



A note from the committee

Another successful Christmas party at the surf club saw the Fukers playing on Sunday Dec. 4th. The event was sold out with in excess of 250 people attending on the night. A big thank you to all the behind-the-scenes helpers and those serving behind the bar and on various food buffets on the night. We could not have done it without help from the entire club and the organisers very much appreciate you giving up your time to make the event the success it was.

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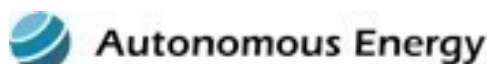
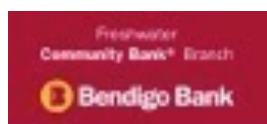
The Talent Quest over the weekend of Feb 10th/11th is now in full preparation mode. This event was resurrected last year after a long hiatus and has been the talk of the town ever since. Please contact Flea on 0408964837 to register your entry and for more information.

Remember we will be patrolling over the Christmas period - Saturday 24th, through to Tuesday 27th and then again the following New Year long weekend. Any assistance you can provide would greatly appreciate the assistance (particularly if we get great weather & the beach is packed)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from The Committee.

Note: Sunday 18th is the last nippers before the holidays. Board Camp is on from January 11th to January 13th – please email president@southcurlnippers.com to register.

First Nippers back is a Twilight Nippers (followed by Sippers) on Friday 13th January.



BOAT UPDATE

The boaties have been so busy training and competing, they didn't manage to make the deadline for last month's edition of Pooh Bear, so they've recruited club stalwart Charlie 'Chicka' Kuhn to be their roving reporter. He's done them proud and this edition contains updates from carnivals up and down the NSW coast. So grab a cuppa or a coldie and settle in for a good read.....

9 November, **Newport Beach** - Round 2 Branch Premiership

Today conditions were typical November, hard slop from South East with a big shore dump. This is what happened for the Curly Crews today. The Under 19 Male Slickers were 2nd in their Final. The Under 23 Curly Girlies race was on Point Score, so no Final race but took 1st place.

The 'Sneaky Nuts', 'The Lamp' and the 'Straw Hat Pirates' all had throw-together crews, so were not permitted to row in the Finals. Brady Holland is still out with a slipped disc, but hoping to be at Cronulla in December. Kyle Spiteri also has a sore back and Charlotte was not there for the Straw Hats.

The Lamp used Luke Huntley (not a Junior or Colt anymore), and they raced in both Junior and Colts divisions today. The 'Lamp' won all of their Junior Boat races, and Termite rolled and fell out in the only Colt race seen by our correspondent.

The A Crew did not race today.

Mollymook 26 November

Quite a trying day on the water this time for everyone, but our people handled it better than most. For the Curly sweeps, this was just like home :). The ocean was 15-20 knot wind-driven 1.5-2m hard slop, short pitched and close together - helmets compulsory after lunch.

The new-look throw-together crew, the 'Indians' have jelled well and finished 3rd in their final, on the same wave as 1st & 2nd even after catching an oar in the can on the way home. The bloke on the long oar holding a few that he might normally not have. The rowers though are displaying raw boat speed and this is very encouraging. The crew Termite (Sweep), Nathan in the bow, Brad 2nd bow, Ben in 2nd stroke and Chris at stroke. They stayed the night at Mollymook and bonded. The kid getting swept out with the butts along with his stroke, way past zero.

Gus took only the 'Straw Hat Pirates' and steered them undefeated all day - a very solid effort. This crew (Emma, Ashleigh, Charlotte & Ellie) are a crew of elites. They have a new face with them this year - Ashleigh - who comes to us from Palm Beach and seems to fit in really well. Welcome to Curly Ashleigh, we hope your stay is long, happy and successful.

Ribs brought down his 'Slickers' crew of Maric, Tom, Rory and Trent. Also Bjorn, home from New Zealand. He can't help himself when there's a surf boat seat going begging, so he was right in the action with the Slickers who took 1st in the Colts and 2nd in the Juniors.

Termite proved only human after all by breaking a very recent resolution made publicly on Facebook to a disbelieving community - their relief was palpable.

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Boat Report continued

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It was a pretty good day all round for Curly - \$2050.00 in prize money - there's a great photo of Abigail Wilson collecting the Straw Hats prize cheque.

Two indispensable Curly faces were on the beach early on Saturday; Jenny and Geoff our beach management personnel. They have been doing it for years and its fair to say that we would;t get much rowing down without them. They always appreciate your thanks. We also have Lisa, Michelle & Georgie - longtime management people who are

always at the tent. And of course all of the other wives, mums and partners who together promote harmony in our camp.



Boaties History

A long time ago, about 1962 or 3, Barry Bennett lived with his wife Margaret and only one or one and a half kids in their house up this end of Wyndora Av, and he made surfboards there, he was in Sth Curly then. One day he was showing me a red fibreglass Indian canoe he had made; pretty good, turned up ends, ten or so feet long, with built in flotation tanks and a couple of bits of ply to sit on. The only bit of luxury, a red plastic bucket. Two x one bladed paddles. He was going away to America on one of his first trips the next day so I asked whether I could borrow it while he was away, and he said "sure"

Well, the following weekend there was a good swell on, and Dee Why Point was perfect. I had a talk with Peter Bull, who was our Boat Captain then, and he agreed that we needed to find out how the canoe went.

It was Sunday, but we found a Park for my little Datsun truck, it was early afternoon, beautiful swells, with just a little chop, and we launched. We found it went better if we kneeled on the ply sheets, and she went quite well indeed. Getting out to the business area, a very large swell came through,

A big broken corner of white water, full of surf boards with and without riders, roaring straight at us. We could only lie back and let it all go over us. We emptied out and paddled out, and after some pretty negative thoughts from the boardies it was decided that we could have one wave. Well, up it came and we went for it and started the big run down, I was paddling bow and moved aft to keep the nose up and she just stopped, as she surely would. So we emptied out again and went back to discuss the situation with our friends, and they agreed to let us go again to get rid of us. Well up she came and we went at it and we were ON. Our trusty craft ran true,for some reason, and we slid out into that big hole north of the point. We thought we may have worn out our welcome out the back ,so we headed in. There was a fair shore break of course but there was nothing for it but to go for one, there was a quick slide down a wild swing to the right and a lot of noise. But we both stood up, grabbed the bits and pieces and everything was there. As we loaded it all on the truck we found Richie and Flora Roberts parked nearby, wearing big smiles.

Next morning, a phone call from Barry Bennett, asking me to bring his canoe back, He'd come home last night and heard all about it. AAhh memories CK

Nipper Books and Santa Photos

Thank you to everyone for all your lovely feedback in relation to the Nipper books and photos taken by the Edgy Youth Photography Team. The highlight of our photography so far would have to be the Santa provided to us courtesy of Stefan Hutton's "Scene to Believe". It was a pretty special occasion for the kids and families to have photos with "the real" Santa on South Curly beach. Big THANKYOU to Stefan for organising that.

Nipper books have been selling like hotcakes with books being ordered for family, friends and a lot of our ex-pats sending books and calendars overseas to Canada, Wales, Germany, UK, South Africa etc. It's pretty cool to know that we can share the South Curly experience with the World!!! For those families who have ordered books, photos and Santa photos for Xmas, orders will be available for pickup from 9am at Nippers Sunday 18th December at the bottom of the boat ramp.

Due to high demand we've had to hold off Custom orders for the moment to keep on top of all the orders but for those who have missed out, don't worry, we will open up orders again on the 25th January to the rest of the season. Our photographers will be available to take any extra photos if needed. Standard Age Group books can be viewed at the following link <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dby2vxzelh1t1re/AAA84Zt6zQfZ7loRYS7pSW5Ua?dl=0> and are still available for sale on our online store at www.edgyteamshots.com.au with 20% of all sales going back to the Club for purchase of equipment and resources. Any questions please feel free to email Betty at edgyteamshots@gmail.com

Twilight Nippers:

On the evening of Friday 18th November we held our first Twilight Nippers session for a couple of years. It was a perfect South Curly summer evening and conditions were very conducive to getting the Nippers in the ocean and on boards for pretty much the full session. Following the activities we hosted a good 200 people at the sippers in the club house with food, beverage and a lot of kids running around having fun. A fantastic evening. Big thanks to all the parents and club members who slaved in the kitchen and served the hordes, and a special thanks to Josh Malin at Four Olives deli in Manly for the superb antipasto platters. **Next Twilight Nippers is on Friday January 13th, followed by Sippers.**





NIPPERS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016/2017 – FOR THE FRIDGE*

SEPTEMBER, 2016

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| Sunday 18 | Club registration day – renew on-line. If new, at South Curl Curl SLSC from 9am-12pm. |
| Wednesday 21 | Introductions to Nippers and Club for new Nipper Parents. 7.30-8.30pm |
| Saturday 24 | Weekend patrols start for all Northern Beaches surf clubs |

OCTOBER, 2016

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| Sunday 9 | Club Sippers from 6pm |
| Sunday 16 | Normal Nippers – First day of Nipper season! Welcome/Welcome back! |
| Sunday 23 | Normal Nippers (also CARNIVAL - Bennett Craft @ Dee Why from 11.30am) |
| Sunday 30 | Normal Nippers. CARNIVAL – Junior Beach Only Carnival – Queenscliff. Club Sippers from 6pm |

NOVEMBER, 2016

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| Sunday 6 | Normal Nippers |
| Saturday 12 | CARNIVAL—Junior Water Only Carnival – Newport |
| Sunday 13 | Normal Nippers |
| Friday 18 | 5-9pm Friday twilight Nippers & Sippers |
| Sunday 20 | TBC. CARNIVAL— full Junior Carnival – Manly. |
| Fri 25 – Sun 27 | U13-U17 Cadet Weekend – Shelley Beach Holiday Park |
| Sunday 27 | Normal Nippers (also Bennett Junior Ironman @ Freshwater from 11am) Club Sippers from 6pm |

DECEMBER, 2016

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| Sunday 4 | Normal Nippers (Also CARNIVAL - Junior Teams Water - Queenscliff) |
| Sunday 11 | Normal Nippers |
| Sunday 18 | Xmas/Fun Nippers |
| Sunday 25 | Xmas Break – NO Nippers |

JANUARY, 2017

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| Sunday 1 | Xmas/New Year Break—NO Nippers |
| Sunday 8 | Xmas/New Year Break—NO Nippers |
| Wed 11 – Fri 13 | SCCSLSC HOLIDAY BOARD TRAINING CAMP U9 –U14, TBC |
| Friday 13 | 5-9pm Friday twilight Nippers & Sippers |
| Sunday 15 | CARNIVAL— full Junior Carnival - Narrabeen |
| Sunday 22 | Normal Nippers |
| Sunday 29 | Normal Nippers |

FEBRUARY, 2017

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| Friday 3 | 5-9pm Friday twilight Nippers & Sippers |
| Sunday 5 | SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES BRANCH CARNIVAL— LOCATION TBA (Backup dates – Feb 12, 18, 19 th) |
| Sunday 12 | Normal Nippers. Club Sippers from 6pm |
| Sunday 19 | Normal Nippers |
| Sunday 26 | Normal Nippers |

MARCH, 2017

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| Fri 3 – Sun 5 | NSW State Junior Championships – Swansea Belmont |
| Sunday 5 | Normal Nippers |
| Sunday 12 | FINAL NIPPERS & PRESENTATION. CLUB SIPPERS from 6pm |
| Sat 25 – Sun 26 | SLS Australian Youth Champs – North Kirra |

April, 2017

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| Wed 19 – Sat 22 | CATERED DAYS FOR LAKE TABOURIE END OF YEAR CLUB CAMP (Most people arriving Tues 18 th and staying to Sun 23 rd – non-catered). |
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* Information is valid as at September 14, 2016, but is subject to change as the season progresses.
Please consult TeamApp, SCCSLSC, “Key Events” button for the latest information, or <https://sccslsc.teamapp.com/>



Champion Lifesaver

With the end of the year fast approaching we have a number of competitors who have been busy training hard over the past few months. In the girls we have Kiorie Bennett, Adele Saunders and Sydney, Amelia and Maltida (Tilly) Breth-Petersen, while in the boys we have Jefftho Colnan, Rasthus Breth-Petersen, Matt and Daniel King.

With the Branch Championships being scheduled for Monday 13 February (Theory and Res) and Saturday 18 February 2017, we should have plenty of time to prepare ourselves for the State Carnival that is being held at Swansea-Belmont on Saturday 25 February and Sunday 26 February 2017. As the Aussies is a closed event for Champion Lifesaver, all NSW competitors need to be placed either 1st or 2nd, in order to qualify to compete at the Australian Surf Lifesaving titles that are being held in North Kirra in late March.

We are hoping that we will eclipse Matthew Kings great results from last season where he was placed 4th at Branch, 1st at State and 4th in the Australian final for the u/15 Champion Lifesaver event.

If there are any other girls and boys who would like to compete in the Champion Lifesaver event, please contact either Peter or Bill Yeates.

