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Coogee Carnival - Sat 5th February

Big seas & miserable weather saw the Branch Masters components of this carnival postponed. Despite the buoys being laid, the heavy shore break resulted in the cancellation of boat events. Some of the Clovelly competitors who braved the conditions are shown at right. Thanks especially to **Craig Wheatley, Jenny McNamee & Rodney Fox** for representing Clovelly as officials throughout the day. **Rod** pulled a “hammie” later in the day in the Beach Relay. Results available in “Beach Bulletin.”



Andrew Goodieson - Board



Rod, Jenny, Craig - Officials



John McNamee, Wendy Pepper, Glen Lofts, Jaysen Lincoln, Mark Scott - Beach

Competition Hotting Up

It is the business end of the competition season with the State Open & Masters titles completed up at Swansea from 25th February. Congratulations to State Masters Medallists: **Gold - Glen Lofts** O/45 Flags: **Silver - John McNamee** O/65 Sprint, **Mark Scott** O/50 Sprint, 200 Year Relay of **Jayson Lincoln, Glen Lofts, John McNamee, Mark Scott** : **Bronze - Debbie Evans** O/40 2km Run, **Wendy Pepper** O/45 Flags. For all the details see “Bluey’s Bulletin.” Pictured below on their return to the club, are our 2 boat crews who performed strongly on Friday 26th Feb. L-R: **Alex Finch, Nigel Chapman, Paul Smith, Geoff Money, Gary Pepper, Paul Hinds, Rob Rathbone, Eric Graham & Adam Maroon.**



Upcoming Club Dates for Your Diary

Sun 7th March: Nippers Branch - Elouera.
Sun 7th March : Tom Caddy Memorial Relay
Thurs 11th March: U/18s Club Social 6-9.30pm.
16-17 Mar : Australian Masters - Kurrawa
18- 21 Mar : Australian Open - Kurrawa
Sun 28th March - Nippers Presentation Day/AGM
Mon 5th April : T2C Ocean Swim
Mon 26th April : Anzac Day, Last Day of Patrols
Fri 7th May : Clovelly Sports Lunch
Sat 5th June : Presentation Night at Labor Club
Sun 18th July : Surf Club AGM 1pm.

\$200,000 !

On 24th February, NSW Minister for Sport & Recreation **Ken Greene** joined Member for Coogee **Paul Pearce** & SLSNSW CEO **Phil Vanny** in announcing this grant to Clovelly SLSC. Our grant was part of \$2 million spread across 20 NSW clubs for major club infrastructure works. South Maroubra was the only other Sydney Branch club to receive funding - congratulations to them on their \$250K. This additional funding should allow us to complete all stages of our already approved development plans. Stage 1 will be the new underground boat, gear & Nipper storage, followed by new Ladies’ change rooms, expanded gym, relocation of office and provision of a Lifesaving training space in the current office corner of the hall. Well done to the club building committee of **Mark Percy, Ken Ryan, Paul Smith, Byron Fitzgerald & Adam Maroon** for all the work so far & all that is yet to come. Work hopefully commencing in 2010.



Successful ARC Squad

This **Glen Clarke** trained squad came through with flying colours on 9th February. Randwick District Education boss **Mark Percy** put them through a trial exam the Sunday before. L-R: that’s **Mark, Steve Thompson, Liz Jackson, Annie Rennie & Alex Rennie** training in the hall. Congratulations!

Bronzed Mothers & Daughters

Clovelly, the family club! Pictured below are the 3 Mums who with their daughters are all in the one squad, currently in training for their Bronzes.

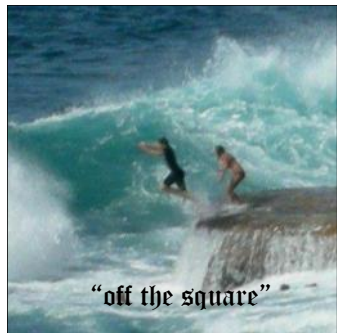


L-R: **Juliette & Mary O’Sullivan, Cathy & Bronte Goodieson, Rebecca & Molly Cocks**

- **Underwater Rugby ?** Yes, that is not a misprint! The game they play in heaven has taken a dive! Marine mauls & saltwater scrums! Not sure about the line outs. The **Uni of NSW Underwater Rugby Club** had their most recent game at Gordon's Bay in mid-Feb. They use a negatively buoyant round ball which has to go into a bottom based net type goal to score. No headgear, just snorkel, goggles & flippers. There are even world champs! They seek interested pelagic players. Free Intro Night– meet at poolside café UNSW Pool 8pm Wed 17th March. Check them out at uwrugby@wordpress.com or call 0408 134577.
- Member's thoughts are with **Nadine Clarke** and her family on the loss of her Dad **Derek** on 26th February.
- Thoughts of members are also with **Ken Murray** (President **Randwick Labor Club**) & family, after the loss of his wife **Judith** on February 8th. **Ken** is a true friend & active supporter of Clovelly and all the Randwick Surf Clubs.
- **Michael Farrugia** is becoming a regular afternoon sight down the Bay as he heads out over the breakwater on his ski in almost any conditions. **Farruge** is setting himself for the **Coolangatta Gold** in November. It will be the first Clovelly cap in that marathon event since **Michael "Sticks" Walker**.



- The club aims to provide the Annual Report to members electronically this year. All members will be notified of this development by mail. You will be asked whether you still require a hard copy. Please make the effort to respond to this request. It will be an e-efficient & money saving step forward.
- Nippers was called off & swimmers were warned by Lifeguards all morning to stay out of the water. This was on the last day of summer, Sunday 27th February. We are still waiting for that **Phantom Tsunami!**
- **"Happy Feet"** - this open air cinema at Clovelly Beach on Saturday evening 27th February was a real winner. It was part of the Australian Film Festival. A beautiful still evening & a picturesque high tide ensured that all enjoyed the movie & the social event. Topping it off was a BBQ run by competitors from Clovelly Surf Club (**Gary, Boof, Alex, Geoff & Rod** are pictured)



- **Our New Web Site** - thankyou to **Joseph "Jon" Boudreau** for this much improved gateway to our club. **"Jon"** is Vice-Captain **Mick Feiner's** step-father & lives in Brisbane. He flew down at his own expense to meet management & photograph the club. **"Jon"** has donated his fees back to the club & we are paying a much reduced rate for his hosting of the service. **Jon's** IT company is named **Nutshell Creative**. He is a supporter of all sports, but as a Canadian-Australian he is mad about ice hockey.
- **Piccolo's Pizza** is up on Clovelly Rd between Beach & Arden Streets. Proprietor **Ian Little** is keen to support Clovelly Surf Club. **Ian** will be providing support in the form of pizzas & vouchers for club events . The U/18s Club Social on 11th March will be sampling the product. Try them yourself. Phone 9664 4444 after 5pm. Support those who support your club!
- More used to steering with a sweep oar in hand, **"Boof" Smith** has decided to try something a little more refined to guide himself through local traffic. That's **"Boof"** pictured on board his new toy. We look forward to seeing **Thelma** getting a lift down to the beach!
- **TRAINING UPDATE** - With Chief Instructor **Tania Rouse** coordinating, trainers including **Tania ,Glen Clarke, Sarah Thompson, Chris Thompson, Alex Brun, & Al Pausey** currently have 2 Bronze Squads in full training. Squad 1 has 14 candidates & is aiming for exams on March 24th & 27th. Squad 2 has 11 candidates with exams scheduled for April 7th & 11th. 8 Candidates gained their Radio Operators Certificate with **Tony Berger** in January. An SRC squad of 7 trained by **Craig & Jessica Wheatley** with assistance from **Laura Percy** is close to sitting the exam. **Alex & Annie Rennie & Steve Thompson** backed up their ARC with the Defibb Course in February. **Matthew Goodwin** has completed Spinal Management Qualification. To top all that off, both **Tania Rouse** (Bronze/SRC/ARC) & **Alex Finch** (IRB) are in training for their Assessors Certification.



BEWARE THIEF

It is an unfortunate reality that there would appear to be more than one thief with access to our change rooms. Money was stolen from a bag in the ladies' change room just before Christmas. In late January \$700 was taken from a wallet in the men's change room! Trust has been betrayed ! Don't give them the opportunity. **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES OR CASH IN THE CHANGE ROOMS OR IN THE HALL OR GYM!** If any member observed anything suspicious that could be related to these thefts, please inform a committee person - your report will be in confidence. **DO NOT ALLOW NON MEMBERS ACCESS TO THE CHANGEROOMS !**

CLOVELLY SLSC ANNUAL SPORTS LUNCH

Its on again at the Clovelly Hotel, Friday 7th May 12-3pm. Tickets \$90 per head - a great lunch, beer, & wine included. That masterful MC **Steve "Chimes" Gillis** will be back on board. Guest speakers guaranteed to entertain, as will the auctions and great raffle prizes. Bookings by table group preferred. **Ken Ryan** will have tickets available at the club bar on Sundays from 5pm. Tickets cannot be reserved - payment must be made to confirm your seat. Many missed out last year - don't be disappointed - get in early.