



Issue 8 – March – 2008/2009 Season

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the March Pipeline newsletter, the month that competition is at the highest level with the state and national championships being held at Kawana and Scarborough beaches. During these big weekends we will see our competitors represent Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC to the best of their ability as they have always done. While the competition goes ahead Burleigh beach will still be patrolled by our members that as always ensure that Burleigh beach remains fatality free. These weekends are “all in patrols”, I’m sure Peter Whitty will be saying something in this newsletter regarding these patrols, but if you are not on the list and can help with a patrol please see Peter.

Congratulations to Alyce Bennett who won a Kellogg’s Nutri-Grain Iron person event at Coolum on a day when to finish the event was a huge effort. Also to all of our members that achieved a start in the series congratulations, you all achieved great results and should be proud of your efforts.

I would like to thank Alan (Chuck) Bugeja and Ali Glenly for representing Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC at the celebration the centenary of the first recorded rescue on a Queensland beach, a reenactment that was held at TH&C SLSC on Saturday 21st February. Alan carried the Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC flag in the March Past and Ali was a patient in the reenactment of the first rescue. Thanks Alan & Ali, you both did a great job.

To all competitors who, as I’ve said, will be doing their best at Kawana Waters and Scarborough Beaches this month, Good Luck and best wishes. The work that all competitors and coaches have put in this season should see great results come BHMP’S way. State & Aussie results will be reported on in next months newsletter.

The nippers had another fantastic result at Branch, this is due to the effort and hard work not only of the junior competitors but also of what Ty Dowker does and is doing to make sure the kids know what to do and when to do it, the surf skills of these kids is unbelievable and hopefully should see some senior champions emerge in the future. The Junior State Titles will be held in Mooloolaba from the 6th to 8th February. We wish all Junior competitors the very best of luck in the championships.

All carnivals require officials and water safety to run them, the club has to supply a number of officials & water safety based on the number of competitors. The majority of these people have been doing this for a number of years, they have no other reason to do so other than for BHMP and to see the club do well. I along with all members of Burleigh thank all officials and water safety personnel for their ongoing support of the club, because without them and our patrolling members back at Burleigh, we would not be able to have a team in any carnival.

The redevelopment is gaining momentum, with council hopefully about to give the green light with a couple of changes to our plans required, due to tree roots, our basement may be modified, but the majority stays as is. We have a grant application in with Sport and Recreation for the redevelopment which we have made the short list, if we are successful this grant would make it a lot easier for the redevelopment as we should not be required to access a loan, I will keep you informed as we get news I will pass it on to you through the newsletter and web site.

At the last General meeting it was mentioned that members should have access to management meeting minutes. As per the constitution, a copy of minutes is available to financial members through the office Monday – Friday between 3pm & 5pm, if any one would like to see the minutes, out of hours or Saturday/Sunday they can do so by contacting the Secretary who will make the minutes available to them.

Again Good Luck to all of our Burleigh members at State and Aussies.

See you on the beach at Burleigh Heads

Mick Slattery

Captains Report

We are into the home run for the Season. By the time most of you read this Newsletter our Senior Surf Sports Team will be winging their way to Scarborough Beach to take part in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Titles. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them every success from all of us that are staying home to keep the “home fires” burning. As well we wish the Officials and members doing Water Safety all the best and stay safe.

Surf Lifesaving is based on mate ship and camaraderie “Together Everyone Achieves More”, “Vigilance and Service”, “ Many hands make light work”. All of these phrases mean nothing without our patrolling members being present and standing guard over our customers giving them a safe environment to swim.

At the time of writing this the previous three weeks have shown an improvement in members attendance and commitment whilst on patrol. Let us not lose sight of the prize and become complacent as patrols do not finish until May Day week end. I would like to congratulate those members who have lifted their game and fulfilled their commitments. There are still some members who need to improve their commitment with their attendance and correct attire for patrols.

Over the period of the season, we are supposed to have eight patrol inspections. So far we have only had two. With this in mind the Lifesaving Committee would be very disappointed if we lose silly points for not wearing the correct patrol uniform. Please make sure that you are suitably attired for patrols.

To all members young and old there is a ocean swim that will be held at Burleigh in aid of Parkinson’s Foundation on 6 September 2009. All are welcome to participate in the swim. If you are do not wish to participate in the swim please come along and lend a hand. There will be many jobs that need to be done on the day. **MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW.** As the event draws closer more information will be available not only in the Pipeline but also on the Website.

In closing I would like to thank all members who have made the Season enjoyable – let us all finish the Season on a high by all working together to achieve this goal.

We all wear the same cap.

To all people celebrating birthdays, weddings, engagements or births, congratulations from your fellow club members.

See you on the beach with your cap on.

Whit



James Street Burleigh Heads

Coaching & Competition Report

As I am writing this most of the competitors are sharpening up on their speed and skills as they get ready for State Championships the this week so I wish them all the best of luck and do Burleigh proud.

As of next week the containers arrive for our trip to Perth so it is really busy time of the year so could all members please refrain from parking at the northern side of the club unless you are loading gear on quickly as the council will have you towed?

Could I please ask all members after State and Aussies if they have training gear at the club, it must be taken home to free up space in the off season as hopefully the re development will be starting.

Today we had a number Japanese clubbies training alongside us and I must say I was quite impressed with their skills in the surf considering it is flat where they come from so if you see them around the club say hello.

Congratulations to Hugh Dougherty on his selection in the Australian Surf Life Saving Team to compete in the 2009 International Surf Rescue Challenge in Durban at the end of March. Hughie, you are a great role model and we are sure you will do Burleigh and Australia proud.

Congratulations also to our members who competed in the Kellogg's Nutri Grain Series, I went and watched them at Kurrawa and Coolum and they all did extremely well in big conditions with Alyce winning round 3 at Coolum.

I also wish to congratulate Bec Brown for her 3rd placing in Open Sprints in the Ocean Assault Grand Finals. Bec is a first year U19 competitors so to achieve this in opens is a real achievement. My apologies for my oversight in not mentioning this in last months report with the other results.

On behalf of the club members I would like to wish all competitors who are going to Scarborough for the Aussies the very best of luck. This is the culmination of all your hard work and training.

Also good luck to Lauren Brown who has been selected in the Queensland 14 year girls soccer team. They are competing in a national tournament in Canberra in April. From this carnival they are picking an Australian team to compete in Asia later in the year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

We have received a complaint from the Gold Coast City Council regarding vehicles being parked on the concrete area on the northern side of the club.

Please be advised that those who park vehicles in this area will have their vehicles towed away and if this persists, Council will place poles/gates across the entry which will impact on our use of this area for beach access and operations getting equipment/vehicles to the beach.

So please do not park vehicles in this area.

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Junior Activities Report

BREAKING NEWS.....Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park S.L.S.C. – U11 to U14 Branch Champions 2008/2009!

Congratulations to all involved in the Branch Titles. This was a great team effort by the kids & a fantastic lead up for the upcoming State Titles. There were many outstanding efforts over the weekend both in teams & individual events, resulting in the club's outright win by some 150 points.

Coach Ty & his crew have done a wonderful job maintaining the squads focus at training & the results are a true indicator of the quality of coaching in place at BHMP. Our kids at Burleigh will only improve on what they achieved over the weekend & all I can say is 'Bring on State!'

To all who have qualified to be a part of Burleigh's State Team for the Junior Titles at Mooloolaba, the club wishes you all the best your quest for back to back State Titles.

To those who ventured to Pt Lookout for the U8's to U10's Branch Titles, only to be informed the carnival was cancelled, I trust you & your families enjoyed the experience & we can only hope Mother Nature is kinder to us next season. On the same weekend, the Gold Coast City Titles were also cancelled. In hindsight, I believe the kids may have benefitted from the weekend off. It also gave a few parents a welcomed Sunday off.

Fantastic effort by all involved in the Branch Surf Rescue Championships. We had a number of outstanding results. Peter 'Super Coach' Fleming is still on cloud nine & a special mention to Lauren Smithson, one of our Club Captains, who went on to compete at the State Titles in Bundaberg & finished fourth overall!

Lauren has also been nominated to represent the club in the Pelerman U14 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Awards. She was an automatic choice & the club is fortunate to have a young lady of this caliber represent us in this event. Go Lauren... 'you good thing!'

Please keep in mind the club's junior breakup on Sunday 15th March & the U14's Graduation on the 29th March.

This part of the season is always hectic & exciting. I personally appreciate the time & effort that so many have put in, to allow the kids at Burleigh to 'live the dream!!' Let's all keep focused for the remaining few weeks of what has been another memorable season at beautiful Burleigh!

Tony Martin
Junior Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS



Ty & Bree Dowker on the birth of their daughter Imogen Lucy.



Hugh Dougherty on his selection in the Australian Surf Life Saving Team to compete in the 2009 International Surf Rescue Challenge in Durban at the end of March.

Lauren Brown on her selection in the Queensland U14 girls soccer team to compete in Canberra in April.

Danielle De Francesco on placing 2nd in the Australian open women's open water swim and qualifying for the World Championships in Rome later this year.

Old Lifesavers Report

EASTER KEG 2009

The Event of the Year! The Re-Union when you are not having a Re-Union!

Don't miss *THE OLD LIFESAVERS KEG* to will be held on Sunday 12 April.

Contact me if you require a copy of the Club songs.

WORKFORCE Sunday 6 September 2009

I know that the date is a long way off but we need to identify members who are willing to form a Workforce for a great cause. Ian Findlay (Trevor Hardies son-in-law) who has recovered from Parkinson's disease following a new and remarkably successful operation is wishing to put something back into the system which supported him by organizing a surf swim day as a fundraising event to support Parkinson's Queensland Inc. The chosen date is Sunday September 6th and the day will commence at 6.30 am. The programme, which will involve swimmers in Masters, Open and "Back of the Pack" classes is expected to attract a field of 400-500 swimmers. The day will be a great one as a community and PR exercise and in view of this, and Ian's relationship within the club, BHMP has agreed to support it.

If you think you will be available to assist on the day, please advise me as soon as possible as the Old Lifesavers group has been asked to provide a WorkForce.

FACEBOOK

Have a look on Facebook for the Old Lifesavers photos. Any age group is welcome to join the Old Lifesavers.

Bruce Mayne
Secretary

CLUB BUSES FOR HIRE

OUR CLUB HAS A 12 & 22 SEATER BUS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE 7 DAYS A WEEK. CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE SPECIAL RATES SO IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES FOR ANY CLUB ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATED GROUP THAT MEMBERS ARE CONNECTED WITH PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT JULIE AT THE OFFICE TO ENQUIRE AS TO AVAILABILITY AND OUR SPECIAL RATES.

LIFESAVER RELAY PHOTO

Russell Whitmore is looking for a photo of the winning Lifesaver Relay team from last years Aussies. If anyone has a photo please email a copy to the office.

Thanks to our sponsors, please support them when you can



James Street Burleigh Heads

