

BIRUBI POINT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

PATROL INFORMATION

Some of you will be aware that National Parks and Wildlife Service have been indicating to 4WD beach goers that if they turn left after entering the beach from the Gan Gan Rd they will be fined. We are still awaiting clarification of this and will keep you informed. Please continue to place our beach sign in the usual spot until further notice. Please understand that Birubi Pt SLSC has absolutely NO jurisdiction in this matter of 4WD access – if asked by the general public whilst on patrol, please refer them directly to the NPWS office in Nelson Bay.

Sandy Feet – please remember to remove sand from feet and gear before entering the Clubroom, storeroom or patrol room. There is a shower at the top of the footpath leading to the beach and a hose in the patrol storeroom. Thank you.

First Aid Room – if you use the first aid room for any minor or major incidents, please leave it clean and tidy afterwards. Remove any rubbish and sweep any excess sand from the floor – brush in tall cupboard next to shower. After all, this is a First Aid Room and should be clean and tidy at ALL times.

TRAINING INFORMATION

Training Information and Sign-Up for Bronze Medallion and SRC Courses

This will be held in the Clubroom on **Friday 24th February from 5-7pm**. You will be given information regarding course content, what is expected from our Trainees and a chance to meet the Training Team. You can still become a surf lifesaver if you are a non-swimmer or unable to complete the mandatory swim test, as long as you can complete the Apply First Aid Course.

You must pay for your courses at the time of signing up, **CASH ONLY** accepted. Further details are on the Club website:

<http://birubipointslsc.org.au/become-member/>

Our Chief Instructor is Alison Gannon:
alisonctobirubi@gmail.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

4 th & 5 th February 2017	- Hunter Branch Championships
11 th & 12 th February 2017	- Hunter SLS Masters, Open and Boat Champs
24 th February 2017	- Training Information Night
25 th February 2017	- Kids' Disco
1 st April 2017	- 80s Night

NIPPER NEWS

The Hunter Branch Championships will be held at Fingal Bay on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th February 2017**. All entries must be through our Sports Secretary, Norm Barnes norm.barnes@portstephens.nsw.gov.au. Last entry date is 25th January 2017.

Nipper parents are always welcome and encouraged to become patrolling members – please come along to the Training Information Night on 24th February to find out more. Don't forget, you can still become a surf lifesaver if you are a non-swimmer or unable to complete the mandatory swim test, as long as you can complete the Apply First Aid Course.

Our Junior Development Officer is Adam Howarth,
birubinippers@gmail.com.

BAR OPENING TIMES

The Club bar is open on **Fridays from 5pm and Sundays from 4pm**.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Club members who are working directly with children under the age of 18 (i.e. nippers or cadets) are required **by law** to complete their WWCC registration and ensure their number is given to the Club Registrar. This applies to all **Trainers, Assessors, Age Managers, Water Safety** and **Patrolling Members** who must hold a valid WWCC. It is the Club's responsibility to verify the WWCC and accept, suspend or reject membership and participation of these people based on the outcome of their WWCC.

Members can complete their WWCC by applying online at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. A fact sheet and full details of how to apply are on the Club website under 'Become a Member'. Any queries should be forwarded to the Club Registrar Wayne: wmtbanderson@gmail.com.

Please note: **by law** a \$10,000 fine can be applied to any person who does not hold a WWCC and continues to work with children.

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT SPONSORSHIP

All Hunter Branch club have received Age Manager shirts, red/yellow water safety rash shirts and patrol shelters for the 2016/17 season. The combined sponsorship package is \$10,000 per Club so we are very grateful for Newcastle Permanent's support. Also, if you are thinking of getting a house/car loan, please remember to say your club's name and earn the club an easy \$600 through the Newcastle Permanent Introducer Program. Just mention that you are a member of Birubi Pt SLSC when signing your loan paperwork and their staff will do the rest – thank you. Thirty five years of support is growing stronger for lifesaving - please support this sponsorship.

Please forward any newsletter items you wish to be included in the next Newsletter to Helen Ratcliffe – birubipublicity@gmail.com by 25th February 2017.



Here for our community



Anna Bay

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