



# GREENMOUNT GRAPEVINE

## Members Newsletter

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Patrolling Greenmount Beach since 1911

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all members and I hope you had a great Christmas break.

Do I dare to say it but here's hoping for a much better year than what we have all been living of late.

I hope too that you are all remaining safe during a time where we have all most likely been exposed to Covid in one way or another.

2022 promises to be a good year now that we are all together back at Greenmount. We still have pretty much all of our carnival season to look forward to and our extended Nippers through till the end of April.

Thanks to all of our patrolling members who have been getting the job done particularly those who went over and above during the Christmas period.

I may have been a bit emotive when I emailed out re reporting your vaccination status to the club. You will not be burned on a stake or have your membership cancelled, you will remain a member of the club but will be unable to attend the surf club or participate in any club run activities including patrol.

I am talking about members over the age of 16 needing to be double vaccinated by the end of March to meet the mandate of SLSQ.

This will also affect any Nipper parents who joined with their child. If the adult member of a Nipper child is not double vaccinated the Nipper child or children will be unable to attend after 31st of March due to our policy of always having one parent member in attendance.

Please assist the club by getting your vaccination status in to the office well before March if possible.

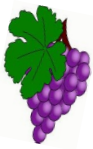
I assure you enforcing this is not a job that the club will enjoy but under the current rules we are required to do so. At the current rate of change in policy this may change by March.

Please embrace and get involved in the second half of the season at the club as we look forward to a great finish to the year.

I look forward to seeing you on the beach.

David Fuller  
President  
TH&C





# FROM THE IRB AND TRAINING ROOMS

Hello everyone and welcome to the first Training/IRB report for 2022. We were hoping for an improvement in things for this year, however with so many people catching COVID and having to isolate, it is having a major effect on patrol attendance amongst many other things, so we will just have to battle on through it and do the best we can.

Fortunately the training team had no training courses scheduled during January so we have not been effected yet. Our first training course for the year will be an IRB Driver/Crew course, commencing on Saturday 5/2/22, then every Saturday and Sunday until assessment day on the 12th March. Start time 8am to 1pm.

As usual, our courses appear long, however this ensures that trainees experience as much boat time as possible and in various sea and weather conditions. Craft experience is the most important part of the course, both for your safety and that of the crew and we have a wealth of very experienced Trainers to get you through. So if interested please register at the office. Trainee drivers must have a marine licence so as to train. The club will reimburse trainees for the cost of the training (not the Jet Ski component) provided they commit to doing Patrols. Candidates must pay for the licence (least costly part).

Please contact the office for details on how to obtain a marine licence if unsure.

These courses are lots of fun so register and have a go.

We have not scheduled any other training courses at the moment, we will set a Calendar when we see how things develop.

Just recently, club member and Paramedic Garth McMillan posted an informative video on the operation of the "Halo Oxygen Cylinder" hope everyone got the idea as to the changes in this unit compared to the old Oxygen Tanks.

Points to remember, only proficient ART (advanced resuscitation techniques) members are permitted to use Oxygen Equipment now. This module was removed from the SRC and Bronze courses, who were at one time permitted to apply oxygen therapy only

Also, for those applying Oxygen for any reason, this has to be reported to Surfcom and an ambulance requested.

The patient may refuse ambulance treatment or transport, however we still have to activate this sequence of events.

This is SLSQ regulations

Speaking of Ambulance, trying to get one to attend an emergency on patrol is like winning lotto at the moment.

My last Patrol required QAS attendance, but due to the delay we overcome the problem and subsequently cancelled the ambulance. Very worrying.

IRB STUFF.

Not much to report here. Having a few problems with the butterfly choke valve seizing up due to the humidity and the occasional flooding but nothing else has been reported.

All craft are operational, with 5 boats to choose from along with 4 motors.

Drivers/Crew, get out in the craft and continue to develop your skills, you never know when you might be tested

That's all for now.

Stay safe and healthy.

Rob Walters

CTO/IRB CAPTAIN.



# SURF SPORTS



I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and that most of you managed to avoid the influx of the covid virus

The majority of this seasons senior carnivals are be held over the next few months, please check the Grapevine and Facebook for carnival dates, venues and entry closing dates.

The first of our State Championships starts off this weekend with the Boardriding Titles to be held in Coolum. Best of luck to Lily, Noah, Luka and Isaac!

The Point Danger Branch Senior Championships are to be held on our beach in February, with the beach events to be conducted on Friday the 18th of February late afternoon / evening and the water events Saturday the 19th.

We will need help with set up and pack up for this event; please let the office, Leah or myself know if you are available.

The State Senior and Masters Titles will be held from the 4th to the 6th of March at Alexandra Headland. We really need to know ASAP who intends on attending as we might have to supply water safety depending on numbers. Please let myself or the office know if you will be competing.

The Australian Championships will be contested on the Gold Coast the first week in April; commencing with the Youth, followed by the Masters and then the Opens.

Senior Club Championships will be held after the Aussies and we will advertise the date as soon as it has been confirmed.

Special mention to Mariah Jones on taking out the Open Women's Champion Lifesaver event at the Point Danger Branch Surf Rescue Championships last weekend, well done Mariah!

Rod Jones

## Boardriders Report



Happy New Year everyone!

Well what a start to the year for waves, probably the best I can remember with two cyclone swells to start what will hopefully be a better year for the club and everybody in general.

We have State Titles being contested this weekend in Coolum, with a heavily stacked Sunshine Coast field, we have Lilly & Noah McClure, Luka Haley & Issac Rogers making the trip to represent TH&C. There will be a 2 - 2.5 m SE arriving in the coming days which should produce some reasonable contestable conditions, so good luck team and compete for the Club with pride!

The Aussie titles will be contested in early April here on the Gold Coast, so please can everyone capable of competing put some plans into place to have a day or two available from roughly Monday through to Thursday in the first week of April, being here on the Coast I would hope that we can enter a strong team and keep the passion and culture of boardriding at TH&C moving in the right direction.

We have seen a significant spike in boardriding members and competition entries in recent years, so I would love to keep the momentum going.

With so many boards in the boardriding shed, I would ask that those using that facility spend some time in the water in the coming months and get prepared to compete for the club in April.

I will be contacting all key holders soon to initiate this discussion. I have no doubt that if we have even half of our boardriding members compete we could take out state/Aussie overall point scores just through sheer weight of numbers, so let's get behind the best club in the country and represent with pride.

See you all at the club, and again good luck at state titles Luka, Lilly, Isaac & Noah!!

Let's go TH&C!!

Kane Haley





# BOATIES REPORT

We have been in constant training and had a few well attended carnivals, some flat and some with a good heavy wave. Plus some wave action in cyclone Seth by the Reserve grade crew and carnival cancellations. We are now building for State and Australian Titles.

## Carnival Summary

Noosa Youth 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 –

Two crews attended.

- Young Guns – Hugh, Eoin, Preston with Connor Davidson filling in.
- Guppies – Isaac, Jordy, Chuck, Luca

A good fun day of racing the first carnival for the Guppies and New Sweep Jonathon.

Finished off with a mixed race. Our two crew combined with female crews from Surfers Paradise and Burleigh Heads.

Qld Cup Round 1 – Noosa 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021.

One Crew attended

- Young Guns – Hugh, Eoin, Preston with Connor Davidson and Chuck Norris filling in. Missed the final by 1 point.

Mermaid Beach – Navy Round 1 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Good fun wave.

Four Crews attended

- Young Guns - 3 great rounds, (1<sup>st</sup>, 1st and 4th, to make the final.) Well positioned in the final sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> as we entered the wave zone, but a slew pushed us to 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Stumpinators - 3 great rounds, (2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> to make the final.) Finished 4<sup>th</sup>. Molly, Michaela, Ella, Bridie.
- Masters (mixed crew) – Jonathon, Stephen, Christian, Garry
- Guppies had to withdraw due to conditions.

Tugun beach – Navy Round 2 12 Dec

Greeted by a solid 4ft wave.

Three crew attended

- Young Guns 3 solid races, (3<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>rd</sup>) missed the final on a countback. Hugh, Eoin, Preston with Clayton Schilg filling in.
- Reserve Lazy Yaks, had some good racing, but did not get enough points to progress. Todd, James, Aaron, Jonathon.
- Guppies had a warm up and one race, but again had to withdraw due to conditions.

Navy Round 3 – cancelled 8th Jan 2022, due to remnants of cyclone Seth and beach erosion.

Have a few more carnivals to go, possibly Evans Head on the 12th Feb, and State 4-6<sup>th</sup> March, Alexandria Headlands, Sunshine Coast and Australian Titles. 4-10 April, Broadbeach. So 7 more weeks of training.

Thanks also to Grand Motors Toyota for contribution to a new set of rowing oars for our main competition boat, also thanks to the TH&C Old boys for a new set of rowlocks.

See you on the beach soon.  
Stephen.



# NIPPERS



Just as we thought no more could be thrown at us, our season was disrupted again last week with the tsunami warning. Nothing can perturb us now!

We're at the business end of our Nipper season, with our major youth championships only weeks away. If you are wishing to attend either Branch or State champs and haven't yet confirmed that with your age manager, please do so this week.

Our beach and water training sessions are now focussing on the upcoming competitions. The numbers attending training have been great, and we expect competitors to attend all sessions from this point so we can hone our skills and organise our relay teams. The latest training schedules and information can always be found on our Nipper parents and guardians Facebook page - [TH&C 2021/22](#)

We finished last calendar year with a great celebration at our last Nipper Sunday before Christmas. Getting all families together for the first time and finally having the opportunity to thank our major sponsor had been a long but worthwhile wait. As usual a huge thanks goes out to the Old Boys for their assistance – without their support these events just wouldn't be happening for us.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone back from holidays over the next few Sundays. We're clearly going to be juggling our health concerns for a while yet, so whilst we'd love to see everyone in attendance, we'd love even more for you to take the week off if you're feeling less than 100%. Many other clubs haven't been able to get Nippers going yet this year due to the spread of illness across their members and families. We've avoided this due to everyone's consideration for others and are super keen that this continues.

Stay safe and see you on Sunday.

Iain Rogers

## BEACH SERIES ROUND 3 Maroochydore SLSC 8th January 2022

### U/14 Female Beach Flags

1st—Indiana Crawford

2nd—Ruby Power

### U/14 Female Beach Sprint

1st—Ruby Power

2nd—Indiana Crawford

An awesome achievement by Indy and Ruby under terrible weather conditions with little or no sand left due to the recent cyclone. It was a very long day as only the sprints could be run first up, the sprint track was then ripped up to lay down flag arena's. Well done girls!

After a very disappointing start to the Beach Series where our members could not cross the border to contest round one, TH&C finished 6th overall in the Series, a fantastic effort from our dedicated beach competitors, Congratulations !!! Thank you to everyone who supported our competitors during the series.



A big thank you to Treena Wright for officiating for TH&C at the beach Series.

We would not have been able to compete without you!







## **GRILL'D TWEED CITY**

Grill'd Tweed City are supporting  
Tweed Heads Coolangatta SLSC Nippers.

Funds raised in store during January  
will be donated to our club!

If you attend their store, mention you saw  
the add on the TH&C facebook Page



Thank you to Grill'd  
for their continued support



## **Important Dates**

**05/02/22 & 06/02/22: U11-U14 Point  
Danger Branch Titles @ Nth Kirra**

**20/02/22: U8-U10 Point Danger Branch  
Titles @ Greenmount**

**24/02/22 to 27/02/22: U11-U15 QLD  
Youth Titles @ Alex Headlands**

**20/03/22: Last Nippers for Season**

**27/03/22: Nippers Awards/Break-Up**

**02/04/22 to 10/04/22: Aussie Titles**



# CLUB NOTICEBOARD



## **BRUNSWICK MASTERS CARNIVAL**

12th February 2022  
Yamba

*Please contact the office ASAP to arrange a clearance if you would like to attend this carnival. As it is an interstate carnival, clearance requests are to be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the event.*

## **POINT DANGER BRANCH**

### **SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

TH&C SLSC

18th February 2022 afternoon/evening  
beach events

19th February 2022  
water events

Individual Age Categories  
U/15, U/17, Open, 30-44 yrs & 45yrs+

Age Categories For Team Events  
U/15, U/17, Open  
& Masters (30yrs and over)

*Entries closing 7th February 2022*

## **QUEENSLAND STATE**

### **SENIOR & MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Alexandra Headland SLSC

4th—6th March 2022

U/17s to 70+

*Entries closing 11th February 2022*

## **AUSTRALIAN TITLES**

### **YOUTH**

North Kirra  
2nd & 3rd April 2022

### **MASTERS & SENIORS**

Broadbeach & Kurrawa  
4th—10th April 2022

*Further information  
TBA once received*

## **IRB DRIVER AND IRB CREW COURSES**

Commencing the 5th of February 2022  
with sessions every Saturday and Sunday 8am—1pm  
until the assessments on the 12th of March 2022

IRB Crew prerequisites—Current Bronze Medallion  
IRB Driver prerequisites—Minimum 17 years of age, current Bronze Medallion, IRBC  
and Marine licence.

## **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>





# Aussie Day **FAMILY FUN DAY**

**AT TH&C**

**WED 26 JAN  
9-11 QLD**

**'BEST DRESSED' AUSSIE THEME  
GAMES  
SAND BUILDING COMPETITION  
PRIZES  
LAMINGTONS**

**EVERYBODY  
WELCOME**

## **Australia Day @ TH&C!**

Come along dressed in your best Aussie Themed outfit and be prepared for the inaugural Greenmount Aussie Beach Bash. Come prepared to build an Australian Themed Sand Castle, play toss the thong, float around on Inflated Thongs and share some lamingtons.

9-11:00 Q time, group photo planned for 10:00am

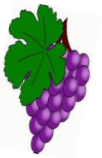
All Club members and families are welcome.

***Please note - this is not a surf lifesaving event  
and therefore not covered under the Club's insurance***





# "OLD BOYS" UPDATE



G'day & Happy New Year to all - Chirpy here with the TH&C/SLSC - Old Boys Update

Welcome to our New Year along with the necessary adjustments to accommodate the Covid needs so life can start to get back to our new "normal" – wish us all luck huh !

How good was it to see those border crossing Check stations removed last weekend – a step forward to the new normal for our Twin Towns communities and Queensland - we trust !

Daily Swims - we had ideal Beach and Ocean conditions in December especially for those of us who enjoy the morning swim to Kirra groyne - with two days where we were able to swim around into Kirra beach – just beaut !

Huey provided some Big Surf in January and lots of folk were able to enjoy these special conditions with Greenmount being one of the few Gold Coast Beaches open on one occasion.

Patrol Captain Norm M featuring in a rescue of a Surfer on the Tweed Bar on one of those Big Days in the IRB along with Crewman -Jimmy Small – safely delivering the Surfer into the Tweed Boat Harbour.

Then another similar Rescue event in the IRB out beyond the Shark Nets to collect two Jet Ski drivers and a Surfer – delivering all back to Coolangatta Patrol on that occasion. Norm had an able Crewman - Eion Davidson - on that occasion – so well done to the "Seniors" on Patrol plus young gun - Eion D !

Good to see the better Surf conditions return and being enjoyed by our Nippers for both Training on Saturdays plus their Sunday regular sessions ( Branch Championships are just around the corner ! )

Let's also not forget the Boaties who have a number of crews out early enjoying the Surf and swells off Greenmount point – although it is reliably reported there might have been one roll over – wonder who was Sweeping ??

**December GOB-DOT luncheon** – sadly our Monthly Luncheon was again cancelled due to the current circumstances – stay tuned as we are keen to kick off again – February is looking good !

## Coming events -

1. **Friday night drinks – GBC** – please join us now the Border is open for our Friday night drinks and raffles session upstairs at the Bar !
2. **Thurs Feb 4** – our first O'Boys & Partners Monthly Luncheon date for 2022 to reinstate this monthly get together.
3. **Nov Fri/Sat/Sun Nov 5,6 & 7 - 2021 – ( Deferred to new Year – dates TBA ! )**  
- O'Boys "Lost weekend" – ie AGM / Reunion weekend !

**Sunday Luncheon Raffle spot – "On the Deck"** – we are seeing improved patronage for our Sun Luncheon spot with the Band support – a special thanks to Tony M, Spud, Dave P and Pete H for keeping the O'Boys Raffle presence during the Xmas / New Year period.( Now the borders are open we will be chasing an expanded Raffle Roster please ! )

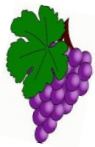
**Greenmount Beach Club** – The Club has been doing a lot better over Xmas / New Year but were in trouble with key staff due to Covid. Marty D put the call out and the O'Boys have been helping out with glass collection, Washing and Table clearing duties.

A number of available O'Boys responded with a big shout out in particular to the 3 Tony's ( Tony – 'Bubbles' – Dunn, Tony - 'Spud' – Hillery and Tony Marshall for some big sessions upstairs – and not forgetting our two Stalwarts in the Greenmount Cellars – Kenny Carpets and Mick Bell for their ongoing continuous effort with the Cellar / Keg Duties – now into year 12 of doing same – bloody well done Gents !

Let's all remember to Support our Greenmount Beach Club upstairs as this is the financial Engine room for our Surf Club. These folk are working hard in difficult conditions right now so please do call in for a Beer / chat and a Feed. ( Keep smiling Marty D and Team GBC. )

**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'.



**Not doing so well** – just wanted to advise most of our folk on the Sick / injured list are on the improve – Flo Harris – broken wrist, Bill Caitlin – now home and on the mend, Errol Wright – recovering after his ride on mower ‘roll over’ and brief Hospital stay, plus Owen Outram in John Flynn Re-hab and slowly on the improve – we are sending our best and wishing all good health for this 2022 Year !

**Travelling** – with the borders opening Norm and Carmel are getting their rig ready for a Melb / Tassy trip for a few months – plus I am sure this will now encourage lots of other folk to venture out to see our amazing Aussie Country side.

**Blast from the past** - Good to catch up with ‘Dover’ ( Greg Dovey ) recently outside the Club and see he is enjoying life locally back on the Coast.

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

Happy days

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