



GREENMOUNT GRAPEVINE

Members Newsletter

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Patrolling Greenmount Beach since 1911

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone

Well we have got the season off to somewhat of a start and here's hoping we can grow some momentum from here on.

Thanks very much to all of the patrol members who have again committed to "Keeping Greenmount Safe and Fun" this season.

We have been working through the border challenges but our patrols have been very well attended so thank you very much.

Congratulations to our training team who have also been getting on with life with our first round of proficiencies complete and 27 members in our current SRC and Bronze course.

Nippers have enjoyed a couple of unofficial fun days in Qld and we are returning to full training in NSW for our members this week also.

Hopefully we remain free of lockdowns and can continue with our Nipper training.

We have also been busy around the club and thanks goes to Vaughn for managing the process of the new office fit out and member entrance to the change rooms and gym. Thanks also to the usual suspects who have volunteered time to help with works in the training room and around the club.

For all of our Youth members we are getting started with our Yips program so please keep an eye out for info on this coming up.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you on the beach.

David Fuller
President
THC Surf Club



This years Lifesaver appeal will run from Saturday October 9 to Sunday October 17.

We have created easy donation points on our Club website home page and all club facebook pages which can be shared with your family and friends, it is very easy and all funds come back to our club.

We encourage all members to get behind the program below is a link to the donation page.

[Tweed Heads & Coolangatta SLSC • Queensland Lifesavers Appeal \(raisely.com\)](https://www.raisely.com/australia/queensland-lifesavers-appeal)





Surf Life Saving Report

Hello all

Welcome back to patrols.

We have had our first proficiency which went well with about 30 odd turning up to get it done.

We also had the old boys turn up to cook a BBQ for everyone doing proficiency, thanks for that boys.

Our first patrols for the season went ahead without any dramas which is always good.

Thanks to those lucky patrol members who got to kick us off!

I would like to add that we had the Surf Life-saving Excellence award given to four of our members for their courageous efforts in assisting in a fatal shark attack.

TH&C would like to thank Geoff Carlin , Jason Barker, Iain Rogers and Kane Haley for their efforts.

Just a few points to add.....

We have some kids doing their Bronze and SRC under the watchful eye of Bobby Walters and Amanda Higgerson which is going very well.

Amanda has just joined our training team and comes with a long and prestigious career in lifesaving and teaching. We are very lucky to have her join our team! Welcome Amanda!

Can I please invite all Patrol Captains and or Vice Captains to come to a meeting Sunday 10 October at 10.30 at the club, please message me or let the club know if you can attend. Thank you!

Just a friendly reminder to please avoid using the training room as a locker room or a place to hang out. The training room is for training only and unfortunately is not a space designed as a common room, thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

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FROM THE IRB AND TRAINING ROOMS



Hello everyone, Grapevine time again. Boy does time fly.

Well, we got our first Skills Maintenance through in September with about 30 members turning up. Everyone did well, completing the on line theory and practical assessment without difficulty. Our next day is scheduled for 17th October and is a Sunday. Start time is 8am and all certificates of completion for the on line theory must be submitted to the office before, or on the day. If this is not done you will not be permitted to progress.

We commenced our annual School Holiday Bronze/SRC course on the 25th September with 22 candidates signing up, 4 of which are guests from North Burleigh. We were extremely fortunate to have the services of a new trainer/assessor to our team, Amanda Higgerson. Amanda is a relatively new member, transferred from down south but has a wealth of Surf Life Saving knowledge and teaching experience to bring to the training team. Welcome Amanda.

Amanda and I are managing this course as Chris Van Dorn suddenly became unavailable due to work. We were at first concerned about providing adequate water safety. This concern went away with Club Members Darren Free, Hugh and Chuck Norris, Amy Hickling and Ruby Sullivan volunteering to perform the task through the week. We are very grateful to them as the course could not have proceeded without them. Thanks guys.

This training group, once again, are polite, respectful, attentive and fun. They are a real pleasure to train and are a real credit to their parents. This also includes the two boys and two girls from North Burleigh.

Assessment for this group is on Friday 1/10.

The training team are considering running another intense Bronze/SRC course in the December school holidays should there be enough interest. If interested please register with the office so as we can plan for it.

Our training room and storage has recently been transformed with upgraded storage cupboards. The training room is also being fitted with a sliding room divider so that the room can be divided into two self contained training facilities.

Big thank you to the Board of Management for the upgrade and your physical efforts in its transformation, especially Dave and Vaughan.

IRB STUFF.

All boats and motors started the season well, however motor No2 failed last week with a faulty kill switch.

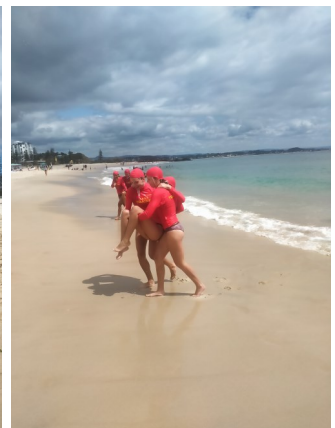
This is a common problem with Mercury Outboards using cheap kill Switches that let water in, resulting in them rusting up and failing. Should this happen when in use and you want to stop the motor, simply pull the choke lever right out while the engine is idling and the motor will stop. I have spare kill Switches in stock and will do a change over.

The new Zodiac boat seems to be going ok and we are still waiting for our replacement ThunderCat. Has been a long wait.

We have an IRB Driver/Crew course commencing on the 23rd October. Please register your interest with the office as soon as possible so we can put it together.

That's all for now, stay safe and will see you around the Club.

Rob Walters
CTO/IRB CAPTAIN





SURF SPORTS

The current lockdown and border issues are still causing uncertainty in regards to carnivals with National events like the "Coolangatta Gold" " and the "Australian Pool Rescue Titles" rescheduled.

We do have a couple of carnivals on the calendar for October but unfortunately only members who reside in Queensland will be able to enter at this stage.

If you would like to attend any of the following carnivals, please let myself or the office know before the closing date:-

16th October— Qld Beach Series Round 1
Mooloolaba—U/11—Opens
Closing date—11th October

31st October—PDB Masters Carnival
Palm Beach
Closing date—18th October

Jason's strength and conditioning sessions are still going ahead for Queensland members Tuesdays at 5pm and Thursdays 5.30pm in the training room.

Due to current border restrictions, unfortunately senior board training has had to be cancelled until further notice. Another cancellation is the Australian Pool Rescue championships.



A reminder that Daylight Savings commences in NSW this weekend. As a Queensland club all times mentioned are Queensland time.

Rod Jones

NIPPERS

After a crazy couple of months dodging lockdowns and changing border requirements, we finally got the Nippers programme off to a start last month.

The first couple of Sundays on our beach have been really promising, with decent numbers and very enthusiastic families enjoying the conditions we've been blessed with.

We haven't yet been able to get a formal Sunday programme up and running for our NSW families due to the restraints, but we'll have this established as soon as we are allowed. In the meantime we're offering extended coaching on Sunday mornings for our keen U8+ NSW crew.

Training has been fantastic with great numbers turning up on both sides of the border. The boat harbour sessions are a week by week proposition as the rules change, but that hasn't stopped the good attendance when we've been on. A big thanks to Jason, Callum and Kane for their flexibility as we try to stay on top of the changes each week.

It looks like we'll be needing to run dual location Sundays and training sessions for some time yet.

This takes quite some planning and support to ensure we can get all of our kids in the water,

so we'd appreciate anyone willing to help us out on either side of the border - especially on Sundays.

All active members can give us a hand with things like water safety. If you can assist, please see the office or just turn up on Sunday mornings – 8am.

Finally, a big thanks to all families for bearing with us as the plans change each week.

To stay on top of the latest news and schedules, keep watching out for our @thcnippers Facebook posts. We'll also keep Team App updated with major announcements, and you can keep up with the visual action on Instagram - @thcnippers.

Iain Rogers



YIPS REPORT



Attention all 13-19 year old members of TH&C.

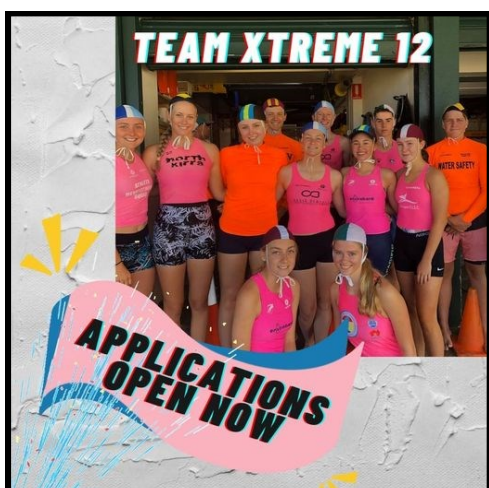
We have a special program of fun activities, awards and activities designed for you and your TH&C friends. We are encouraging all members aged from 13-19 to become involved, many of the activities are tailored towards 15-19 years but there will be still great reasons to join us if you are 13 or 14.

Please come to an information session in the training room this Sunday (3rd October) after Nippers finishes at 10am, parents are especially invited to join us. I will take you through our planned activities and explain how it all works.

I will also give you information about another program that you can also become involved in, it's called Team Xtreme. Between these two sets of activities you will have serious fun, challenge yourself and enjoy times with your friends. Past activities have included Bounce, Beach Footy, IRB Crewing, First Aid Course, Pizza nights and Leadership Camps. What have we got planned for this season?

Please come along, get to know other members and see what we have planned! See you there.

Andrew Sinclair
Yips Coordinator



YIPS INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday

3rd of October

10am

(after Nippers)



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>



"OLD BOYS" UPDATE



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

Good news – our Patrolling Season kicked off as planned on Sat Sept 18 along with the parallel Proficiency session.

Great to see our Beach officially Open for the new Surfing Season plus good Patrol numbers to kick off the New Season – well done to All involved as there has been (and will continue to be - sadly – some on-going challenges with COVID and the Management of same by those running our respective States.)

Proficiency – I am sure Jy and Team will be happy with the numbers who attended this role up which was well executed and completed early !

O'Boys – BBQ – We ran a Sausage Sizzle for all Members who attended both the Proficiency plus Patrol and others helping out on the day – “Thanks” to Hick, Dave P, Shane, Spud, Chirp – and Kev S for attending and feeding all those involved.

For those of us lucky enough to swim Greenmount Beach last week 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.

What a difference a day makes – last Friday / Saturday we had howling Northerlies then Sunday – the wind changed to a gentle SE breeze and the ocean was - calm as - for those there to enjoy

Great to see the Boaties out last weekend and Steve M tells me there are now 5 Crews in training with help from fellow Sweeps – Stumpy and Sully – go Boaties !

Also the Surf Club training schedule is now ramping up so lots happening now the Season is underway.

TH&C – Patrol – “UBER Eats” – just when you thought you had seen it all I was witness to a New Service on Greenmount Beach introduced last Sunday by President David F – Uber Eats delivery to our patrol folk at their Beach Patrol station courtesy of El Presidento - David F himself – well done !

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

However – how good does the new Surf Cub entrance and revamped Office areas look now these are nearing completion - well done !

Let me also give Dave P a plug for “hanging in there” as we complete the formal ‘hand over’ of the new garden area - planted during COVID – back to the GCCC – (lots of little challenges huh) you need a Medal I reckon !!

September GOB-DOT luncheon – sadly our Monthly Luncheon was again cancelled due to the current circumstances (but there was a gathering on the Thurs evening to both catch up and support the GBC.

Coming events (hopefully) -

1. **Thurs Oct 7** – O'Boys Monthly Luncheon – awaiting 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” – ie AGM / Reunion Dinner and Bowls weekend - hope to see you there! (only one month plus to go !)
4. **Fri Dec 10** – Sportman'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.

TH&C - SLS – Supporters Assoc Ltd – AGM September 12, 2021 – the AGM was held at GBC earlier this month and what a wonderful result they tabled for the past year.

Stand up and be recognized – President Pete (Ryno) Ryan and his Exec plus GBC – GM – Marty D and his Team upstairs – just terrific to see our Club in such a strong financial position with all that has happened in the past 12 months.

Let's All remember to Support our Greenmount Beach Club upstairs as this is the financial Engine room for our Surf Club .

GOB-DOT Newsletter – Well done again ‘Scribe’ – Bronte Bob – thanks for being the O'Boys News conduit plus in the Chairman Role for our Monthly GOB_DOT Luncheon gatherings (when resumed!)



Remember to keep Chirp, Spud and Bronte Bob in the loop for all O'Boys & Club related matters and general 'scutter bug'.

Travelling – Big D - Fishing in the Tweed River, Col S still getting in a game of Golf at the Tweed – as is Tony M on the Qld side, B'Bob out walking (Tweed side) - have fun All and safe activities / travels.

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

Happy days

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REMINDER **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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IMPORTANT

WORKING WITH CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

Surf Life Saving Queensland is committed to the safety of children and young people in our association.

To this end, there are some changes to the required training for members who hold Blue Cards and participate in any of the following activities.

Committee Members
Junior Activities Chairperson and Committee Members
Junior Activities Team Managers
Junior Activities Assistant Team Managers
Junior Activities Chaperones
Age Managers and Assistant Age Managers
Junior Activities Coaches
Junior Activities Assistant Coaches
Cadet / Youth Officers
Chief Training Officer and Training Officers
Assessors
Patrol Captains
Patrol Members
Coaches
Assistant Coaches
Chaperones
Senior Team Managers
Officials
Water Safety Personnel (including IRB Crew)
Photographers
Peer Support Officers
All leaders, instructors and chaperones involved in a “live□in” situation
Administrators
Caretakers (including Live□in)
Grievance Officers/Complaint Officers/MPIO's
Nipper Adult Assistants

Please see the following “Working with Children – Training requirements for Members” instructions to complete the online training.

Please note the required date for completion is the **31st of October 2021**.

We have been advised by SLSA that they have changed the name of the Child Safe-guarding Course and it is now called Child Safe Awareness.

Those who completed the Surfguarding Award have had their award name changed to Child Safe Awareness (as such they don't have to redo the award).

Please let Helen in the office know if you have any questions.



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

WORKING WITH CHILDREN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS

SURF LIFE SAVING
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MEMBERSHIP

Join/renew your membership through the [SLSA Member Area](#) or your club.
Make sure you have an on line account for the members Area

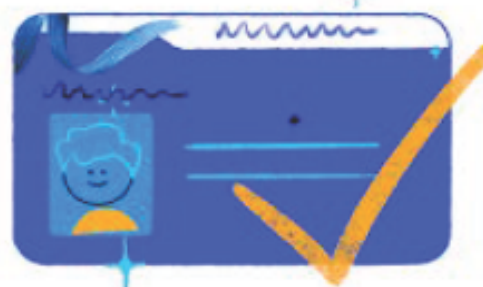


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WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (BLUE CARD)

If you are over 18 and in any of the listed positions within your club - you **MUST** hold a current Working With Children Check (Blue Card) -

Refer to SLSQ Policy MSO6 [CLICK HERE](#)



THREE

SLSQ CYRMS INDUCTION

Go to the Members Area

1. Select E-Learning
2. Select Training Library
3. Select 'SLSQ CYRMs',

Upon completion - this will be recorded on your members details

**CYRMS INDUCTION
DUE DATE
31 OCTOBER 2021**

FOUR

SLS CHILDREN SAFE AWARENESS COURSE

Go to the Members Area

1. Select E-Learning
2. Select Training Library
3. Select 'SLS Safety & Wellbeing'
4. Select 'SLS Child Safe Awareness' course

Upon completion this will be recorded on your members details

**SLSA CHILD SAFE
DUE DATE
31 OCTOBER 2021**

FIVE

FREQUENCY

All members with blue cards **MUST** complete both courses in the 21/22 season.

Training to be redone for both courses when you apply for a Blue Card renewal

WHY

WHY ARE WE DOING TWO COURSES ? .

SLSQ prioritises the safety of children and young people. Both courses are required to meet state legislation under the Working With Children Risk Management and Screening Act 2000



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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li, Ugg Express, The Healthy Mummy, Naked
Wines, The Iconic,



CLUB NOTICEBOARD

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **IRB DRIVER AND CREW COURSES**

Proposed commencing date— Saturday the 23rd of October 2021

Sessions every Saturday and Sunday

IRB Crew prerequisites - minimum 15 yrs of age & hold current Bronze Medallion

IRB Driver prerequisites - minimum 17 yrs of age & hold current Bronze Medallion & IRB Crew

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

2021/2022 PROFICIENCY DATES **8.00AM**

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.

PATROL CAPTAIN'S **AND VICE CAPTAIN'S** **MEETING**



SUNDAY
10TH OCTOBER
10.30AM



CLUB TRAINING ROOM

QUEENSLAND **BEACH SERIES**

Rd 1—16th October 2021
Mooloolaba

Entries close 11th October

Rd 2 —18th December 2021
Kurrawa

Rd 3—8th January 2022
Mooloolaba

OCEANS 38 **WATER EVENTS**

Rd 1—20th November 2021
Tugun

Entries close 11th October

Rd 2 —4th December 2021
Tallebudgera

Rd 3—8th January 2022
Bilinga

POINT DANGER BRANCH **MASTERS CARNIVAL**

31st October 2021
Palm Beach
Entries close 18th October

AUSTRALIAN POOL RESCUE **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre
3rd—5th December 2021
U/12—75+



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