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Bungan Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Inc Newsletter – December 2010

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

October and November have been big months for the Club. The Clubhouse has taken shape thanks to the hard work of so many. New board racks, the ramp, accessible toilet, a new ceiling and a new southern lawn sees the Club teetering on the brink of finally taking "possession" of the Clubhouse. A huge thank you goes to all those involved. Their tireless work behind the scenes is appreciated greatly. Our boaties have done a great job. Successful in their first two outings, they have blitzed the field and have done the Club proud. Congratulations to Matt Collins, Steve Reilly and their men. Sadly, Stockton was not as kind to them, but they are still one of the crews to beat on the eastern seaboard. Our beautiful beach has been patrolled and despite a couple of hiccups, the summer is shaping up well. Chief Instructor Steve Deveney has successfully lead 17 new candidates through their bronze assessment and we look forward to their contribution on patrol over the summer. Thanks as always to new Life Member, Col Rae, for organizing the assessors for two days and for conducting Proficiencies on 4 separate dates.

Your hard-working Committee wishes you all a happy and safe Christmas. We hope to see you all on the 19th (your last chance to do Proficiency as well as joining us for festive fare!).

LOCAL VOLUNTEER EFFORT

The Club was invited to man an **outdoor BBQ** at Johnson Bros Hardware, Avalon on Saturday last 11th December. We had to cook and serve and collect whatever monies are paid to us for manning this stand. Matthew Lloyd and the team did a great job and raised much needed moolah.

BOAT LAUNCH

And the year would not be complete without welcoming new gear. The Club is privileged to have a brand new fully equipped boat to row for the balance of the season. This latest and greatest addition to our equipment is provided by sponsors Reilly & Sons, and will be launched at **12.30pm on Sunday 19th December** and we will be welcoming the Reilly Family, particularly long time club supporter, Steve Reilly after whom the new boat will be named.



XMAS PARTY

HO HO HO. Join us on **Sunday 19th December 12.30pm** onwards for our Annual Xmas Knees Up There will be a beaut BBQ with servings of R & B provided by Bungan's own musos. You just have to be there to really enjoy.

DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR GRANT

A timely Christmas present - we have just received notice that our application to NSW Branch SLSC was rewarded with approval to purchase two new rescue boards and sundry equipment for the club. As we have to pay half the cost of this [about \$1,800] **it would be fantastic if a reader of this Newsletter were to be able to give us another Christmas present.** Thanks to the two Davids (Baldwin and Sams) for their attention to detail in lodging our successful application. Needless to say we are so grateful that this grant has been approved and extend the Club's sincere thanks for supporting our need for this much used equipment. All donations are fully tax deductible.

BRONZE MEDALLIONS

Congratulations to the following who achieved their Surf Bronze Medallion last Saturday. Kyle Birmingham, James Christowski, Aidan Clarke, Jack Coles, Taskyn Diks, Matt Doyle, Caela Dye, Nicholas Edney, Nicholas Fewtrell, Claudia Goswell, Jack Huxley, Jordan Masman, Elizabeth May, Nick McShane, Gerard Melchoir, Jamie Nicholls, Jarryd Roberts and Kieren Summers were all able to successfully undertake a searching examination of their skills in swimming, rescuing, CPR, signals, radio use, first aid and rescue scenarios. Congratulations to them and to the Chief Instructor, Steve Deveney who ably brought them through their training for this highly regarded award.

STOP PRESS !! SHADE SAILS GRANT

Local Member, Rob Stokes has just advised that our application for a grant for the installation of shade sails on the balcony has been approved. That means we receive \$3,114 (**50% of cost**) from the NSW Communities Sport and Recreation Facility grant.

PATROLS

PATROL HOURS 9.00AM – 1.00 PM and 1.00PM – 5.00 PM BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

President, Matthew and Club Captain, Ethan have been very busy making the lists for the Patrols over the next 8 weekends and holidays. **Xmas Day (again) is going to be a Volunteer Day** and if you can give a few hours through the day it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Matthew or Ethan to ensure the beach is covered on this day.

Patrolling members are reminded to find the safest swimming area before putting up the flags, ensuring members keep a good watch on swimmers between the flags, keeping the area clear of surf craft and warning people who start to enter the surf outside the flagged area. Prevention is a lot easier than staging a rescue or performing first aid!

REMEMBER - Proficiencies need to be done by the 31st December - Last one at the Club is on 19th December at 10.00am - ALSO - Those competing at carnivals need to have done at least 25 patrol hours also by the 31st December.

THE GRASS IS GREENER

If you've been to the beach you will have seen our new extended grass area to the South now looks fantastic! Our thanks to House Captain James Bezer, his dad Rod [who joined BBSLSC in 1958] and Ken Trembath for watering mowing and tending this patch of green.

NEW MEMBER

The Club is pleased to welcome Mark "Sparrow" Hazell as an Associate Member who will be the Club's Official Representative at Carnivals.

SURF BOATS

Matt Collins [Boat Sweep] reported that the Bungan A boat crew has been selected to represent the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch SLSC at the Inter-Branch Carnival in Stockton on December 4th. This follows successes at Newport and Whale Beach carnivals. If you want to try something different, call James Bezer or Matt Collins and they will get you going. They would be happy to talk to, coach and assist any young members interested in taking up the sport.

BOAT HONOUR

Howard Christie a Life Member of Bungan has been rewarded with years of effort in the boat arena by having his Open Mens Crew from Whale Beach SLSC confirmed as being selected as the Australian Representative Crew to compete with the team at the International Surf Life Saving Championships to be held in New Zealand in January, 2011.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

You must fill out a membership form and pay your fees to be covered by SLSA insurance. Membership forms can be downloaded from the club's website www.bunganbeachsurfclub.com by logging on and following the prompt from "Membership renewals" [you may have to increase the print set-up area to produce the application on one page]. Please complete and forward **all the forms together with your fees**, to: PO Box 715, Newport NSW 2106

EQUIPMENT DAMAGE

This is a reminder to ALL MEMBERS that our gear is costly and time consuming to repair. Please look after equipment, wash down and return the item you have used to it's correct location. If you happen to accidentally damage equipment please report it to the Patrol Captain or note it on the Patrol Roster so that it can be repaired.

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