

Pacific S.L.S.C Newsletter

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'Rescue Rescue Rescue'

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Presidents Words

Dear Pacific Members & Friends,

Congratulations to our nippers who represented Pacific at the branch carnival on Sunday. While it is a long morning for the parents it is always great to see kids putting in their best effort and smiling, we even managed a third in the final of the all age relay.

Pacific was well represented in water safety and the officials, thank you to our three new officials who backed up for Sunday's carnival after completing an all day course on Saturday.

At our management meeting on Sunday we agreed to trial opening the kiosk between Christmas and early January as a fundraising exercise. We will soon be announcing further fundraising initiatives that we hope you will support.

We will be holding a membership forum in the New Year to discuss membership retention and growth over the next five years. Travis Buchanan will be chairing this, please direct any constructive suggestions to Trav.

Thank you to Terry Young and his employer RJR Cabinet Makers for providing and installing the First Aid room cabinetry, Viridian Glass and AC Homes & Renovations for the First Aid room door.

Finally, the club has a busy month ahead of us, Halloween on Friday night, Coolangatta Gold on Saturday and Sunday, five weddings and the Inter Branch Carnival. If everyone can take a deep breath at any inconvenience caused it would be appreciated.

Thank you to everyone for putting in such an effort.

Tony Emerton, President



**Remember Pacific
is hosting the
Inter Branch
U13-U17 Carnival
on Saturday
29/11/14**

Captains Corner

Hello Pacific Patrolling Members.

The updated Patrol Roster for this season has now been issued. We welcome to our patrolling groups the club's newest SRC members. Patrol Captains - please make sure that you show them the ropes.

Here a few reminders:

1. September 30 marked the day in which we all needed to be financial for this season. This means that you must have paid

your fees in order to continue to patrol, train, complete water safety activities and compete for Pacific. If you are not yet financial, please contact Louise Ryan (Senior Registrar) for more details on 0421827316. If you continue these activities without becoming financial, you will not be covered by insurance should you be injured.

2. We are looking for IRB Drivers and Crew for Saturday 1 November and Sunday 2 November for Coolangatta Gold water safety. Please let me know if you can assist. I am hoping that we get enough volunteers so that we can make the shifts no more than two hours each. Please email, text or call me if you can assist and let me know the times that you are available as I need to make up a roster. The club will receive \$1,000 for helping out.

3. Water Safety activities - there is a new log book for water safety, please sign on in this book and not the normal Patrol Attendance Log. You need to write in your legal name and sign. You must also complete the time you sign on and sign off again. This is important to ensure we don't go looking for people who have already finished. This is a requirement under our safety policy.

4. Patrols have been great so far, just remember to let your Patrol Captain and myself know if you can't make a patrol. The more notice you can give is really appreciate. Please also attempt to get a substitute so you do not leave your patrol short.

5. The next Proficiency day is Sunday 16 November. Please keep an eye out for further details.



Congratulations once again to our new SRC's and welcome to patrols at Pacific.

**Clayton Webster, Club
Captain**

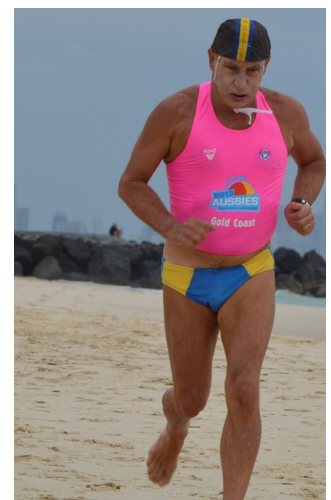


Deegs Top Tip!

When your swimming in the surf try breathing under your arm after you've reached forward with the stroke instead of before taking the stroke.

It works for me!

Jeff



Next Bronze Squad

Training will start on Saturday 8 November and we expect the assessment to be held on Saturday 13 December. If your interested contact Anthony Follitt on 0412 463 282 email folz26@gmail.com or Eddie Bennet on 0419 762 080 email goeddie01@gmail.com Remember you need to complete the pool swim of 400 metres in 9 minutes on the first day .



From the Chief Training Officer

Here's a few important points.

Proficiency/Skills Maintenance

Prior to the beginning of the season, we had four dates set for our annual proficiency/skills maintenance. Those dates were: 31 August (cancelled due to unfavourable conditions), 13 September (completed) , 18 October (completed) and 16 November.

To date, we have had approximately 26 bronze holders and 5 SRC holders have completed their proficiency. Using the names/number from the current patrol roster, that leaves approximately 34 bronze holders and 7 SRC holders (and a number of award members) still to complete their proficiency. To this end, I will request a 5th date from Point Danger Branch in order to have all of our members sorted prior to 31 December.

Thanks to the following members for their continued assistance during the last proficiency: Paul Mowbray (who filled the gap in my patrol), Shaun and Michelle Slattery who acted as water safety in the IRB for the run-swim-run and to the members who attend proficiency and assisted with packing away the gear.

New Courses—General

Once we have proficiencies covered, I will look at completing a Training Needs Analysis for patrolling members to see what awards we require. There is a demand for a new ATV/Tractor course which I will look at shortly.

New Courses—IRBC & IRBD

We still do not have enough of a demand from members to run an IRBC and/or IRBD course so as courses are run at neighbouring Point Danger clubs, I will try to get any of our interested members onto those courses.

New Courses— Emergency Care Awards

For those who may not have heard, the SLSQ Academy (Commercial Division) will now be running all Emergency Care (CPR, First Aid, ART, Spinal Management and Pain Management) new awards. This should not adversely affect any members – courses will remain cost free to members, clubs and branches, resources will be more professional and will include manuals for members to keep, courses will still be run out of clubs etc. There will also be more opportunities for

members to attend a course when it suits them. There are also opportunities for members to become paid facilitators.

New Awards—SRC/CPR Camp



Over the weekend of 26-28th September, we ran our annual SRC/CPR Camp whereby Pacific gained 11 new Surf Rescue Certificate holders and a further 12 Resuscitation Certificate holders.



Thanks to both Kevin Schofield and Anthony Follitt for their assistance with training and to all of the parents who providing meals and were chaperones for the weekend.

Rachael Clark, Chief Training Officer

Wednesday at the Beach

Pacific SLSC will be hosting Beaudesert School for "A day at the Beach" on Wednesday 12 November. There will be 150 school children plus teachers attending and this has now been an annual event for a number of years. We intend to provide a Beach Patrol for the day, include some Surf Awareness presentations and also some typical Nipper beach activities.



Contact Jeff Deegan on 0412913221 if you can help.

Important Dates

31/10/14—Halloween at the Club
1 & 2/11/14—IRB Drivers/Crew Coolangatta Gold
12/11/14— Wednesday at the Beach
16/11/14—Club Proficiency
29/11/14—Inter Branch U13-U17 Carnival