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2010 NSW SURF
CLUB OF THE YEAR

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CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE BAY

Members and friends enjoyed a shades of grey Xmas Bay. 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. Thanks to **Russel Byrne** for organising the puddings & boiling all the eggs, **Wendy & team** for facilitating the distribution of same, **Boof** for the greening of the Bay, to **Glen Clarke & Damien Cocks** for running the bar, & to **Top Cat** for facilitating the drinks. Thankyou especially to active members who gave of their time on what became a wet day, to allow the club to fulfil our patrol obligations.

CLUB MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

This traditional club championship was held on November 18th. 24 starters lined up on the beach for an event that tests speed, endurance, running and swimming. The course winds around and across the Bay. Junior member **Jethro James** retained his title with his 4th successive victory. **Pat Moss** was 2nd with **Andrew Goodieson** coming in 3rd. **Jethro's** time was 5min 42secs. In the women's division **Cathy Goodieson** surprised with victory over daughter **Bronte**. **Karon Lekeu** was 3rd. Clearly a successful day for the **Goodieson** family!



Jethro, Pat, Andrew



Karon, Cathy, Bronte

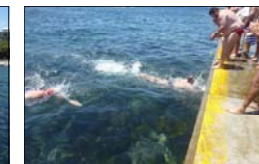
ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY - November 18th

This annual event is held from midday on the 3rd Sunday of every November. It is an opportunity for the living history of the club to get together and share memories of the good old days. Put it in your diary for 2013 now! It'll be Sunday 17th November in 2013! Participants this year numbered close to 50. They were welcomed by Club President **Jim King**. A great **Top Cat** BBQ was enjoyed by all.



DAVE MURRAY RELAY

This annual event in remembrance of **Dave Murray** was held on November 18th. **Dave** was honoured as a Life Member of both the Surf Club & the Eskies. The clubs do battle for the shield. With **Dave's** sons, **Stuart & Chris Murray** as both the opening and closing swimmers for each team it was a see sawing battle. After 30 swimmers each. It came down to **Stuart** touching just a body length in front of **Chris** to give victory this year to the Eskimos. **Chris & Stuart** feature below with Surf Club President **Jim King** & Eskies President **Peter Sulman**.



AROUND YOUR CLUB

- Veterans Day was reported on page 1. One of our esteemed veterans present on the day was **Harry Lawson**. 40 years or more ago **Harry** used to dive for lead sinkers & weight belts discarded at Thompson’s Bay or Thommos. (better known today as Gordon’s Bay.) These were then sold as scrap metal. **Harry’s** favourite spot was a deep section around the rocky shelf on the edge of the north eastern point of the bay. **Harry** was so regular & so successful that this location became known as **Harry’s Hole**. The name is still in common usage. On Saturday 1st December former Clovelly member & now Bondi Rescue star, **Anthony “Harries” Carroll** celebrated his wedding at Clovelly Surf Club. **Anthony’s** nickname is derived from his youthful days of regularly entering the water at **“Harry’s Hole”**, to surf there or out at the Bombie. Just a little bit of local folklore for your edification.



- **Giles at Clovelly Xmas Party** was held at the western boatshed reception area of the club on Fri 30th November. This night marked the 12th year of the successful alliance between **Ken Stone’s** iconic group and the Clovelly Surf Club. **Ken** chaired the formal proceedings with **Wendy Pepper**. A series of awards were presented. To top off the evening **Andy “Winkie” Winters** recited another of his classic poems based on characters from the **Giles** group.



- Congratulation to **Topper Thompson** on his appointment as Surf Life Saving Sydney Director of Education in November. With **Clarkie** as Director of Lifesaving Clovelly is clearly a strong Branch presence.
- A gentle reminder/**WARNING** - for insurance reasons and also for member amenity, the Gym is for the use of **MEMBERS ONLY!** Lending fobs to non members will lead to the cancellation of the offending fob.
- **John McNamee** will not slow down !Congratulations on a silver in the O’65 200m track sprint in the Pan Pac Masters Games on the Gold Coast. **John** ran a fast 29.02sec.



On 16th December, Nippers booked a king tide and a great morning to welcome Santa in his surf boat sleigh. This last day for 2012 was an entertaining mix of activities for the kids. There was much parent involvement in relays both on the sand & in the water. Don’t forget the Nippers back to school disco at the surf club on Friday 25th January 2013.

RESERVED CAR PARK SPACES

These are for members actually on patrol duty on weekends and public holidays. All members are asked to respect this recognition from the council to our duty volunteer patrollers. Please don’t park there in the morning before patrol hours and then leave your vehicle there.

AWARDS

Congratulations to **Chris “Topper” Thompson** and all Trainers on 106 awards in total by Christmas. On Sunday 2nd December 22 U/14s Nippers gained their Surf Rescue Certificates. (names next edition) Congratulations to all.& thankyou to Trainers **Craig & Jessica Wheatley**. On Sundays 9th & 16th Dec at Maroubra, 23 Bronze candidates were successful. Well done to **Trainers Topper, & Maddie Wheatley**, ably assisted by **Rebecca Cocks & Junior Taurail**, on the success of **Danielle Stewart, Ava Gallagher, Fin Gallagher, Huon Fairburn, Melissa Lew, Tamara Morewood, Gretchen Miller, Richard Bascin, Ryan Gannon, Jake Campey, Ashley Hein, Dana Slaven, Jon Dyster, Jyoti Horneman, Toni LaNauze, Cameron Dymond, Tony Conway & Greg Turner**. To **Trainers Topper & Karon Lekeu** congratulations on the qualification of **Kelsey LeKeu, Bianca Manuel, Angus Laing, Erin Clarke & Jessica Redmond**. Thanks to **Glen Clarke** for the squad photos.



CALENDAR

Sun 27th Jan	Australia Day BBQ - Midday onwards
Sat 2nd Feb	Coogee Surf Carnival
Fri 8th Feb 6pm	“Brats vs Men” . This was the traditional name for U21 vs O21 in a range of events. On the same evening, the Tom Caddy Cup
Sun 29th April	Last day of patrols
Fri 10th May	Clovelly SLSC Sports Lunch
Sat 1st June	Presentation Night at the club
Sun 14th July	AGM - 1pm