



Merry Christmas

The silly season is upon us and we are delighted that Newport Surf Club and Newport Chamber of Commerce unit again came together to spread some Christmas cheer.

We wish all of our Members, Sponsors and Supporters, a very happy Christmas filled with plenty of cheer and laughter.

Please remember to stay safe both on the roads and in the water. We look forward to seeing you all at the beach and thank all of our patrolling members that provide valuable time over the festive season to patrol and keep our community safe.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Surf Club Office will close Thursday 19th December and re-open on Monday 30th December.

The Bar will be open for Business as usual on Friday's from 4pm and Sundays from midday.



CHRISTMAS DAY PATROLS

Volunteer Patrol Members needed to cover Christmas Day

Patrols on this day have always been filled by Volunteers as opposed to a roster. We appreciate any attendance and contribution to the Patrol on this day and in order to ensure we have sufficient awards covered we have created a sign up.

Please review the available slots via the link below. If you could please spare a few hours, your help would be very much appreciated. If you would prefer to send an email, please email me at Matthew.Edwards@NewportSurfclub.com.au

SIGN UP HERE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Most of you will be aware of the tragedy that occurred on our beach last weekend. While it is inappropriate to go into any details, I do want to say how incredibly proud I am of the way that our members responded to the event and conducted the operation. I want to thank everyone that helped out on the day, those directly involved in the search as well as those that did so many things to make it easier for the search teams, the members that came down early for the afternoon patrol, the members that packed gear away, the members that did food runs, and the families and friends that were there to support people and all the other things I missed. Thank you, you all made a tough day a bit easier.

As usual it seems as though Christmas has come around way too quickly and there has been a huge amount of things happening over the last month.

Thank you to our trainers who have not only been completing groups through Bronze, SRC and IRB awards, but also guiding all of our patrolling members through their annual proficiencies which is a mammoth task.

Surf Sports has been busy with competitors travelling all over for competition. It is great news that our U23 Stingers Surf Boat crew won the Australian Selection trials and are off to NZ to represent their country. I have loved watching this crew from when they first did their Bronze. Not only are they great competitors, and put in a huge amount of training, but they are also always there to help, from making officials meals the night before a carnival to packing up afterwards. Well done and we wish you every success in NZ.

As a club we have had a tradition of not rostering a patrol on Christmas Day and instead we call for volunteers to patrol so that everyone can be flexible in their plans for Christmas.

Please refer to Page 1 of the Newsletter for details regarding how to put your name down for Christmas patrol. I would encourage you all to provide whatever support you can for Christmas patrol, it is always a great atmosphere on patrol and fun way to spend some of Christmas. If you can give an hour that's great, if you can give more, even better.

Sunday 5th of January is our annual Pool to Peak Ocean Swims, this is one of our biggest fund raisers for the year and I would encourage everyone, if you are not swimming, to please sign up for one of the various roles required on the day, from water safety to registration to first aid, to bbq, to setup and pickup. There is a job for everyone and it is a great day of the whole club coming together. Unfortunately, our water safety numbers were disappointing last year so if you have your SRC or Bronze and you can paddle a board or swim a tube - please sign up to help this year be a great success.

I also want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please stay safe on the roads and when you are going in the water – "Stop. Look. Stay Alive."

Guyren Smith
President.



WELCOME TO SEQUIOA

We welcome Sequioa Avtarovski to our Comms Team. Sequioa is working closely with our administration to share Club news and announcements across our social media platforms. If you have any good news stories to share with our Members and Followers, please drop Sequioa an email - sequioa@newortsurfclub.com.au. Don't forget to include some photos if you can.



SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025

Only 3 weeks to go!

Cost of registration

1 swim \$40 online or \$50 on the day

2 swim \$50 online or \$55 on the day

Anyone who can provide some assistance on the day is very much appreciated.

First aiders - we ask that you nominate a time slot please. Email: I.tancred@hotmail.com

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

SUCCESS FOR OUR BOAT CREWS

Newport's Surfboat crews have had a big couple of weeks. Our u23 women, the 'Stingers' won all their eight races at the Australian team trials at Ocean Beach. The crew; Ella Gale, Alani Barros, April McCarney, Zoe Ellis and sweep Michael King will compete in the Trans Tasman Cup at Waihi Beach in New Zealand in February.

They backed that up a day later by winning gold at the Australian Shortcourse Championships, a 500 metre sprint instead of the usual 800 m. Our Reserve women, the 'Swordfish'; Jenna Powell, Kate Wilson, Chloe Butler and Claire Ford finished just out of the medals in their final.

Last weekend at Nth Cronulla the 'Stingers' continued their form, winning all their races at the first of the NSW team selection events. A great start to the season.



L-R Above: Michael King, Zoe Ellis, Alani Barros, April McCarney, Zoe Ellis





OUR LATEST BRONZE AND SRC CANDIDATES



The first weekend of December was a big weekend for Education with 20 Bronze candidates attending their Bronze assessment on Saturday 7th December.

We had some tricky surf with the shore dump, but all 20 of our candidates passed with flying colours. We will have another 5 candidates heading to various assessments in January and February due to other commitments.

Sunday 8th December saw us head back to the beach for an SRC assessment, this time at Warriewood Beach. Again, some tricky conditions with a large gutter, followed by an even larger sandbank and some heavy dumping waves made the board rescues very interesting.

This assessment saw us gain another 5 SRC candidates with the rest of the SRC group looking towards an end of February assessment date.

Congratulations to everyone who has passed their assessment, and we hope that you get involved with our club and take on some higher awards.


We will be having another Bronze course run from mid-February to early April. Anyone interested should email director-education@newportsurfclub.com.au to add their name to the EOI list for when dates are released.







NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL & NEWPORT SURF CLUB UNITE

It's been over 18 years since these communities have come together, but this month we saw Newport Public School take all of their students to the Basin with Newport Surf Club providing some of our amazing members to provide training and water safety. The kids had the opportunity to try paddling and tube rescues in the safety and care of some of our bronze members. Thank you to Ian Crutch for taking the lead on this great community event. By all accounts it sounded like a great day that we will endeavor make an annual event.





STOP

 Before you enter the water

LOOK

-  For the red and yellow flags, if they're on the beach swim between them
-  For signs and warnings about the area
-  At the conditions and weather forecast
-  For rip currents and other dangers

STAY ALIVE

-  Assess the conditions based on your own ability
-  If it's unsafe, don't swim
-  Don't go alone
-  Complete the online Beach Passport for basic training and education on water safety



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BEFORE YOU GO
IN THE WATER**

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