



Reef Recorder

July, 2011 – Winter edition

Important dates for your diary

- SNB Branch AGM 3rd August, 2011
- Sunday 21st August, 2011 - Annual General Meeting & members luncheon
- Sunday 11th & 18th September, 2011 – Club Registration Days (including Nippers)
- Saturday 24th September, 2011 – Patrols commence.

Message from the President.

Fortunately we are flying through the cold winter months and summer 2011/12 will soon be upon us. I thought that it was timely that I update members on recent activities after what can only be called an 'interesting' season. Our small but dedicated team for season 2010/11 worked very hard indeed and the club was rewarded for this incredible effort by winning the SNB Most Outstanding Club. Hopefully next season we can encourage more people to get involved and take on a leadership role within the club. Recently at a SNB Branch President's meeting branch club statistics were revealed showing that Long Reef SLSC has 70% of its membership under the age of 18. This was by far the largest of any of the SNB Beach clubs and puts an even heavily load on our active adult membership. Whilst it is great that we have so many young people involved it also presents a challenge when it comes to running club operations.

I again intend to stand as President for season 2011/12 and look forward to continuing our focus on lifesaving and education working with each of you.

Yours in surf,

Doug Lucas
President.

Season 2011/12 – AGM & Luncheon, Sunday 21st August, 2011.

NOTICE – The Long Reef SLSC Annual General meeting will be held at 11am on Sunday 21st August, 2011. The Management team for the season will be elected as well as distinguished and life members being presented and general business. Again this year we will also hold a members & Long Ruffians Luncheon which will be a catered spit roast and salads with the bar being open. We encourage current and former members to put this date in your diary so that you can enjoy the afternoon and catch up with mates. A reminder should



The Life of the beach



you wish to vote at the AGM you must be a financial member. Membership forms are available on our website www.longreef.com and will also be available on the day.

Official nomination forms for Board of Management positions will be distributed in coming weeks.

Long Reef SLSC finishes the season on surprising high – Announced 2011 SNB Most Outstanding Club.

Long Reef SLSC was certainly not expecting anything special at the 2011 Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Most Outstanding Club Awards dinner.

To our great surprise Long Reef SLSC showed that despite adversity throughout the season it's strong focus on our core business of Lifesaving and Education provided the winning formula with the club winning its second **Sydney Northern Beaches Most Outstanding Club** in the clubs 61 year history.

Director of Lifesaving Jeremy Keating was honored as the Branch MC for the evening and struggled hard to contain his excitement. The club awards included:

- 2011 Sydney Northern Beaches Most Outstanding Club
- 2011 Sydney Northern Beaches Most Improved Club
- 2011 Sydney Northern Beaches Most Outstanding Club 'Lifesaving' category
- High Commendation – Katelyn Jackson – SNB Rookie of the Year,
- High Commendation – Doug Lucas – SNB Leader of the Year
- Doug Lucas – announced as SNB Distinguish Service Medal for services to the SNB Branch and Surf Lifesaving.



Suspension of LRSLSC redevelopment process.

As we all know Long Reef SLSC has made numerous attempts after the past 8 seasons to obtain a redevelopment of the clubhouse facilities. During the past 12 months the club has again come under tremendous pressure from the local community to restrict club plans. On Sunday 5th June 2011, the Long Reef Board of Management met to discuss the on-going Long Reef redevelopment process. During the meeting the following motion was approved:

“Long Reef SLSC will suspend all involvement in the current redevelopment process including any participation in the Straight Talk process.”

The board did not make this decision lightly, however we feel this process has created a lot of tension with the community, and as a volunteer and community organisation it is not our goal to create disharmony. As it almost appears there is no end in sight. This outcome I know is incredibly disappointing for the club after such a tremendous amount of work has been put in working towards new facilities over the last few years; however this process has come at a significant emotional and financial cost on our club and upon our membership. For now our club has no alternative but to stand tall on our contributions of the past and move forward to hopefully a happier and healthier future.

David Macintosh AM recognised for services to the community.

The wet weather over the Queens Birthday long weekend could not dampen the spirits of one Long Reef member after Dave Macintosh read his name in the Queens Birthday honour list. On Monday 13th June, 2011 Mr David Macintosh was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the community through his philanthropic contributions to health care and medical research as well as his many years of service to Surf Life Saving.




In 1965 a young Dave Macintosh joined Dee Why SLSC as a nipper. Dave's passion for the surf was instant and he subsequently joined Long Reef SLSC in 1972, successfully obtaining his Bronze Medallion on the 7th January, 1973. Anybody who knows Dave knows that he is a very passionate and generous man who is always willing to lend a hand, offer advice and support. Dave has always provided particular support to our youth facilitating numerous development tours to New Zealand both for the cadets of Long Reef SLSC and Collaroy SLSC.

Dave joined Collaroy SLSC in 1990 with his son Scott doing nippers at Collaroy. Since that time Dave has continued as an active patroller at Long Reef beach as well doing masters competition padding skis at Collaroy and proudly competing as the standard bearer for the Collaroy March Past Team having tremendous success both at the Australian and world level.

Dave has been an active member of Long Reef SLSC for 39 years, 22 of these years he has served on the Committee at Long Reef SLSC as well as being the Chairmen of numerous sub committees both for Long Reef SLSC and Collaroy SLSC.

Dave was awarded Long Reef SLSC Best Club Member in the 1978/79 and 1981/82 seasons. He was awarded Life Member of Long Reef SLSC in 2005 and Distinguish Service Membership of the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch in 2008.

Dave is a local man with a passion for life and his fellow man. On behalf of all at Long Reef SLSC I congratulate Dave on this outstanding achievement.


Doug Lucas
President
Long Reef SLSC
Tuesday 14th June, 2011.

61st Annual Dinner & Awards Night

On Saturday 28th May, 2011 Long Reef SLSC celebrated its 61st Annual Dinner and Awards presentation held at Dee Why RSL. Amongst some of the highlights was presenting many new Bronze Medallion holders their certificates, presenting 4 National Service medals to Rob Pearson, Kristie Thomas, Christopher Diggins & Jim Selosse for their Patrolling duties over many years and finally the announcement of Jeremy Keating as the 2010/11 N.S. Jones 'Best Club Member.' Special thanks again to Richard Van Weeren and Seamus Redmond for yet again organising a fantastic evening enjoyed by all.



Donation made by John Morris Scientific to assist new patrol hut.

On Thursday 30th June, 2011 I was contacted by Mr Allen Brett and employee of John Morris Scientific Pty Ltd. As many of you will know Allan joined Long Reef SLSC in the mid 1970's and was a keen patroller for a number of years. Allan has continued his association with the club and is a member of the Long Reef SLSC 'Long Ruffian's'. After 51 years working for John Morris Scientific Pty Ltd Allan arranged for a donation to be made to Long Reef SLSC. This is incredible news and very timely as the club has recently lost some major sponsors and has been looking at funding for a very important project to fit out our new lifesaving patrol tower which has been in planning for the last 5 patrol seasons. In conjunction with Warringah Shire Council work commenced on the patrol tower towards the end of June and will be completed in early August. The tower will be used by our volunteers during inclement weather. The tower also gives patrollers an elevated position over the beach to identify swimmers and people in trouble more easily.

This very generous donation made by John Morris Scientific Pty Ltd will allow for the purchase of an in-built radio handset, public address system, cabinets for first aid and resuscitation equipment and other patrol consumables. This equipment will be used for years to come by club members and allow for a high standard of beach safety each summer on Long Reef Beach.



New patrol hut for club members under construction.

Due to be completed August 2011.





BLAST FROM THE PAST
SRC Squad. 2001/02.

Who is left on our patrols in 2011

- Ben O'Reilly**
- Shane Stewart**
- Andrew Dummett**
- Matt Russell-Jones**
- Lucy Redmond**
- Stella Watson**



Blast from the Past.

Nippers weekend (2000) at the Basin Pittwater. Seamus, Helen Jemma and Lucy Redmond and Stella Watson.

Nathan Gibson Dec 2003 – Soldiers Beach cadet camp

Robert & Andrew Selosse, 2005

2003/04 LRSLSC SNB Most Outstanding Club

