

# PoohBear

SOUTH CURL  
CURL SLSC  
NEWSLETTER

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## A note from your Club

### SEASON WELCOME

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and renewing members and guests for the 2018-19 season. Our Club is run by a large and dedicated group of volunteers, who all share the common goals of enjoying our venue while making everything run as smoothly as possible.

Our Club's key objectives are:

- Sound surf awareness and improving surf skills
- Sound lifesaving skills
- Fair competition
- Having fun in a safe and inclusive environment

And what a lead-in to the new season we have had! Last season finished with our Ocean Swim, which went well despite a last-minute change of venue. In July I attended the SLS NSW State conference, and in August we had our Club AGM. In September it was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball and boat Christening (Congrats to Kevin "Spook" Moffat whose name appears on the new boat). In October we had our Centenary carnival, the first in about 15 years held at South Curly. Personally the highlights were the socialising and music, but there was something for everyone at this event.

We also published the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book, and now have a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt. Both are available for purchase.....continued over

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## President's Welcome continued.....

The new season is now in full swing, with Patrols and Nippers both active every weekend. The weather has finally turned, let's look forward to a magnificent summer, and if it rains well let's just say that we needed it and carry on regardless.

Thanks to everyone who has made it all happen, it's a real pleasure to work with such a great group of people!

Graeme Dominish, Club President

Graeme & Susan



### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book for sale



**\$40 each**

**Contact the office or purchase online via the SLSA payment portal.**

### Presidential Funnies aka Dad Jokes!

Did you know you can fit any boat on your head like a hat if you flip it over? Cause that makes it cap-sized

My grandfather had the heart of a lion... And a lifetime ban from Taronga zoo

I was just diagnosed as colour-blind. It really came out of the purple.

My poor knowledge of Greek mythology has always been my Achilles elbow.

# Club Housekeeping

## Membership Renewals

If you haven't renewed your membership and intend to do so please use the online portal. Just google sls members portal login and you will find the login link. Take the Create Account path and if you already have an account it will tell you and you can reset passwords etc. and if not you will be in the right place.

REMINDER...each club member needs an online account...seniors and juniors. You can then create a family group and renew as a group.

## Season 18/29 Fees:

Active 18+ yrs \$70  
Nippers U6 to U14 \$100  
Nipper Parent \$50  
Cadet (after U14's to U18) \$30

## Centenary Merchandise

To celebrate our great club's centenary year we have the below merchandise available for purchase:

*Still God's Country 100 Years of South Curl Curl SLSC Book - \$40*

*Centenary T-Shirt - White and Navy Blue - \$30*

*Engraved Wine Glasses - 4 for \$60 / 6 for \$95*

*Club Car Sticker & Key Ring Pack - \$10*

*Centenary Mens Costume - \$35*

Please email the club [mail@southcurlcurlslsc.org](mailto:mail@southcurlcurlslsc.org) to order your merchandise and for payment instructions.

**HELP RAISE MONEY**  
by donating your empty bottles and cans

Every eligible empty drink container collected will raise money for the club!

10 cents really starts to add up, the more containers we collect the more funds we can raise!

Terms & Conditions  
1. Plastic bottles and aluminium cans only - no glass  
2. Containers should be empty, uncrushed and have the 10-cent refund label attached.

## FAQ's

### What is an eligible container?

Most 150ml to 3L drink containers will be eligible for a 10-cent refund. Unfortunately, we cannot accept glass bottles. Wine, spirits, cordial and plain milk containers are also not eligible.

### What condition do my containers need to be in to be eligible?

Containers should be empty, uncrushed and have the 10-cent refund label attached.

### Why are some containers not eligible for a refund?

Due to the collection of containers at surf clubs, beaches and public recreational spaces, glass bottles cannot be donated or collected. Other containers such as wine, spirits or milk containers are not eligible as they are not part of the NSW Government's Container Deposit Scheme guidelines.

### How does my club receive the money?

Once containers are collected they are tagged with the club name/ID. These containers are then transported and processed at Envirobank's recycling facility. This is where the container counts are recorded and nominated to each club accordingly. Funds will then be deposited into club accounts on a quarterly basis by Surf Life Saving NSW.

### How do I use the bag?

Envirobank will provide donation bags to all participating surf clubs. Bags should be distributed to your members to be filled with empty eligible containers that are not crushed or broken. Envirobank will return with a mobile collection truck to collect all donated containers. Your club will receive a schedule of collection dates. Please ensure when a member returns their filled bag ensure you provide them with a replacement bag. Bags are reusable and will also be recycled at the end of their life.

### Where do the containers go once they have been collected?

Once containers have been collected from participating surf clubs, they are taken to an Envirobank recycling depot for counting, sorting and processing. Containers are then passed onto the NSW Container Deposit Scheme Network Operator who then re-distributes them to various recycling facilities, depending on the material type.



**Orange bags to collect eligible cans & plastic containers are available at the club.**



## QUICK THINKING FAMILY SAVES SURFERS AT FRESHWATER

They may have interrupted the Campbell family dinner at Sydney's Northern Beaches on Tuesday night in dramatic fashion, but fortunately for two young tourists their story does have a happy ending.

A group of Argentinean men thought to be in their 20s were making the most of their time surfing at South Curl Curl Beach, but in an error that could have had disastrous consequences they misread the conditions and got caught in a powerful rip current.

After battling the conditions for some time the group drifted past the Campbell family home shortly before 8pm last night.

Luck was on their side however and their shouts for assistance were heard.

South Curl Curl SLSC teenage twins Angus and David joined their father Mark and their mother on the point as they quickly assessed the situation.

"It was pitch black so we took out a flashlight and tried signalling to the surfers that they shouldn't get out where they were in danger of smashing into the rocks," said Mark Campbell.

"Despite the language barrier they got the message and Wayne Settree (a fellow club member) was able to ring the emergency services. The powerful police lights certainly made it a lot easier."

One of the group was able to make his way out of the water and to safety however his two friends started drifting towards Freshwater Beach.

Emergency services raced to the scene with police, paramedics, and Sydney Northern Beaches Duty Officers all in attendance.

An NSW Ambulance helicopter was also tasked to provide aerial support.

In the mean-time under the direction of his father, 14-year-old David grabbed a foam surf board paddled out to the surfers and using all his skills as a waterman was able to get them to the safety of the shore.

Back on Freshwater Beach the surfers were assessed by paramedics and despite suffering from fatigue they emerged unscathed from their ordeal.

"I have every confidence in my son's ability in the water as they are very strong paddlers," said proud father Mark Campbell.

"The skills that they have developed in the water are thanks to Surf Life Saving, and as Angus was still in his school uniform David was the one to go out," he said.

SLSNSW CEO Steven Pearce praised the quick-thinking junior lifesaver and his family for his actions.

"This was a remarkable effort from young David and the entire Campbell family who had the presence of mind to assess the situation and take action to help.

"I would like to congratulate him for this rescue attempt, which serves as a powerful reminder that as surf lifesavers your skills might be needed at any time," Mr Pearce said.



The Campbell boys (and Dad) in their 'civvies' at the Centenary carnival

# Centenary Carnival Report



**It was 100 years in the making and well worth the wait.**

Not the biggest carnival we've ever had, but it was one of the great club days in our history and a wonderful celebration of a century of spirit, camaraderie and fun. And there was some quality competition thrown in as well. From the organisation, the ideas, the water safety, the first aid, the catering, the competition, the entertainment, it was all driven by club members and carried out by club members. Months of preparation from Steve Hall, Jay Turner and Dave 'Two Radios' Alldis and their committee almost came to nothing when Birchy's water safety crew was diverted from laying buoys to a search and rescue. What potentially could have been an all day search thankfully proved to be a false alarm. So buoys were laid and competition got under way in a typically challenging South Curly surf.

But the highlight of the day was on the sand where we couldn't have asked for a better return of the Curl Curl 1000, the world's richest beach sprint.



After a 16-year absence, we had the world champion, Australian champion, NSW champion and Australian junior champion all line up for a crack at the Bendigo Bank's \$1000 first prize, while the inaugural women's 1000 was

won by world champion Bree Masters from Kurrawa. And she earned her cash. "That was the hardest race I have ever run, hands down," Masters said.

Four time Australian champion Jackson Symonds made his trip from Perth worthwhile when he edged out Elouera's



state champion Michael Hanna on the line. It was an impressive run from Symonds who had to negotiate two rather large hills on the low side of the course after consultant Spider Atkins spent most of the morning valiantly trying to level out the track. Symonds agreed the 120 yards at South Curly is a tough task. "I felt like throwing up at the end," he said. A few people felt the same as they left the club later that night.

Spider's 1976 Australian gold medal winning beach relay teammate, two time Curly 1000 winner and race record holder Ken Picard made a welcome return to the club to present the medals.

South Curly dominated the water events, claiming a clean sweep in the men's open surf race and filling all eight places in the board. Richard Agius finally got to start a surf race at the same time as everyone else rather than giving up a five minute handicap and so of course won gold for the hosts, with John Colnan taking silver and Ben Humel winning the masters.

Sam Allen led the Curly avalanche in the board, followed by Paul Torrington while Jethro Mulder claimed the under 17 swim and board double. The Allens had a good day with Peter winning the masters board.

A trio of North Curly girls revived the old fashioned North v South carnival in the women's events and just beat Kendra Mulder out of the open medals. But they couldn't stop us on the

# Centenary Carnival Report continued.....

beach, with Kendra winning the sprint, Mali Spijker taking out the under 17s and Nat Neary dominating the masters with an explosive victory.

An exclusive invitation-only boat section produced some spectacular racing in open men's open women's, under 23s and under 19s events in surf which provided more of a challenge for some than others.



In its first hit out in competition, The Spook took us to the podium every time. South Curly came third in the open men's, second in the women's, the Lamp

took gold in the under 23s, while the Underdogs claimed silver in the 19s ahead of the Sneaky Nuts who slipped out to third. Elouera took out the open men's and the coveted Richie Roberts trophy named after one of South Curly's favourite sons.

But The Spook almost didn't make its first competitive outing as Gus took our brand new boat on a warm up row over cungee. Disaster loomed, but, like its namesake, The Spook negotiated the rocks and rip with ease and came out unscathed. Just how Kevin would have wanted it.

It was grand to see a few of Kevin's contemporaries bring the Curly lightning bolts back to the beach. As the skirl of the Campbell boys' bagpipes reminded us of carnivals past, the blue, gold and white one-piece clung snugly onto the fine specimens who made up the senior division of a well drilled march past unit. In the juniors, our enthusiastic Nipper outfit was brilliantly led by the effervescent Matt Phelan.



The seniors pulled out the big guns and recruited 1966 Australian champion John White but even Maverick's experience and the glammers in the back row

couldn't convert two training sessions into glory. In fact, they came last.

Matt's nippers, however, were a well-oiled marching machine and took out silver in the junior division.

The march past was just about the only event that didn't feature Ben Humel who wins the award for Man of the Carnival after entering every other event, including the Curly 1000.



Ben was sent to the blood bin after bravely coming back for repeated punishment from Trent Rogers in the pillow fight, completed a South Curly sweep in the open swim, claimed gold in the masters board, silver in the masters sprint and was the solid rock upon which a powerful chariot was built.

Trent was the undisputed king of the pillow fight, although Bailey Skelton put up a good fight. Bailey obviously has a knack for the serious events and was part of the triumphant chariot.



# Centenary Carnival Report continued.....



Up on the VIP deck, VIP Supreme Leader Woody entertained our important guests and life members in his own inimitable style. Nathan Knox was despatched as Tony Abbott's official welcome party to discuss global affairs. Despite that, the former PM stayed long enough to reminisce with Champ on their old Uni rugby days and fill us in on what he thought of his successor. Generous sponsors were entertained and, most importantly, a host of revered life members returned to the club, notably Bob Picard, Neville Nunney, Tony Cuneo and Chicka Kuhn.

Best of all, the post-carnival festivities in the clubhouse were fabulous. We welcomed some old faces back to the club including Brownie, Seen Stacey and Tim Kerrigan in an atmosphere that so impressed the visitors from other clubs who hung around for a drink. Impresario Bumper Farrell lined up a succession of stars and soon-to-be stars for the biggest gig since Woodstock featuring, among others, the homegrown musical talents of Harry Hall and gang, Kyle Spiteri, Ryan Kerrigan, Sarah Evans,

Jonno Oxley and Bumper himself having the time of his life on bass.

Even the Doonside Glee Club came out of retirement for a one-off performance at the venue where it all started.

The president's dancing was only rivalled by Spook and Liane and, after a big day on the BBQ, Zulu channelled his inner Billy Idol for some impressive Dancin' By Myself. Lisa and Viv had not done enough on the day or the lead up and were still picking up glasses and drunks well into the evening.

But the day ended with a travesty when the carnival organiser lost his centenary t-shirt in dubious circumstances. Fingers of suspicion were pointed toward Adam Spiteri who, after somehow losing his undies, was last seen sliding his right leg through a tight fitting t-shirt sleeve and looking very pleased with himself. Not sure if Steve wants his shirt back.





## Christmas Trees

**Support Harbord  
Scout Group**

**7am Saturday  
8th December 2018**

**Freshwater Senior  
Campus Carpark  
Harbord Road**

- Real Christmas trees & stands



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**[www.harbordscouts.org.au](http://www.harbordscouts.org.au)**



**WANTED!**



**FOR  
CHRISTMAS**

Hi guys,

I'm one of the age managers (for under 8's).

We actually run a Santa photography business in shopping centres on the Northern Beaches and we are needing to hire some Santa Characters to play the Father Christmas role (there is bit of a shortage).

If interested, please contact me at [stefan@scenetobelieve.com](mailto:stefan@scenetobelieve.com)

Thanks.  
Stefan