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# “off the square”

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2010 NSW SURF  
CLUB OF THE YEAR

Founded 1906

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## NOVEMBER 2011 (109th ed.)



### The Dave Murray Shield - Sunday 16th October

This annual event commemorates the life and lifetime contributions to the club of **Dave Murray**. Dave was a Life Member of both the Surf Club and the Eskimos. Dave's sons **Chris and Stewart** are both active members of both clubs. This year there were 2 teams of 18 swimmers apiece swimming 55 yard legs across the Bay. **Chris and Stewart** were the opening and closing swimmers for the opposing Eskimo & Surf Club teams. Not surprisingly, many swimmers deviated all over the course as the black line on the bottom was again not making itself too visible. As shown in the last leg photo, with 5 metres to go - this one went down to the wire, and only a fingernail separated the Murray brothers at the finish of the final leg. The judges deliberated long and hard, including perusing photo finish evidence. The final decision went to the Eskimo team captained by **Stewart**. Life Member **Dr. Bob Callaghan** made the presentation. The teams then adjourned to the bar to reminisce about **Dave**, and for discussions on tactics for next year. The next big club relay will be the **Tom Caddy Cup** on a date to be confirmed.



### Club Open Day - Sunday 16th October

Congratulations to club recruitment Officer **Heather Mitchell** on the success of this day. **Heather** was able to sign up numerous new members and acquaint others with what the club is all about. Held in conjunction with the opening day of Nippers & the **Dave Murray Shield** there was certainly plenty of action around the Bay. Many of the nipper parents expressed interest in joining the Surf Club. **Heather** was able to sign some of them up on the day. There are 386 registered Nippers. 66 u/6s, 77 u/7s, 58 u/8s ! With a mandated water safety ratio of 1:5 parents really need to put their hands up.



	CALENDAR
Sun 6th Nov	Toy Swap Day at the club
Sat 19th Nov	Freshwater Masters Carnival
Sun 20th Nov	Veterans Day
Sun 11th Dec	Club Marathon Championship
Sun 25th Dec	Pudding Races from 10am
Thurs 26th Jan	Australia Day BBQ at the club

REMAINING	PROFICIENCIES
Bronze/SRC	Sun 13th Nov . 8am at Clovelly
	Tues 22nd Nov 6.30pm Clovelly
ATV	Sun. 20th Nov. 9am at Clovelly
	Sat 26th Nov. 9am at Clovelly
	Sun. 27th Nov. 9am at Clovelly
IRB Driver/Crew	Sun. 20th Nov. 8am at Clovelly
	Sun. 27th Nov. 8am at Clovelly



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## RESCUE SEASON

On Friday afternoon 7th October **Scott Anderson, Garth Bisson & Michael "Sticks" Walker** were paddling boards off the breakwater. Out of nowhere a big set of 3 waves broke "out the back" at the "Far North."

**Scott** lost his board. On the swim back he encountered a distressed swimmer who had been sucked out over the breakwater after that set. **Scott** reassured the patient and signalled for assistance. "**Sticks**" secured the patient and returned him safely to shore.

The next day **Scott & Garth** were on Saturday Patrol with **Mike Pollack's** Team 11. At 10.40am the ever vigilant **Garth** observed a group of divers signalling for assistance off Shark Point. One of the group had a suspected fractured foot suffered on entry to the water. The diving group could no longer support her. **Scott & Garth** were quickly on the scene with rescue boards. The patient was assessed and **Garth** then completed a textbook patient roll onto the board. The patient was returned to shore and taken to hospital by her companions. Well done guys – Clovelly SLSC 24/7 Vigilance & Service of the highest calibre. This is our prime function !



## AROUND YOUR CLUB

- Management Committee has agreed that the club will not be running the May **Sports Lunch** in 2012. The Clovelly Hotel construction works are one of the reasons for this decision. The event should be back bigger than ever in 2013.
- Below : a little bit of history - 1. club members in 1914, the year Little Coogee became Clovelly. 2. The non-promenaded Bay that this impressively outfitted mob patrolled - note the wide breakwater.



- Congratulation to **Pat Harmer** & fiancé **Roni** on the birth of **Alexandra** on 18th June. When **Alexandra** joins the Nippers she will be a fourth generation **Harmer** at the Surf Club. She will follow in the footsteps of **Pat** & his father **Graham** (dec.) & grandfather **Norm** (dec.)
- Patting on - RCC Lifeguard **Pat Falzon** is a man of many talents. On Saturday 5th November he will pull on the gloves for a 3 x 2 minute rounds charity boxing bout against an opponent as yet unnamed. **Pat** was the Lifeguard consultant at the 2 rescues mentioned at left.
- **Ronnie "Jingles" Evans** passes away in early October aged 86. The thoughts of members are with **Ron's** family & friends.
- The Sunday Sport extravaganza continued in the club bar in October. The Rugby World Cup was a major drawcard. On 16th October the double header of the League Test against the Kiwis followed by the Wallabies vs All Blacks World Cup Rugby semi had the bar abuzz. **Top Cat** complimentary food including sauso sambos and marinated lamb kebabs was greatly appreciated. Bar hours were extended as agreed with the management committee to allow the big crowd to drown their sorrows after something of a disappointing Wallaby performance. **Damien Cocks** dressed for the occasion and also outfitted son **Paddy & Bianca Manuel**.
- The future of the club looked in good hands on Sunday 16th October. This group of young friends were on duty with **Craig Whealey's** Patrol 1. (l-r)  
A photograph of a group of seven young people, mostly women, wearing yellow surf rescue gear and red caps. They are standing in a line and smiling for the camera.
- **Danielle Stewart, Madeleine Wheatley, Mikayla Wallington, Ava Gallagher, Grace Kane & Fin Gallagher.**
- Competition Director **Wendy Pepper** is running "Boot Camps" for girls members 14 & older every Monday & Wed at 4pm. Meet at the boatshed for boxing, running, board paddling & a whole range of fitness activities.
- Chief Training Officer **Topper Thompson's** latest initiative is about offering a special 4 week intensive IRB Drivers course for Clovelly members. We desperately need more drivers - please see **Topper** asap if you are interested. This is not just for male members !
- Thankyou to **Jo Cooper** who has taken on the role of choodinating the Clovelly side of operations for the Annual T2C ocean swim from Tamarama to the sands of Clovelly.
- The yoga sessions for club members only are back on. The sessions are held in the upstairs bar area at 6am on Fridays. Cost is just \$10. **Shiraz Thomas** is instructor.
- **Deb Reynolds** is again conducting women's fitness classes on Mondays at 6pm. The sessions are held in the club gym with running components out in the hall. Cost is minimal. Get into shape at your club!