

# Mullaloo Surf News

Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club Newsletter

DECEMBER 2011



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It's that Yuletide season once again so Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Time to recall all of those words to all of the old standards; The First Noel, Little Drummer boy, away in a Manger and you can't forget Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer.

Just a northern suburbs observation but; How is it when we go to church all year we sing hymns and then around the 25th December 3 wise men visit a new born baring gifts? Then at Christmas we sing Carols. If we were politically correct then I would imagine that the visiting trio should be the 3 mid wives aptly named Carol, Karol and Carel baring gifts that will be used such Talc, Johnsons baby oil & soap. Let's leave the Hymns for the Hims.

Anyway apart from the 25th of December being Christmas and a day for the kids, it should be recognised as international family tolerance day.

Here are 3 handy tips for surviving the big day:

### Be prepared –

Have plenty of batteries of multiple sizes, screw drivers, long nose pliers & scissors so you can access the well wrapped gifts, open battery compartments and begin assembling those much needed toys. Carry a spare gift for the unexpected visitor or lost uncle. Have a favourite family DVD to occupy the lost gene pool that prefers not to mingle.

### Delegate –

You know you are going to be slaving it away in the kitchen and you need to ensure that all task's which could interfere with this are covered by someone else.

Firstly put up a festive sign on the kitchen door which should read – Do not enter unless you are making drinks. This should be your partner or someone close who can slip you a drink every now and again.

Secondly – allow 10 minutes of idle chat with the relatives before you head into the kitchen. This is polite and minimises their desire to keep you talking. Be tough, show appreciation for the offers for assistance with that placating smile and then point to the sign.

Finally, arrange the older children and task them to cater for the grandparents. This should be successful and hopefully distract them enough not to enter the kitchen. (see point 2)

### Have an escape plan –

Yes you have managed the get through the morning and the dinner is all but served and the cold cuts and nibbles are complete.

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## OFFICE HOURS

**The club office will close at 2pm on Friday 23 December 2011**

**and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2012**

## SURF CAGE

The gear shop is open

**Friday 5.30–6.30pm  
23 December**

*Please note the cage will be closed from 24 December and starts up again on Sunday 8 January 2012.*

## BAR HOURS:

**Fridays 6–11pm**

**Sundays 11am–1pm and  
5pm – 8pm**

## MULLALOO SURF CLUB NUMBER PLATES

Have been reduced to  
**\$290** (saving \$45).

Available from the office.

**IF WE DON'T USE THEM WE'LL  
LOSE THEM**

If you have any contributions for the *Mullaloo Surf News*, please send them to [newsletter@mullaloosurf.com.au](mailto:newsletter@mullaloosurf.com.au)  
Thank you



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Now it's your time to escape before you are eternally caught in the emotional spiral of family love and festive games. Be ready for some time out; gather some bath smellies, a glass of your best SSB, a good book or music and a little chocolate.

Check that the family are well occupied and then disappear into that wonderful bath with the deep foundation in your mind that you need to wash away all of that sweat after slaving away all morning in the kitchen. Yes there is the option of taking the other half, if he is quiet!

Your final decision is about when you should return!!!!

Merry Christmas... *Ed*

## PRESIDENTIAL MEANDERINGS

We are on the countdown to Christmas and there is still a lot happening around the club. Take the time to reflect on what is important at this special time of the year – family. I, with the Board of Management, wish all members a happy, safe and special Christmas.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday is now a part of the next stage of our history – what a weekend! There was something for everyone, and everyone who participated no doubt will remember the weekend of 19–20 December 2011. It was great to see former, long-term and newer members all joining together to reflect on our history and the amazing journey the club has made to achieve its current status as THE Surf Club. We are compiling some photos and hope they will be available in the not too distant future.

The Ted Scott Marathon marked the last club day of 2011.

What else is happening...

- The Board has endorsed the draft of the Constitution and it has been sent off for legal opinion. The structure review is still in progress and we are hopeful this will be finalised in the near future, and in a form that will take the club through the next phase in its development. The By-Laws are taking shape. Hopefully the next Newsletter will contain details on the member information program, an important step that will precede a Special General Meeting.

*Anne-Marie Widermanski*

Some time ago in the distant past I made comment on a particular cohort of individuals who for their collective might encompass a formidable history within the club. Individually they have succeeded in their personal endeavours and yet as a transient hub within the club one has to wonder why the mind lends itself to such activities that finds a common bond?

Scary.....but great fun (I am told).



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Friday 23 December**

- Free entry!
- Doors & bar open from 5pm
- Live performance by **Craig Pinkey** – playing all the “standards” and “classics”
- **CHRISTMAS BUFFET DINNER** – Adult \$20, Children \$12.
- **COCKTAILS** by “Davo”

*For catering purposes, please contact the office to register your interest [info@mullaloosurf.com.au](mailto:info@mullaloosurf.com.au) or phone 9307 7766.*



## JUNIOR UPDATE

### **Well we're half way through ... and we're still having fun!**

As we are all settling down to enjoy Christmas with family and friends it is an opportune time to reflect on the first half of the season, and what a season it has been!



The 50th birthday Mullaconda saw a fantastic level of participation from our junior members with around 50 competing in what is sure to become a regular fixture in the junior club calendar. On behalf of the juniors a great deal of thanks has to go to Dawn Jones, Willy Brosen, Tracey Tenaglia and Carlo Tenaglia for their effort in bringing this event together.

We are also proud of our "leavers" group this year ... the Under 14's ... who are now in the final stages of being fully qualified SRC holders. This group recently reflected on their journey to date at a weekend retreat at the Ern Halliday campground, including an opportunity to experience some of the possibilities open to them beyond juniors. The Surf Expo held at Whitfords Nodes beach provided the U14's with a master class environment in tandem some of the club's most experienced old hands. Special thanks to the boaties (Andy, Stuart, Mike and Paul), Ski crew (Carlo, Tracey and Gayle), patrol leaders (Anne-Marie and Uppy), Mal coach (Jeff), IRB wranglers (Chris and Trevor) and Beachie (Steve). The Under 14's were also treated to a special appearance from world-record open water swimmer, Shelley Taylor-Smith who entertained all with her experiences and some pearls of wisdom. As DOJ I shadowed this group for the weekend, and it must be said that they are a credit to the Mullaloo colours and we can all look forward to many years of distinguished service from this cohort.



The first carnival at City Beach provided our Under 11 group (and the DOJ!) with an introduction to the chaos of Surf Carnivals. The conditions were less than favourable with a strong short break that kept the water safety personnel on their toes, however thankfully the skills and attention of all those on the day ensured that any medical attention provided was largely precautionary. Mullaloo performed admirably across all disciplines with many of our junior

members providing comfort that the blue and gold will have many years of success on the beach and in the surf. Special thanks to the parents that assisted in moving us down to and back from City Beach, especially our chief tie down master Jenny Wood, board fairy extraordinaire Geoff Elliot, master of the smile John Hillen and the unflappable Bulley family (all of them!). The upcoming carnivals in Scarborough, Sorrento and Albany, culminating in the States in Fremantle look to be exciting affairs.

A couple of upcoming dates to note for your calendars ...

First Club Day of 2012 – 8 January 2012

Scarborough Carnival – 15 January 2012

Country Carnival (Albany) – 21 January 2012

Special Guests at Mullaloo SLSC: – 27 January 2012, 4–7pm (watch this space!)

I'd like to thank all of you that have provided support to the Junior Committee, the AGM's and Liaisons throughout the season so far, whether as a water safety provider, sausage sizzler, sandwich maker, surfguard enterer, child psychologist, JCOM psychologist!!!, coach, board fairy, administrator, or any one of the myriad of functions that make this club work. It is a wonderful experience to be surrounded by a community such as the Mullaloo SLSC where so many people are prepared to give up some part of their day to ensure the club's success.



I wish you and your family a relaxing and safe festive season and look forward to seeing you on the beach in 2012!

Regards,  
Bret Madden

### **Junior mid-week training**

It is a nice big break till our next club day. The club website calendar has been updated with the current training schedule over the Christmas and New Year break – we are offering some training sessions to some of the Tiers. If you are unsure what Tier your child is in or what you can attend please contact Sandy at [coaching@mullaloo surf.com.au](mailto:coaching@mullaloo surf.com.au) or call 0421 541 141.

## CADET CAMP – BEACH TIME!

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, ready to be scorched, stung and drowned, emerged the cadets, after a long tireless night of fun and games, eager to learn the stuff that seniors do when they are on the beach.

After our makeshift tent was set up and the cadets were split into groups, they were sent off to participate in one of five activities (which included boards, ski's, Rescues, IRB's and boats!), which no doubt they learned something from.

After completing a couple of events, lunchtime was announced. Now, for future reference, you should never present a batch of muffins to a group of kids, the catchphrase "Bees to Honey" can be used here, as they SWARM to collect that warm delicious honey, in this case muffins.

Speaking of swarms, after a couple (or a lot...) of kids had been stung by those tiny invisible stingers, they decided to get revenge on them in a very strange way. By throwing them at the person closest to them, which in turn provoked them to throw a handful of them back at the person.

After a long day on the beach, the cadets were asked to pack up the equipment and after that they left, no doubt taking something that they learned away with them, thus concluding the event.



## LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY – SCHOOL VISIT



Wide eyed and excited, on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December we were met by 39 students, from Lockridge Primary School, who unfortunately rarely have the opportunity to visit the beach.

After giving a tour of the club, we set off down to the beach, where everyone was split into groups and sent off to participate in different activities (flags, boards etc.)

Then we realised we didn't have a photographer. So two people were sent (and got lost) to find one. Thankfully, **Josh Clarke** saved the day!

Proven Fact: most small people are good at flags. They are highly energetic and dive under your legs, rendering your efforts of grabbing a flag futile. They also enjoy digging holes, burying people and jellybeans.

Most of all things ran smoothly on the day, and everyone from Lockridge enjoyed themselves.

Though we did have one casualty. Sadly, the big blue beach ball did not survive the day. You will be missed.

Thanks to all those that assisted on the day. Here is hoping you all have a great Christmas and New Year.

*Uppy – Youth Director*

MULLALOO SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

# New Year's Eve Party

**Tickets \$5 or \$15 for a family**

**Doors Open 6pm**

**Early 60s theme to commemorate our 50th**

**Tunes provided by our resident DJ - "DJ - Josh"**

**60s style hors d'oeuvres provided**

**Prizes for best dressed** ←

*Contact the office to purchase your tickets or purchase at the door*



## 2011 TED SCOTT MARATHON



Thank you to everyone that assisted in the running of another successful Ted Scott Marathon. Congratulations to all competitors and supporters.

Winner: **Jack Retty**  
1st Female: **Kirstie Briggs**  
1st Master: **Jason Snell**



## MARKETING DECEMBER

The **"Bear your heart for Surf life Saving"** is now completed and I will hopefully let you know how much was raised in total for the club in the next news letter.

I would like to thank everyone who eat a sausage or bought a raffle ticket for "Chase the Ace" or The Family Sunday Roast dinner.

I would also like to thank **Westpac** for the fundraising initiative, in particular the staff of **Whitfords branch** and the **Joondalup Migrant Centre** for the money they put in from their branches and I know we will be doing some more exciting things with them soon!

I would like to thank all our sponsors who can be found on the back of this newsletter or on the web site. I would encourage you to support them, if they can provide a service that you need. I would also appreciate some feed back from you regarding the service you received by contacting me at [marketing@mullaloo surf.com.au](mailto:marketing@mullaloo surf.com.au).

"Chase the Ace" and the Family Sunday Roast raffle will continue through the season with great prizes and a sumptuous meals with a bottle of wine to be won.

The prize money for "Chase the Ace" is now getting serious with a nice CASH jackpot which will be won by a lucky member for a \$1 investment!

Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> December will be a MEGA "Chase the Ace" with all our fantastic sponsors getting involved with heaps of prizes and a **super** jackpot to be WON!

**You have got to be in it to win it!**

Have a fantastic, well deserved Christmas break and a great start to 2012. Keep safe over the festive period and I look forward to seeing you all for the second half of our season.

Best Regards,  
Chris Hainsworth  
[marketing@mullaloo surf.com.au](mailto:marketing@mullaloo surf.com.au)

## LIFESAVING

Patrols are the iconic and public face of the club. The flags represent the safe place and we apply many hours honing our skills to make a difference when that time comes. The last 4 weekends have been challenging in many ways and our vigilance and service with public safety has again reinforced why we are so valuable to our community. Excellent work.

Welcome to our new SRC's and Bronzies who have just passed their courses. Good luck with the journey.

Finally, it's the time to enjoy family and friends. We will eat some fantastic food, say some really nice things and probably make a few promises that will come back to bite us, large.

*Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.*

Merry Christmas  
Ed



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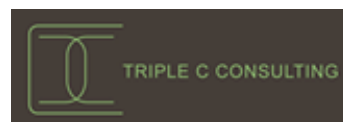
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