

# Life's A Beach

## Newsletter No.1      Season 2017-18

### Welcome to 2017-18:

Another season gets unde way at Wollongong City Beach – the 104<sup>th</sup> year of operations. Let us all strive to provide a committed, well trained & competent lifesaving service to the patrons of Wollongong City B3each. We have already witnessed the tragedy of a life lost at City Beach (2 weeks prior to Patrol start) but this shows just how vigilant we need tobe when we manage the beach.

### Club Executive:

President	David Forst	(3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	0408u485915	forsty@live.com.au
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Captain	Shannon Fox	(3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	0431303449	s.fox185@gmail.com

**They are our Leadership Team – please give them your support – they are working for YOU**

### Club Council:

Club Excutive plus Michael Jennett, Paul Buttel, Larry Jennett, Jon Hickman, Luke Hawkesby, Shane Kelly, Matt Hiesley, Tim Jennett, Alice O'Toole, Jed Wells. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month **ALL** Members welcome to attend. May speak at meeting but cannot propose or vote on motion.

### Positions Not Filled:

Not all positions filled at the AGM. See Notice Board. Volunteer if you would like to be involved.

### Useful Contacts:

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Surf Life Saving NSW	Phone 0294718000	Web www.surflifesaving.com.au
Surf Life Saving Austral	Phone 029215800	Web www.sls.com.au

### Patrols:

All Patrol Members should have received the 2017/18 Roster on Surfguard. No? - contact **S.Fox**. If you committed to Patrols this season please ensure attendance – see Patrol Guideliines. Still lack IRB Drivers to sustain 8 patrols. IRB Crew/Driver course Saturday 14 October – P.Hogarth Please advise Captain/Vice Captain **ASAP** of any changes/requests to amend Patrol Roster. Let's all make a sustained effort to make Wollongong City the best patrolling Club in Illawarra.

**Quote For Thought:** An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.      Gandhi

## **Rest In Peace:**

### **Wollongong City SLSC offers its condolences to the family of members/friends below**

**Jimmy Murada** - father of treasurer Dave, wife Vicki & grandfather to Jarrod & Abby. Jimmy, patriarch of the Murada family & well known transport identity, did not recover from a stroke & ensuing complications shortly after the death of his wife Collen, Judging by the attendance at his funeral service, there were very few truck movements in the Illawarra that day.

**Bill Seay OAM** - Life Member of SLIllawarra & Port Kembla SLSC & Long Service Member WCSLSC . Known as the `Gentleman Lifesaver`, Bill gave sterling service to his Club & the Branch for 70 years. He also held high office in the Masonic Lodge, was an active committee member of the Illawarra OAM Association & Life Member of Wollongong Whales Winter Swim Club. Bill's service to the community was recognised in the Illawarra Mercury Editorial of 31 August under the headline **A Man of the Sea Leaves a Lasting Legacy.**

**Dean Mercer OAM** - Champion Lifesaver who, during an illustrious career that started in the `Nipper` ranks, competed for Austinmer, HSP, Thirroul, IMaroochydore & Mooloolaba before taking a senior coaching role at Kurrawa. His outstanding record included:-  
4 SLS Australian Titles - 2 Open Iron Man (1989.1995), Open Board Rescue (1988 with brother Darren), Open Board Relay (1990 with Darren & Brett Dowker, 16 SLS NSW Titles, Australian, NSW & QLD Representative, Dual World Oceanman Titles, Dual Test of the Toughest Titles & a number of Kellogg's Nutri Grain & Uncle Tobys's series event wins & placings in 2 Coolangatta Gold campaigns. Dean, aged 47, passed away on the Gold Coast in August from a cardiac arrest while driving home from a surf training session. Our thoughts are with his wife Reen & 4 young sons, parents John & Maureen, brother Darren & family & younger sister Kylie. He gave it all every time he hit the water.

**Mitch Elliot** – son of John (aka Herb – a member of the 1962 Australian Champion Junior R&R team) & Terry Elliot (both deceased). Mitch had been living in a care home for some years following Herb's death but maintained a close association with the Wollongong Whales who hosted him at the Continental pool on some Sunday pointscore days.

**John McMahon** – father of 4 boys, 3 of whom (Patrick, Keiran & Ian) were members of our Club at various stages (they were all boaties). Condolences to wife Margaret & family on the passing of a true gentleman.

### **Poems to Notice Board:**

2 poems in memory of Bill Seay & Dean Mercer (penned by Fairy Meadow Life Member **Lawrence Bond** are on the Notice Board). Take some time to read & a quiet moment to reflect on the words.

### **Dean Mercer Memorial Service:**

8 Wollongong City members were represented at Dean's huge memorial service on the Gold Coast & the Club flag held a position of prominence in the impressive array of Club banners on a sad day in lifesaving. President Dave Forst was supported by Larry, Michael & Tim Jennett, Paul Buttel, Andrew Wood, James Davies & Michael McKeon. Deputy President Dane Hannington was a late withdrawal due to car accident on F1.

### **HSC Students:**

**Daniel Bodey, Julian Cable, Liam Hegyi, Daniel Laing, Sam Morris, Jed Wells & Ben Vugrek.** – wishing you all the very best outcome in the 2017 HSC Exams. Trust you receive the results necessary to pursue your chosen path in ongoing education & future employment, That big bad world out there offers many exciting opportunities –grasp them with both hands & don't let go.

### **Top of The Class:**

**Mia Hickman** - selected as Trainee of the Year for the Big Fat Smile childcare organisation. Still has 2 months to go on traineeship then hopes to secure a permanent full time job there. Congratulations.

### **Off Again:**

**Remi Hickman** to the UK in October for work as a nanny. Has been doing over the phone interviews with prospective families. Open ended ticket. Enjoy the experience & be safe. Think of City Beach in summer if you get homesick during those cold, bleak winter months in The Old Dart

### **Club Revamp:**

Thanks to all who assisted with clear out- put back of Club gear/furniture. Club looks great –new coloured floor, repaint, new carpet, additional A/C unit to gym - all from \$77K NSW Government Facilities Grant. Leaves only ceiling repair in Members Room that is critically water affected – **Stand Clear.**

### **ATV Code of Conduct:**

Please ensure compliance- don't want repeat of last season where there were 3 complaints from the public – riding in tray, speeding, impact with dog. Patrol Captains - please monitor hot points.

\*Act Responsibly – Care & Professionalism \*Promote a Culture of Safety \* ATV is High Profile

\*Understand Your Limitations \*Follow Operating Procedures.

**SAFETY FIRST**

**ATV is now much more visible with Surf Rescue Logo/Sponsor Decals/Reflective Hi-Vis Tape fitted**

### **First Words:**

An unkind response when someone asked what were Dane Hanno's first words after his involvement in a 9 car bingle on Mt. Ousley on way to Mascot airport for Dean Mercers Memorial Service.

To much laughter from the assembled Wollongong City crew – they were **"WOO WOO"**. Not nice

### **New Female Boat Crews**

Open Female Crew – Ainsleigh Worthington & Sasha Ryan (returning), Ainsley Midgley (ex Corrimal),  
Jessica Grozdanovski (ex Pt. Kembla) + Brett Dingwall (Sweep)

Crew Name `TBA` (funny name for a female boat crew!)

Under 23 Female Crew – Libby Lawson, Alice O'Toole, Piper Stewart, Emily Matos + Brett Dingwall

Crew Name `The Ragers` (or something to similar to describe usual Saturday nights activities).

### **Ladies Long Lunch:**

Be quick – close off this Saturday at latest. \$95/ticket includes 3 course lunch + 4 hour drinks + 5 raffle tickets package at Level 1 (Harbourfront downstairs) - Saturday 21 October noon - 4.00 pm.

**CONTACT Katie Jennett 0418611266 Email katiejennett@y7mail.com.au**

### **Gone Walkabout:**

Missing (borrowed/lost/stolen??) from the Club - 20 x green chairs from Function Hall plus 1 x red rubber tyred removalist trolley. If you borrowed **PLEASE RETURN**. Replacement cost \$1000 – ouch.

### **Lanyon Rising**

Tony Lanyon gained a Finish Judge position at the NSW Pool Championships. Was really excited to embrace another section of surf lifesaving competition that he hadn't experienced. Has already booked flight/accommodation for Aussies in Perth. That's keen .

### **Not Well/Recovering:**

**Zac Forst** - Major surgery necessary after severely damaging his ACL & meniscus cartilage during AFL match. No surfing/No football for nine months. Not happy. Means there will be lots of waves at City Beach this summer, as every time Forsty goes in, they die right off. Still not happy, keep hobblin.

**Bev Tobin** – continues to struggle with debilitating health problems. Son Ian (Beast) is leading family in doing best to keep her spirits up.

**Ken (Titchie) Louttit** – 50 year Long Service member battling along but slowing down considerably. Is really concerned that he will miss membership re-registration after 70 continuous years. No way that will happen – the mountain will come to you ! Note— Over 60 Rego. Day at Club 29/10 @ 11.00.

**Warren Green (Life Member)** - has had a couple of `episodes` in the past 3 months that were of concern . Had an angiogram but the ticker was all OK - doctors to continue monitoring of care plan. Could problem result from of stress of moving house after 25 years (to unit block next door) or that despite a meticulous search, he never found that elusive & extremely valuable 1934 penny that Ted Tobin assured him was planted in every house of that vintage during construction. Only joking AGS.

### **Gymnasium:**

**NOTE-** gym is for financial Club members & restricted list of supporters only. **MUST** have paid fees & signed off on induction/gym by- laws before access tab issued. Recent instances of unauthorised use have resulted in loss of rights for membership. Not a greatest way to start season.

### **Missing in Action:**

**Lofty (Smoke Gets in your Eye) Petrie** missing from the Icebergs Day for the first time in living memory due to ill health. The proposal for the bus load of Wollongong City revellers to visit him in hospital on the way home was thought not to be a good idea – the result would have been MAYHEM. Lofty is undergoing regular blood transfusions for his ailment but the Blood Bank is having a problem sourcing blood type `Toohey's New Positive` or `Negative`.

### **Coolangatta Gold:**

**Tim Jennett** after medalling at 3 previous Golds, finished 13th in 35 - 49 years Male in time of 5.15.00 - very tired & sunburnt at finish. Limited preparation this campaign needed him to live up to his oft stated credo of "out on ability – home on heart". Monday was not a pretty sight.

1<sup>st</sup> timers Wollongong Boaties -**Warwick Ward** (ski), **Trent Lawrence** (board) & **Bryce Coleman** (swim/run) finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Masters Male Teams (5.24.20). Tough initiation but loved the challenge.

### **IRB Awards Course:**

Saturday 14 October @ v City Beach – contact Peter Hogarth ASAP if interested Ph.  
Both IRB Crew & Drivers to be covered. We need you badly to meet our Patrol obligations.  
Another opportunity for members to gain additional skills & recognised SLSA award.

### **Icebergs Trip:**

44 Wollongong City members attended with 4 new `freshers` who paraded around the iconic pool deck in fluoro pink rash vests much to the delight of the eclectic crowd

City won the 2 man Ted Tobin Memorial Relay (having Olympian **David McKeon** supported by well performed surf swimmer **Mitch Fargester** of Bulli/Wanda pedigree certainly helped ). Was Ian

**(Beast) Tobin** ecstatic to reclaim the trophy? – you betcha – fists pumps, digits to the `Bergs etc. The Noel Schubert Memorial Relay was 3 teams x 12 from City. The result as usual, an `unofficial draw` for the re-birthed trophy. City were severely impeded by waves washing over the pool wall.

**At the after swim function, a minutes silence was held for `Bergs stalwarts Dave Hall & Bobby Shelley who passed away recently. They will be missed greatly.**

Many thanks to **Craig Osborne**-Managing Partner of RMB Lawyers for his ongoing sponsorship & attendance on the day. He won the `Chicko Roll Raffle` at the `Bergs & shared the spoils amongst the hungry who judged they were definitely a batch of the 1950 originals. Bet wife Jan was really impressed when he rocked up at home in the bright yellow Chicko Roll promo T shirt. Maybe Craig will insist that next years `Bergs day sponsored touring shirt be of similar cut & colour. Ugh. Biggest hit of the day was Mitch Spicer's mate scoring a date with the young `Bergs female bar attendant. A legend - worked hard for it.

### **Trivia:**

History Book - female listed as `unknown` in photo of Wollongong Ladies Surf Club in mid 1950's was Ann Downey (nee Maurer) long suffering wife of Tommy (Donger) Downey.

### **SLSA Long Service Awards:**

**Presented at AGM - 50 Years Barry Wootton, Jeff Venning, Larry Jennett**  
**25 Years Peter Hogarth, Michael Jennett, Tim Jennett**  
**25 Years Michael Humberstone (posthumus )- presented at ashes ceremony.**

### **Humbo's Ashes Spreading:**

In a moving ceremony, 150 relatives/friend/workmates & lifesavers attended City Beach on 17 September for the spreading of **Michael (Humbo) Humberstone's** ashes. This was followed by the unveiling of a memorial; sign above the IRB Room now renamed `Humbo's Haven` & the presentation of Michael's 25 Year Long Service Award to his mother Pam.

I think Humbo would have been embarrassed by the large turnout & the obvious sentiment shown on the day to recognise his considerable input to surf lifesaving at all levels.

Thanks to Dave Forst for his words ,, Peter Hogarth for organising the IRB/RWC group & Jon Hickman for catering. Humbo's mother & family was impressed. Read Pam's THANK YOU card on the Notice Board– some lovely words..

**Quote for Thought:** Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

### **Sportsmen's Lunch:**

Another great event coming up, **Friday 24 November** . Cost \$100/head Lunch + 4 hr. drink package. Tickets selling fast – don't miss out. Compere is the inimitable Matt Russell supported by guest speakers (still to be finalised but guaranteed to entertain)

**Tickets** Jon Hickman [jon@traveloncrow.com.au](mailto:jon@traveloncrow.com.au) or **Martt Hiesley** [mhiesley@hotmail.com](mailto:mhiesley@hotmail.com)

### **An Ominous Sign:**

At the AGM - only 3 members under age 30 & 2 under age 21 – who leads the future???

## **Skills Management (Proficiency):**

**ALL** Patrolling members & competitors must complete Annual Skills Maintenance (Proficiency) by 31 December. **Review** - Resuscitation, Radio, IRB Safety, Signals + R/S/R + Board/Tube Rescue

Allocated Dates: Sunday 22 October 9.15 start Saturday 11 November 3.00 Start  
Sunday 10 December 9.15 start Emergency Day Sun. 24 December 9.15 start

An opportunity to do theory parts on line & print out completion certificate – See Later Surfguard.

### **Volunteers Required:**

Have again accepted Illawarra Triathlon Club \$1K proposal to supply WATER SAFETY at the Harbour each Wednesday afternoon from 5.15 to 6.45. A roster to share the load would be ideal. Contact - **Jon Hickman** john @traveloncrow.com.au. Require 1 Bronze holder each session + rescue board.

### **Patrol Tent:**

New tent in progress –will carry sponsor logos of Evolve Health Illawarra, Fraternity Club, Illawarra Leagues club & City Diggers –another bonus for our members & protection from sun on patrol.

### **3 Day SRC/Bronze Medallion Course:**

Intensive 3 day course will be held on Monday 18 –Wednesday 20 December 8.15 -4.30 each day. Get names to Larry Jennett M. 0432119764 H.42295919 [larryjennett@gmail.com](mailto:larryjennett@gmail.com) ASAP . Name, DOB, Address Phone Contacts & Email address that you read.

**Quote for Thought:** No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background or his religion Barack Obama 2017

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**Please support our valued sponsors & benefactors at every opportunity**

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### **Sydney Water Series:**

Round 1 Sat. 28 October Shellharbour      Round 2 Sat. 4 November TBC  
Round 3 Sat. 25 November Woonona      Round 4 Sat. 2 December Warilla BP  
Entry Fee \$65 covers all 4 rounds - contact Michael Jennett for entry info. Mob. 0414772127

### **South Coast Boat Series:**

Round 1 Sat. 4 November TBC      Round 2 Sat. 2 December TBC  
Round 3 Sun. 24 December TBC      Round 4 Sat. 17 March TBC

### **Branch Junior Development Carnival:**

Saturday 27 January TBC

### **Branch Championships:**

Junior Sat. 10 February TBC      Senior Sun. 11 February TBC

### **Surf Lifesavers Appeal Week :**

Week 1 November – will be asking all members to assist in fundraising – please be available to assist.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

**IRB Awards** Wollongong City Saturday 14 October (May run into 15 also) – (Peter Hogarth)  
**Club Open Day** (to attract public & potential new members) Sunday 15 October  
**Ladies Long Lunch** Level 1 (Harbourfront downstairs) Saturday 21 October noon -4.00 pm  
**Registration for Oldies - 60Plus (not computer savvy)** **Sunday 29 October 1.00 am**  
**Sportsmen's Lunch** WCSLSC Rooms Friday 24 November 12.30 pm - Get tickets now  
**Annual Skills Assessment (Proficiency)** Sun 22 Oct Sat 11 Nov Sun 10 Dec Sun 24 Dec emerg  
**67th Christmas Handicap Swim & Social** Sunday 17 December 3.00 report/ 3.30 start  
**3 Day Intensive SRC/Bronze Course** Monday 18-Wednesday 20 December 8.15-4.15 each day

## **REGISTRATION**

**REJOINING MEMBERS** – Refer Paul Buttell SurfGuard Email of 2 October re - SLSA Members Portal on line registration. Some do's & dont's that system requires. Follow as stated.

**NEW MEMBERS** – Google `join slsa` (its 1<sup>st</sup> on the list) & follow How To Join screens to register & pay. It works - confirmed by recent new member to-day.

Any problems - ; Contact Paul Buttell [buttelpaul@gmail.com](mailto:buttelpaul@gmail.com) Mob. 0422623723

Please ensure that your Membership details are correct especially DOB & current Email  
**No Registration/No Fees Paid = No Insurance Cover**

Please ensure completion of Registration & payment of all fees by 1 November 2017

**Quote for Thought:** The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.