



# UMINA STINGRAY NEWS



OCTOBER 2015

## NEWS SPLASH !!!!

**“UMINA COMES 2<sup>ND</sup> AT THE FORSTER WEEKEND OF SURF!”**

**WELCOME TO SEASON 2015-16!**

### Upcoming Events

- Nippers commence 11 October – Proficiencies
- Bronze Course Info Session – 11 October @ 9am upstairs
- Surf Club Open Day – 18 October



Umina Surf Life Saving Club - Like us on Facebook

Welcome to all of our renewing and new members to Season 2015-16. Our committee has been in full swing preparing and getting things ready for another great season. On the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> September our Patrol season commenced and thank you to all of our patrol members who are volunteering for another season on our beautiful beach. The education department and assessors are preparing for the next group of members wishing to complete the Bronze Course starting on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Our registration days were held during September with a great turn out of members renewing and new members joining our club. Many members have logged into the Members Portal this season making it so much easier for our Registrars. This season's Rookies in the U13-U14 age groups did a great job on the pancake stall at our last Rego day as well as having a strong number attend the Raising of the Flags ceremony for the start of the season. During the off season we have had some great results in the Pool Rescue Championship Events and most recently the Forster Carnival where Umina Came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the point score.

We look forward to seeing all of our Nipper families back on the beach this Sunday for the start of Nippers and hope that everyone is ready to go for a fantastic season.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, see you on the beach.

Paul Sharpe – President

Jan Harding – Vice President

– Secretary

Jess Thomas – Club Captain

Tim Leggett - Treasurer

## EDUCATION & TRAINING UPDATE

### NEW COURSES

Bronze Course - An information/induction session, with a no obligation to do the course, will be held in the John Sharpe room on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 9am. If you require any further information please contact Bob Powell (CTO) on [bob.surf@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bob.surf@bigpond.net.au). Bookings through [admin@uminaslsc.org.au](mailto:admin@uminaslsc.org.au).

What	When	Pre-Requisites
IRB Crew Course	18 <sup>th</sup> October @ Umina SLSC @9am John Sharpe Room	Induction and theory. This is a <b>mandatory session</b> for all wishing to do the course. Cost \$30 incl manual
SM Basic Beach Management	31 <sup>st</sup> October @ tbc	Be 17 years of age - Hold a Bronze Medallion (non-proficient is OK) - Be proficient in either; Bronze Medallion, Radio Operator, ARTC, Apply First Aid or Spinal Management
Training Officers Course	14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> November @ Belrose	Hold the award you wish to train Minimum 16 years of age
Officials Course	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> December @ Umina	No prior experience necessary.

See Course Calendar on our website for more course information – [www.uminaslsc.org.au](http://www.uminaslsc.org.au)

### NIPPER NEWS

Welcome back to all of our Nippers and a big hello to all of our newest nipper families. Harold Marshall is the Junior Activities Coordinator for this season and has a great program ready to roll out, making this another great season all about surf education, fitness and most of all FUN! We will be holding one Club Championship Day on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016, see the Junior Activities Information Book for details. The Event Calendar is available from the surf club or the website. This has all nipper, carnival and social events listed for the season as well as training days and Surf Camp dates.

As always we need the help of families to enable our nippers to compete in carnivals. To assist with water safety you must be a proficient Bronze Medallion holder and to officiate at carnivals you will need to be a Level 1 or Level 0 Official. If you are interested in these roles please contact the CTO- Bob Powell or Officials Coordinator-Sue Perry.

All nipper activities require the wearing of the Freemason pink hi-vis vest – they are part of our mandated uniform for U8-U14 nippers, with every nipper needing to have one. U6 and U7 nippers are exempt from the requirement. Also for every carnival representing Umina SLSC, all competitors must wear club colours. See Julie for all your uniform needs.

Nippers at Umina Beach continues to thrive because of the support and involvement of our parent body. We depend on and exist because of parent involvement. There is something for everyone and we look forward to every family finding their way of best serving Umina SLSC again this year.

See you on the beach for our first Nippers day this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Meet on the grass area near your age group flag at 8:45am.

If you have any feedback or questions, please contact Harold on [haroldandskye@bigpond.com](mailto:haroldandskye@bigpond.com).

## COMPETITION AND TRAINING

Carnival entries can be paid via the Members Portal Gateway but please enter the carnival details and name of competitor. Entries will also be taken at the surf club with Jan and Phil Harding on scheduled days.

### **FORSTER WEEKEND OF SURF CARNIVAL RESULTS**

#### **UMINA 2<sup>ND</sup> OVERALL POINT SCORE**

Congratulations to all of our Juniors, Seniors and Masters competitors and those that supported our teams young and old.

### **RESCUE CHALLENGES IN POOL AND SURF**

UMINA placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Australian Pool Rescue Challenge.

On a Club level sixteen of Umina competitors have also had recent success at the Australian Pool Rescue Challenge which was held early August on the Gold Coast QLD. Umina won 7 Gold, 14 Silver and 5 Bronze medals which placed them in 6<sup>th</sup> position overall in Australia. As well as competing for Umina SLSC, Jemma Smith, Rachel Wood, Mimosa Henderson and Bronte Smith were part of the NSW representative team who place 2<sup>nd</sup> just behind the Queensland team.

Jemma Smith was part of the International Surf Life Saving Team who recently competed in Maroochydore QLD. They were up against countries such as Japan, USA & NZ. Australia took out the final victory in adverse weather conditions.

Also from Umina, club member Garry Mensforth was a nominated Team Manager for the Australian Team at Maroochydore. As a result of this Garry has been chosen as the Australian Team Manager for the 2016 International Surf Life Saving Team who will be competing in the Netherlands next year. Congratulations Garry!

### **NSW POOL RESCUE TEAM TOUR IN NEW ZEALAND**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> September Jemma Smith and Rachel Wood were flown to NZ as part of the SLSNSW NSW Pool Rescue Development Team.

The girls competed in the U19 age category at the NZ Pool Champs at the West Wave Aquatic Centre in Auckland on 2-4 October 2015.

The NZ Pool Championships are one of the most competitive in the world and the successful athletes will not only be competing against some of the best pool rescue athletes in the world but will also gain tuition through top level coaching and enjoy the experience of an international tour as a representative of SLSNSW.

In terms of individual medals, Rachel Wood claiming two gold and a Silver, Jemma Smith taking home one of each medal.

As this goes to print SLSNSW have just announced that Jemma Smith and Claire Gaffney have also been selected to be part of the High Performance Development Camp which is held annually up in Casuarina near Kingscliff.

Our Senior Members are certainly on a wave of success and the comradery and support for them that has been building under the leadership of Brett Harrod, Kerry Armstrong-Smith, Trevor Gee and Peter Braddish as mentors and coaches has been invaluable.

See Website for details on upcoming **Interbranch Selections Carnivals** and the **Newcastle Permanent Iron Person Series** including the new streamlined online entry process through SLSCC.

For all Carnival Dates see Junior Event Calendar on our website or Patrol Roster.

**COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS** - All competitors are reminded that to be eligible to compete in the championship carnivals in the second half of the season, they need to be financial, proficient and have completed 25 hours of patrols by the end of the calendar year. It is the responsibility of members to be aware of their patrol hour totals and ensure they meet the 25 hour mark by 31 December.

## CAPTAINS CORNER

Patrol Roster – 9am – 1pm morning shift 1pm-5pm afternoon shift.

Saturday	10/10/2014	1	2
Sunday	11/10/2014	4	4
Saturday	17/10/2014	5	3
Sunday	18/10/2014	6	7
Saturday	24/10/2014	8	10
Sunday	25/10/2014	9	11

Welcome to the new Patrol season. All patrol information is available on our website. All patrol matters regarding Teams and Rosters refer to our Club Captain – Jess Thomas or Vice Club Captain – Steve Thomas. All patrol members can view their patrol roster on Members Portal once they have created their personal log in. Members are also advised that they are able to review their awards and expiry dates of awards also on the Members Portal. The Roster can also be found on our website. All patrol members must be registered prior to 31<sup>st</sup> October to be covered by insurance as per our constitution. Please check with your Patrol Captain concerning proficiency requirements this season.

PATROL REQUIREMENTS ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE – Please check SLSA Policy 5.4 or with your Club Coach/Team Manager.

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We have some amazing youth in our Club and in particular two members, Savannah Paterson and Mollie Murphy are striving ahead to obtain their Gold Award.

The girls are planning to participate in some challenging events such as paddling down the Hawkesbury River for their practice challenge and then the major physical challenge is to ski paddle down along the Central Coast beaches. This is all happening in January 2016 as Savannah is currently doing her HSC.

During the July school holidays Mollie Murphy as part of her Duke Award travelled to Warmun in the Kimberley region of Western Australia to spend some time with the aboriginal school students. Mollie spent 10 days volunteering and assisting the students with their school activities and passing on her knowledge.

Mollie also recently gave a talk to the Woy Woy Rotary group about her adventures in WA.

### MASTERS

Rick Boylan is planning to have a swim session on Saturdays from 3pm. This will not be a timed event but just for members to gain strength in the surf. You do not have to be a champion but who knows after a few of these you may feel confident in completing in the swim events at Carnivals (also good to help with proficiency).

If there are any changes or cancellations please check the Umina Competitors Facebook page.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CAPTAIN

Can members please NOT use Racing Mals competition craft on patrols. There will be specific racing Mals made available marked "Patrol Training". THESE BOARDS ARE ONLY TO BE USED DURING PATROL HOURS UNDER SUPERVISION. Damages have occurred and when members need them for competition we have been unaware of this. If anyone has a Club board and it gets damaged PLEASE let Steve Murphy know – you will not be scolded. We have a limited turn around time to get repairs done during the season.

## MEMBERSHIP

Members are reminded annual membership fees are now due. Members are not covered for insurance if they participate in any club activities while unregistered. Any members who have not yet paid their fees should contact the office on 4342 0320 or [admin@uminaslsc.org.au](mailto:admin@uminaslsc.org.au).  
*Registrations will be taken from 8am this Sunday morning before Nippers commencement.*

Junior Registrar – Sue Perry on [perrycs@optusnet.com.au](mailto:perrycs@optusnet.com.au)  
Senior Registrar – Donna Waining on [jacadam@bigpond.com](mailto:jacadam@bigpond.com)

**We still have the following positions vacant; if you are interested in a position please contact the office – [admin@uminaslsc.org.au](mailto:admin@uminaslsc.org.au) or speak to one of our executive members.**

Director of Administration  
Minutes Secretary  
Publicity Officer  
Sips co-ordinator  
Social Committee  
Sponsorship Officer  
Boat Captain

## SOCIAL NEWS

Bar Roster – This will be available next week. If you have any enquiries please see Marty Smith.

**FIRST SIPS FOR THE SEASON THIS SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FROM 5PM UPSTAIRS IN THE SURF CLUB. DRINKS AT CLUB PRICES AND LIGHT MEALS AVAILABLE FROM 5:30PM. THE SIPS ROSTER FOR YOUR AGE GROUP/PATROL DATES TO HELP IN THE KITCHEN WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY.**

### ***UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – Further info on Club Website and Calendar***

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Junior Club Captains Disco  
U6-U9 5:30pm-6:45pm  
U10-U14 7:00pm-8:30pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>&Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Santa on the Beach Fundraiser

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Rookie Disco @ North Avoca

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Club Xmas Party from 4pm

If you have anything to add to our newsletters please contact the office on 43420320 or [admin@uminaslsc.org.au](mailto:admin@uminaslsc.org.au). Office hours are Monday and Wednesday each week from 9am – 3pm. All Circulars are available on our club website.

**Reminder** – Club Management Meetings are held every third Monday of the month upstairs in the surf club from 7pm. All welcome.

## **CLUB POLO SHIRTS**

If any members would like to pre-order a Club polo shirt in either black and white can you please send an email to our Uniform Officer - Julie Blair at [julie.m.blair@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:julie.m.blair@det.nsw.edu.au) with the required size and colour. The cost is \$48:00.

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## **SEEKING ACCOMMODATION FOR STATE**

We have three surf club members from Queenscliff looking for accommodation for next year's State Titles in March. They are looking for a two bedroom apartment near the beach preferably. If any of our members are able to help out please contact Robyn Holt on 0411158949 or [robynandgeorge@aapt.net.au](mailto:robynandgeorge@aapt.net.au).

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## **Attention - Surf Sports Teams**

BMD Northcliffe Surf Club will be sending a 40ft container over to the World Surf Lifesaving Titles in the Netherlands in 2016.

This container will leave from the Gold Coast around the 1st July 2016 and arrive in time for the Masters, Youth and Open competitions

We are asking for expressions of interest if you would like to book some space on the container and also a rough estimate of how much craft you will be taking over.

Costs will be

Board \$350

Ski \$650

This prices includes all costs involved with shipping your craft over and back.

BMD Northcliffe will do all the shipping arrangements. All you have to do is get your craft to the container in late June.

(Please note that whatever craft goes over to the Netherlands has to come back to Australia)

Kind Regards

Mark Williams

Director of Surf Sports

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