

## Welcome to our Members Newsletter: September 2013

**News Flash!** Helpers needed 7 September for marshalling and BBQ duties for the Glow Walk – Transplant Walk at Nobbys.

### Presidents message

I would like to welcome all returning and new members to the club for the 2013-14 season. With a brand new Executive Committee on board, it's been all hand on deck in order to be ready for the season ahead. We have undertaken routine audits and checks to ensure that our equipment is safe and operational for the season. Boards have been waxed, motors run-in and the boat shed has been organised through a number of working bees. We are supplying members with new pink rash shirts to ensure we are compliant with Surf Lifesaving Australia safety regulations regarding water sports and redesigned nippers rash vests to incorporate hot pink.

The clubhouse is undergoing a number of urgent repairs, and thanks to a donation from Lord Mayor of Newcastle it will receive a coat of new paint. Painting will occur on the 13 October - the first day of nippers. We apologise for the timing of this but appreciate that it is being done. I am looking forward to the coming season and meeting all the new faces at the club and saying hey to the returning ones.

*President, Mick Jennings*

### 2013-14 Executive Committee

The Nobbys SLSC AGM was held on Sunday 28 July 2013, where the 2013-14 Executives were voted in by you the members. This years' committee are:

President – Mick Jennings  
Director of Club Services – Narelle Blick  
Director of Administration – Natasha Ryan  
Director of Finance – Tracey Rock  
Director of Lifesaving – Matt Quinn  
Director of Education – Kathryn Donnelly  
Director of Surf Sports – Phil Lazzari  
Director of Junior Activities – Mark Honnery

Executive Committee meetings are held monthly. A supporting management team of other members who support the running of the club meet with the Executive every second month.

If you have an issue that needs to be addressed at a meeting please formally write to the Director of Administration. This can be posted to the club address at PO Box 1010, Newcastle NSW 2300 or emailed to [secretary@nobbyslsc.org.au](mailto:secretary@nobbyslsc.org.au)

### Club communication

Nobbys SLSC communicates with members by a range of means. We are working hard to improve our communication and to encourage more members to become involved in the club activities and services by keeping you informed. Changes are being made across a number of channels including the website, emails and SMS from surf guard and club noticeboards.

## [www.nobbyslsc.org.au](http://www.nobbyslsc.org.au)

The current website has been updated with info regarding the 2013/14 season and is in the process of being redesigned and restructured. Content will be refreshed and updated consistently and all newsletters will be posted here for your reference. Watch this space for the transition to the new site soon. An e-newsletter will be trialled next month as an email from surf guard. A copy in PDF form such as this will also be available on the website for your reference.

## **Surf guard emails and SMS**

Nobbys SLSC use emails and SMS to inform members of upcoming events and activities. These may contain attached information or may provide you a link to new information on the web page or to our e-newsletter. The information may be sent any one of the Directors at the club depending upon the issue.

## **Nobbys SLSC notice boards**

Information will be posted on the notice boards inside the male and female club toilets regularly. You can also post your own flyers here.

## **Update your contacts**

To ensure that you receive all communications please update your contact details each year at registration time. If your contact details change during the year please contact Nobbys SLSC Registrar Nicole Quinn on mobile 0438 538531 or email your details to [info@nobbyslsc.org.au](mailto:info@nobbyslsc.org.au)

## **Patrols**

Patrol Meeting – 9:00am  
Sunday 8 September



A free breakfast BBQ is being held at Nobbys SLSC for all patrolling members from 9am. Please ensure you attend as important information will be discussed about the upcoming season.

The patrol season officially starts on Saturday 21 September 2013 and patrol rosters will be available for download from the website shortly.

*Director of Lifesaving, Matt Quinn.*

## **Nippers news**

### **Proficiency Swim**

9:00am -12noon, Sunday 22 September

Swims will be staggered stages based on the first initial of your surname.

9:00-10:00 am - surname A-G

10:00-11:00am - surnames H-Q

11am -12noon - surnames R-Z

All Nippers must do a proficiency at Balance Health Club, Industrial Drive Mayfield. Entry is free and you should bring a swimming cap if you have one. If not one will be provided.

Helpers needed for marshalling, timing and swimming. Please Contact Mark Honnery if you can assist on this day. On mobile 0405 181242.

If you do not make this day, Nippers must swim in the ocean pool on the first round of Nippers . Be aware this pool will be cold at this time of the year.

## *Nippers Season Starts*

Sunday 13 October 2013.

9:30am marshalling for a 9:45 start.

## *Water safety and Age Managers*

We are always looking for water safety for Nippers on a Sunday morning. This year if you do water safety you will receive a free sausage sandwich, drink and iceblock combo. Age managers are still required for some of the Nippers age groups.

If you are interested in being an Age Manager please contact Mark Honnery on mobile 0405 181242.

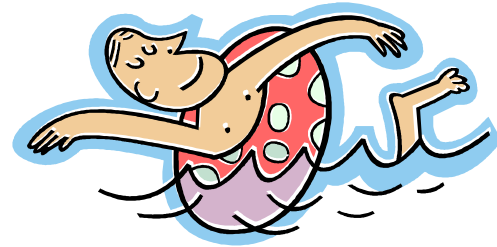
## **Volunteering**

Nobbys SLSC often provides marshalling assistance, first aid and water safety for major events. Nobbys is paid for these services which provides income for the club for purchase of new equipment and to go towards fitting out a new surf club.

We will send SMS and emails and use this newsletter to advertise for helpers. It usually is a lot of fun, you get to meet new people within the club and it helps us raise money. Please help if you can!

## **Club swim**

A club swim will start on Sunday mornings before Nippers when the water warms up a little. We will advise you on the date in the next edition.



Hopefully you don't need this floatation device.

## **Club Merchandise**

Club merchandise will be for sale each Sunday during Nippers. Before Nippers starts each child must have a cap. We have sold out but a new order has been placed ready for the start of the season. We have also placed an order for a larger range of sizes and for more Knix. These are the new Lycra swim trunks for boys and men.

*Tai Bawden, Merchandise officer.*



## **Transplant Walk - help needed**

Saturday 7 September 2013.

We need helpers marshalling, cooking the BBQ and serving from 3pm to 5:30pm.

Contact Narelle Blick if you are interested and can assist on mobile 0411 122667.

If you are interested in donning the fluoro clothes and registering to do the walk check out the web site.

**Date:** Saturday 7 September 2013

**Location:** Nobbys Beach, Macquarie Pier & Nobbys Surf Club House

**Start time:** 4pm

**Walk Briefing:** 3:45pm

**Registration:** Nobbys SLSC 12pm till 3pm on the day. [Register here online](#) or on the day before the race.

## Educational opportunities

The Nobbys SLSC website contains information that relates to some course dates that Hunter Branch is offering. For course dates and more details visit: [www.nobbyslsc.org.au](http://www.nobbyslsc.org.au)

Please contact Kath Donnelly if you are interested in any courses by mobile 0413 610 585 or send your expression of interest to [info@nobbyslsc.org.au](mailto:info@nobbyslsc.org.au) in order to start planning dates based on numbers of interested members.

Information will then be emailed ASAP. For more info on courses visit

## Proficiencies for patrol members

Proficiencies will commence at 8:30am on

- 29 September 2013;
- 27 October 2013;
- 24 November 2013 and
- 14 December 2013.

Information is also posted on club notice boards. All patrolling members must be proficient by 31 December 2013.

*Kathryn Donnelly, Director of Education.*

## Surf sports news

### Senior Carnivals and Masters

If you are interested in competing at Senior carnivals or Masters events or undertaking an officials course please contact Director of Surf Sports Phil Lazzari on mobile 0411 403085.

### Junior carnivals

Trevor Marshall is the Junior Competition Co-ordinator this year. Once Nippers starts Trevor will be calling for any interested Nippers who would like to do carnivals. You can do one or all of the carnivals and compete in one or all of the events. Getting together a group of Nippers for a relay team is a great way to have fun and stay fit. More information will be provided in later newsletters.

### Surfboats

Anyone interested in having a go at rowing surfboats this season please contact Luke Moore 0422 058 559 or Shane Barclay 0423 172 384.

We have a variety of categories to compete in for both men and women ranging from juniors to veterans. We are also always on the lookout for new sponsors to help support the maintenance and growth of this area of the club. If you know of anyone who could help in this area it would be much appreciated.

*Luke Moore, Surfboat Captain.*

## Parking

Parking can be challenging for Nobbys members during special events. During triathlons and other major events such as 'Fat as Butter', Nippers wont be on. We

will inform you of those dates during the season well in advance.

## Sponsorship

Thanks to all Nobbys SLSC Sponsors for 2013-14 season and all past sponsors. Visit [www.nobbyslsc.org.au](http://www.nobbyslsc.org.au) for a full list of current sponsors.

Nobbys has a sponsorship package and seeks sponsors each year to enable purchase of new equipment.

Chris Moonie is the new Nobbys Sponsorship Officer and if you know of anyone interested in sponsoring Nobbys SLSC please contact Chris by email [secretary@nobbyslsc.org.au](mailto:secretary@nobbyslsc.org.au).

This year's membership key ring sponsor is Specsavers Kotara.



Show your membership keyring for a 15% discount at Kotara.

## New surf boat sponsors



Philip Lazzari - Director of Surf Sports is (pictured) with Nathan Juchau, Environment and Security Manager from Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) handing over a memento from the launching of the Cliff Ireland Surfboat- August 23rd 2013.

Other proud sponsors of the boat include the Newcastle Port Corporation and The Beauford Hotel, Mayfield.

Thanks to all three sponsors for their generous support.

## Surf Club Open Day

Sunday 29 September at Nobbys

Nobbys has registered with Hunter Branch of SLS to have an Open Day at our surf club. Members willing to assist on the day should email their interest to [secretary@nobbyslsc.org.au](mailto:secretary@nobbyslsc.org.au)

The format has not been set yet for this day but it usually involves having a range of surf lifesaving equipment displayed on the beach for exhibition. This would include IRB, surfboats, boards and skis. More info to come

## The Big Beach Challenge

Saturday 28 September 2013 is the big beach challenge sand running event.

This year it is being held at Merewether, Dixon Park and Bar Beaches.

Visit [www.bigbeachchallenge.net](http://www.bigbeachchallenge.net) for more information.

## Hunter Branch of the Year

Hunter Branch has taken out top honours at this year's annual Surf Life Saving NSW Awards of Excellence.

The Hunter Branch secured:

- Branch of the Year;
- Junior Lifesaver of the Year and
- Surf Sports Coach of the Year.

Last season Nobbys SLSC achieved Bronze Level in the SLSNSW Quality Clubs Program to contribute to the Hunter Branch achievement. This year Nobbys SLSC is aiming for Silver Level.

On Friday 30 August 2013 at the NSW Water Safety Awards Hunter Branch was awarded the ***"Most Significant Contribution to Water Safety by an Organisation"***

Congratulations to Hunter Branch, they certainly keep us on our toes!  
For information about Hunter Surf Life Saving visit [www.hsls.org.au](http://www.hsls.org.au)

## Nobbys SLSC needs you!

12-13 October, 2013

**CityServe has partnered with NCC and Hunter Surf Clubs to give our surf clubs a facelift.**

Here is an opportunity to brighten up our building with volunteer labour, donated paint and gear needed to carry out the job, and food for volunteers. This is incredibly generous of CityServe and Newcastle Council - and it is now up to us to show our appreciation to others for helping us when we need help.

Hunter Branch are coordinating workers from each club over the two days to assist these labourers. We need a minimum of 25 club workers for a morning shift of 8am-12noon and afternoon shift of 12noon-4pm both Saturday and Sunday. You are welcome to do more than one shift, but feel everyone can contribute in some way – most of the work is painting, and cooking the provided BBQ for the workers.

If you are interested, please contact Team Leader Dave Edwards on 0437 587 834. Please register by 20 September to email [info@hsls.org.au](mailto:info@hsls.org.au)

## We want your news

Now that the new season has started, this newsletter will be not just a way to share news and info, but to celebrate Nobbys SLSC and its member's achievements and special interest stories.

If you would like something to appear in in an upcoming newsletter - please send news items in word docs and photos as JPEGs or TIF files to Natasha Ryan by email [secretary@nobbyslsc.org.au](mailto:secretary@nobbyslsc.org.au) Please note, if photos of members are used you will need to have their permission due to the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

## Like us on Facebook

Don't forget to [Like us](#) for news, events, photos and other information.

*Special note: we would like to thank Brendan at Hyperweb Communications for his assistance with our digital communications.*