

Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd

84th Annual Report 2011/2012





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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the 84th Annual General Meeting of the Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club Ltd will be held in the Clubhouse, Blacksmiths Beach, on Sunday 12th August 2012 commencing at 10.00am.

AGENDA

- 1. President's Address – Welcome to official guests**
- 2. Minutes Silence for passed members**
- 3. Apologies**
- 4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 83rd Annual General Meeting**
- 5. Presentation of 84th Annual Report and Financial Statements**
- 6. Life Membership Awards (If Applicable)**
- 7. 25, 50 and 60 Year Service Awards (If Applicable)**
- 8. Distinguished Service Awards (If Applicable)**
- 9. Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the forthcoming season**
- 10. General Business**

For and on behalf of the Committee

**Nicole Beavis
Secretary**

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2011/2012 Committee

PRESIDENT	C Wallis
DEPUTY PRESIDENT.	J McDougall
TREASURER.....	P Gallagher
SECRETARY.....	N Beavis
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....	L Johnson
REGISTRAR.....	J McDougall
DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS.....	D Marshall
DIRECTORS OF LIFE SAVING.....	D Banks
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION	A Stephens
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING /PROMOTIONS.....	P Tobin
DIRECTOR CLUB HOUSE ACTIVITES.....	R Barnes
DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES.....	A Murphy
BEACH CAPTAIN.....	J Langford
BOARD CAPTAIN.....	G Tobin
BOAT CAPTAIN.....	D Elvin
SKI CAPTAIN.....	A Rowe
SWIM CAPTAIN.....	M Beavis
R & R CAPTIAN.....	C Marsh
COMPETITION MANAGER.....	J Langford
CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.....	D Gregory, S Inglis, G Brown, C Marsh, T Morton,
DELEGATE TO BRANCH.....	N Pezely
FINANCE COMMITTEE.....	M Slater, P Scanes, G Brown, N McGregor, A Brown
GYM CO-ORDINATOR.....	
FIRST AID OFFICER.....	
ROOKIE CO-ORDINATOR	A Gallagher
OHS.....	P Appel
GEAR STEWARD.....	J Charlton
I.R.B. CAPTAIN.....	G Liles
LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....	D Gregory, C Marsh,T Morton, G Brown, R Liddell
MOBILE VEHICLE OFFICER.....	O Scott
RADIO OFFICER.....	N Pezely
SOCIAL SECRETARY.....	R Parkes
SPORTS CO-ORDINATORS.....	N Turney, A Salaris
CARNIVAL ENTRIES.....	N Beavis
CHILD PROTECTION.....	M Duggan
AUDITORS.....	Kilpatrick Lake McKenzie
HON. SOLICITORS.....	P Mitchell
HON. DOCTORS.....	Dr. D. Gordon, Dr. M. Joseph,



Management Committee Meetings

	ATTENDANCE	APOLOGIES
CRAIG WALLIS	2	0
JOHN MCDUGALL	2	0
PHIL GALLAGHER	2	0
NICOLE BEAVIS	2	0
ADAM MURPHY	1	0
ROBERT BARNES	1	0
DAVID BANKS	1	0
PAT TOBIN	1	0
DAVE MARSHALL	0	2
ANTHEA STEPHENS	0	1
LEANNE JOHNSON	0	0
GARY BROWN	2	0
JON LANGFORD	0	0
ADAM ROWE	0	0
DEAN ELVIN	0	0
MARTIN BEAVIS	0	0
GREG TOBIN	0	0
GLEN LILES	0	0
CLIFF MARSH	1	0
JIM CHARLTON	1	0
RON PARKES	2	0
PAUL APPEL	0	0
OWEN SCOTT	1	0

Director's Meetings

CRAIG WALLIS	9	0
DAVID MARSHALL	8	1
DAVID BANKS	4	3
ROBERT BARNES	7	1
JOHN MC DOUGALL	6	2
PAT TOBIN	7	2
PHIL GALLAGHER	6	3
NICOLE BEAVIS	9	0
ANTHEA STEPHENS	5	4
ADAM MURPHY	6	2



Life Members

1936	Joe Charlton *	1983	Archie Salaris
1940	Allan Paterson *	1984	Don Gregory
1944	Roy Byrnes *	1984	John Rees
1944	Ern Heath *	1986	Norm Turney
1944	Herbert McPherson*	1987	Brian Drinkwater *
1953	Kevin Byrnes *	1988	Ron Liddell
1956	Bill Behrends	1989	John Halpin
1956	Ben Behrends *	1989	Terry Watts
1956	Vic Convery *	1990	Chris Paul
1957	Bert Chant *	1993	Bob Gregory
1957	Jock Gregory *	1994	Ken Murray
1960	Graham Barrass *	1996	Iain Pattie
1960	Harry Walton	1997	John McDougall
1962	Fred Moodie *	2000	Jeff Mowbray
1967	Jim Turner *	2000	Mark Scully
1968	Harold Behrends	2001	Gary Brown
1968	Jim Charlton*	2001	Peter McGregor
1986	Trevor Ham	2002	Tom Gilmore*
1968	Cliff Marsh O.A.M.	2002	Trevor Mowbray
1968	Geoff Murray	2008	Robert Burge
1968	John Regan *	2008	Graham Burge
1970	Gordon Mc Millan *	2009	Phil Cousins O.A.M.
1970	Trevor Morton	2009	Martin Ross
1973	Jim Corkett	2010	Barry Dobb
1973	Peter Lee	2011	Jim McKenna
1974	George Cooper	2011	Brian Summers
1975	Barry Moses		
1976	Bill Cambridge*		
1977	Ross Blatchford		
1979	Noel Corkett *		
1979	Paul Kibble *		
1982	Wayne Matthews		
1982	Jim Purcell		



Distinguished Service Members

1996	William Monkhouse	2006	Robert Barnes
2006	Tom McLean *	2007	Jim Weir

Life Members – Hunter Branch

1948	Ern Heath *	1988	Wayne Matthews
1953	Alan Patterson *	1996	Christopher Paul
1977	Ken Murray	1999	Norman Turney
1980	Cliff Marsh OAM	2000	Jeff Mowbray
2007	John McDougall	2004	Phil Cousins OAM
2007	Ron Liddell	2007	George Keifer

Life Members – State Centre

1949	Ernie Heath*	1992	Ken Murray
1952	Alan Paterson*	2010	Jeff Mowbray
1990	Cliff Marsh		

Life Members – National Council

1950	Ernie Heath *	1984	Cliff Marsh OAM
1960	Alan Patterson *	1999	Ken Murray

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MILESTONES OF NINE MILE

- Swansea Surf Life Saving Club founded 1927-28 season: green, cream and gold colours adopted
- First Executive - President - Joe Charlton; Secretary - Harold Hall; Treasurer - Frank Marshall; Club Captain - Jack Chapman; Chief Instructor - Ernie Heath
- 1928-29 – Boat crew awarded Certificate of Bravery from the Royal Humane and Shipwreck Society for a rescue on the treacherous Swansea Channel bar
- 1931-32 – First Australian Championship won by the club - senior boat championship at Bondi
- 1935 – Crisis period - no funds and very few members
- 1936 - Joe Charlton elected as the club's first Life Member
- 1942 - 15th February - prominent member Matt Roach - AIF - killed at fall of Singapore
- 1946 - Tom Humphreys' innovative 'tuck stern' surf boat launched. In the same year, fire destroys dance hall and club shed
- 1947 - 15th September - named changed to Swansea-Belmont Surf Life Saving Club
- 1949-50 - Major double - Australian Senior and Junior Boat Championships at Coolangatta, Qld, resulting in aggregate point score success
- Late '40's - Major rebuilding program for clubhouse facilities
- 1950 – Ernie Heath elected Life Member, National Council, SLSA of Australia
- 1954, 1955 – Alan Patterson appointed Manager of NSW Representative Team
- 1955 – Maitland flood rescue work
- 1960 – Alan Patterson elected Life Member, National Council, SLSA of Australia
- 1960-61 to 1962-63 – winners of three successive Newcastle Branch 'BP' competitions
- 1964 - Original 'Little Nippers' led the march past at the club's annual carnival
- 1964 - Hosted New South Wales Championships
- Early '70's - building of new, modern clubhouse
- 1972 - Hosted Australian Championships
- 1973 – Bruce Laughton, Clyde Freeman awarded SLSA Meritorious Awards; in the same season, Cliff Marsh coaches NSW Representative Team

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- 1974 – Cliff Marsh selected in Australian Team to World Congress, South Africa
- 1970's – Community Education programs were at their peak - Pool Survival, School Lecturing, Simulated Shark Attacks, etc - all of this followed the Learn-to-Swim campaigns of the 1960's
- 1977 – Won Australian Open Surf Teams Championship - Bancoora, Vic
- 1980 – Hosted New South Wales Championships
- 1981 – Cliff Marsh appointed Coach of the Australian Team to tour USA
- 1984 – Cliff Marsh elected Life Member, National Council, SLSA of Australia
- 1980's - increasing number of Swansea-Belmont members selected in representative teams; ongoing building projects, including renovations and additions; outstanding progress of the junior activities section of the club; revival of 'Cross-Lake Swim', Coal Point to Belmont
- 1988 – First Place - overall point score - New South Wales Championships (venue: North Curl Curl) – a 'first' for a club from outside the metropolitan area
- 1990 – Hosted New South Wales Championships
- 1990 – Melissa Thurlow selected to represent Australia in Japan and West Germany
- 1992 – Sean Davis represents Australia against South Africa
- 1994 - Hosted Australian Championships - four gold medals a fitting result at these highly successful championships - 4th place in the overall point score; won Association R&R Premiership
- 1996 - Hosted New South Wales Junior Championships
- Late '90's - club instructors busy putting record numbers of candidates through for various awards
- 1999 – Ken Murray elected Life Member, National Council, SLSA of Australia. In the same season, the Open Boat crew selected to represent Australia
- 2002, 2003 - Hosted New South Wales Championships - second in '02, first in '03
- 2003 - Led Australian Championship overall point score at Kurrawa, Qld, until the last two events of the carnival, ultimately finishing second - a wonderful achievement!
- 2008, 2009, 2010 - Host Club for the New South Wales Championships
- 2010 Jeff Mowbray elected Life Member Surf Life Saving NSW
- Mid-2000's to present - ongoing building renovation projects



President's Report

The 2011/2012 season was another year in which our club's achievements were many and I'm proud to provide this report from my perspective as the club's President.

Patrols were much improved this season despite a few hiccups at the start of the year with communications with Surfcom. The centralised radio network is a great benefit to the movement however there remains work to be done to ensure that the actual conditions on the beach are what is communicated to and recorded by Surfcom. There also remain challenges for the club to provide sufficiently qualified patrol members, primarily IRB drivers to ensure the club meets its obligations. We all need to remember that without patrols we are not a surf lifesaving club.

One of the many highlights of the year was the number of younger people undertaking awards under the guidance of the Director of Education, Anthea Stephens and her instructors. Without the education side of the club we would be unable to rejuvenate our membership base which is critical given the rates of attrition experienced in the movement. This year the club introduced the concept of a 'Graduation Day' which took place immediately after the squads completed their assessments. The newly qualified members were recognised 'on the day' in a formal ceremony rather than waiting until Presentation Night and included inspirational speeches from life members welcoming them to the movement. This was a very successful initiative that will become a permanent feature of our education side. Finally, I take the opportunity to acknowledge Anthea's skills as an instructor and assessor which were recognised by being awarded Training Officer of the Year at the Branch Presentation Night.

The competition area was another with successes for the year albeit a few less than previous years due to a smaller number of competitors being able to attend carnivals particularly the NSW Championships. Despite this the various competition sections had many achievements culminating in medal and place positions at both the State and Australian Championships. These achievements are now recorded in the official history of surf lifesaving but importantly also in the memories of their fellow club members who witnessed their achievements. While competition provides the opportunity for lifesavers to demonstrate their skills it is invaluable in building the camaraderie that makes the surf lifesaving movement such an icon. Our club members were also recognised at the Branch Presentation Night where the perennial Marilyn Clarence was named Masters Female Athlete of the Year and our board paddling team of Renee Gregory, Tayla Gregory and Georgia Muir was named the Youth Team of the Year. I wish to pay special tribute to Iain Pattie who was named Branch Official of the Year on the night.

The club has been fortunate for many years to have enjoyed great support from our local politicians, Jill Hall the Federal Member for Shortland, Robert Coombes and then Garry Edwards as the NSW Members for Swansea. Through their

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support the club has received significant and much appreciated financial support from Government that has enabled us to expand the club. Significant financial support has also come from within our own ranks and the club is indebted to one of our long standing and life members for his assistance.

We now have facilities that are the envy of many however this would also have not been possible without the time and effort of our club's building committee and the small band of volunteers who've worked tirelessly on the clubhouse for several years. The quality of the facilities at Swansea Belmont SLSC, are a testament to their love of our club and will serve members well into the future. We're all indebted to them for their efforts.

While the 2011/2012 season has been another successful one for the club there remains challenges into the future that will require new ways of thinking if they are to be overcome. Firstly, society is changing and the world in which the majority of people in surf lifesaving grew up is different to today's world. Young people today are faced with massive changes due to technological advancements and live in a globally focussed world in stark contrast to the notion of community which underpins the surf lifesaving movement. Secondly, the growing demands of the surf lifesaving administration are increasingly requiring more time and effort from volunteers who already lead busy lives. Clubs need the administration to reduce the financial and time demands on volunteers or we all face the risk of members being unwilling to take on positions in the club hierarchy.

Having said this I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all those who did put their hands up and took on roles in the 2011/2012 season. Without their efforts our club would not function and I hope all those who did assist during the year feel a sense of pride at what has been achieved.

I can't adequately express my appreciation and respect for those people who took on positions as Directors of the club. It is no small thing to voluntarily place yourself in a position of such responsibility as is required of directors of community organisations as large as Swansea Belmont. All members can be proud of the great job the 2011/2012 Directors have done as Swansea Belmont approaches its 85th season of providing essential voluntary lifesaving services to our community.

Finally, I would ask all members to take a moment and remember our club mates who are no longer with us. Please spare a special thought for our beloved caretaker, former president and life member Jim Charlton who passed away at the end of the season. The Charlton family have been with the club since it started and Jimmy's own involvement spanned some 6 decades. The club was more than just a place for Jimmy to be with his mates, rather it was his home. As with all our departed club mates he'll be sorely missed.

CRAIG WALLIS

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VALE CRAIG AGNEW

The club lost an active patrol member when Craig Agnew passed away suddenly at the start of the 2011/2012 season. Known to all as 'Spiro' (in reference to the former US Vice President) he was a keen patrol member and served a period of time as our IRB captain. Spiro grew up at Maroubra and joined surf lifesaving as a nipper and as a youngster was a regular swimming partner with the great distance swimmer Des Renford. Spiro spent countless hours at Blacksmith Beach and was well known to the lifeguards who marvelled at the various inventions he created. He would often be seen marching into the surf to test out his latest lifesaving invention only to find that some modifications were required. Spiro was always willing to lend a hand and set the benchmark for diligence while on patrol. His ashes were scattered on the Bombie so that he could surf forever.
RIP Spiro

VALE JOHN HAYDEN

President 1981 – 1983

John Hayden was a respected, capable President at a time when our club was again rising to prominence. A past swim and R & R medalist and exemplary patrol man, John, through his steady influence gave great service to Swansea Belmont SLSC. His courageous fight against cancer never diminished his dedication to our club – taken from us much too young. RIP John Hayden

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VALE JAMES CHARLTON

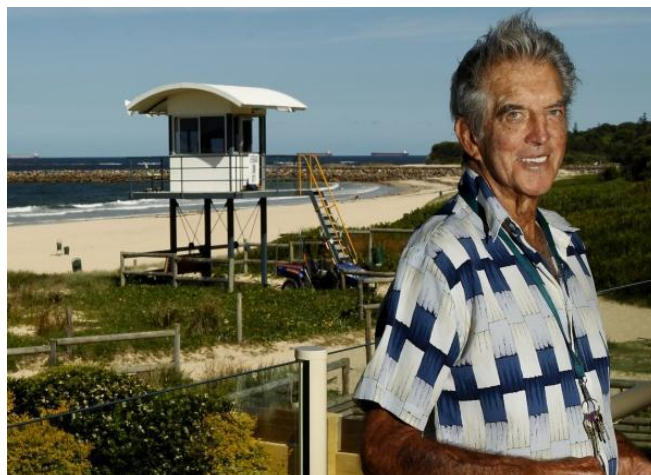
CLUB CAPTAIN 1958-1962

PRESIDENT 1962-1969

As an inspirational leader Jim Charlton led a revival to place Swansea Belmont in a position of respect in our community and throughout Surf Life Saving.

As a dedicated surfboat rower he won many Branch Championships and competed in New South Wales & Australian Championship finals. His dedication to our Surfboat section remained all of his life.

Jim was the organiser of our first NSW Championship Carnival at Blacksmiths in 1964. His ingenuity and willingness to have a go at anything that could possibly benefit Swansea Belmont SLSC became legendary. Jim fought the trauma of Parkinson's disease with humour, courage and dignity. Alas it took him from us. The hundreds of friends at Jim's funeral service were testimony to his standing in our community. RIP James Charlton





Secretary's Report

I can't believe that I am writing my first report as secretary, where has the year gone? This past season has been a year of learning & settling in. I am in awe of the workload that Jeff Mowbray & Leanne Johnson took on & I now fully appreciate all that is the surf club, it is just not about patrols & going to carnivals.

This season was to learn the ropes & get the lay of the land, or surf I should say. My first job was to introduce our "weekly update", a one page issue in it's first week to now three or four even five pages. Stay tuned for it's new facelift! Along with the newsletter, facebook updates, surfguard messages & website, the weekly update proved a great source of information for our members.

Our committee have many visions for the club & these will take time to implement. First & foremost is to get back to basics, have more social activities & work together as one club.

I look forward to the new era of our club with our recent renovations, the training room, the deck, the storage areas & our fantastic new kitchen which will be well received for our functions.

There are so many people behind the scenes who assist in the day to day activities & workings of our club, to all of you, I thankyou, for your assistance, friendship & guidance.

Let's enjoy our fantastic club & nine mile beach.

NICOLE BEAVIS



Patrol Roster 2011-2012 Season

<p>Patrol 1 Barry Moses</p> <p>David Banks(Capt) Brittany Banks Tiarne Ashman Riley Emerton Rose Emerton Greg Hartman Jake Hooey Ryan McGee Brooke Walker</p>	<p>Patrol 2 Jim Turner</p> <p>Danielle Radford(Capt) Anthea Stephens(V) Daniel Heise Hayden Callan Sam Djodan Daniel Foster</p>	<p>Patrol 3 Harold Behrends</p> <p>Adrian Simon(Capt) Jordon Freeman Rachel Brokenshire Madeline Simon Brandon Fitzroy Shania Goodwin Joshua Hanson Karla Verschelden</p>
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<p>Patrol 4 James Charlton</p> <p>Ashley Gallagher(Capt) Rose Parkes(V) Kale Langford Phil Gallagher Jacob Dougherty Georgia Muir Tayla Gregory Carl Randall Christopher Roddam</p>	<p>Patrol 5 Trevor Ham</p> <p>Troy Anderson(V) Neil McEwan(Capt) Cory McEwan Kyle Anderson Adam Anderson Jacqui McEwan Harley Baker Sam Harman Christina Ryan-Head</p>	<p>Patrol 6 Cliff Marsh</p> <p>Craig Wallis(/Capt) Tom Burge Ky Emerton Ben Haigh Ryan Haigh Renee Gregory Maddi Noonan Brenton Hartley Sam Hibberd Alex McCloughlin Brandon Wallis Jed Noonan Toby Walters</p>
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<p>Patrol 7 Geoff Murray</p> <p>Raemon Parkes(Capt) Sam Earp Michaela Bacon Elise Pidutti Luke Reinhard Hayley Cove Luke Ham Luke Shafron</p>	<p>Patrol 8 John Regan</p> <p>Brett Jobber(Capt) Adam Paras Steven Karabetsis Olivia Rudd Holly Beavis Callum Geelan Jody Huybers Kayla Rudd Serena Rudd</p>	<p>Patrol 9 Gordan McMillan</p> <p>David Marshall(Capt) Emily Chaffey Tahli Caban Alex Marshall Sjana Earp Teighan Marshall Garry Copping Thomas Henry Fullalove Cherie Morton Ethan Taylor Hannah Trypas</p>
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<p>Patrol 10 Trevor Morton</p> <p>Jay Coburn(Capt) Cameron Holwell Marnie Robertson Kristen Brockenshire Bree Creighton Kristin Creighton Sasha Huggins Chloe Walters</p>	<p>Patrol 11 Jim Corkett</p> <p>Glen Liles(Capt) Cory Sullivan Tom McIntosh Sam McIntosh Matt Burge Cindy Liles Matt Sullivan Chelsea Gregory Rachel Sullivan</p>	<p>Patrol 12 Peter Lee</p> <p>Martin Beavis(Capt) Lucas Samways Jack Barnes Daniel Caban Thomas Gallagher Joe Castledine Alex Marsh James Murgatroyd</p>
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<p>Patrol 13 George Cooper</p> <p>Heidi Murray(Capt) Troy Ham Mitch Williams Maddison Murray Rochelee Murray Troy Ham Dean Fraser Ayesha Fraser</p>	<p>Patrol 15 Bill Cambridge</p> <p>Steve Screen(Capt) Phil Gain(V) Louise Gain Julie Screen Tifanie Williams Georgie Pettit Madeline Screen Lisa Wright Amelia Johnson Lauren Burge Gemma Freeman Emily Gain Reece Pettit Jared Screen Karla Slater</p>
<p>Patrol 14 Jeff Mowbray</p> <p>Peter Scanes(Capt) Bronte Elvin Paul McDonnell Cameron McDonell Brook McDonell Lachlan McDonell David Nicholson</p>	<p>Patrol 16 Roving Patrol Members</p> <p>Benn Marsh (Capt) Trevor Morton Joe Clarence Todd Castledine Chad Griffith Sonia Plumain Phil Cosgrove Steve Chapman Dean Noonan</p>



Registrar's Report

Another season over and I still have trouble making a registrar report interesting.

There has been a small drop in our numbers since 2009 with our junior numbers being up slightly in that time. Our biggest concern appears to be in the 18 to 22 age group but this is not something that hasn't been happening for some time. It appears to be the age where young people have finished school and venture out to try something different in life.

After a lot of them who have come through the nipper movement, have already been hanging around the beach for ten years, quite a few venture back to the movement later in life, these members tend to stay for a long time to patrol our beach.

A welcoming trend that appears to be occurring is the number of junior parents that are staying on in the club after the children take a break. All in all our membership is quite healthy, big is not always better.

The support club membership has become a popular way for people to stay in touch with the club and show support by patronising the fellowship held regularly at the club. To all those supporters we say thanks, but please remember that there are restrictions on what activities you may participate in around the club whilst holding this type of membership.

Gym membership will change we hope for the better. At the end of September all gym memberships will become null and void and we will start from scratch with a whole new entry system, let's hope we can make this work. All patrolling members will be given free access to the gym if you want this privilege get yourself on a patrol. One rule - if you wish to take advantage of this offer you will need to contact John McDougall or Dave Banks to register your intent.

That's all from me I trust you all have a good season at the Surf Club.

JOHN MCDUGALL





Director Of Lifesaving Report

It was a pleasure this year to see the club operations and patrolling efforts from a new view point. It demonstrated how the many people involved in our club can work together to provide a safe and enjoyable beach for our community to use. Congratulations to all our award winners and members who achieved their goals this season.

A large thank you to all our patrolling members for answering the call to support your club and community in providing your time on and off the beach. The great strength of Surf Life Saving and our club is the ability to bring together people of all ages and work together for a common good.

This season was a testing year as we rebuild our pride on the beach as a patrolling club. We are constantly being monitored by Branch and SLSNSW to improve and ensure we meet our commitment to patrol our beach to the standard we agreed.

This year we took the opportunity to survey our members to determine how we, the club directors, can better support our members on the beach. Our response rate was approx 30% with responses and support across the majority of patrols. There was a strong message that our patrols require more support in terms of an improved shelter, more organized equipment, improved access to the club and would enjoy the ability to receive ongoing training during the season. Of course, an end of season function to celebrate our achievements.

We have a band of younger members willing to take on more responsibility and many members interested in becoming better qualified as part of their commitment to patrolling. I look forward to ensuring the club provides these opportunities and that our senior members support our up and coming leaders with their goals.

Yes there is more work to be done. The patrol shelter is being refurbished, new equipment is arriving and we have new facilities being constructed to centrally house our equipment for easy access. Our patrol room will serve as the hub for our members to meet, be informed and provide shelter on those less favorable days. A key area of improvement is our ability to have an operational IRB, including crews, on the beach each patrol. This is an ongoing process and look forward to the support of our members in achieving this important service.

I encourage all members to get behind our efforts to continue building our patrols to be best in branch and our beach to be safest on the east coast.

Always between the flags

DAVID BANKS



Director of Promotions & Marketing Report

In opening into the promotions and marketing report for the 2011/2012 season I would like to especially thank my family (especially Barb) and those committee & general club members/affiliates/club sponsors who supported me throughout the season who understood the position the club was coming from over the past few seasons and where improvements could be made to assist the need to step out in certain areas if we wish to progress to where we were in better years of our club's history. No one in the club who holds a position such as mine can carry out his/her duties without this kind of support.

In this Season (2011/2012) the following achievements were made (we didn't sit on our hands)

Events

1)Green Jacket Function – held in December which was well attended, fully funded by sponsors (\$6300 cash), made a “profit”, well reported in the media, recognised the achievements of many of our past great surf sport competitors and the accolades they brought to Swansea Belmont and the Hunter. It was a very enjoyable occasion to those that attended. We would have liked to have extended the function to for instance NSW champions but we didn't have the funds to present an event of this kind of quality and the auditorium has a limited capacity for sit down dinners. Hopefully this event can be run biannually if supported. These events are quite involved to organise and thanks to those that helped.

2) Across the Lake Swim-our contribution (promotions) came in presenting a new concept, promoting the event and gaining sponsors. In this regard we developed a USP (Unique Selling Proposition) and specific website and face book package and a poster for the event, obtained \$25000 of free advertising through the Herald and NBN TV, \$10200 approx in cash sponsorship plus \$36000 in “In- kind”, the entry of a profile competitor(Chris Allum) at no cost other than prize money and very good media publicity both in print and TV format

3)Cold Chisel Night-although the timing may not have been the best this event gained the support of a potential significant supporter in the Swansea RSL, raised a modest donation of \$500,did not involve much input from the club(none financially) was fairly well supported in attendance and well enjoyed by those who came. There is a potential to hold one off events of this kind/season off site next season with the benefits that we are seen to support local service clubs that support us and engages other non club members in the community.

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4)Parents and Supporters Dinner at the 2012 Australian Championships. We have run these social events at Aussies in the past. This years was run alongside the competitors function (next door at Buggsies) and well attended.

5)Development of the Surf Squad Swim Programme. This year a concept to develop a surf specific swim programme was prepared with the Charlestown Swimming Centre management, one of the countries leading pool and business coaches, our own Mark Scully, Charlestown pool head coach. The programme was eventually established then was rebranded “Hunter Surf Squad”. It has been running since June and is quite well attended and has the potential to take the club forward in competition particularly in team events such as the Taplin, Surf Teams, Board Rescue etc

Newsletters

This season we prepared and mailed out monthly newsletters for each month from October through to February which were well received especially by our older members who do not use electronic type methods of communication. Our last one just before Aussies was ready for distribution but did not get there unfortunately however if anyone is interested we can provide a copy. The future of this publication is under consideration now that we have a very good weekly bulletin distributed through surfguard and an active facebook site and a new website under development but we have to make sure sponsors get communicated to and they are recognised in our communications to members and the community. Six lengthy but informative publications were printed and mailed out.

Media

We were well supported in the media this year with weekly reports in the Herald, a number of feature stories of older members (Jake Moses, Jim Charlton, Mark Scully, Ken Murray),a report on the tragedy at Kurrawa, lead up and follow up articles for the across the lake swim, branch ,state and aussies and five TV features (green jacket reunion, boaties at Swansea Belmont peters series carnival, Across the Lake Swim, State & Aussies and the Surf Squad at Charlestown pool).We also had two local radio interviews (Cliff Marsh & Danielle Radford). We thank the media for their support to get our profile out there especially Craig Kerry/Janek Specht/ Photographers of the Herald, Mike Rabbitt, Mitch Hughes and cameramen at NBN and Craig Hamilton at 2NC radio.

We also started to write a monthly article on the club in a relatively new publication “Social Life Magazine” which is a high quality glossy colour mag distributed to 100000 readers. Articles written to date include 1)History of Women at SBSLSC 2)History of Surf Swimmers 3)History of the Boat Section “Tougher

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than House Bricks". The Sept issue will be on Ironmen at the club and we will progressively feature all sections at the club in future issues including lifesaving. Past copies of this publication are available.

Sponsors/Fundraising

This year we gained a significant amount in cash sponsorship for the club **\$16500 approx** a significant amount coming from new sponsors .

Sponsors to be recognised from our work included

**SPONSORS OF GREEN JACKET (AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS) REUNION –
Sunday 11th December (Total \$6450 Cash + inkind)**

Raine & Horne (Blacksmiths) Belmont Citi Centre, Belmont Motor Repairs, Cardiff Select Cars, Walker and Company Accountants, Blacksmiths Beachside Tourist Park Raine & Horne (Blacksmiths), Belmont Citi Centre, Belmont Motor Repairs, Blacks Smash Repairs Belmont, Cardiff Select Cars, Retravisoin, Blacksmiths Hardware, Kracka Surfcraft, Paul Mitchell (personal), Kev Baldwins Wholesale, Interceptor Surf Skis, Squids Ink, Lake Macquarie Conveyancing, O'Neils Tyres (Belmont), Tropical Plant Rentals, Stephen Chapman Optometrist, Macquarie Drywall, Blacksmiths Pharmacy, Cardiff Newsagency & Cardiff Officesmart. Cardiff Plumbing. Genr8 Entertainment

**SPONSORS OF THE 2012 SWANSEA BELMONT ACROSS THE LAKE SWIM-
Saturday 25th February 2012 (Total \$10200 in cash plus inkind (\$36000))**

Mastermyne, Belmont 16 Footers, Engineswim, The Gunyah Hotel, Cardiff Car City, Blue Haven Pools, Lake Macq City Council, Belmont Citi Centre, Officesmart Cardiff/ Toronto, NBN TV, Newcastle Herald, Coughlins Swim Centre (Peter Coughlin), Genr8 Entertainment, Greater Newcastle Building, Cardiff Select Cars Society, Kavon Theatre Restaraunt, Munchies at Belmont, Healthy Life Cardiff, UtiliseIT, Macquarie Café, Classic Framing Memorabilia, Centennial Coal

As well we continued to get some sponsorship from our past supporters including the 16 Footers, Tooheys, Pelican RSL, Daracon, Kracka Surf Craft, Gunyah Hotel

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Other sections of the club also raised funds directly eg the BJA and golf day which should be reported elsewhere in other reports hopefully with sponsors recognition.

Framed Appreciation certificates/gifts were organised and presented for our across the lake sponsors and the others are under way for other event sponsors

A sponsorship package proposal was prepared for the committee to digest and approve and this will be considered over the winter season. But we need to have the commitment from the club to support sponsors in signage, newsletters/communication, appreciation certificates, media in this relatively easy to get area as we have a respected corporate and community/sporting organisation image in the region which is again easily promoted if we get the time and the interest. The directors need to set a target in this area next season (say \$50000 min)

In addition a proposal was put together for an OLD LIFESAVERS/FRIENDS OF SWANSEA BELMONT ASSOCIATION. These associations make very large financial contributions to their respective senior club at other clubs in the association(\$90000 in one year at CHSLSC & about \$5000 pa at Redhead).This proposal made in November last year is up for consideration. They also make contributions in many other areas.

We also had a presence at nearly every raffle at the Gunyah on Friday nights.

OTHER INITIATIVES

Other areas we contributed in were a Tennis Challenge proposal in the winter which is being organised with a tennis professional in the club and should get under way later in the year when our coach gets back from holidays.

A get together for parents/supporters was organised at the Australian Championships which was well attended.

A lot of work was put into organising a winter swimming programme at the Charlestown Heated Pool with high level swim coaches. This programme got under way on June 23rd and promises to take us into the future in surf sports especially the swim section. We have also organised some specialised Hunter jumpers to go with the programme

An invitation to Dean and Reen Mercer to endorse the Charlestown Pool Hunter Swim Programme and be special guests at our Annual Presentation. This invitation was gratefully accepted and arranged by us at no cost to the club through the support of Flight Centre Cardiff and Hunter Officesmart. The presence of Dean and Reen at these functions went over very well at all levels and we thank them both-great ambassadors for the movement,



THE FUTURE-Some Considerations

On taking up the position of promotions/marketing director I joined a group of other directors who were faced with a club that had somewhat dropped from its former glory days in many ways. Patrols were being neglected in attendance by many qualified members, our strength in competition had fallen away, there were a number of competitors leaving the club for whatever reasons (which should have been formally investigated) Fundraising through sponsorship other than the Kracka Ironman event and Golf Day was minimal, finances were tough and cutbacks were being made rather than implementing growth strategies, attendance at raffles was low compared to other sporting groups, general meetings other than directors were not held or when held not attended, there was unauthorised use of the gym(revenue loss),few people doing all the work, the club was empty much of the time, lack of numbers and no entertainment at Sunday stubbies, few fundraisers organised, across the lake swim in trouble over previous years issues ,low numbers moving through from nippers in past 2 years, poor retention of cadets, low numbers of good senior competitors(Aussie final standard), low input into training etc from previous years top competitors, low numbers assisting club renovations, low numbers of parents of older competitors staying involved with the club, little involvement from members of the Blacksmiths community and several other issues including not having an agreed whole of club business plan(5yrs) that every member knows about.

It was really a “Breakthrough or Breakdown” situation typical of some leadership issues with our leaders having trouble addressing the areas troubling the club to identify/accept and fix the obvious problems. From our observations the main issue is people and recognising our members are the clubs biggest asset. We are not the only club in this situation but there are many clubs who have recognised what is needed to breakthrough and move on. There needs to be added value in being a member these days. We probably need to change our culture from thinking that members should be ‘privileged to be a member” rather than the club saying it is privileged to have the members that we have. Rewards even just a “thank you” for members especially patrol members should be more frequent (not at the end of the season)noting that even a thankyou is forgotten within a week.Also the overall SLSA code of conduct between members needs to be in everyone’s minds and accepted as a legal document.

This was a settling year with a number of new committee members including a new president. Many of the above issues were discussed and some acted on initial work done as detailed above and in other reports in this Annual Report. But the work needs to be continued with as many people involved as possible not just a few. Most of us have jobs and a family also so the more members involved the better.

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It is suggested that the club start the new season with a Basic 3 Point Plan then move from there

1)Develop a 5 year Business Plan This needs to cover every aspect of the club and be made available to every member. This will provide a model to ensure responsible stewardship of the club including the raising of funds/redevelopment of patrol attendance/redevelopment of a strong proud competitive team/a good social structure/a secure financial future for the club. "A failure to plan is a plan to fail". Get a fundamental plan in place based on those in force at other clubs(we don't have to reinvent the wheel) and modify it from there as work in progress.

2)Address all Areas of Revenue Loss The main areas to be addressed are the unauthorised use of the Gym with some users not paying appropriate club or gym membership fees (strict enforced policy required),the use of the club by non members including Sundays drinks etc and procedures in relation to the bars. We need to get our "house in order" in these areas before we consider raising money in areas such as a competitors levy. Tidy up these areas and we may be able to end the year with a better financial result.

3) Address Areas of Revenue Gain Move away from "cut/cut/cut" and move to a financial growth strategy including obtaining sponsors (target \$50000-\$100000min), run carnivals at our beach, use of the new kitchen to more hiring of the function rooms, introduce meals at the club, more social events, introduce an old lifesavers association who will raise funds in their own right. On sponsorship we need an annual target and a commitment from everyone to give value to sponsors in return for their funds.

Unfortunately due to Business and family reasons I have had to not renominate for the Promotion/Marketing directors position this year. It is very hard not to follow up on 2011/2012 but I will be there to support any one who fills the position and other committee members and provide the sponsorship and media contacts I had in 2011/2012.

Cheers and Good Luck in 2012/2013

PAT TOBIN



Director of Education Report

Once again our dedicated team of Trainers has excelled putting their time and hard work in to our club educating our members in various awards. Thank you to Louise Gain, Julie Screen, Maddy Screen, Steven Screen, David Banks, Troy Anderson, Brett Jobber, Adam Anderson and Ashley Gallagher for your support, commitment and time throughout the season.

Awards recipients are as follows:

Surf Rescue Certificate

Lauren Anderson	Jack Barnes
Lauren Burge	Thomas Burge
Joseph Castledine	Lily Costello
Bree Creighton	Jacob Dougherty
Ky Emerton	Riley Emerton
Rose Emerton	Gemma Freeman
Emily Gain	Shania Goodwin
Chelsea Gregory	Thomas Henry-Fullalove
Samuel Hibberd	Lachlan McDonell
Alex Marsh	Jed Noonan
Isaac Penfold	Reece Pettit
Carl Randall	Serena Rudd
Jared Screen	Rachel Sullivan
Ethan Taylor	Karla Verschelden
Brandon Wallis	Sally Walters

Bronze Medallion

Tiarne Ashman	Ethan Brown
Daniel Caban	Hayden Callan
Kristina Christenson	Hayley Cove
Kristin Creighton	Brandon Fitzroy
Daniel Foster	Thomas Gallagher
Callum Geelan	Joshua Hanson
Daniel Heise	Sasha Huggins
Jody Huybers	Steven Karabetsis
Brock McDonell	Kurt Miller

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**James Murgatroyd
Christina Ryan-Head
Toby Walters**

**Luke Rayward
Luke Shafron**

IRB Crewperson

Ethan Brown	Kristina Christenson
Daniel Foster	Thomas Gallagher
Daniel Heise	Steven Karabetsis
Luke Rayward	Luke Shafron

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

David Banks

Spinal Management

Adam Anderson	Kyle Anderson
Troy Anderson	Brittany Banks
Brock McDonell	Madeline Screen
Steven Screen	Luke Shafron
Kirsty Waugh	

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate

Adam Anderson	Brittany banks
Martin Beavis	Cameron Holwell
Jake Hooey	Brock McDonell
Cherie Morton	Adam Paras
Madeline Screen	Luke Shafron
Mitch Williams	

Silver Medallion Beach Management

Kyle Anderson	Benn Marsh
David Marshall	Brock McDonell
Kirsty Waugh	

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Apply First Aid

Adam Anderson	Kristin Creighton	Nicholas Foran
Louise Gain	Cameron Holwell	Leanne Johnson
Ronald Liddell	John McDougall	Cherie Morton
Julie Screen	Madeline Screen	Steven Screen

Training Officer Bronze Medallion

Ashley Gallagher

Training Officer IRB

Brett Jobber Anthea Stephens

Assessor IRB

Brett Jobber Anthea Stephens

Training Officer Advanced Resuscitation Techniques

Ashley Gallagher	Phillip Cousins
George Keifer	Brett Jobber
Anthea Stephens	

Junior Activity Age Manager

Ryan Cook	Andrew Leadbeatter
Adam Murphy	Kevin Pelgrave
Tracey Wismer	

Congratulations to each of you, be proud of yourselves, you have certainly made our club proud knowing we have you and your new found skills and knowledge keeping our beaches safer.

Special congratulations to two of our club members Brock McDonnell and Luke Shaffron. These boys showed dedication and commitment and on completing their Bronze continued on to accomplish as many awards possible in the one season.

ANTHEA STEPHENS



Director Of Surf Sports Report

The 2011-2012 season has continued to be challenging but very enjoyable job for me and our surf sports committee.

Once again we had many miles to travel to State and Australian titles which make for added expense to our club, our athletes and their families. This was done with much organisation by our committee and management and went off without a hitch, I also thank our family members who towed trailers to these events. As we all know Aussies was again a difficult event to compete at with an interruption to the program with the passing of a young life saver Matthew Barclay, with many of our younger athletes being involved entering the water in a search and rescue situation.

I'd like to congratulate all of our competitors juniors, opens and masters for their outstanding efforts though out the year, this was done with great honor and respect, something our great club stands for.

As we all know the club is in a process rebuilding our forces, this is always made difficult while losing good competitors to the cashed up Queensland clubs but life must go on and this only makes Swansea Belmont a stronger unit. Again this past season SBT (Swansea Belmont Training) has been a great place to be around with the most numbers seen at board training in many years, ski training numbers were strong, so to ironperson, also sandies and boats with cross training proving to be the big winner having thirty or more at every session.

I would like to thank all of our Competitors, Coaches, Surf Sports Committee, Sectional Captains, Carnival Officials, IRB Drivers and Crews, Directors, and anyone I have missed, thankyou for your patience and support though out the past season.

DAVE MARSHALL





Director of Junior Activities Report

The 2011/2012 nipper season has been a very enjoyable year for this Junior Activities Committee (JAC) and for the Junior members of Swansea Belmont SLSC.

The Junior Activities Committee (JAC) has continued to work hard to improve the running of the U/6 to U/14 events, with so many improvements implemented this season the children could not help but have fun.

As a committee, we hope all members from U/6's through U/14's and their parents/guardians enjoyed the season as we endeavour to streamline the running of "Sunday Activities" or Sunday morning at "Nippers".

Once again we have tried to focus on fun and enjoyment for all competitors. With the introduction of our sleep over 2 day surf camp and also dedicated skills days it has been a lot of fun. Over the last two seasons we have also seen an increase in membership of over 25%.

To have the children wanting to come to Nippers next week, next month, and next year is what will build the club and ultimately skilled young adults on our beach, including patrols, assisting in the safety of our own families and the general public. Thank you to all of the children who participated at our Sunday Activities.

Again our club has had a good share of success at Branch and State carnivals. All our children have done themselves, their families and our club proud in their attempts to achieve the best they can and still enjoy the sport. Many have been rewarded with medals, accolades from peers, parents and club officials to all those who achieved these rewards.

Many more of our children have also supported these carnivals with once again over 100 competitors competing at branch and over 55 competitors competing at the State Titles at Kings Cliff, many more than other clubs in our Branch.

The results from the State Titles this year show we have some talented individuals and teams across the range of our age groups, especially our under 8's, under 9's and under 10's showing that there is a new group of talented competitors within our club ranks. Our under 8's deserve a special mention we took 8 children to the state titles four boys and four Girls, the under 8 boys won the wade relay the under 8 girls won the wade relay as well they boys took home a bronze in the beach relay, and a gold to Sophie Hibbard in the beach sprint and silver to Erin Pettit in the wade race, such a huge medal haul for only a team of 8 in this age group Well done to all and their coaches

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The most satisfying outcomes this year other than those above are seeing our children acting with determination, mateship and sportsmanship when competing for our club.

Thank you to the JAC committee the selectors, the dedicated assistants on the BBQ, Dennis you are doing a great job , those who set up the beach each Sunday, setting cans in the water, organizing Kracka and Carnival events, Age Managers giving of their time every weekend and coaches on sand and board. Without these people behind the scenes there is no surf club.

If you can assist with these chores this season, don't wait to be asked, just start lending a hand.

To all, please support and assist the committee to continue the improvement and good work that needs to be done each and every year to ensure the longevity of the Swansea Belmont SLSC and the enjoyment of the sport by our children.

Regards

**Adam Murphy
Chairman**





Director Of Club House Activities Report

With another year having passed it is pleasing to be able to report that the club kitchen extensions are almost finished. Once the work on these extensions have been completed, I am sure that all club members will be happy with the final work.

As well as the kitchen, the auditorium bar has had a facelift which should make it a much better working area.

Work on the extensions to the northern end of the club has almost finished. The equipment storage area is at lock-up stage and the new board & ski storage area has been planned & should be completed by the start of our new season.

Work has also been progressing and is close to completion on the extensions to our training room, which has made this into a very complimenting area.

Our club is still opening the upstairs bar every Sunday. It would be pleasing to see more club members showing their faces & having a chat along with the cheapest drinks in town. If you name is on the bar roster, please turn up or notify us if you cannot attend for your rostered day.

Finally I would like to thank our cleaners, Ron, Rose & Mark, plus the small band of members who turn up day after day to do all the work on our extensions, without these people we would not get this work done.

Thank You

ROBERT BARNES



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Swim Captain's Report

This season was a testing one at that. With the loss of two of our most prominent swimmers to North Blacksmiths, our swim results were not as favorable at State & Aussies as we would like. This loss in the male section reduced the amount of swim teams & rescue tube rescue & taplin events entered at State & Aussies.

The girls however grew in strength with the 15's girls & the return of Hannah Trypas, whose results were outstanding. Hannah won the 17's swim & came third in the open swim at Branch, she won the 17 swim at State, came third in the tube at both State & Aussies.

Amelia Johnson stepped up in the 15's by coming second in the 15's swim & tube race at State. Maddi Murray in the 19's swam well all season making her first Aussie final this year.

This season we fielded two belt swim teams, Sam Earp came third at State with Hannah Lembke coming second.

Our masters due us proud again for season 11/12. Dale Mowbray won the branch swim & came third at State. Marilyn Clarence won her division at Branch and came second at State.

We have been well represented in the Pool Rescue events with Sam Earp. Sam has won many medals & is a member of the Pool Rescue High Performance Squad. Hannah Trypas is stepping up in the Pool & we look forward to hearing of both Sam & Hannah results from NSW State & Aussie Champs next month.

A club initiative to promote the swim section this year has seen the commencement of the training squad at Charlestown Pool. This is open to any club member 12 years & over. If you wish to compete or just get fit for patrols I encourage you to come along.

Don't forget our In's & Out's training each Friday afternoon once summer kicks off. This is a fun way to learn how to wade & catch waves.

We must pay tribute to young Matthew Barclay, another lifesaver taken by Kurrawa Surf at Aussies.

See you on the beach

MARTIN BEAVIS



Boat Captain's Report

We started the year with 5 crews and later in the year Garth started to cook up some fresh recruits in the junior ranks. This boiled down to the 2 U23 crews (men and women) who took it all the way to the National championships.

How do you measure success? I'm sure everyone has a theory. My people approached their competition season with goal based orientation. To reach a goal is success. I consider the season past as a success on a number of levels.

The surf boat crews had a very extensive competition roster. We rowed at every possible event, to the point where we may have even paid our entry fee's with prize moneys won .

The 23 men made the final at the Australian titles, won the Branch in the opens , won Young Guns CC, won their division at Peters and were 3 points off winning the Super Final at Peters (one little roll over at Avoca cost us). This crew was nominated for surf boat crew of the Branch. It was great year for these young men and it really is all ahead of them.

An unfortunate situation occurred at the presentation day. The 23 women's crew FAILED to rate a mention. Stiff not to make the Aussie final , 3rd at the State , won Branch , 2nd in open branch , won Young Guns CC , won Battle of the Boats , 3rd at Coffs , won their division at Peters and represented at the inter branch in open competition. This is result of focused hard training and application. I was privileged to compete with these people. Last at the turn, in the state final, to a snatch hair off second. A-graders.

To the men and women who rowed for Swansea / Belmont I salute you and thank you

DEAN ELVIN





Ski Captain's Report

Another season over for the ski section, some mixed results throughout the year, and some positive improvement from the majority of paddlers.

Once again this season the SBT program proved to be a hit with the ski paddlers, our structured training sessions were attended in the masses with some of the biggest numbers I've seen in years training together as one.

Off to Kurrawa we went for another National Championships with the seas playing a big part in the results and the running of the carnival. All came to a screaming halt when a young lifesaver Mathew Barclay went missing and sent the tittles in a spin. Unfortunately, Mathew was not to be found until the following day. All the Swansea Belmont athletes waited patiently for a decision from carnival organisers on whether the carnival would go on. Following the request of Mathew Barclay's family and the officials, the carnival moved to North Kirra and the Swansea Ski paddlers got ready to race once again.

Swansea was represented this year with two mixed doubles crews which were formed only 2 weeks before the carnival so a deserved mention to Greg Tobin & Cherrie Morton who were unlucky to be knocked out in the semi finals and Adam Rowe & Daniel Radford knocked out in the quarters. It was great to see the club members embracing new lifesaving events. The ever improving girls paddled hard but with no luck and unfortunately, unable to make the ski finals this year. With the hard work and dedication of our girls, sooner or later they will represent us in those ski finals.

In the open men's double Ryan Cook & Adam Rowe came super close to glory contesting for the win with 9 other crews on the front wave of the final. Sadly their old arms could only manage a 6th. Still a great result.

The single ski's this year were well represented also with Greg Tobin & Ryan Cook reaching the semi finals great effort boys.

The excitement for the season came from Sam Djordan with a well deserved bronze medal in the U19 single ski Championship of Australia. Sam paddled the house down in the race and should be proud of this achievement. Sam has a big future in the sport and is the one to watch at Swansea. Sam has been the most consistent this season many other results in local carnivals

**Until next season
Yours in Ski Paddling**

ADAM ROWE



R and R Report

The return to competition saw the revival of Grant & Drew Hayes joined by Craig Clarke, Martin Beavis, Cory McEwan & Glen Bell to form our 5 & 6 person teams.

Michael Baldock was a sad withdrawal due to army obligations and Glen Bell from Wanda volunteered to join us to ensure the team participation. Glen became an asset with his dedication and sense of humour. He quickly slotted into the team with a four week preparation.

A less than satisfactory result at Manly was followed by a win at Freshwater, this was Michael's last start.

The NSW Championships at Kingscliffe resulted in a second in the 5 & a third in the 6 man event and we came away somewhat disappointed.

This disappointment was further increased by the Kurrawa results following a move to North Kirra. In very difficult conditions the team came third in the 5 & fourth in the 6 person event.

This team is capable of much better results than this and I hope they will prove that next year.

Sadness covered this championship, we pay tribute to those who tried so hard with young Matthew Barclay. We wish to acknowledge the expertise and dedication of Iain Pattie not only for his search effort but for his tireless contribution to the successful conduct of NSW & Australian Championships.

Congratulations to fellow competitors and supporters for your great club spirit. Thanks to Ron Liddell and Norm Turney for their help with the team and to our management particularly Nicole Beavis for her tireless competent assistance.

The winner of the Ken Hodgson R & R Trophy for 2012 is Cory McEwan.

CLIFF MARSH



Board Captain Report

The season started yearly in July 2011, with Burgeo getting the paddlers on the water in the cold conditions. His aim this year to start the rebuilding of the board section, to its former glory. To do this an early start was required to get rid of the soft training habits that have developed in many of the paddlers from previous years. Least to say there were a few teething problems with many of the paddlers use to using their mouths rather than their arms. Apart from this the paddlers braved the cold winter and numbers picked it up throughout the spring months with many of the paddlers gaining selection into the Hunter Branch Team.

A few numbers weathered around the festive period especially in the open paddlers but paddlers returned to training with a hunger in their eyes that was good to see. Burgeo come through with the goods, severing up big sessions like Bombay to fence returns, Heart pounding races and the neck aching paddles from pelican to the end of the breakwall.

The Club pitched in purchasing two new Racing Rescue Boards and another one sponsored from Kracka. The paddlers made their teams and began practicing their pick-ups and their paddling together. With this good training base behind them, the paddlers went into the big 3 comps(branch, state and Aussies) with some confidence knowing they did the work.

The results from the Board section in the State and Aussies are:

State

- 1st Under 15 Female Board Relay Renee Gregory/Georgia Muir/Tayla Gregory
- 2nd Under 15 Female Board . Renee Gregory
- 3rd Under 17 Male Board Rescue Alex Marshall/Keegan Walker
- 3rd Under 17 Male Board Alex Marshall
- 3rd Under 19 Female Board Rescue Maddison Murray/Hannah Trypas
- 3rd Open Male Board Rescue Troy Ham/Greg Tobin

Aussies

- 3rd U15 Yrs: Surf Board Rescue Renee Gregory, Georgia Muir
- 3rd U15 Yrs: Surf Board Relay Renee Gregory/Georgia Muir/Tayla Gregory

As you can see the 15 females really carried the flag this year. This is why Renee received the Aaron Blatchford Board Award at this years presentation It's is good to see this group of girls that have been together since nippers come into senior competition and really have a crack at it. Hopefully the club can keep these girls interested and they stay on through troublesome 18-age bracket, as I believe they have many open board medals in them.

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As for the males, the fella's don't do the work in the pool to archive the results yesteryear. It's no big surprise that the blokes winning medals in the board finals at Aussies do more than 5 sessions in the pool a week. Not everything is about results as I realize and it's good to see the boys, as with the girls, around the club and bonding together really well.

If the club wants to see strong results in individuals and teams that we experienced 10-15years ago I believe the club has to change. We need think outside the box, Young people are different now; there is so much competition from within our sport and from other sports pulling them away. The club needs to chase the dollars through our Facilities and sponsors and invest into our competitors. It's no secret that any young NSW competitor showing talent is poached to the QLD clubs with the dollars that they invest into the competitive sections of their club. Sydney clubs are starting to change to combat this, as should we. A good strong competitive club means more members; more patrols members and more people around to volunteer. We have one of the best locations for training competitors with the our Beach, Channel, lake, gym, sporting fields if we can get a great program through a paid coach who's job is to achieve results, the club would be unstoppable.

Greg Tobin.





State/Aussie Medalists 2010/2011

MASTERS

DALE MOWBRAY	STATE	50-54 YRS	SURF RACE	3 RD
			RESCUE TUBE	3 RD
			IRON WOMAN	1 ST
			SINGLE SKI	1 ST
			BOARD	1 ST
		45YRS +	DOUBLE SKI	1 ST
	AUSSIES	50-54 YRS	IRON WOMAN	2 ND
			SINGLE SKI	1 ST
			BOARD	4 TH
			BOARD RESCUE	2 ND
		45YRS +	DOUBLE SKI	3 RD
MARILYN CLARENCE	STATE	55-59 YRS	SURF RACE	2nd
			RESCUE TUBE	3rd
			IRON WOMAN	1 ST
			SINGLE SKI	1 ST
			BOARD	1 ST
			2KM BEACH RUN	1 ST
		45YRS +	DOUBLE SKI	1 ST
	AUSSIES	55-59 YRS	BOARD RESCUE	2 ND
			BOARD	1 ST
		45YRS+	DOUBLE SKI	3RD
			2KM BEACH RUN	1 ST
			IRON WOMAN	2ND
ARCHIE SALARIS	STATE	70YRS+	DOUBLE SKI	1ST
		70 YRS +	SINGLE SKI	3RD
	AUSSIES	70 YRS +	DOUBLE SKI	2 ND
KENNETH HINCKS		70 YRS +	DOUBLE SKI	1 ST
		70 YRS +	DOUBLE SKI	2ND
ANGELA LEADBETTER	STATE	30-34 YRS	2KM BEACH RUN	1 ST
DARREN GREGORY	STATE	45-49YRS	IRONMAN	3RD

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U/15'S

RENEE GREGORY	STATE	U/15	BOARD	2N ^D
			CAMERON	1ST
			BOARD RELAY	1ST
	AUSSIES		BOARD RESCUE	3RD
			BOARD RELAY	3RD
TAYLA GREGORY	STATE	U/15	BOARD RELAY	1ST
			CAMERON	1ST
	AUSSIES		BOARD RELAY	3RD
GEORGIA MUIR	STATE	U/15	BOARD RELAY	1ST
			CAMERON	1ST
	AUSSIES		BOARD RESCUE	3RD
			BOARD RELAY	3RD
AMELIA JOHNSON	STATE	U/15	TUBE	2ND
			SWIM	2ND
			CAMERON	1ST
ALEX MCCLOUGHLAN	STATE	U/15	CAMERON	1ST

U/17'S

HANNAH TRYPAS	STATE	U/17	SWIM	1ST
			IRON WOMAN	3RD
			TUBE	3 RD
			POOL RESCUE 200M OBSTACLE	2ND
		U/19	BOARD RESCUE	3RD
	AUSSIES		TUBE	3 RD
ALEX MARSHALL	STATE	U/17	BOARD	3RD
			BOARD RESCUE	3 RD
KEEGAN WALKER	STATE	U/17	BOARD RESCUE	3RD

U/19'S

MADDISON MURRAY	STATE	U/19	2KM BEACH RUN	3 RD
			BOARD RESCUE	3RD
	AUSSIES	U/19	BEACH FLAGS	3 RD
SAM EARP	STATE	U/19	BELT SWIM	3RD
			POOL RESCUE 50M CARRY	1ST
			POOL RESCUE TOW W/FINS	1ST
			POOL RESCUE MEDLEY	2ND

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		POOL RESCUE 100M CARRY	1ST
		POOL RESCUE SUPER L/SAVER	1ST
SAM DJODAN	AUSSIES	U/19 SINGLE SKI	3RD

OPENS

HANNAH LEMBKE	STATE	OPEN	BELT SWIM	2ND
ANGELA LEADBEATTER	STATE	OPEN	2KM BECH RUN	1ST
	AUSSIES	OPEN	2KM BEACH RUN	2ND
GREG TOBIN	STATE	OPEN	BOARD RESCUE	3RD
TROY HAM	STATE	OPEN	BOARD RESCUE	3RD
CORY MCEWAN	STATE	OPEN	5 PERSON R & R	2ND
			6 PERSON R & R	3RD
	AUSSIES		5 PERSON R & R	3RD
CRAIG CLARKE	STATE	OPEN	5 PERSON R & R	2ND
			6 PERSON R & R	3RD
	AUSSIES		5 PERSON R & R	3RD
DREW HAYES	STATE	OPEN	5 PERSON R & R	2ND
			6 PERSON R & R	3RD
	AUSSIES		5 PERSON R & R	3RD
GRANT HAYES	STATE	OPEN	5 PERSON R & R	2ND
			6 PERSON R & R	3RD
	AUSSIES		5 PERSON R & R	3RD
GLEN BELL	STATE	OPEN	5 PERSON R & R	2ND
			6 PERSON R & R	3RD
	AUSSIES		5 PERSON R & R	3RD
MARTIN BEAVIS	STATE		6 PERSON R & R	3RD
DEAN ELVIN	STATE	U/23	WOMENS BOAT	3RD
RACHEL BROKENSHERE	STATE	U/23	WOMENS BOAT	3RD
KRISTEN BROKENSHERE	STATE	U/23	WOMENS BOAT	3RD
ANNE-MARIE GIBSON	STATE	U/23	WOMENS BOAT	3RD
SAMANTHA HEWITT	STATE	U/23	WOMENS BOAT	3RD



Sports Co-Ordinators Report

Another season gone, once again we thank everyone for their support with club championships.

Special thanks to Jeff Mowbray, Iain Pattie, Troy Anderson and his crew people for laying the swim, board & ski buoys for our club championship events.

To the girls who recorded all finishes – Rochelle Murray, Natalie Baldock, Kaz Gregory, Nicole Beavis & Dave Marshall who worked with the girls recording
THANKYOU

To all committee members, patrol members, coaches, competitors and parents, well done for the past season.

Welcome back to the Hayes brothers – Drew & Grant, joined by Craig Clarke & Glen Bell from Wanda who came into the R & R to join Martin & Cory at short notice when Michael Baldock had to withdraw due to army commitments.

Well done to Anthea Stephens & her dedicated Across Lake Swim team.
Once again Anthea you let the team well.

To my team of laborer's I thank you. Hope you will be available next year.

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CLUB CHAMPIONS 2012

MEN

OPEN SURF, OPEN SPRINT

TROY HAM

U/19 SWIM, BOARD & SKI

SAM DJODAN

OPEN BOARD

RAEMON PARKES

MENS U/17 SWIM & SKI

KEEGAN WALKER

MENS U/15 SWIM

LUKE REINHARD

MENS U/17 BOARD, SPRINT & FLAGS

ALEX MARSHALL

MENS OPEN SKI

ADAM ROWE

MENS U/15 BOARD

BRENTON HARTLEY

MENS U/19 SPRINT & FLAGS

TOM MCINTOSH

MENS U/15 SPRINT & FLAGS

DANIEL HEISE

WOMEN

WOMEN'S OPEN SWIM, SKI, BOARD, SPRINT

CHERIE MORTON

WOMENS U/19 SWIM, BOARD & SKI

MICHAELA BACON

WOMENS U/17 SWIM, BOARD & SPRINT

HANNAH TRYPAS

WOMENS U/15 SWIM, BOARD & SPRINT

RENEE GREGORY

WOMENS U/15 FLAGS

GEORGIA MUIR

OVER 55'S SWIM, BOARD, FLAGS, SKI

MARILYN CLARENCE

& SPRINT

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PRESENTATION AWARDS

Aaron Blatchford Award- Renee Gregory
Board Encouragement Award – Brenton Hartley
Ski Paddler of the Year – Sam Djodan
Ski Encouragement Award – Cherie Morton
Mick Terry Swim Competitor of the Year – Sam Earp
Swim Encouragement Award – Maddison Murray
Ken Hodgson R & R Award – Cory McEwan
Boat Rower of the Year -
Junior – Sam Harman
U/23's- Mitch Williams
Female- Anne-Marie Gibson
Reserves- Matt Duggage
Beach Competitor of the Year – Angela Leadbeatter
Beach Encouragement Award - Brooke Walker
Keith Paul Lifesaving Excellence Award – Luke Shafron
Lifesaving Commitment Award – Brock McDonnell
Patrol Person of the Year – Rose Parkes
Patrol Captain of the Year – Brett Jobber

Patrol of the Year – Patrol Five
Troy, Kyle, Adam & Lauren Anderson
Neil, Cory & Jacquie McEwan
Harley Baker, Christina Ryan-Head & Sam Harman

CADET OF THE YEAR- DANIEL HEISE
JUNIOR OF THE YEAR- MADELINE SCREEN
CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR- BRETT JOBBER

HUNTER BRANCH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Trainer of the Year – Anthea Stephens
Official of the Year – Iain Pattie
Masters Female Athlete of the Year- Marilyn Clarence
Youth Team of the Year- U/15's Board Relay
Renee Gregory, Tayla Gregory, Georgia Muir



HUNTER BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES

COACHED BY JEFF MOWBRAY

**JOEL NICHOLSON
LILY COSTELLO
RENEE GREGORY
ALEX MCCLOUGHLAN
HANNAH TRYPAS
KIRSTY WAUGH
SAM EARP
DANIELLE RADFORD
DEAN ELVIN
RACHEL BROCKENSHIRE
REBECCA DAVIES**

**GRACE TAYLOR
SALLY WALTERS
AMELIA JOHNSON
KEEGAN WALKER
BREANNA HOFF
MARNIE ROBERTSON
GREG TOBIN
LISA WRIGHT
ANNE-MARIE GIBSON
KRISTEN BROCKENSHIRE
SAMANTHA HEWITT**

INTER-STATE REPRESENTATIVES

COACHED BY JEFF MOWBRAY

SAM EARP

UNDER 21 NSW DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

**TOURING NEW ZEALAND
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DANIELLE RADFORD

KIRSTY WAUGH

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