 2009. The course provides a great opportunity to walk along the shore & cliff line with the swimmers. Even the logo is a winner. All the details & application forms are on the very professional website at www.t2cswim.com.
- Clovelly SLSC members, on call any time, anywhere ! Active member **Nigel Radley** (Patrol 3) was getting away from it all at Horseshoe Bay, South West Rocks in the April school holidays this year. He noticed 2 surfers paddling to shore. They were calling for help & had a body on a surf board . The patient was blue, no pulse, no breathing. **Nigel's** training kicked in immediately. As first on scene he commenced 1 man CPR (2 breaths 30 compressions!). Within a few minutes the patient vomited & pulse & breathing returned. **Nigel** placed him in the recovery position . Some 30 minutes from the start of the incident the ambulance arrived. Meanwhile on the harbour, on Tues 21st Oct. around 5.30pm , **David Hession** (Patrol 5) was diving off a ferry to make a rescue. **Dave**, a Jet Cat crewman, received a call that a passenger had fallen off a Manly Ferry near North Head. After a search, the patient who had been in the water for 15 minutes was located. A rescue ring, followed by a fully clothed **Dave** (minus his boots) hit the water. The somewhat inebriated & exhausted patient was secured and recovered. A damp **Dave** was given the rest of the night off ! That was real hero stuff **Nigel & David**. Well done. Your club is proud of you.
- **Bill Phillips** has a new little helper on the car park. She keeps **Bill** company during quiet periods. She also looks after the cash, since she says she is also an accountant.
- **John "Hooch" Robinson** has delved into his garage for yet another sound system to keep the gym rocking.
- As a consequence of some destruction & vandalism of club property, your Management Committee has made 3 decisions. Unsupervised children are not permitted in the club hall at any time (parents please note), & the club will move towards fob lockable doors on the hall area. Club policy will now also be to keep the western doors of the hall closed when not being used for access e.g. skis in & out, or direct ventilation for the Giles @ Clovelly classes. Members are asked not to open these doors.
- Our second **Sports Lunch** will be held at the **Clovelly Hotel** on Friday 8th May 2009. Put it in your diary!



FREE SPECIALIST MEDICAL TESTING at your club
Dr. Rick Wilcox will conduct skin cancer checks from 9am to midday on Sunday 21st December. **Please note this change of date.** Focus group is **over 18s**. **Dr. Armstrong** will conduct testicular cancer tests as part of the Young Man's Cancer program on AM Sunday 14th December. Focus group under 45s. The club thanks both doctors for this volunteer complimentary service. To book, **please place your name on the booking schedules on the noticeboard in the hall.**

- Maroubra SLSC President **Tim Murray** (left) gives a whole new meaning to the concept of "giving of yourself." **Tim** has been Chairman of SLS Sydney Nippers in recent years, as well as working tirelessly with Maroubra Nippers & Surf Club, including time as Captain. Now that **Tim** is President of Maroubra SLSC, the story of his kidney donation emerges. In August last year, **Tim** who is currently 38, donated one of his kidneys to his mate from the club, **Greg Battle** (right). **Greg** is 60 and a former President of Maroubra SLSC himself. Now that's Life Saving! Addendum : while at Maroubra one Saturday morning in early November, I came across a large group of disabled children being tutored in beach events & surf wading - a quick look revealed **Tim** & Maroubra Captain **Trent Thomas** providing all the hands on instruction - that too was inspirational !



A Little Word on History

Contrary to the official views of SLSA, Clovelly is proud of its heritage dating back to before accepted formation dates of some of what have been termed "foundation clubs". This flawed SLSA perspective arose from the limited research undertaken by the "historian" who was engaged to write the history component of the SLSA Centenary publication in 2007. A perusal of a "150th Anniversary of Australia" publication by the then, Randwick Municipal Council brings to light an even earlier possible foundation date for our club. In a section on Clovelly on page 37, this 1938 publication reads - "In 1904, the population had increased sufficiently to establish the first Life Saving Club in the district, called "The Clovelly Life Saving Club," which was followed 10 years later by the first Ladies Swimming Club called the "Yarrana" Club." Notwithstanding that Clovelly was actually named Little Coogee at that time, such documents are what historical research is really about. Food for thought.

- The **Clovelly Hotel** is continuing to look to provide further support to Clovelly SLSC. The 5pm Saturday raffle operated by Patrol members & Management Committee has been quite successful. Hotel Management have now offered us the opportunity to run another raffle on the same day at 3pm. The club seeks volunteer Associate, Long Service & Active Reserve members to be part of a pool to allow a roster to be drawn up for this raffle. Please give your name to any committee member asap.
- **Clovelly Nippers** hung tough at the Randwick Shield on Sunday 23rd November at South Maroubra. The water temperature was 14, the air was 13 and the rain came falling down! When did you say it was summer?

C LUB MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

This historic traditional run & swim event around & across the Bay will be held at 11am on Sunday 14th December.

THE MOLLOY SHIELD

This annual competitive clash between the 4 Randwick clubs will be hosted by Clovelly at Clovelly from 6pm on Friday December 12th. Drinks & BBQ afterwards. All assistance on the evening welcome. Competitors welcome for all events. Enquiries to **John McNamee**