



# DOWN THE TRACK



Bungan Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Inc Newsletter - February 2010

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## EARLY START TO THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 9.30 AM SHARP

### RESCUE REPORT

Jordan Masman, a Barker Member who recently obtained his Bronze, was involved in a rescue at the beach a few weekends ago. His memories of this event are interesting reading ....

*Two other members on patrol and I were sitting in the tent watching the water. There weren't that many people in the surf, maybe five. Our Patrol Captain was walking up towards the clubhouse, so we were on the ball considering we were by ourselves. I saw a woman towards the edge of the left flag, where a very small rip was running.*

*I figured she would be okay as she was swimming comfortably towards the shore. I looked South – there was nothing amusing or of great interest happening, but looked back when I heard a young boy yell out to us to get our attention.*

*I saw the lady being swept out very quickly. I don't remember taking my shirt off and I don't think I've ever paddled on a board as fast as I did then!*

*I was able to help the lady back to shore safely by holding onto the ropes (she wasn't really listening to me telling her to get on the board). As I walked back up the beach, she sat back down with her family and I stood at the tent looking for my shirt that had somehow ended up on the edge of the water.*

*Our patrol captain came back down when he had heard the boy yell. He said "Well done. I think that's the first in 10 years!"*

*I was still shaking a good 20 minutes after the rescue.*

**CONGRATULATIONS and great work Jordan – keeping up the Bungan Tradition- NO LIVES LOST !**

### LOCAL VOLUNTEER EFFORT

Matthew Lloyd and the team raised \$ 379 for the Club at the outdoor BBQ at Johnson Bros Hardware, Avalon in December



### NEW BOAT

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December members were invited and joined with the Reilly family to launch a new addition - the Steve "The Beaver" Reilly – with which we hope our boat crews will use to win Branch, State and National Titles. You will see from the news below that we are already on the way. The picture at the right shows Life Member, Ken Trembath, welcoming the Reilly family at the launch. You can see the crews in action at Collaroy Beach for the Branch Titles on February 19.

### PATROLS

**ROSTERED PATROL HOURS** will be 10.00AM – 3.00 PM on Sunday Only until 14<sup>th</sup> March and then 10.00PM – 3.00 PM both SATURDAY AND SUNDAY until the end of the Season. **Please note we will have Patrols over Easter - Good Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday which is also a public holiday.** During recent Patrol Inspections by Branch Officials our patrols have scored well above average – to Ken Trembath's delight his "Old and Bold" Gold patrol scored 192 out of a possible 200 when tested in January. **ARTC awards on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am at the beach – contact Col or Steve for details**

## **SURF BOAT**

Both the Under 23 men and the Open men crews have been rowing impressively. Results have not indicated their ability with semi and quarter finals only at Queenscliff, Manly and the Australian Open carnivals. The Open men came second by inches at Freshwater and after winning their semi final by 50 meters the colts were put under a wave off the start and only managed 5<sup>th</sup> at Freshie.

The most encouraging thing was the open crew's win at the interstate after being drafted by the Northern Territory, beating the crews that had come first and second the day before at Manly.

We are looking forward to the Branch, State and Australian championships coming up soon as well as the juniors rowing their first carnivals at the Branch and Pacific Palms.

## **PRESIDENT'S PIECE**

Did I say October and November were big months? December and January have rattled by with their seemingly limitless hours of Patrol. Well done all for your efforts to keep our beautiful beach safe. A special thanks to those wonderful IRB Drivers who have done extra Patrols to make our Patrols viable.

The Clubhouse continues to take shape despite extra demands being made by Council Officers with respect to our ramps and toilets. We still rest on the precipice of taking "possession" of the Clubhouse. Hopefully the next "Down the Track" will hold details of "opening" ceremonies.

Our boaties have gone from strength to strength. Not getting to represent NSW was a disappointment, but what better way to get over that than to row for Northern Territory and banish the NSW crew into third behind NT a.k.a. the Beaver Brigade and Queensland? More congratulations to Matt Collins, Steve Reilly and their men. The Cadet team also did us proud winning their semi at Freshie.

The Christmas bash on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December was a beauty. Thanks to Ken and James for their hard preparatory work and to Mr "The Life of.." Reilly for laying on a keg. A great day was had by all, (especially one or two elder recalcitrants who I shan't name and shame!) and the man they named the boat after had a grin from ear to ear. Only 25 patrols until the end of the season!

## **BRONZE MEDALLIONS AND AWARDS**

Our Barker Saturdays have produced an additional number of awards and due to the hard work of Chief Instructor, Steve Deveney and the Barker teachers with Col Rea, we are pleased to list the following. Congratulations to James Branson, Josh Hall, Tom Darwell, Robbie Cain, Joel Bratby, Daniel Boys, Georgie Wallis-Smith, Caitlin Bell, Gerard Melchior, Sally Angus, Courtney Chamberlain, Luke Davis who received Bronze Medallions and Craig Ovzinski who obtained his IRB Drivers Award.

## **SKI USE**

Danger Danger - A waywood ski in the patrol area nearly caused an accident at the beach recently. Bob Richardson reminds all those members using the Pullin Skis should stay WELL OUTSIDE the patrol area

## **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](http://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**

Steve Deveney reported that during a mishap in the surf, the Motor was dislodged from the transom of the IRB and when the restraining strap broke the motor disappeared into the beautiful deep blue water. Not to be discouraged, ½ an hour later patrol members, turned divers, managed to retrieve the motor and thinking the worst performed the "roll over" procedure on the motor. Steve reported that the dunking was obviously needed as the drowned motor now runs better than previously.

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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