



NEWSLETTER

6th January 2012

Happy New Year.....!

We would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy and Healthy 2012 and hope you all had an awesome Christmas, hopefully you all were able to spend some valuable time with your loved ones and indulged in a little Christmas cheer!



December Member of the Month

Congratulations to **Kyle McKirdy of Shelly Beach SLSC** who is the December winner. Kyle is Club Captain and despite undergoing shoulder surgery has played an integral part in getting their new club up and operational for the season along with providing continuous support to everyone involved in the club. Thank you Kyle for your great attitude and for the fantastic assistance you provide – keep up the great work!

Member of the Month is a new initiative where we would like to recognise the various roles club members take on in the day to day running of a Surf Club. Any club member can be nominated -whether it's the person who runs your weekly BBQ, sets your beach up for nippers, organises your social events etc. We want to know about the special people in your club so we can reward and recognise their efforts each month. Please forward nominations or questions to Mel Ives at office@slscc.com.au or 4353 0299.

December Rookie of the Month

Wow! What a challenge it has been to decide on a single winner for our first Rookie of the Month award but big Congratulations goes to **Damon Burrow of Wamberal SLSC** our first winner. Damon not only participated in our Tuggerah Lakes Mardi Gras Parade, but was an absolute super star when it came to selling Ducks for Bucks tickets. On the day we had quite a number of Rookies assist us and even into evening. Damon's amazing attitude and enthusiasm saw him sell a huge amount of tickets and then amazingly still have enough energy to hang around and assist in the water for the Ducks for Bucks race. Well Done Damon! A High Commendation will also be awarded to recognise the great efforts of another two special Rookies this Month – **Shania Tucker and Emma Brady of Ocean Beach SLSC**. Shania and Emma provided fantastic assistance in the parade, selling tickets and in the Ducks for Bucks race – Thank you and Congratulations girls! All prizes for these awards will be presented at the Rookie Challenge – Terrigal Beach Saturday 14th January 2012.

Rookie of the Month is an initiative in which SLSCC would like to recognise and reward outstanding Rookies in your Club. If there is a special Rookie you would like to see recognised for outstanding contribution in any form please forward your nomination to your club's Rookie Coordinator. Nominations must then be submitted to Mel Ives at office@slscc.com.au. A winner will be selected each month who will then receive a great prize.

Rookie Challenge

The Annual Rookie Challenge will be held at Terrigal Beach on Saturday 14th January at 2.00pm. Come along and watch our rookies in action. Also please remember entries close on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 5.00pm.



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Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Congratulations to all the nominees in this year's Newcastle Permanent Junior Lifesaver of the Year 2012. Each candidate is required to complete a series of practical and theory tests and then undergo a panel interview. Each candidate has represented their respective clubs with great enthusiasm and pride and we wish all candidates the very best. The winners will be announced at The Rookie Challenge Saturday 14th January 2012 Terrigal Beach at 2.00pm.

Call for SurfCom Operators

Ever wondered what it's like on the other end of the radio? Applications are open for interested members who are wishing to be a SurfCom operator for 2011/12. Being an operator is a fantastic opportunity to further your skills within Surf Life Saving. You don't need to be a fit bronzed Aussie to become an operator, as long as you are available for 4-6 hours every three weeks then we want you! If you are up for the challenge please contact Jake McDonald on either 4353 0299 or support@slscc.com.au for further information.

Upcoming Events

Terrigal Xbox	Terrigal	7 th Jan
Gardiner Ironperson	Wamberal	8 th Jan
Young Guns	Umina	8 th Jan
Rookie Challenge	Terrigal	14 th Jan
Peters Boats #6	Swansea	14 th Jan
Junior Carnival	Toowoona Bay	15 th Jan
Kellogg's Nutri Grain	Newcastle	22 nd Jan
Interstate - Pool	Homebush	22 nd Jan
Interstate - Ocean	Queenscliff	23 rd Jan

Upcoming Courses

Spinal Management	Sun 15 th Jan
Training Officers Course	Sat 28 th Jan
Spinal Management	Sat 11 th Feb
SM Basic Beach Management	Sat 18 th Feb

Assessors Course

17th & 18th Mar

Ocean Beach SLSC 90th Birthday

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club is celebrating the Club's 90th birthday from 4:00 pm on Friday 27 January 2012 and concluding on Sunday 29 January 2012 at OBSLSC club house. The celebrations kick off from 4:00 pm on Friday 27 January. Bar open and barbeque available. 12 noon on Saturday, 28 January: Buffet lunch, which will include formal presentations Evening of Saturday, 28 January: Gourmet finger foods and live music on the terrace. Sunday 29 January will see club members, past and present, take part in Sunday morning events with brekkie to follow. Bookings are required for Saturday, 28 January 2012. \$30/pp for afternoon and evening or \$15/pp for evening festivities only. For more information or to book tickets please email oceanbeach90years@live.com.au or contact Lynn Smith on 0428 410 696 or check out the club's website: www.oceanbeachslsc.com

Interesting Statistics.....

Now 2012 is upon us, we would like to thank everyone for all the hours, hard work and dedication put in by our members so far this season to protect our beaches. Below are some interesting statistic comparisons

2011/12 Statistics As of 05/01/2012		2010/11 Statistics As of 05/01/2011	
Preventative Actions	17,723	Preventative Actions	11,845
Minor First Aids	789	Minor First Aids	1,124
Major First Aids	79	Major First Aids	50
TOTAL FIRST AID	868	TOTAL FIRST AID	1,174
Rescues	549	Rescues	265
Beaches Open	4,902 hours	Beaches Open	4,200 hours
Patrol Members*	2224	Patrol Members*	Unknown