

Life's a Beach

Newsletter No.1 2016 - 2017

Welcome to Year 102 of Lifesaving on Wollongong City SLSC

Club Executive:

Leading us in season 2016-17. Please give them your total support - it ain't easy at the top.

President	Dave Forst	(2 nd Term)	0408485915
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Club Council: (See Notice Board)

Club Executive + following: Paul Buttel Tony Gorgijovski, Matt Hiesley, Jon Hickman, Peter Hogarth, Larry Jennett, Michael Jennett Michael Yatras, Cody Shanahan. Meet 2nd Monday of month -7.00pm - WCSLSC Members Room. **ALL** members welcome to attend - may speak at Club Council meeting but cannot propose or vote on any motion.

Life Membership:

Tim Jennett was elected by unanimous vote as the **46th Life Member** of Wollongong City SLSC at the AGM & joins grandfather Ross Dawson, father Larry & brother Michael in the Life Membership ranks.

He joined the BJA (Penguins) in 1985 & progressed to the senior ranks in 1989. During his 31 years of distinguished service as an active lifesaver, administrator & competitor, Tim held the demanding position of Club Captain for a record 9 consecutive seasons from 2006/07 – 2014/15. In addition, he was Vice-Captain for the 2 previous seasons.

Tim holds numerous SLSC & Australian Professional Lifeguard qualifications & is regarded as one of the most experienced Lifesavers/Lifeguards nationally. As a competitor, Tim has an impressive record that includes :- British Iron Man Champion 1997, Coolangatta Gold (35-39 years) - 1st, 2nd & 3rd placings in 3 starts, NSW Masters Champion in Iron Man, Board & Rescue Tube, NSW & Australian Masters Champion with brother Michael in Board Rescue, & multiple NSW & Australian Masters medals with Team Jennett (Tim, Michael & Larry) in Board Relay competition. Tim has few peers as a fearless waterman who relishes a challenging board session in thumping surf off City Beach rocks or the North 'Gong bombie when it is 'on'. Congratulations on your Life Membership of Wollongong City SLSC – an honour truly deserved.

Many Thanks:

To Peter Hogarth, Beryl Wood, Trish Fox for truly exceptional service in their respective roles of Secretary, Registrar & Hall Manager that they have now vacated. Your commitment, enthusiasm & persistence over many years were truly appreciated by the Executive & members although at times you may not have agreed. Enjoy the free time.

Keep Us Informed:

Please advise Club Captain – Shannon Fox **ASAP** if you are changing your Patrol status for 2016-17.

Need to know to balance out Patrol teams. A Change from Active to Active Reserve or Long service will require request in writing to Club Council. Remember 25 hours personal patrol hours to be eligible for Championship carnivals at end of season.

Anonymous Donor Scholarship – Youth Development:

Applications now being accepted from WCSLSC members. Close with Club Executive on 1 December 2016. Scholarship provides \$500 to assist ongoing education expenses – personal or SLSA related for 12 months. Recipient to be announced at Christmas Handicap Function on Sunday 18 December. **APPLY NOW**

Rest In Peace

Michael `Humbo` Humberstone , an amazingly independent & fiercely loyal man - passed away on 15 September, aged 50 years, following a courageous fight with cancer.

Humbo held a number of positions in WCSLSC during his 25 year service period with his contribution to IRB & Patrol operations the most prominent.

The memorial service to celebrate his life was the largest the Editor has ever attended & showed the true esteem he was held in from across a wide spectrum of the Illawarra - particularly Surf Lifesaving & Wollongong City Council.

Humbo was further honoured with a solemn eulogy & 1 minutes silence on the beach at Round 1 of both the Sydney Water Carnival (Warilla BP) & the Warilla Bowls Boats (Mollymook). The surfboat fraternity gave a final salute of all boats at sea with oars raised in respect – very moving spectacle & due recognition for his efforts in water safety & buoy laying expertise for both series over an extended period. Eulogy is on Notice Board.

In the words of the celebrant at Humbo's service, he was, to use the Australian vernacular, **"a bloody great bloke"**. All who were fortunate enough to know him would agree. Condolences to his mother Pam, sister Carolyn & family.

Alan `Tex` Morton` - passed away in August. Swept Wollongong (City) crews for some years in the late 1960's before transferring to Fairy Meadow & continued his coach/sweep career. A real gentleman, he always maintained a keen interest in our Club especially the boat section. Condolences to his wife & family.

Les Hawkins – Life Member of both Bondi Icebergs & Bondi Surf Bathing Lifesavers Club & friend of many at Wollongong City, passed away in late September in his 80th year following a long & difficult period after suffering a stroke. 5 Wollongong City members attended the memorial service to celebrate his life & achievements - much appreciated by his family, officers & friends from both Bondi Clubs. Condolences to wife Liz & family

Joe Smith – father of Jeff `Old Smuts` Smith (winner of NSW Cadet (U/15) Surf Race Championship in 1963 at Port Kembla in 1963) passed away in Bowral on 14 November, aged 93 years, after a short period of palliative care. Joe was a much respected swim coach at Thirroul, Corrimal & Wollongong Continental Pool & a former Wollongong City Council Labour alderman. Condolences to Jeff, David, Kevin & families.

Not Well

Heather Dent - wife of Doug Dent (Long Service Member – 50 Year Award & Club Treasurer 1976-1979).

Continuing ill health necessitated Heather being placed into care & Doug is ably adjusting to his unfortunate lifestyle changes.

Jeff Venning (Life Member) - major orthopaedic surgery to re-align his knee. At home, but still on crutches & doing intensive rehabilitation. Looking forward to being able to drive again & regain some independence.

Iris Strang (wife of Life Member Tony Strang) - major surgery on her oesophagus . Early days yet but appears successful. Tony is happy, Iris has to minimise conversations & must only speak in gentle tones - what luck eh.

Jim Coburn had another fall & took more bark off. At 86 years of age, Jim lives at Woonona & with his driving curtailed, has reluctantly pulled the pin on assisting Ken Lawrence with Clubhouse cleaning duties after 12 years sterling service in the new building.. Thanks for your great efforts & best wishes for return to good health.

Marie Lanyon (Tony's mum) - in Bulli hospital for tests & observations, hopefully to return home in near future. Notice Tony is handling the bachelor lifestyle OK. Not losing any weight - don't know whether it's due to his cooking or his namesake's (Tony's Chicken Shop) extensive menu that nourishes him.

Old friend & sometimes foe, **John `Sparrow` Palmer**, (Life Member of North 'Gong SLSC - that beach over the hill) has lost a bit of his chirp after unrelated health issues developed following a cardiac pacemaker implant (most City people thought he didn't have a heart). Just released from Wollongong Hospital after further tests, now recuperating at home, annoying his good wife instead of the nursing staff.

Patrols:

Keep up the standard - 1st Patrol Audit OK. Captains set the standard for dress, equipment, beach management. Need to ensure we fulfil our obligations. Please, don't just not turn up to your patrol - it leaves your Clubmates in a vulnerable position as City Beach is becoming more popular every season & the length of the beach utilised by visitors (mostly not surf orientated) is rapidly expanding. SLSNSW has advised of an expected increase this season especially at City Beach & North 'Gong from South & West Sydney to due to visitor restrictions at Royal National Park beaches & the closure of Bulli Pass. We have the best of equipment , let's match it with skills, enthusiasm & presentation. **Be Prepared – Be Proactive – Be Professional.**

World Lifesaving Titles:

City represented by Jason Vugrek & Dillon Gillette (on transfer from Thirroul to partner Jason) while Meg Fox was a member of the large Thirroul team that competed with distinction in the Youth(U/19) Division at the World Lifesaving Championships held at Eindhoven, the Netherlands in September. All reported they had a great experience (cheese eating, finger in dyke, windmills, canals etc.) met many new friends & with some luck could have been among the medal placings. Results were all more pleasing as all three are still eligible for U/17 competition. Mothers Linda Vugrek & Dianne Gillette accompanied the team, sharing their trials & triumphs. Nothing but positive reports from the team. Linda took extra time to catch up with old friends & tour Europe. One very happy lady.

Results

Jason - QF Board	QF Board Rescue	SF Beach Flags		
Dillon - 4 th Board	QF Board Rescue	QF Ski	SF Oceanman	Final Swim
Meg - 5 th Board	6 th Board Rescue	SF Ski	Final Oceanwoman	

Emergency Contacts:

1. Ring Triple Zero (000) if major emergency requiring Police/Ambulance/Fire Brigade (operator will ask 13 questions to verify call - this to reduce incidence of prank calls & prioritise service response).
2. Radio Surfcom (Channel 3) to inform them of action, seek additional help if required & keep updated. They will advise an Incident Number for further reference.
3. Radio SLSI Duty Officer & WCC Lifeguard Supervisor (Channel 2 or 3). They will come to assist.

No Club member to speak with Press. Must be done through SLSI Duty Officer

Port Elliot/Wollongong City Youth Interchange:

Club is calling nominations for 2 youths (M/F 15-17years)+ chaperones for Youth Exchange Program between Wollongong City & long term sister Club - Port Elliot, Sth. Australia over 4 days in December/January. Port Elliot youth are coming here from 16-19 December (billets required –activities programme to organise). Contact Shannon Fox (Mob.0431303449) for more information. Great opportunity to experience a lovely country town & meet fellow lifesavers . **Don't be shy – nominate if interested.**

Quote for Thought:

Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears.

John Lennon (The Beatles)

SLSA Awards:

Congratulations to the following members who gained early season SLSA Awards. Well done & welcome to patrols for SRC & Bronze group – your real lifesaving education is about to begin. Trust awards prove a real life skills benefit.

Surf Rescue Certificate - **Finn Stapely**
Bronze Medallion - **Ryan Bailey, Josh Lambert, Matt Lambert, Piper Stewart**
ARTC & Spinal Management - **Jed Wells, Sam Morris**

Home Again:

Remi Hickman returned home to a surprise party (tears & all) from her 18 month stay in the USA where she nannied kids (children - not goats). Looking to possibly expand her career in child management in old London town after renewing her Aussie sun tan & a `let your hair down` holiday in Bali.

While in America, eagle eyed Remi spotted a KRACKA racing mal atop an SUV. She was surprised & homesick so took a photo & posted on Facebook. Michael Jennett forwarded post + words to KRACKA - they were impressed.

Apology:

It's larger than what appears in the News Ltd. & Fairfax press when they get it **WRONG** but the Editor was slack in not checking his facts on 2 items in last Newsletter.

1. Bob Little - is not wearing NSW costumes in the surfboard shaped walkway sign near Diggies Café at North Beach but Wollongong (City) March Past costumes (maroon with white lightning bolts – 1960/70 vintage).
2. Gina Crick - the Editor aged her prematurely, not 60-64 years age group at Masters, but 55-59 years. He will pay.

Radios:

5 new Digital Radios available for Patrol. Must have in ATV, IRB & Roving Patrols - **YOUR** lifeline in an emergency. Need to ensure **ALL** patrol members know how to operate – critical in an emergency – communication breakdown could have tragic consequences. Remember- Channel 1,2 or 3, the 4 P's, press to talk, 1 way conversation, don't yell.

Conundrum ???

What are 50 cm high, 40 cm round at top, fitted with black plastic insert & strategically placed at various locations around the Club for members' use ??? Anyone need help with the answer? **GARBAGE BINS.**
Please use them - especially in bathrooms - not too much to ask really - rubbish on seats/floor shows lack of respect.

Club Dinners:

At Steelers Club in August had (40) in attendance. Great to see new faces on night, thanks for support. Thanks also to Steelers Club duty manager for the free post dinner drinks. Much appreciated – Wags loved it.
Also attracted (45) at Fraternity Club in October. **Why not try to make it to the next dinner. Watch Surfquad for date**

Bond Icebergs Visit:

Another great day. Even joined again by generous sponsor Craig Osborne (RMB Lawyers) who managed to avoid homecoming problems as did most of the other 40 revellers this trip.
The 'Bergs won back the Ted Tobin Memorial 2 person relay (our team Rhett Russell & Matt Hiesley)
As usual, the Noel Shubert Memorial Relay was again a dead heat - we had 2 teams of 16 swimmers - well done.
A move by Lindsey & Lesley Dawson (wives of Matt & Sam) who swim with the 'Bergs to encourage female participation in relay teams next year. Any takers from our end ??? Sure girls would just love the number of young, buff, unattached Eastern Suburbs males around the pool deck, gym & sauna.

Building Re-Paint:

Thanks to Wollongong City Council for the building exterior re-paint. Looks brand new – hope the graffiti artists don't get to it in a hurry.

Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop

Refer SLSNSW Circular 3480 - October 2016. Opportunity for 15-17 years to connect/share ideas .

To be held in Sydney over 4 days - Monday 10 to Thursday 13 April, 2017.

Nominations close at Club 10 January – only 2 per Branch. If interested **NOMINATE NOW**

Any queries - contact to Naomi Stevenson Ph. 0294718000 nstevenson@surflifesaving.com.au

HSC Students:

Jordan Allen, Zac Forst, Riley Hall, Jacob Hennessy, Mia Hickman - HSC is now finished, pressure is off & you are all looking forward to Schoolies celebrations (Be Safe) . Trust you achieve the desired reward for your efforts & gain entry to your preferred area of study/employment. Life is about to get a bit tougher & with less parent involvement in the big wide world out there. Take the challenge head on- the opportunities are limitless. Pursue your goals with confidence & reap the rewards.

Skills Maintenance (Proficiency) Dates:

Still 2 to go - Sunday 20 November & Sunday 11 December (with Sunday 18 December as Emergency Only date).

9.15 Sharp at Club – covers Resus, Radios, IRB Safety, Spinal , Signals, Run/Swim/Run & Rescue (board or tube)

ALL active patrolling & competition members must complete annual skills maintenance assessment – don't miss out.

Unclaimed Awards:

A number of members have not claimed SLSA Awards (certificates/medallions) & Club trophies from last season.

Contact - Larry Jennett (SLSA Awards) /Shannon Fox (Club Trophies) to collect.

Sports Lunch:

Another great success – 150 attended (mostly repeats) what is regarded as the premier event in Wollongong.

Best Speakers (Lachie Tame – 2016 Olympian /SLSA Ski Champion, Tom Carroll - 1984 ASP World Champion Surfer, Keith Fennell - Ex SAS soldier, author of Warrior Man, Thirroul SLSC) . They were just fabulous. Got absolute respect, attention & acclaim from the audience - a sometimes difficult task at sport lunches.

Best Emcee (Matt Russell – Fox Sports. A true professional in every sense, a real class act)

Best Food / Drink Package (Bill & James Catering, Tooheys/Lion Nathan drinks)

Raised approx. \$7,000 . Thanks to **ALL** who supported/worked for event's success. See you again in 2017- book early.

Development Program:

Libby Lawson has been selected to attend the **SLSNSW Development Networking Program** from 18-20 November.

Only 20 in NSW state between ages 18-25 will attend YHA centre at Sydney for 2 days. Focus is to foster leadership & networking development, facilitate personal growth, goal setting & team work. Enjoy the program & return much wiser with ideas we might consider/implement to sustain the growth of WCSLSC.

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Course:

Wednesday 23 November, 6.00 pm SHARP - finish 9.30 pm. MUST advise L.Jennett (0432119764) by 20/11 latest.

MUST do pre-work /read Learners Guide + answer 47 Assessment questions **PRIOR TO** course date.

This is an intensive 1 night course – no pre work – no start. So far 16 names , but not many YOUNG members !!

ANY Thoughts:

Would be more than glad to hear from members on patrols, awards, social events, competition, fund raising, other. Let us know what you think might attract/retain/improve the experience of WCSLSC members.

Quote for Thought:

Don't take life so seriously, it isn't permanent. Ginger Meggs Cartoon

Illawarra Mercury 9/11/16

Coolangatta Gold:

Results: Tim Jennett 3rd 30-39 years (that gives him a gold, silver & bronze from 3 starts)
Michael Jennett 3rd 4- 49 years (1 silver & 1 bronze from 4 starts)
Paul Buttell/ Tim Berry 2nd Masters Teams (defeated many 4 person teams)

Well done & thanks to **ALL** family & friends who supported the competitors at the event

Captain Cable:

Julian Cable had the honour to be elected 2017 School Captain by his peers at Edmund Rice College, Wollongong. Congratulations - know he will fulfil the role admirably.

Almost There:

Marty Morris was the 2nd person to pay his Club fees this season. Burning ambition is to be NO.1 in the receipt book. Was a time when if you paid later than Marty then you were LAST to pay & in real danger of being an unfinancial.

The Codester Returns:

Cody `Small Waves` Shanahan has escaped from the country back to City Beach after a year of `no shows`. Keen again, he is Patrol NO.3 Captain, 1st Aid Officer & Radio Officer. Welcome back.

R&R Again:

Glenn Bell has re-formed a Female 5 Person R&R team to represent the Club in 2016-17.

Old stagers Kate Jennett, Renee Campbell & possibly Marguerite Pain (Bronze Medal winners at Aust. Champs with Nth. `Gong) have been joined by newbies Shannon Fox, Leanne Scott, Casey Tasker & Kim Grey. In training with work to do before first carnival start. First big decision is team costume design & colour. Best of luck girls.

The Editor & his Patrol Captain were chided by the coach for geeing the girls up by demonstrating the R&R precision marching technique while he was in serious training mode & trying to get newbies up to competition standard. Point taken – apology & no repeats (not game, Belly is too big to fight).

First Baby:

Marguerite Pain & partner Andi Cooper became first time parents with the birth of their baby girl, Evangeline, on 26 October. All well, congratulations. A plausible reason why Marguerite is only a `possibility` for R&R team this season.

Wednesday Water Safety:

Club has again agreed to provide water safety for the Wollongong Triathlon Club each Wednesday afternoon from 5.15 - 6.45 at Wollongong Harbour. 1 person on Rescue Board + hi vis vest is all that is required for \$750 season fee. Jon Hickman is trying to `share the load`. Contact him if available for a roster system until end April. Any takers ?

Poor Form:

The Patrol Tower was left in a terrible state after a recent afternoon patrol e.g – crushed biscuits on floor, playing cards strewn on bench (plastic case on floor), Uno cards spread on bench, floor & chair, books everywhere, contents of radio box on chair & bench, empty water bottles left on ground. **IT WAS A PIG STYE**. Club Secretary, Shane Kelly, was so disappointed that he spent an hour putting it all back in shape - many thanks, should not be necessary . There is a vacuum cleaner on the stairway landing - members were too lazy /uninterested to plug in & use. The cards/books/games are for YOUR use, donated by other members. It is disappointing to see how they are treated-no respect. Expect better of Wollongong City club members. Would it be tolerated at YOUR HOME ??????

Surprise:

Rod Hockey has sought LOA from Club Council for 3 months due to work commitments with media company in Coffs Harbour. He might even front up to Kyle & Joel Beavis old Club to do his 2016-17 proficiency. That might lead to a big surprise for the Banana Coast boys & girls. Come home Rod, much safer here surrounded by `proficient` family.

From The Past:

Worst excuse EVER to miss a board training session (Morgan Brown – 1996)

“Can’t train on Friday morning coach”. “Why not Morgan”? “My spray on tan for the Year 12 formal will wash off”.
Have not heard a better one since.!

BIG Dollars:

In: Grants - Fraternity \$7200, City Diggers \$5000, Steelers \$2500 + Hall Hire \$3275, Sports Lunch \$7000, Fees \$7135

Out: Electricity (13 weeks) \$1544, Cleaning/Bathroom Supplies \$877, General R& M \$602, Insurance (Marine Hull) \$935, Annual Report \$1708, Elect Test/Tag \$632, Prizes \$327, Rubbish \$262, Security \$425, Phone/Inet \$370, ATV & Trailer Regos \$528, Gas \$45, Defib Battery \$135, A/C Service \$440.

The above represents just SOME of the \$ required to fund the operations of Wollongong City SLSC.

That’s why it is important for members to pay their Membership Fees & be aware of substantial \$ the committee spend in running **YOUR** Club. We have without doubt, the BEST rescue equipment of any Club in Illawarra & one of the best in NSW thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, fund raising initiatives by the Club & Member Registration Fees that DO NOT cover only part of the Club’s total operating costs.

Club Hall:

New Managers appointed - Infinity Events - 6 months trial - have some ideas to increase patronage & income. Hire rates being revised. Members (direct family only) rate to stand. Members still to man bar at functions. Get your Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate & apply to go on work roster - can earn good \$ in safe environment. Our many thanks to past manager Trish Fox who so capably did the task for 3 years. Now chance for some ME time.

ATV Concern – Safety First:

Not us, but another Illawarra club was reported for potentially dangerous operation (vehicle/public impact).

Summary of **SLSA Code of Conduct for ATV Operators:** (1) Act Responsibly + Care & Professionalism. (2) Promote Culture of Safety. (3) ATV is High Profile. (4) Understand Your Limitations. (5) Follow Operating Procedures.

Add WCSLSC Licenced/ inducted drivers only (must display P plates if applicable).

Walking speed only around people. Controlled speed in emergency response.

STOP-LOOK BOTH WAYS before crossing public footpath - be wary of walkers/prams /bikers/skaters/dog squad.

Remember – NSW road rules apply to ATV on beach (restricted conditions) including < 0.05 alcohol limit.

Accident/injury to self or public could lead to Police action & affect RMS licence - points deduction/fine/suspension.

WCC Dune Update:

City Beach - \$ approved for ongoing rubble investigations - in progress.

Monitoring dune profiles – ongoing (often see WCC surveyors on site).

Reduce dune height/re-profile – design in progress.

Remove vegetation/reshape from frontal zone – implement 2017-18.

New ATV:

The current ATV is to be replaced with funding originally provided through Clubs NSW Grants for a new IRB.

Looking at \$19,000 for machine that will handle the steep incline on City Beach & tow IRB up main walkway.

Have tested & short listed a petrol unit to replace the Diesel Cab Car.

Know a likely/potential buyer for the old unit - farmer/ bush basher/ hunter ??? See Darren DeBoynton.

Quotes for Thought:

If you get – **GIVE**. If you learn – **TEACH**

Don’t dream it, be it.

Maya Angelou

Anonymous

NOTE:

Club Calendar has been issued on Surfguard Email. Note Again : ARTC Course date change to Wednesday 23 /11.

GYM Proposal:

Club Council considering opening up an additional (10) only **Gym Associate Membership** packages.
Cost \$500 incl. Clubhouse Key & Gym Access Electronic Tab. Income stream will provide for equipment updates + general income stream to cover repairs, costly air conditioning service & energy costs.
Currently awaiting Gym Committee feedback.

GYM REMINDER:

Must be a CURRENT inducted & financial member to use WCSLSC Gym. Insurance issues if friend/non member/unfinancial member injured.

Candid Camera:

Club is investigating installation of 6 CCTV cameras for increased Club house security & safety for hall users/bar staff.
Cost in vicinity of \$5,500 for 6 cameras – funding to be sourced/raised. Late night revellers be warned - **SMILE**.

Getting in Early:

A mature age (read `getting old`) boat crew has started training already for the next George Bass Surfboat Marathon (7 days - 190 km - Batemans Bay to Eden) in December 2017. All except Darren DeBoynton have endured the pain of the event previously but are keen for a repeat. Want to join them??? Contact any of the crew (Ken Lawrence, Darren DeBoynton, Bryce Coleman Max Varmedja, Damien Brunton).

Warwick Ward is also in training, putting in big K's but this time round will swap from surfboat to ski. Way to go Waz!

Competition:

Boats - female crew won their division at Round 1 Warilla Bowls @ Mollymook - may be elevated for being too good.
Boats – Brandon Saveski's U/23 male crew looking good in gym mirrors, limited boat time to date to learn racing surf/skills, keen for 1st race start in December. Brandon is progressing in his sweep qualifications & is ready for assessment in racing conditions. Don't let him down boys - keep it straight & upright.

Swim/Board/Ski – 3 at 1st Sydney Water. Angus McGoldrick U/15, Jed Wellsa U/17 . Michael Jennett – mixed results
5 at Round 2 -add Finn Stapley U/15 & Tim Jennett, Masters - first time in water since Coolangatta.

Beach – 1 at 1st Sydney Water . Natalia Karakousis, showing good early season form. Won U/15 Female Beach Flags.

No increase in beach competitors for 2nd round – anyone keen to support Natalia – form a relay team????

Branch Championships:

We are talking but will need **FULL** support of BJA & Senior members before committing to stage SLSI Branch Championships at City Beach on Saturday/Sunday 11-12 February. We are Big enough but have we got the drive for 2 long days on the beach???? Let the Executive know your thoughts/availability ASAP.

In short – work parties, patrols, water safety, officials lunches, BBQ. Set up- Friday pm. Pull down- Sunday pm.

Club Dinners:

To support the Registered Clubs who support us through the NSW Club Grants program.

Steelers Club – Week 1 December City Diggers – Early in New Year Final dates coming out on Surfguard.

Interbranch Reps:

Congratulations to (3) WCSLSC members selected in the SLSI Team to contest the NSW Interbranch Championships at The Lakes (Central Coast Branch) on 10/11 December. Know they will compete to best of their ability. Good Luck!
Natalia Karakousis (U/15 Beach) Angus McGoldrick (U/15 Water – 1st time rep.) Jed Wells (U/17 Water)

Quotes for Thought:

Adults are just outdated children

Dr. Suess

God made man before woman so as to give Him time to think of an answer to her first question Anon.

Short Bits:

Lifesavers Appeal Day - Raised approx. \$1K. Well short of the \$6K halcyon days when we door knocked house to house & flooded hotels/clubs, Westfield, Woolworths & the Mall with members, even had a promo song on radio. Thanks to all members who assisted Friday/Saturday & to the organisations/locations & the general public for their generous support. It just needs more arms & legs supported by better promotion/press coverage for more \$.

Club Open Day – an improvement in public response compared to previous years but just does not grab attention.

Something new - looking at Saturday afternoon twilight pointscore for Seniors.

Date TBA

Possible opportunity for trip in new Shark Patrol helicopter. Be good & you might be nominated. No parachute .

Thanks to all (45) who turned up at the Fraternity for Club Dinner in October. Some joined the `Frat` on the night & got their money back immediately on 2 for 1 dinner deal. Smart thinking 99.

Membership Renewal:

No Form/No Fees = No Insurance & No Competition

Close off date is 30 November. Please attend to ASAP.

Registrar (Paul Buttel - 0422623722) is holding 3 more Registration Sessions. **Not necessarily Sunday morning.**

Any issues with `On Line` registration system/payment contact him. Watch Surfguard for Rego dates/times

Club Sponsors

Fraternity Club, City Diggers, Illawarra Leagues Club, Steelers Club, Abico Insurance Brokers, Complete Hydraulic Services, Rambor Mining, Ecocem, One Touch Intelligent Home Systems, NQX Transport, Keiraville Butchery, RMB Lawyers, St. James & Finch, Dingwall Trailers, Score, Business Machine Specialists, Anonymous Donor – Youth Development Fund.

Members are requested to support those who support US at every opportunity.

Wollongong City SLSC Ball

Theme : `Dress To Impress` (no thongs/T shirts/stubbies or Mazzo singlets late night)

When: Saturday 8 April 2017

Where: Villa D'oro Function Centre – 39 Flinders Street, Wollongong

Cost: \$110/head (body included) – 5 hours premium food /drinks package

How: See Promotional Flyer coming out on Surfguard. Hoping for 250 to PARTY

Another Conundrum: Why do we kill people who kill people to show people that killing people is wrong ??

Quotes for Thought:

Vegetarians are killing the rain forest

A picture is worth a thousand words but only if you know that many

Speed kills, slow infuriates.

Handy Contacts:

SLS Illawarra	Phone: 42283884	Email: www.slsillawarra.com.au
SLS NSW	Phone: 0294718000	Email: www.surflifesaving.com.au
SLS Australia	Phone: 0292158000	Email: www.sls.com.au

Coming Events

Proficiency	Sunday 20/11	WCSLSC	9.15 sharp - allow 2 hours
ARTC Course	Wednesday 23/11	WCSLSC	6.00 - 9.30 pm <u>Must do</u> pre-work/advise Larry Jennett
Sydney Water	Saturday 26/11	Woonona	
Warilla Bowls Boats	Saturday 3/12	Port Kembla	
Sydney Water	Saturday 3/12	Shellharbour	
NSW Interbranch	W/end 10-11/12	The Lakes – Central Coast Branch	
Proficiency	Sunday 11/12	WCSLSC	9.15 sharp – allow 2 hours
Splash 'n Dash	Sunday 18/12	Wollongong Harbour	7.00 - 11.30 Water Safety - Names Please
Proficiency (*Emergency Only)	Sunday 18 /12	WCSLSC	9.15 sharp – allow 2 hours * Emergency Only
Christmas Handicap Swim & Social	Sunday 18 December	3.00 report 3.30 swim 5.15 Presentation	
3 day SRC/Bronze Course	Tuesday - Thursday 20-22 December	WCSLSC	8.15 - 4.30. Pre-work required
Warilla Bowls Boats	Saturday 7/1	TBA	
Australia Day Aquathon	Thursday 26/1	Wollongong Harbour	Water Safety – Names Please
Warilla Bowls Boats	Saturday 23/2	Warilla Barrack Point	
Tri the 'Gong	W/end 4-5/3	Wollongong Harbour	Water Safety – Names Please

Major Carnivals:

Branch Championships	BJA Saturday 11/2	Senior Sunday 12 /2	Location TBA
NSW	AGE 3-5/3	Masters 9-10/3	Open 10-12/3 Swansea Belmont
Australian	Youth 25-26/3	Masters 27-28/3	Open 29/3-2/4 North Kirra Qld.

Please make every effort to conserve energy & \$ - turn off lights & air conditioners, limit water usage

Operating Excellence – 5 Points For Success

1. Management exerts leadership by example.
2. Management action consistent with words.
3. Open lines of communication.
4. Strong sense of teamwork.
5. Members dedicated & committed to doing tasks the right way every time.

FINALLY

Should you for any reason, decide not to renew your membership of Wollongong City SLSC, please advise one of the Club Executive or Registrar ASAP. Your assistance in this will facilitate the necessary revisions to Patrol Teams, Club Records & Mailing Lists.