

'Pacific Times - Rescue Rescue Rescue'



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From the President

A couple of weekends ago Pacific hosted the Under 8-10 Teams Carnival for Point Danger Branch. The day was a resounding success and the feedback from all levels about how well our club ran the



event was very pleasing. None of this would be possible without the Pacific family spirit, where everyone gets in and does their bit. Our littlest competitors did us proud finishing a credible 4th overall, but more importantly having great fun representing their club.

Congratulations to Jarmin Wilson and Zoey Platter elected inaugural Junior Captains for the club as part of our ongoing youth development — well done.

At the start of the season the Executive decided to put together a 5 year strategic plan covering off all operations of the club. I am happy to say that we will be in a position to present the plan at the upcoming General Meeting to be held on Saturday the 5th of December. One of our focuses is membership and I'm happy to say that over all our membership stands at 306 members, this is up 26% on last season. 143 of these members are nippers, which is up 33% on last season. Surf Life Saving Queensland statistics show that 60-70% of club membership comes from our juniors and parents; members are vital for the ongoing success of any surf life saving club. Additionally, we currently have 25 members, the majority from our junior program, training for their Bronze Medallion. Many of these will go on to be active patrolling members with the remainder supporting water safety.

In coming weeks, Pacific competing at more carnivals, as well as the Nipper Club Championships in early December. Best of luck to all our competitors and I'm sure that you will do us proud.

Our coaches have been very busy coordinating training over the last few months and it is fantastic to see the

Important Dates

Skills Maintenance	22 November 2015
Nipper Breakup	5 December 2015
General Meeting	5 December 2015
Volunteer Patrols	Christmas Day
New Years Eve	31 December 2015
Club Championships	24 January 2016
2016 Annual Dinner	18 June 2016
Annual General Meeting	26 June 2016
70th Anniversary Function	2017 Date TBA

amount of members that are participating. We are already seeing a massive amount of improvement in skill and fitness levels, as well as the comradery that the members engage in, during the sessions. To date our coaches have committed over 70 hours this season as part of our surf sports program.

Finally it goes with our saying we have a lot of very passionate and dedicated members. This month I would like to recognise the efforts of the Supporters Team, that over the last few months have given endless voluntary hours during what is known as the wedding season, working the club function room. The profits generated by the use these volunteers is comparable to some of the larger supporters clubs. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking this team for their efforts ,as this is the major income stream for the surf club.

Get on board and remember every little bit helps!!!

Kevin Schofield, President Pacific SLSC

LAST CHANCE—SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

SKILLS MAINTENANCE (PROFICIENCY)

Contact the CTO NOW!

From the Chief Training Officer

SKILLS MAINTENANCE

Time to complete your Skills Maintenance (proficiency) for the year is now running out. We have only one date remaining — Sunday 22 November.

Please contact me if you can't make this date as there are more opportunities at other clubs for you to do your skills maintenance, however, arrangements need to be made prior to the day (see emails for remaining dates).

As per last season, registrations/warmup/proficiency papers will begin at 8.00am with practical proficiencies commencing at 8.30am sharp.

Pool Swims Again, the requirement to complete a pool swim has been removed from Skills Maintenance BUT only if you were Bronze or SRC proficient last year. So if you missed completing your Skills Maintenance last year you still need to complete your usual pool swim (Bronze 400m in under 9 minutes/SRC 200m in under 5 minutes) before attending your beach practical (please let me know if you need a copy of the pool swim form).

Theory Paper This season the theory paper has changed slightly from last year. There is a separate paper for:

- Resuscitation (Bronze, SRC, First Aid, ART)
- Radios (Bronze, Radio)
- Signals (Bronze, SRC, Observers)
- Powercraft (IRBC, IRBD)

You are only required to complete the papers/s that relate to the awards you hold. For example and IRB Crewperson will need to complete all four papers.

The theory paper is also available online once again. Please visit the new SLSA Members Portal - <https://portal.sls.com.au/wps/portal/member/>

log-in (or create a new account), go to the "Lifesaving Online" tab, then "Courses" tab, press the "Go to Lifesaving Online now" button and click on each of the "Skills Maintenance" tiles (yellow in colour) to complete the questions. Please follow the instructions carefully. There is no need to print a copy of your finished work, I will take care of this for you.

Alternatively, complete a paper version (please check your emails for more information). You will need to print a copy of each of the relevant papers and bring them completed with you on the day.

Practical Skills As in previous seasons, the bulk of the Skills Maintenance will be spent on practical skills (in lieu of more theory questions).



IRBs Reminder - It is now compulsory for Life Jackets to be worn during all water based IRB activities (patrol, water safety and Skills Maintenance).

What you need to do:

1. Become a financial member for Season 2015/16;
2. Complete a pool swim (if you were NOT proficient last season);
3. Complete your theory paper/s (and bring with you - only if not completing online);
4. Bring your swim gear and club noddie (no noddie = no proficiency);
5. Bring your hi-vis (yellow, orange, pink, green or red) rashie for your IRB proficiency; and
6. Please let me know if you plan on coming to skills maintenance.

ART SKILLS MAINTENANCE - If you hold your Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) Certificate, Skills Maintenance for this award occurs from approximately 11.00am. Please meet in the Training Room.

SPINAL SKILLS MAINTENANCE

If you hold your Spinal Management, Skills Maintenance for this award occurs from approximately 11.30am. Please meet in the Training Room.

If you will not be patrolling and/or becoming proficient this season, please let me know so you can be removed from the contact list.

BRONZE MEDALLION COURSE

Anthony Folliott has commenced our next Bronze Medallion Course, it is an extremely large course with 25 candidates enrolled. Any assistance with training and water safety (Sundays approximately 11.00am-1.30pm) would be greatly appreciated. Please let myself or Anthony know.

TRAINING OFFICERS COURSE

If you have ever considered becoming a qualified Trainer with Surf Life Saving (or upgrading your outdated awards/skills), now is the time to do it. New and better resources have been produced meaning that you are only required to attend a 1-1.5 day course with all training and assessment completed during this time. At the conclusion of the course, you will receive both the "Make a presentation" and "Provide work skill instruction" units of competency required to train and will have completed your TAF Induction meaning that you are ready to commence training as a Probationary Trainer in your field of choice. If you are interested in taking this next step or would like further information, please contact me.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rachael Clark, Chief Training Officer

Captain's Corner

Hello Patrolling Members,

As you may be noticing there is an increase in swimmers outside our flags, towards the northern and southern rock walls. A few weekends ago there was a near drowning at 15th Avenue at 5pm on the Sunday afternoon.



Two girls, aged 12 and 13 were rescued by an off duty lifesaver from Currumbin SLSC assisted by our Patrol Group 6 and some other members at the club.

This has prompted a need to review what we do at the start and the end of a patrol. Commencing immediately and until further notice we will be performing roving ATV patrols at the very start of each patrol and at the end of the day. The roving ATV patrol will cover the area between the north and south rock walls.

Each patrol can then go home knowing that they have left the beach as safe as it can be.

This is also a reminder that only those members who hold both a current Drivers Licence and their ATV award may operate the ATV.

Motorised Surfboards

There has been an increase in the use of motorised surfboards on the Gold Coast and particularly around the Currumbin Alley area recently. Nathan Fife, SLSQ Life Saving Services Coordinator for the Gold Coast has advised us they must follow the same rules as any other surf craft. Maritime Safety Queensland informed him that if it is under 3KW it is classed as a normal surfboard but if it is over 3KW and does more than 6 knots it must be registered like a PWC. MSQ also advised they are investigating an incident that occurred at Currumbin Alley recently with a powered surfboard and an outrigger. Please make sure these stay out of our flagged area.

Clayton Webster, Club Captain

Club Swim Dates	31 January
29 November	28 February
13 December	6 March
10 January	3 April

Extended Patrol Hours

7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Start— Saturday 12 December 2015
Finish—26 January 2016

Point Danger Branch

Under 8—Under 10 Teams Carnival 2015

Host Club—Pacific SLSC

Place	Club	Points
1	Currumbin	62
2	TH & C	35
3	Tallebudgera	23
4	Pacific	22
5	Palm Beach	16
6	Tugun	11

Look at the points score and see how close we were to third place.



DATE CLAIMER

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

CLUB GENERAL MEETING

NIPPER BREAK UP AND SANTA



It's your club—get involved!

Member Profile

Who: Sam Pinchin

Age: 22

Occupation: Student

Lives: Palm Peach

Joined Pacific: 2000

Membership: Active

Patrol Group: Three



Awards: Bronze Medallion (Certificate II in Public Safety), Silver Medallion IRB Driver, IRB Crew, Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management, , ATV Operator, First Aid, Spinal Management, Advanced Resuscitation

Highlight at Pacific: Senior Club Person of the Year 2013 - 2014

Goal in Life Saving: It was really good to get my Patrol Captain's qualification and take on more responsibility. I'm looking forward to getting my own patrol group.

What do You Enjoy Most: Keeping the kids interested and teaching them new things about life saving

Best Time at the Club: The many social events and get togethers. They're always great.

Your thoughts on Pacific: It's a great club, great members, a nice place to hang out.

Parking Around the Club

We all know car parking is limited at and around the club. Please make sure that when attending the club you park your car safely and legally. Of note is a section of the northbound Gold Coast Highway just south of the club outside the 'Aegina' apartments located at 1324 Gold Coast Highway, There are no parking signs and a yellow line on the road. This is a dangerous area to park as cars cannot safely do a U-turn to go north. We have been advised Police and Council will be looking at illegally parked cars in the area and issuing fines.

2015-16 Committee Members

Executive

President	Kevin Schofield
Deputy President	Travis Buchanan
Secretary	Eddie Bennet
Treasurer	Rebecca Farley
Captain	Clayton Webster
Chief Training Officer	Rachael Clark

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Gear and Equipment Officer	Sean Harvie
First Aid Officer	Ken Clark
Marine Stinger Officer	Sam Bennet
Clubhouse Director	Greg Bowers
Registrar	Tonya Pade
Communications Officer	Andrew McNeilly
Team Manager	Kevin Schofield
Vice Captain	Jared Clark
Supporters Club	Gordon Grant
Publicity Officer	Eddie Bennet
Fundraising Officer	Dani Buchanan
Grievance Officer	Anthony Folliott

Junior Activities Committee

Chairperson	Kevin Schofield
Deputy Chairperson	Adam Buckby
Treasurer	Nicole Bowers
Secretary/Registrar	Tonya Pade



Pacific ladies at the recent

Women in Surf Life Saving Luncheon