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# Blue Star Review

## News from Kawana Waters Surf Club



### PRESIDENT BOB'S BIT

This is the start of the "business end" of the season, as they say, with Branch championships on in a week or two, followed by State Titles, and the Aussies in March (this year at Kurrawa). We also have new courses starting from this weekend, for bronze, ARC and Defib, and IRB crewies course - more info below. Get involved and get a new award!

The IRB guys are now busy fundraising to go to Penguin for the National IRB titles so are doing a bucket rattle at the Shopping Centre this weekend (help would be appreciated if you're available). Other surf sports competitors are raising funds so support these initiatives where you can e.g. Mr Kawana. The Rowing Regatta catering at Lake Kawana is a combined effort by JA, Boaties and IRB so get behind your team and offer your assistance.

Thanks to Rick and his boaties for assisting at the annual Australia Day festivities at La Balsa part, and for delivering son Dylan (representing our nippers) and the flag for the ceremony. Thanks to Dan Donahoe for his help as a First Aider and other lifesaving duties. Also congratulations to John Thorpe for his Australia Day nomination.



Thanks also to those hard workers who helped out at the Boat Carnival on the 16/17th January, particularly those who set up early, and the BBQ cooks who worked in such hot conditions. Well done!

We're looking for someone to represent Kawana at an Ecosurf forum on 15th May so if this is your particular interest, contact me.

All the best,  
Bob

### PATROLS

After Australia Day and the end of the school holidays, times for patrols go back to normal so 7 a.m. for AM and 5 p.m. finish. This is the time to be planned and organised, particularly if you are a competitor with all the carnivals coming up. Your first priority is to cover your patrols! So get your swaps organised in plenty of time. We only have a small number of competitors, apart from masters and boaties, so you should find plenty of people willing to swap! Next busy period will be Easter which is the first weekend on the month of April.



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### 4 NEW COURSES

New courses starting soon - this weekend for ARC / Defib and Bronze Medallion. Then an IRB Crewman's course later in February. More info below.

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### BRANCH CARNIVALS

8 - 10s : Sunday 7th Feb

(Redcliffe)

15 - Open : Saturday 13th Feb

(Noosa)

Masters : Sunday 14th Feb

(Mooloolaba)

Boats : Sunday 14th Feb

(Mooloolaba)

### BRONZE MEDALLION COURSE



Our new Bronze Medallion course starts this weekend on Sunday 7th Feb, commencing at 8 a.m. Please advise the club if you wish to attend, and let others who will not get this email, know about this course, probably the last for the season. The cost if you are a member already is \$35 for the manual.

There is a pre-requisite that you are able to swim 400 metres in under 9 minutes, to be tested in a pool situation, or if you're close to that, with a little bit more training, it can be achieved.

Nipper parents can also achieve this award and then be available for water safety duty on junior activities days. So change your life - become a lifesaver!

## ACTIVES NIGHT

The next "Actives Night" at the Surf Club is planned for Saturday night, 20th February. Come along with your group of friends or family and receive discounts on your meals and drinks at Happy Hour prices, as stated in previous newsletters. Great to get together with your surf club buddies after the festive season is over!



## NIPPER NEWS



1. Carnivals : \* Mooloolaba Beach Carnival - is on 20/02/10 and nominations close on 8th February. Nominations for sprints and flags will be only \$5. See your age manager or Wayne.

\* 2 Way Carnival for 11 - 14's at Met Caloundra on 21/2/10 with an 8 a.m. start. Races held for all disciplines.

2. Trailer revamp - we need minor welding and painting to be done to the Nipper trailer. If anyone can help, please call John Rhule on 0419 655 203.

3. Regatta BBQ - we're catering again for this big GPS Schools Rowing Regatta at Lake Kawana. All sections of the club will be involved. We need your help between 9 and 12 - date is 20th February. Please email the club on [info@kawanasurfclub.com.au](mailto:info@kawanasurfclub.com.au) or call John Rhule if you can assist.

## MORE COURSES - ARC, Defib, IRBC and Proficiencies

**ARC / Defib** course is on this weekend on Saturday 6th Feb, commencing at 8 a.m. This is a one day course, with an assessment to be done in the afternoon. No cost, and a great asset to have. Please confirm with the office your attendance.

**PROFICIENCY FOR ARC AND DEFIB WILL BE DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS COURSE - Starting at 3 p.m.**

Those proficient for **ARC** include Bowcock, Christie, Donahoe, Slater, Thorpe, Stokes, Muir, Browning, A Burns, Foran, Rhule, Stringer, Tibbits, Jones, Elsemore, S Gaylard, McCauley and Houley.

**DEFIB** proficiencies have been done for Bowcock, Christie, Donahoe, Slater, Thorpe, A Burns, Edwards, Foran, Jones, Rhule, Tibbits, Elsemore, S Gaylard, McCauley.

So if your name is not there and you hold the award, it would be great if you attended this Saturday at 3 p.m. to remedy this situation. The assessors believe that many of you assume your proficiency is completed, when in fact, it's only your Bronze proficiency that's been done.

**IRB Crewman's** course - will be run over three weekends commencing at 8 a.m. on Sunday 21st Feb, 28th Feb, and 7th March (all Sundays). Must attend at least two sessions. Name to the office again, please. Arrangements have to be made for boats and trainers so this is important.

## MR KAWANA

Mr Kawana, a 'fun'draising venture put on by the Surf Sports section of our club, is coming up on Saturday 27th February, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. There will be a huge raffle on the night plus lots of fun, then stay on and have a



great time with the Mason Rack Band who has toured with Ben Harper, Jack Johnston, Xavier Rudd and the like!  
Should be a great night!



## PATROL UNIFORMS



As of 1st February 2010, patrol inspectors will be penalising clubs that have members not in the correct uniform. So if you haven't got your new uniform yet, call in to the office Monday to Thursday to obtain one, or see your patrol captain when you're here. **SOME SMALLER SIZES HAVE ARRIVED**, others are on backorder! In the meantime, you may have to wear a bigger size till they arrive. Ring the office on 5444 8642 to organise alternate arrangements.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you know anyone who hasn't been receiving these emailed newsletters (this is the second) please advise them to get an email address to the office so that we can add them to the list. This is a much cheaper and easier way to get info out to members, as long as they have an address, and check their emails. Let's see if we can get this working well so that communication is not an issue.



## 2009 NATIONAL DROWNING REPORT



The report has been released for the 2008/09 season and nationally, the number of coastal drowning deaths has increased to 94, an increase of 6. Males dominated the numbers with 88%, and the 30 to 39 age group was the most

highly represented. 21% were foreign nationals, and 47% lived less than 10 km from the coast. 46 occurred in NSW, 10 in Vic, 9 in SA, 7 in Qld and Tas, and 1 in NT. 43% of coastal drownings occurred less than 1 km from a lifesaving service, but none occurred between the red and yellow flags!

In Queensland, the 45 to 55 age group had the biggest representation, and 2 of the 7 were foreign nationals. 5 of the drownings occurred less than 1 km from a lifesaving service, 3 were on the Gold Coast, and 2 in Cairns. The most fatal time was between 3 and 4 p.m., and most occurred through the week (only one on the weekend). November and April both had two drownings, but none occurred through the peak summer period! Interestingly, 4 of the 7 died were diving or snorkelling at the time.

So perhaps there is a great deal of sense in those roving patrols to the north and south of our allocated bathing reserve.

So lots of courses available - everyone should aim for at least one new award each year. Please contact our CTO Ross Christie on 0432 744 004 or by return email to [info@kawanasurfclub.com.au](mailto:info@kawanasurfclub.com.au) to confirm your attendance at these courses. Also lots of action coming up at Branch, State and Aussie titles - the first is the Branch for Opens, Masters and Boats. I'm sure they'd appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

**Jill Willis**

Administration  
Kawana Waters Surf Club