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2010 NSW SURF CLUB OF THE YEAR

Founded 1906

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CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE BAY

Members and friends enjoyed a great Christmas high tide. The annual egg dive for an ice cream pudding saw the crystal waters again turn an iridescent shade of green. Surf Club members and Nippers were joined by friends and members of the public in this now legendary event. All pudding seekers are shut into the boat shed before the door is opened for a mad charge down to the 33 yard area in front of the club (see photo sequence below). Thankyou to **Russel Byrne** for organising the puddings & boiling all the eggs, **Wendy, Jo & team** for facilitating the distribution of same, **Matt Scott** for the greening of the Bay (see over), to **Glen Clarke** for RSAing the bar, **Boof** multi-skilling, **Maddy Maroon, Geoff James & Damien Cocks** behind the bar and to **Top Cat** for the donation of a keg. Thankyou most of all to all the active members who gave of their time on the day to allow the club to fulfil our patrol obligations.



AWARDS

December was a big month for Chief Training Officer **Chris “Topper” Thompson** and his team of training officers. The format for Bronze and SRC assessment today consists of a “dry land” Part A usually on the Wednesday, followed by a practical Part B in the surf and on the sand on the Sunday. On the 4th December, this year’s Surf Rescue Certificate squad completed Part B of their assessment in trying conditions at Maroubra. This squad trained by **Craig & Jessica Wheatley** comprised, **Brad Davoren-Wherrett, Lachlan Pembroke, Adam Baghdadi, Zac Callaghan, Latham James, Riley Tate, Henry Walsh, Tyler Brown, Jaylen Loye-Cappelletti, Bianca Wallington, Alexandra Wright, Elizabeth Butterworth, Sarah McCormick, Kiera McGillion, India Anderson**. They were signing on for patrols before Christmas! With even bigger surf at Maroubra on 11th December the Bronze exams were moved to Coogee where the heavy shorebreak was very testing. Congratulations to our first successful Bronze Squad of the year trained by **Molly Cocks and Topper & Heather Mitchell**. Well done to **Michael Laing, Inger Brettle, Sam Chamoun, Camellia Webb-Gannon, Tim Gannon, Quetzal Bell, Tracey Jannusch, Jeremy Nicolas, Glen Sneddon, Jeff Johnson, Lachlan Wright**.



On the 18th December for the 3rd consecutive weekend, Clovelly was proud to present another squad for assessment.. This Bronze squad trained by **Jessica Wheatley & Tania Rouse** faced testing conditions at Maroubra. Congratulations to **Casey Pepper, Kiara Anderson, Kelly Cremen, Harry Ryan, Ryan Davoren-Whereat, Grace Kane, Emily Hession, Sophie Whittaker & Samantha Squadrino**. Thankyous also to **Bronte & Andrew Goodieson & Mark Goodwin** for water safety during the exams.



AROUND YOU CLUB

- Members thoughts are with the family of **Keith Pateman**. **Keith** passed away on 7th December. Keith was our longest serving living member. **Arthur Keith Pateman** was a member of Clovelly SLSC for 73 years. Keith joined the club in 1938 & completed his Bronze in 1939.



When the Eskimos was founded in 1954 as a winter swim for Surf Club members, **Keith** became the handicapper. He held this position for 10 years and was honoured with a Life Membership of the Eskies. On retirement, **Keith** became a daily swimmer and walker at Clovelly and with compatriots including **Ray Havenstein** and **Geoff James Snr** was “part of the furniture” at the Bay. **Keith** will be missed. **Keith’s** funeral was at Matraville on 12th December. In a much appreciated gesture, reflecting the esteem **Keith** was held in at Clovelly, 5 RCC Lifeguards in full attire attended the funeral - well done gentlemen.

- Alan “Sargo” Sergeant** is a 50 year member of the club who has been having some tough times medically over recent months. **Sargo** was operated on on 12th December. All members hope for a good recovery and a chance for **Sargo** to enjoy the festive season.

- Santa Claus** was welcomed to the Bay by the Nippers on Sunday 18th December. With 2 IRBs & loads of Nippers on boards, **Santa** cruised down the Bay in the Clovelly surf boat. At the Beach **Santa** was joined by his little helpers **Jo & Jo**. Then the free BBQ and Santa handing out lolly packages attracted a great crowd. Thanks to **Boof** & the rowers, **Garry & Gerry** in the IRBs & the **Coopers & Emmo**.



- Our next Bronze Squad will commence training sometime in the second half of January. If you know anybody interested please let them know to get in touch with **Topper** or any committee person.
- Recruitment Officer **Heather Mitchell** will be conducting an information stall outside the club on Australia Day. Any assistance gladly accepted.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU IN THE IRBs - Action, rescue, speed, rescue, skill, rescue, surf, rescue - don't miss out - all active members, this means you - see 2nd calendar item at right.



CLUB MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

This traditional annual event involves both running and swimming. Although not a true marathon, a combination of speed and stamina is required. Starting on the beach, competitors run up the sand and along the south side of the Bay to the last steps. Diving in they swim to the other side and run up the stairs to the bus terminal. Following the path down to the promenade they dive in at the 33, swim across the Bay & emerge at **Caddy’s Steps**. Then up the steps in front of the clubhouse, around the lightpole in the centre of the car park and up Clovelly Road to the steps and path leading back to the beach. The event concludes where it started. A strong field faced the starter with **Andrew Goodieson & Jethro James** setting the pace early before **Andrew Radford** took the lead before the first swim. **Andrew Goodieson** was first out of the water. **Jethro** overtook **Andrew** heading up the hill. **Andrew** stayed close behind and when they emerged at **Caddy’s Steps** there was only a bodylength in it. In the final run, **Jethro** was able to open a good lead to enable him to repeat his victory from last year. His time was 5.55. **Andrew Goodieson** was 2nd (6.15) with **Bernadette Chisholm** (7.12) the first woman home. Finishing strongly came **Deb Taylor, Paddy Cocks, Andrew Radford, Brad Davoren-Wherrett, John McNamee, Rod Fox & Kym Davoren**. **Kym’s** was an outstanding effort culminating in a strong finish down the beach.



CALENDAR	
Sun 1st Jan 1-3pm	“The Hangover” - BBQ lunch \$10
Thurs 5th Jan 7pm	IRB Driver & Crew Squads - info/induction evening.
Sun 15th Jan	Nippers Re-start - handicap day
Sun 22nd Jan	Nippers Cloey vs. Tama at Cloey
Thurs 26th Jan	Australia Day BBQ at the club - live entertainment, Aussie BBQ tucker & much more !
Sat 11th Feb	Masters Fundraiser Disco
Sun 29th April	End Season BBQ
Fri 11th May	Sports Lunch @ Clovelly Hotel
Sat June 2nd	Presso Night at the Club