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# North Curl Curl Chatter

Official Newsletter of the  
North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Surf Club

## Patrols and Surf Sports Going Strong

Hi all,

Firstly, what a pleasing result achieved by our Junior Activities competitors at their State carnival held on the first week end of February. A great result all round and even bettering our 7th place last season. Congratulations to all those who took part, I am sure you all enjoyed the experience and for those who “bagged” medals – well done.

So to the sponsors who continue to back the training programmes, the organisers and officials of the Juniors, the trainers who put in the many hours, the volunteers (many without their own children involved) who officiated at carnivals and of course the parents who were proactive in not only supporting your own kids but all those involved – a very well done!

It has been a mixed season on the weather and surf conditions front and one of the casualties of the environment was the calling off of our planned staging of an Ocean Swim as part of the Global Series Pacific Championships. The event was all dressed up and ready to go on Saturday

25th of February but mother-nature had other ideas. Anyway, we are rescheduled to conduct the swim on Saturday April 22nd – fingers crossed for this time around.

Well, just over half a dozen weekends of patrols and the season is over. As mentioned, it has once again been a mixed season and not much more can be said about the weather and how lousy conditions have generally been but it really is great to see how well our patrol strengths have been maintained despite the weather. A personal big “thank you” to our patrolling members, as without your continued dedication of performing your voluntary patrols surf life-saving would not continue to enjoy its iconic stature and the respect of our fellow Australians.

With respect to our patrolling strengths, it is indeed pleasing to acknowledge the significant influx of our younger members joining our patrolling ranks over the last couple of seasons and in addition achieving additional awards as well as their Surf Rescue Certificates.

Ideally we can maintain the interest of these younger members to continue patrolling in the years to come as the other pressures like sports and education put pressure on their voluntary contributions. I am hopeful we might be seeing a more giving (voluntary) generation in the making?

Finally, as we start to wind out the season let me once again remind all to keep on supporting our wonderful sponsors and not to forget to come along to our Friday and Sunday night socials and enjoy the wonderful fare provided by Andy and Sasha.

Good luck to our Senior competitors in their upcoming Aussie Title endeavours.

.Thanks for your support



Stuart Wye  
Club President



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## Long Time Club Member Honoured by SLSNSW

The Aldridge family has a long history with the North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club, going back many years. **Terry Aldridge** first gained his bronze medal at the club back in mid 60's, and later relocated to the lower north coast in the early 80's, and became a member of the Blackhead SLSC, where he has held the positions of Vice President and President. To this day he has maintained his membership at both clubs, and is still well known amongst the older members of our club, and keeps across the happenings at North Curlly.

Terry has been a Surf Sports Official since 1999, and has officiated at Branch, and SLSNSW Championships, where he has been the Board Riding Referee for a number of years, and has also officiated at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. He has held the position of Director of Surf Sports for the Lower North Coast Branch for the past 11 years.

At this year's SLSNSW State Championships, Terry was awarded Life Membership to SLSNSW, and was presented with his recognition on the final day of the event by SLSNSW President and North Curl Curl Life Member, David Murray.



## Weather Stops Ocean Swim

It was going to be an historic first time event, but the weather gods were not on our side when the club hosted the inaugural **Global Swim Series Pacific Championships**. From first light, the weather conditions looked good and it was all systems go, but conditions soon turned for the worse with a strong southerly blowing in on queue as the course swim cans were being set. Unfortunately it was a case of safety first, and the event was called off by 7:30am....and the weather conditions continued to deteriorate as we pulled down the course setup, justifying the decision

The club has decided to re-schedule the event for April 22nd, and all competitors that were already entered for the first date are automatically entered for this new date. Let's hope the weather gods are on our side this time

A promotional banner for the re-scheduled Pacific Championships. The background is a photograph of a swimmer in a yellow cap and blue watch swimming in the ocean. Overlaid on the image are several text elements: 'RE-SCHEDULED DATE' in white capital letters at the top center; the 'ZOGGS The Fun Swim Co.' logo in blue at the top right; a large circular logo on the left with 'PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS' around the top edge, 'GSS' in the center, and 'GLOBAL SWIM SERIES' at the bottom; and at the bottom, '1.5km and 3.8km Championship Ocean Swims' in large white letters, followed by 'North Curl Curl Beach, Saturday, April 22nd 2017' and the website 'www.globalswimseries.com/gss-pacific-championship/' in smaller white text.

## Training @ NCCSLSC

### Bronze Medallion Training

There are about ten candidates still doing their training as part of our surf club's second Bronze Medallion squad for this season. When their final assessments are completed in March, well over forty candidates would have been successfully trained by our surf club's Bronze Medallion trainers and their assistants this season.

This is a truly remarkable achievement and accolades go to Phil Godbee, Kaitlyn Smith, Ray Merton, Steve "Spider" Atkins, David Jones, Michael Jones, Sophie Douneen and Max Puddicombe. .

### IRB Training

The second IRB Crewperson's Certificate course for this 2016/2017 season yielded nine successful candidates to more than supplement the four successful candidates from the first course before Christmas. Hopefully an IRB Driver's Licence course as well as possibly a third IRB Crew course will be completed before the end of the season.

A huge vote of thanks goes to Spider Atkins, David Young, Ray Merton and the collection of about half a dozen patrol IRB Drivers who have all worked so well together to facilitate this whole IRB Crewperson's Training process Silver Medallion Beach Management Courses

### Silver Medallion Beach Management

Congratulations go to Matt Truman and Duncan Grady who gained this award at the Branch conducted course on Sunday, 19th February, 2017. This now makes six patrol members who have gained patrol captains' status during the course of this season and this augurs well for the future leadership prospects in our surf club's sixteen patrol teams

### Provide (Senior) First Aid Certificate Courses

Our club had a combined total of 44 successful candidates attending the two first aid courses this season and thanks go to Maryanne Troop and Gary Beauchamp from First Aid Plus for facilitating both course so well.

Due to this very large number of successful candidates, our surf club now has over 100 patrolling members (including both Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate patrolling members) with the Provide First Aid Certificate qualification.

### Radio Operator's Certificate Training

18 successful candidates emanated as a result of the 2 course

conducted this season and it is tremendous to see extra awards/interests being made available to our surf club's 13 and 14 year old club members. Thanks go to internal club assessor, Clare Hagon who was the assessor for both of the course conducted, the one before Christmas and the other one in February.

### Catering For Our Youth Through The Education Portfolio

North Curl Curl SLSC should be very pleased with the manner in which our club's Education Portfolio is catering for our surf club's teenage club (patrolling) members, through both the various SLSA courses being made available to our youth and through the training of others participation opportunities being made available to them.

This is confirmed with the number of successful younger club members already having gained or about to gain these respective SLSA awards this season:-

Bronze Medallions: 15 to 19 years— 21 candidates.  
Surf Rescue Certificate:13 & 14 years - 28 candidates.  
IRB Crewpersons Certificates: 15 to 19 years—9 candidates.  
Provide First Aid Certificates : 14 & 15 years—8 candidates.  
Radio Operator's Certificates: 13 & 14 years - 18 candidates.  
Provide Advanced Resuscitation Certificates: 15 to 19 years - 12 candidates.

### Club Trainers' Update

Bronze Medallion Trainer, Kaitlyn Smith (18 years of age) has been given the leadership role in the training of our surf club's second Bronze Medallion squad for this season and has performed very well in this role. It is hoped that Kaitlyn will continue to operate as one of our leading Bronze Medallion Trainers next season and in the seasons to follow.

Furthermore, Sophie Douneen and Max Puddicombe (both 15 years of age) have now become assistant Bronze Medallion Trainers, with the view to becoming full endorsed Bronze Medallion Trainers during next season. Therefore, there is clear evidence that succession planning with respect to incorporating our surf club's youth in awards training is also well underway.

Special thanks go to both the internal club and external course facilitators/trainers who have made all of the above positive outcomes possible and hopefully this excellent trend will continue for the seasons ahead.

Alex Wye

Director of Education



### Curly's Calendar

- > Sat/Sun Mar 25th/26th  
Australian Youth Cham-  
pionships North Kirra
- > Mon/Tues Mar  
27th/28th  
Australian Masters  
Championships  
North Kirra
- > Wed-Sun Mar 29th/ Apr  
2nd Australian Open  
Championships  
North Kirra
- > Sat Apr 1st  
Nippers U8-U14  
Presentation Day
- > Sat Apr 22nd  
North Curl Curl SLSC  
are hosting the  
Global Swim Series  
Pacific Championships
- > For all the latest event  
details, visit the club  
website

## New IRB Christened—Geoff Dyer Honoured

The club recently received delivery of a new IRB, which was funded through our association with the Freshwater Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank. Our club has received significant financial support from the local community bank for a number years, starting with the sponsorship of our 3 Points Challenge event, and also through funding of vital surf rescue equipment. This is the second IRB in the past couple of years that the Bank has funded, helping us to renew our aging fleet of power craft.

The official christening of the boat saw Geoff Dyer honoured, with the IRB bearing his name. Geoff was one of the first IRB crews going back to the early 1980's when they were first introduced. In subsequent years Geoff has been better recognized on the beach helping out as the U6 age manager, a role he has undertaken for the past 26 years, and has only this year "retired" from.



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**Sandra Kleiner**  
Branch Manager

**Freshwater Community Bank®**  
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**NCCSLSC:** Most people don't understand the concept of a Community Bank, can you explain what being a community bank means, and how you differ from "normal" banks?

**FCB:** We are a true **Community Bank®** branch – in the community for the community. Our point of difference is obvious:

Freshwater **Community Bank®** Branch of Bendigo Bank (FCB) returns 80% of our profit back to the community.

Currently, we support approx. 95 clubs / organizations and "not for profit" in our community with funding, sponsorship, grants and donations.

Since opening in 2002 this has amounted to \$2.6 million dollars. Ongoing support from our customers and shareholders enables us to continue this support. **BUT WE NEED MORE.** The more people that bank with us the more we can give back.

**NCCSLSC:** What differentiates your bank products from the products of other "normal" banks?

**FCB:** At FCB we are a full-service bank. We provide all the products and services that the Big 4 banks do. We have competitive rates on all loans, insurance, credit cards etc. We are happy to talk with any potential customers and discuss their banking requirements. FCB is about engaging with our customers and building long term relationships. You will never match the level of service FCB offers to that of the Big 4.

**FCB:** Freshwater Community Bank have supported our surf club as well as some of our neighbouring surf clubs for some time now. How many years have you supported North Curl Curl SLSC, and what drives the bank's desire for the continuing support of surf lifesaving clubs?

**FCB:** Surf Life Saving and the beaches are an important part of our lifestyle on the northern beaches. The ability to assist the local surf clubs with vital lifesaving equipment benefits everyone within the community.

We have sponsored North Curl Curl SLSC for the past 9 years and have been able to provide sponsorship to date in excess of \$135,000. Our overall contribution to our three local surf clubs has been \$355,000

**NCCSLSC:** The Bank has partnered with our surf clubs on some community projects such as Community CPR training. Have these programs been successful, and do you plan for any other programs of a similar nature?

**FCB:** With the assistance of North Curl Curl, South Curl Curl and Freshwater SLSC trainers we have been coordinating community CPR courses since 2010. Our beach culture and the confidence to administer CPR can benefit us all. These events have been a great success and have received positive feedback from participants. We hope this continues

**NCCSLSC:** No pressure - which of the Freshwater/ South Curl Curl / North Curl Curl stretches of beach do you like most and why?

**FCB:** We are very fortunate to live in such a magical place and I love all our local beaches. My parents met at a Freshwater Surf Club dance back in the 1950's. My dad rowed for South Curly and my son and husband are members there now. I also swim daily in South Curly pool. My daughter is an active member of North Curly and I love swimming in the surf there.

We welcome you to pop in to our local branch, make an appointment to speak with me or talk to any of the friendly and helpful staff. Customers are our business and we would like you to be part of our community so we can give back more every year.

**NCCSLSC:** Very diplomatic answer....and thanks to you and the Freshwater Community Bank for your continued generous support of our surf club and the local community.





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## Surf Sports Snippets

It has been the busiest part of the surf sports season recently, with the Branch and State titles taking place. And our North Curly competitors have been having a great time of it.

Our **Nippers** kicked off proceedings at **Branch**, and were on fire at the Branch titles, which had nothing to do with the heatwave conditions. There were many great performances on the beach and in the water at the split event, with our U10 girls being the standouts, living up the pre-event expectation and bagging plenty of medals in the surf.

At the **Branch Masters**, we had a great day with everyone bagging medals or points in just about every race they did.

From the walking wounded, Tony and Hendo, to the new 30 year old's Rob and Sparkesy (Bronze in Board), Kimmy and Lauren (dominating their age groups and Kimmy beating several guys in the ironman) plus the 60 Year Old Ironman DJ..... we were kicking goals everywhere.

Andrew Stuart, looked just so comfortable on the ski.....getting around the course easily and even doing a double with DJ. Does just mention his nose dive.

Nigel had some great paddles in the ski, winning his age and combining with Hendo to win the double..but couldn't be persuaded to swim. And what about Leif "Bradbury" slicing through the field (after another NCC member slewed and took out 6 other paddlers) to claim a silver in the 45-49 ski.....how good?

Old Redknob (Mark Nicholson) was winding back the clock in the relays and individual ski but I'm pretty sure will want a new double partner after his partner Glenn Slater went off course and got them tangled on a buoy rope.

Yogi and new recruit Ben Dawes (actually a boat sweep) were in everything with Yogi claiming numerous medals in everything he went in really making a difference to our teams and Dawes picking up gold in swim teams and a bronze in Board rescue with Glenn Slater.

In the **Branch Opens**, we had teams in the majority of events and it was great to see the U17 boys step in and form teams with the opens and it was equally great to see the U17 girls step up in the Open Female board rescue as well as the Lifesaver Relay and mixed double.

Our U15 girls punched well above their weight in all their teams events with some narrow medal misses and after a couple of 'challenges" in some of the earlier events the U15 boys came storming home with some a silver in the board relay and bronze

in Cameron relay.

As mentioned not only did the U17 do their own events they also backed up in the open taplin relay and open board relay ..... this spirit will make our club that much better. Our U17 girls recorded some outstanding individual results and in every team event were either separating Manly and Newport or snapping at their heels

Our Opens Men's had more races than in 3 carnivals combined and it was fantastic to see Tiny and Keely, Nigel and Jami team up and race in the Open mixed double ski.

A special shout out to Olivia Lovell and Lewis Milner who raced in obvious pain and Ollie Smith and Greg Gurtata who no where near 100% ..... top effort, very proud.

Nearly every North Curly competitor who raced scored points towards the overall branch point score.

And our boaties also had a red hot go with both the Men's **Reserve crew** taking part at Long Reef, as well as the **ladies crew** rowing in their first ever carnival together.

At the end of the Branch Championships, the club had posted its best point score result in many a year, finishing 3rd behind Newport and Manly.

At the **State Championships** our Nippers had another great carnival, resulting in finishing 6th overall on the point score, our best result ever !!! In the Opens, the standout performance was by Sophie McGovern on the beach, who in only her second carnival of the year, won the U19 Beach Sprint and came second in the Open's Beach Sprint. She also came 4th in the U19 Flags. A dominant performance. Well done to all the competitors.



Sophie McGovern (Centre) - SLSNSW U19 Beach Sprint Champion

## Club Caretaker Vacancy

Our current club caretaker Ray Marrs has decided to move on, and will be finishing up at the club at the end of June. Ray has been a great contributor in his role of looking after the club for a number years now, and his happy face will be missed, and we wish him well.

The club is now looking for a new caretaker, so if you are interested, please contact Rob Killian via email at [administration@nccslsc.com.au](mailto:administration@nccslsc.com.au).