



Newsletter 1
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Welcome!

We are all set for another fun-filled season of surf club. We wish to welcome all our past and new members and hope you all enjoy the upcoming season. Last week nearly 200 nippers enjoyed their first meet of the season. It was a great way to start the season, with bright sunny conditions and pleasant seas.

We particularly welcome our youngest recruits, the U6s who were all smiles, enjoying fun activities on the beach, a visit to the Patrol and tour of the clubhouse.



Calendar

Please note that some amendments have been made to the calendar and are included in this newsletter. The calendar will also be updated and posted on the web. We will also post on facebook, use local radio, and email families if activities are cancelled due to inclement surf and weather conditions. If you have not already provided us with your email address, please send an email to: wollongongcityjuniors@hotmail.com and we will add you to the distribution list.

Upcoming Events

Thursdays: Beach Training
4:45 for 5pm at City Beach with Luke Potter – all ages

Fridays: Board Training
3:45 for 4pm start at the clubhouse for U9s and over.
Compulsory parent supervision & hi-vis rashies.

Sat 26 Oct 8am Sydney Water Carnival 1 – Shellharbour

Sun 27 Oct 9am Nippers Continued technique coaching & water confidence
Duty: U12

Appeal Week
Friday 1 November
Various locations 5pm–8pm
Volunteers required for bucket collection.

Sat 2 Nov 3pm Twilight
1500m beach run followed by welcome BBQ /drinks in clubhouse – all welcome
Duty: U11

Sun 3 Nov – no nippers

Sat 9 Nov 8am Sydney Water Carnival 2 – Bulli

Sun 10 Nov 9:00am
Club captains vote
Rip Awareness Day / Pancakes
Duty: U10

Sat 16 Nov 8am Sydney Water Carnival 3 – Warilla

Sun 17 Nov 9am Nippers
Duty: U9



Sun 24 Nov 9am Nippers
Age Group Photos
Duty: U8

Sat 30 Nov 8am Sydney Water Carnival 4 – Thirroul

Sat 30 Nov Bunnings BBQ - tbc

Sun 1 Dec 9am Nippers
Duty: U14

Sun 8 Dec 9am Stacey Jolly competition with North Beach
at North Beach

Sat 14 Dec 3pm Twilight
Nippers followed by Hawaiian BBQ /drinks in clubhouse – all welcome
Duty: U13

Thank you to all our hard working committee members and volunteers who have worked so hard in the off season to get us off to a great start. Surf club is a voluntary organisation. The committee, age managers and water safety personnel are mums and dads just like you and many of them had nothing to do with surf club previously. Please support the surf club by helping where you can on the beach. Each week "Duty" responsibility has been allocated to an age group, which includes assisting with setup (boards, flags, age signs), helping with BBQ's/pancake days, cleanup off the beach, etc and is included in the calendar. Please meet at the clubhouse garage and look for Mark Fox and volunteer your help. We also need your help supporting social and fundraising activities. **A reminder to return your chocolate money.** We still have some boxes left if you would like to take another - collect from the clubhouse after nippers on Sunday. We are sure you will enjoy surf club even more by joining in. It is a great activity for the whole family and really becomes very social once you become involved.



Wollongong City SLSC is on Facebook – find our page and like us to be updated instantly with information about both the senior and junior activities.

Surfclub Meets - Safety is paramount

All children are to be marked on and off when attending surfclub activities. Children will also be accounted for when completing the board or swim. Groups will be allocated their activities and when it is time for your age group to conduct its water activities, instructions will be given by the Water Captain and all children should listen and abide the instructions. All water activities will require wearing of the Hi-Vis pink rashie. Assessments will be made as to the surf conditions, and if the surf is unsafe, the board and swim will be conducted in Belmore Basin.

From time to time we will photograph children for newsletter, media promotion or training purposes. **Please let the committee know, in writing, if you do not wish your child to be photographed.** Our Child Protection Officer has a form.

Appeal Week – 27 October to 3 November

A major fundraiser for surf clubs across Australia is Appeal Week, this year running from 27 October to Sunday 3 November. Throughout this period clubs are authorised to visit various sites across the area and ask for donations. The public are well aware of this longstanding tradition and are more than keen to donate. Over the past few seasons we have raised between \$2,000 and \$3,000, every dollar assists Surf Life Saving in making our beaches safer by preventing drowning and saving lives. Volunteers are needed for collections on Friday 2 November at various locations between 5pm & 8pm. Please consider offering an hour or two of your time. Troy, our Fundraising extraordinaire, will come around to the different age groups next week with a roster asking for assistance, alternatively you can send us an email. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



VOTE FOR CLUB CAPTAINS

The vote for Club Captains from the U14s will take place on Sunday 10 November at 9am in the clubhouse by all U12 and over club members.



In the U14's are, Connor Stefanou, Jose Roberts, Brock Scrivener, Max Lawson, Meg Fox, Maddie Delaney, Jarrod Murada. Inset: Sam Morris, Ben Vugrek, Jed Wells & (not pictured Annalisse Boschan, Taylor McCall & Liam Hegyi).

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Beach (sand) Training

Luke Potter, former State and Australian sprint competitor, has kindly offered to take on the role of Beach Trainer again this year, which will ensure the continued success of our kids at carnivals on the sand. This training will take place on Thursdays, 4:45 for 5pm on the beach. Activities include sprint starts, flags, relay changes, etc and all age groups are welcome to participate.

Board / Surf Training

For those members who are interested, we are running board and surf training for children Under 9s to Under 14s each Friday afternoon at the clubhouse - 3:45pm for 4:00pm in the water.

All children in attendance must be accompanied by an adult and must have completed their proficiency evaluation as mentioned in the carnival section below and in the information booklet.

It is compulsory to comply with water safety regulations and ratios, ie 1 qualified adult to 5 children and conditions are assessed as low risk. If conditions are assessed as moderate or high risk, board training will take place in Belmore Basin. Prior to entering the water children and adults will be signed on and ratios will be strictly adhered. Parents will be asked to assist with water safety. At the conclusion of the session, children and adults will be signed off.

Marty, Hannah, Matt & Dane look forward to seeing you there.

2013-2014 AGE MANAGERS

- U6 Toby Dawson
- U7 *to be appointed*
- U8 Riley Hall / Mia Hickman
- U9 Riley Spicer / Cindy-Lee Spicer
- U10 Michelle Ackerman / Max Varmedja
- U11 Brendan Pearce
- U12 Jody Hennessy / Greg Moon
- U13 Adam Ainsworth / Sarah Allen
- U14 Chris Scrivener / Trish Fox

Our age managers are volunteer parents and will need your assistance with the children, especially in the larger younger groups, but also with pointsoring, collecting the flags, and selecting place getters. Please treat your age managers with respect.

Carnival Information

The carnival calendar is very full with four Sydney Water Carnivals before Christmas. All children in the U8s and over age groups can compete at carnivals provided they complete their preliminary skills evaluation and competition skills evaluation (listed on page 22 of the information booklet and posted on the web). For those who missed last week, we will again be completing the carnival proficiencies, as well as junior evaluations on 20 October and carnival teams selected. Age Managers will request all children to attempt this award and it will be recorded.

Entries for the Sydney Water Series can still be made on the day of the carnival (26 October at Shellharbour - \$75 for the four carnivals including the late entry fee of \$20). A limited number of Wollongong City carnival shirts are available for all new carnival entrants. Please present your receipt to Apparel to receive it.



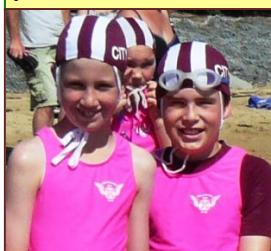
Carnivals are a great way for children to improve their skills and for them to make new friends within our own club and in other clubs. As we did last year, we will dedicate the first few weeks to training and technique for relays, board and swim and children will be encouraged to participate and hopefully also join the team in carnivals. Wollongong City has always had strong team results and it would be great to continue this tradition. If you would like to know more about carnivals ask your age manager or a member of the committee.

Wollongong City Apparel

We have a great range of Wollongong City clothing in stock. Apparel is open from **8:30am til 9:00am** to allow our hard working volunteers a chance to get on the beach and watch their children.

Wollongong City apparel can also be viewed on the Junior's website. A reminder, all junior members received one Energy Australia hi-vis rashie on registration. If lost, they are available for purchase at \$15 each.

If you are interested in helping with apparel please see Bec or Kendra.



SPONSORS REQUIRED

Last year we purchased new boards totalling \$4500 and we are looking for sponsors, \$500 each to display your logo on a board, great value as it remains visible for the life of the board.

We also have opportunities for other larger sponsorships. Please discuss your business' requirements with a member or the committee or send an email to:

wollongongcityjuniors@hotmail.com

This is an ideal opportunity for your business to get behind our Life Savers of the future and ensure the great Australian tradition continues into the future generations.

Surf Life Saving is an important part of our Australian Culture and it is through sponsorship of surf life saving you can help to continue this valuable organisation.



Sponsored boards - exposure at all carnivals.