



GREENMOUNT GRAPEVINE

Members Newsletter

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Patrolling Greenmount Beach since 1911

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members

The current border restrictions are playing havoc in the lives of our membership group with divided families, work challenges and our social interaction with friendship groups.

I am writing to confirm what these current restrictions mean to us as a surf club and some best case / worst case scenarios for season 2021-2022.

Right now we are relying on a few decisions to be made a little further up the chain. SLSQ are taking up the fight on behalf of all clubs but particularly the three southern clubs to have our branches 457 NSW patrolling members and our 500 Nippers allowed to travel across the border. This may also need us to meet the current guidelines of having had the first jab for patrol members.

Secondly the lockdown in Regional NSW is scheduled for review on 10/9. If this lockdown is released then we will be requiring the border bubble to be reinstated for us to all be able to get back to a season unchanged. This is the best case scenario.

Our season is scheduled to start from a patrol point of view on 18/9 so our timeline is tight.

Best case scenario is as above and a bubble is formed between 10/9 and 18/9 and our season commences and we all get to hang out as one club.

The next scenario is the northern NSW lockdown is lifted but no bubble in place will result in our Nippers being run on both sides of the border.

Point Danger Branch will be offering Sunday Nippers at Jack Evans boat harbour for all members of clubs within our branch. Failing this THC will be doing their own Nipper program at Jack Evans boat harbour for our NSW members.

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WE WILL BE RUNNING NIPPERS unless lockdown is extended.

From a patrol point of view we are working on the above scenario thinking that patrol members may be able to cross but not Nippers.

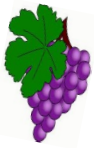
As soon as restrictions lift further we would then return back to normal at Greenmount Beach.

In the meantime we are waiting on the NSW lockdown to lift so that we can do pool swims to start the season. After 10/9 and subject to it lifting we will then arrange pool swim days for all of our NSW members. Qld members should be proceeding as normal with your pool swim sign off and online membership so you are ready to go.

Please understand that we are going to do all that we can to ensure our members get something out of season 2021-2022 but we are also offering that if we do not get back to what we know as normal on Greenmount Beach by Christmas all members will be granted free membership for season 2022-2023. That is if our Nippers and our patrolling people are not all back on our beach by Christmas we will give all members free membership to the following year.

Right now we need to all get through this together and I ask that you come forward and renew your membership with the certainty that we are doing all that we can to ensure a good season.

From a patrol point of view. We would have of course liked to have had a patrol roster out to you by now. What you will receive is a perfect world plan for if we are all available from 18/9 and you will also get a second roster with Qld members only in case we need to start the season this way.



If you are a Qld member and not completed your patrol sheet for this year please do so as we need to know what we are working with.

Unfortunately there will be other impacts on the club. Most of our training team and the branch assessors live in NSW so our SRC and Bronze course in the September school holidays is in jeopardy. Please if you are wanting to do this you should have completed an online component by now to register. We will have a window to move some Qld members into courses at other clubs and will run our own when we return to normal.

Please contact the club if you are wanting to do this and based in Qld.

Members thinking of doing their bronze, past actives, reserve actives, based in Qld your club needs you now more than ever. If you are in a position to get involved please also contact the club.

From a training point of view NSW people are not currently allowed to attend group training sessions so our group training for NSW members will be put off until a decision on 10/9 and then we will be ready to go A either all together

or B NSW members only sessions in Jack Evans.

Qld members due to 63% of our members not being available we will have to review the training schedule that we released so please wait for future sessions to be released.

Again the worse case scenario is beach and water sessions in Qld for Qld members and beach and water sessions in NSW for NSW members.

Please if you have any concerns or questions reach out to the club.

Some good news though we have filled two of the important roles for the club for next season and I thank these guys for coming forward.

Iain Rogers will be our Nipper President and JAC and Andrew Sinclair will be our Yips Coordinator

I look forward to working with these guys.

Nippers are still chasing a Secretary to complete the team if you would like more info on the role please contact Iain or myself.

David Fuller

Surf Life Saving Report

Hello to all our Patrolling members

I hope all members are well!

These are very difficult times we are all facing with the border closure hitting everyone hard .

I just wanted to say that we don't have any miracle answers on what is going to happen with the border.

It will be very challenging for our patrols if the hard border remains in place for some time,

Branch and SLSQ are doing everything they can to try to help us . The adversities we face down the bottom end of the coast really only affect 4 clubs as most of the Southern club members reside in NSW .

We will be doing a temporary roster that includes QLD members only for the interim, which may mean some patrols are merged in the short term and this could mean a couple of extra patrols are required. As we know more, we will tell you more.

Please register for courses as you normally would, we will make decisions closer to course and proficiency dates on how these will be managed and if they will go ahead.

Hopefully a bubble will be in place again soon, fingers crossed!

Please contact myself or Dave if you need clarification.

Thanks Jy

FROM THE IRB AND TRAINING ROOMS



Hello everyone, welcome to the Grapevine. The main thing to report this issue is that there is nothing to report.

As all of the training team live in NSW we are not permitted to cross the border for the next couple of weeks at least, so we can't train.

Also all trainers had to do an Resus upgrade before we could train SRC.

Our upgrade was scheduled for Saturday 4/9/21, but we cannot cross the border so not permitted to train SRC.

The September SRC/Bronze course is in limbo, as is the next Skills Maintenance. Have to wait instructions on this.

Patrols start in a few weeks. Had the mechanic lined up to give the outboards the once over before the start but he cannot cross the border at the moment. This will be done as soon as possible.

The on line Skills Maintenance is ready to go. Very easy, two very ordinary questions. Please get this done and send your completion certificate to the office.

In case it goes ahead, Bronze and SRC Candidates please complete your pool swims and do the on line theory. Then if we get the go ahead we will fly through it

Nothing much else to say at the moment. Everyone take care and be safe.

Rob Walters
CTO/IRB CAPTAIN

SURF SPORTS

It was disappointing that the competitors meeting had to be postponed due to the border restrictions. We will be rescheduling the meeting as soon as the current issues are resolved.

The Queensland Endurance Titles for U/11s to 70 yrs+ are scheduled for the 18th of September at Burleigh Heads Mowbray Bray.

If any of our Queensland members are interested in attending, please contact Leah Jones or email Helen on thcslsc@outlook.com.

The NSW restrictions and border issues will need to be settled by the entries closing date, the 13th of September; for our NSW members to attend. Keep your fingers crossed.

The Australian Pool Rescue Championships have been rescheduled for the 2nd time and will now be contested at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre from the 3rd to the 5th of December.

The training program in the previous Grapevine is being reviewed and changes will be determined by the outcomes of future directions on the NSW lockdown and border restrictions.

Hopefully we will know more after the lockdown decision to be made on the 10th of September.

Please contact Leah, the office or myself if you have any questions .

Rod Jones

IMPORTANT TRAINING REMINDERS

U/14s are not to attend the senior board training sessions until they have been signed off for the required pool swim and run swim run.

Training is subject to Covid Restrictions and will not be available during lockdown periods.

All Government and Club Directives must be adhered to.

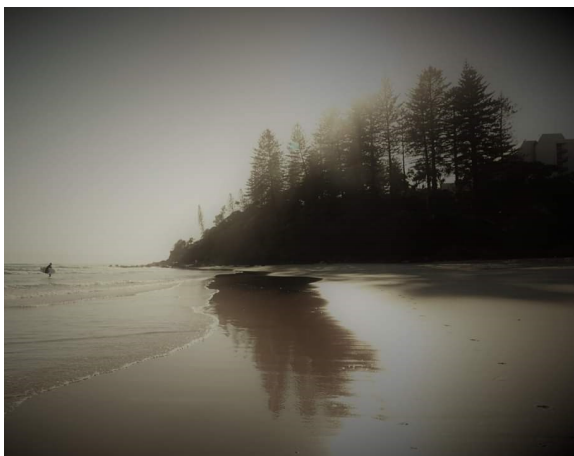


BOATIES REPORT

We have been starting to have a regular weekend informal row, all very relaxed at this time of year. With half of our rowers stuck in Tweed Heads, we have had to have mixed crews of those on the Qld side. "New Rules apparently" quite frustrating.

If you have ever thought about having a try at surfboat rowing please get in contact with me and we can arrange a suitable time 0411727913.

See you on the beach soon.
Steve.





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership must be renewed for the 2021/2022 season to:-

- Attend nipper or senior training sessions.
 - Attend Patrol
 - Attend Proficiencies
 - Register for Courses.
 - Attend Nippers

Membership is to be renewed through your members portal.

members.sls.com.au

then—"Memberships" for individuals

or—"Family" to renew memberships for members in family groups.

If you come across any problems with the renewal process, please email the office thcslsc@outlook.com

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CLUB NOTICEBOARD

QUEENSLAND ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park
Saturday 18th September 2021

U/11—70+

Entries close 13th September 2021

AUSTRALIAN POOL RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre
3rd—5th December 2021

U/12—75+

A REMINDER THAT UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

CAN BE FOUND ON THE MEMBERS FACEBOOK PAGE

Tweed Heads & Coolangatta Members <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2765859347012294>

BRONZE MEDALLION & SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE

Commencing Saturday the 25th of September 2021
Sessions every day

Assessment Friday the 1st of October 2021

Cut off registration date—13th September 2021

Please email—thcslsc@outlook.com
for further details or to register

2021/2022 PROFICIENCY DATES 8.00AM

Saturday 18th of September 2021

Sunday 17th of October 2021

Sunday 21st of November 2021

Saturday 11th of December 2021

Further details will be forwarded once confirmed.

The online theory component is now available through
eLearning in your members area account.

QUEENSLAND BEACH SERIES

Rd 1—16th October 2021
Mooloolaba

Rd 2 —18th December 2021
Kurrawa

Rd 3—8th January 2022
Mooloolaba



BLUE CARD RENEWALS

Blue card holders will receive a reminder from the office approximately 2 months before their blue card expires and it is important to complete the renewal process as per the instructions provided by Helen ASAP

Note—Members must not patrol without a valid blue card and Point Danger Branch do not process proficiencies and awards for members 18 years & over without a current blue card.

Notice of lodgement is not accepted anymore
- no valid card, no participation.



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Notice is hereby given of the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

Tweed Heads and Coolangatta SLS Supporters Association Inc.

To be held in the Lounge area of the
T.H. & C. SLSSA
On

Sunday

12th September 2021

9.00am Registration

9.30am Meeting start

Nominations for Committee positions are requested to be in the hands of the
Secretary by 9am Sunday 29th August, 2021

Nomination forms are available from the Reception desk or from Secretary

**Dave Hatfield
Secretary**

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"OLD BOYS" UPDATE



G'day - Chirpy here with the TH&C/SLSC - Old Boys Update

Sadly it seems this COVID challenge is determined to keep the TH&C – SLSC – “Family” - separated on each side of the Qld / NSW Border – frustrating and challenging for all involved especially when it impacts on Family Health and Wellbeing – fingers crossed there are better times ahead – hopefully just around the corner - moving on !

For those of us lucky enough to still have access to our Greenmount Beach let me share that the water is warming up (20 deg C plus) and those still enjoying the daily swim to Cooly are thinking of you all.

The new Surf Lifesaving Season is almost upon us and I am hearing the Nippers have hit the Pools in preparation and I have run into the Boaties after a Surf session this weekend.

EAS - Elite Athlete Squad – we (Old Boys Assoc) were pleased to be approached to help with the Sponsorship of this new Members Venture for TH&C and we wish you well in the coming Season.

August GOB-DOT Luncheon – sadly our Monthly luncheon was firstly deferred then cancelled due to the current circumstances.

Building Project - Stage 3 progress – again sadly -Dave P and Team advise the Building work has been deferred until the new year.

Coming events -

1. **Thurs Sept ?** – O'Boys Monthly Luncheon – deferred until further Notice.
2. **Sat / Sun Oct 30 & 31** – Beach Rugby Weekend at Greenmount – O'Boys BBQ Invitation – Accepted - stay tuned for our Combined Clubs plans and support needs – thanks.
3. **Fri/Sat/Sun Nov 5,6 & 7** – O'Boys “Lost weekend” – i.e. AGM / Reunion Dinner and Bowls weekend - hope to see you there! (only two months to go !)
4. **Fri Dec 10** – Sportsman's Luncheon at the Greenmount Beach Club – lock in the date and stay tuned for more details

Sunday Luncheon Raffle spot – “On the Deck” – we are enjoying reasonable patronage for our Sun Luncheon spot with the Band support – a special thanks to Tony M, Spud and Dave P for keeping the O'Boys Raffle presence during this period.

GOB-DOT Newsletter – Well done again ‘Scribe’ – Bronte Bob – thanks for being the Po'boys News conduit plus in the Chairman Role for our Monthly GOB_DOT Luncheon gatherings ! Remember to keep Chirp, Spud and Bronte Bob in the loop for all O'Boys & Club related matters and general ‘scutter bug’.

Travelling – Dave P was off to Baffle Creek fishing with the lads – B'Bob and Janet off to Boyd's Bay C'van Park in their van for a period, Chirp off to Moreton Is. for a weeks Fishing and enjoyed a great catch of winter whiting – plus I am assuming the Golf Courses are getting a work out both sides of the border at present - have fun and safe travels.

That's all for now – keep safe – “Enjoy” the Beach / Surf when you can – along with a nice cool bevie/meal upstairs after at the GBC.

Happy days

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