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Our 104th Season of Vigilance & Service

All the behind the scenes work has been done. Many members may not realise just how much work goes into preparation for the season. Patrol teams & rosters have been circulated, gear inspection was held on 13th September, & on the same day the full Life Saving Committee met to map out our season protocols & operating procedures. New Club Captain **Jim King** was able to welcome our new Vice-Captaincy triumvirate as well as all Patrol Captains & Vice-Captains new and old. Patrol Team 5 under Captain **Karon Lekeu** are pictured on a windy & wet first day of patrols on 3rd Oct.



Pictured below at the well attended opening of season BBQ on Friday 2nd October : Club Captain **Jim King** lays down the law, while **Gordon Manuel, Paul Jennings & Russel Byrne** cook up a storm. Is that the marinade they're holding?



At the Gear Inspection: 1. **Tony Beger** & Radios
2. **Phil Sweeney** watches as the tubes are given the once over
3. **Tania & Lyndall** in the First Aid Room
4. **Phil, Jim & “Jenno”**



Eskimos Season Defrosts

As the Patrol Season recommences, the Winter Swimming season recedes into hibernation. The Eskies had a fancy dress last swim on 13th September. President **Lyn Chapman** also had her first ever swim ! Full Rescue & Resuscitation Resources were on hand ! Sceptical Eskimos had pledged over \$3,000 to the **Sydney Children's Hospital** to mark this event. This amount is to be added to the Blue Ocean Day revenue to raise the total sum donated to the hospital from Clovelly efforts to over \$20,000 ! **Dr. Michael Brydon** from the hospital was on hand to start **Lyn** on what amounted to a time trial, as she didn't have a handicap (that we know of) for a normal race. Photos Below:



At the Australian WSA Championships at Banora Point on Sunday 20th September, the O60s relay team consisting of **Len Harris, Bill Harris, Neil Griffin and Ron “Cherub” Hardy** was victorious. Other strong performances included **Alex Doyle** 2nd Open 50m & **Bill Harris** 3rd O'65 50m. In a testament to the enthusiasm and ability of our Lady Eskimos, Clovelly was 3rd in the overall women's point score. Apparently the Clovelly girls were in everything, including some very strong relay performances. The “un-nominated” of the 2 Clovelly teams in the handicap relay would have been victorious but they were not the chosen ones ?? Ask an Eskimo to explain ! At the Eskies Presentation Night upstairs at the club on 26th September, **Richard Halliday** was the winner of the overall season point score trophy. **John “Scats” Stewart** took out the **Bob Burns Trophy** for Club Person of the Year. Male Club Champion was **John Roman** with **Alex Doyle** taking out the female Club Champion award. Congratulations to all - see you next winter !

Upcoming Dates for your Calendar

- * Fri 2nd Oct - Season Opening BBQ 6pm
- * Sat 3rd Oct - Patrols start
- * 10-11 Oct - World Masters Games
- * Sun 18th Oct - Nippers First Day 9am
- * Sat 24th Oct- Surf Club Swimming Club starts
- * Sat 21st Nov - Freshwater Masters Carnival
- * Sun 22nd Nov - Club Veterans Day
- * Sun 13th December—Club Open day

PROFICIENCY TESTS

1. Sun 5th Nov 9am - Bronze/SRC/Spinal
2. Wed 25th Nov 6.30pm - Bronze/SRC/Spinal
3. Sun 29th Nov - Bronze/SRC/Spinal
4. Wed 9th Dec - Bronze/SRC/Spinal
5. Sun 13th Dec - Bronze/SRC/Spinal


That gives you 5 chances to get it done. All proficiencies must be completed by 31st December 2009. If you don't make one of these, you'll have to find a date that suits with another club.

Remaining other proficiencies :-

IRB Drivers: see notices at club.

IRB Crew: Sundays at 10am Nov 1st, 15th, 29th

ARC/Defib/Spinal : Thurs 7pm, Oct 8th & 15th

- **Robert “Johnno” Johnstone** passed away on 13th September. **Robert** was a keen active member for many years & also represented Clovelly with distinction in R&R. Our thoughts are with wife **Helen** & the **Johnstone** family. 
- **Gerry McGillion & Geoff Money** rescued a diver off Clovelly on Sept 20th. That IRB Drivers proficiency test was a realistic warm up for the season !
- Sunday BBQs are again an opportunity for competitors to raise funds towards a club subsidy for the Australian Titles. These will be back at Kurrawa in March 2010. The first such BBQ was held on Saturday 19th September, on the day of the official opening of our shrunken car park ! **John McNamee, Steve Thompson, Helen Callaghan,** and **Jenny McNamee** pictured at the grillface. **Geoff James, Mayor Bruce Notley-Smith, Councillor Paul Tracey** & member for Coogee **Paul Pearce** at the official opening plaque.



- The new ski racks in the hall have made the place feel a little more organised. Thankyou to **Emmanuel** & his team at **E & S Electrical Wholesalers** for donating the racks. Thanks also to **Daniel Sharpe** for the uni struts which the racks attach to. The main labour input came from **Scott Anderson & Garth Bisson.**
- Thoughts of members are with **Peter “Shuey” Schumack** on the loss of his Mum in late September.
- The season opening BBQ on Fri. 2nd Oct was a taste of things to come. New Social Secretary **Russel Byrne** & his team outdid themselves. The salads were superb & how good, were the sausages & marinated chicken !

FEES for season 2009-10 now due, & payable by 31st Oct 2009. Unfinancial bronze holders at this date will be charged a late fee while Associate members will have to reapply for membership. Bronze holders of 50 years membership at Clovelly pay no fees. **All payments to be accompanied by signed SLSA Clovelly membership form. OFFICE OPEN,** staffed by your management committee, **10am to 12 SAT. & SUN.** to end October. **NO PAY NO PLAY!**

FEES	Join	Year	Gym	Locker
Jun Active	50	30	20	20
Sen Active	100	50	20	20
Act Res/ Vet/Long	100	50	50	30
Associate	100	170	100	50
Pens. Ass.	50	60	50	20

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS—PERPETUAL OR 10 YEAR, OR ANY LONG TERM MEMBERSHIP DEALS, ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO NEW OR EXISTING MEMBERS.

- Former club member & Bronze holder **Luke Brown** was working behind the club bar on Sunday 20th September. At about 6.30pm, he was informed that a body was floating **Off the Square**. **Luke** quickly grabbed a board, secured the patient & attempted resuscitation. After the helicopter retrieved the victim, she unfortunately could not be revived. **Luke** did everything possible. Well done.
- Sunday 13th December will be a club open day. Club Recruitment Officer **Paul Jennings** (who is also a Vice-Capt) will welcome all assistance in promoting our club. The overall aim is to attract new active members!
- The evergreen **Ken Ryan** will be back on deck with the **Clovelly Surf Club Swimming Club** commencing on Saturday 24th October. Events are held down at the **25m Geoff James Pool.**
- Our first new Bronze Squad of the season commenced training with **Chris “Topper” Thompson** at 8am on Sunday 4th October. Water temperature 16 degrees! Congratulations to **“Topper”** on his acceptance of the position of Assistant Chief Instructor for season 2009-10.



Photos above: **Jim King** presides over Life Saving Committee meeting on gear inspection day. Clovelly “ gear inspectors” **Greg Causer & Mark Percy**

- Patrolling members are asked to look closely at their rostered starting times this season. There are a number of variations for Sundays when Nippers are on, and also for October and April when one team does the whole day.