

BIRUBI POINT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

PATROL INFORMATION

Patrols will commence on **Saturday 23rd September 2017** for the 2017-2018 season. You must renew your membership **before patrolling** otherwise you will not be insured or covered by any Work Cover agreement. You can renew your Club membership online. Instructions are on our Club website under 'Become a Member' or log into the SLSA portal: www.https://portal.sls.com.au.

Please read Hunter Branch SLS CEO's Message: "The season commences today, everyone has worked hard with proficiencies, upskilling and registrations. We are ready, thank you. This season is the launch of our latest sponsor **McDonalds**. Everyone has been issued with new Patrol Shirts and Shorts, **Newcastle Permanent** of course after 37 years sponsorship now as our major sponsor provide Patrol Tents, Age Managers Shirts and singlets, we thank you for your support of these sponsors by wearing and putting up your tents for us. Hunter Branch is entering into 100 years of servicing your clubs, we can only have this support through the invaluable assistance from sponsors, we can lose sponsors if we do not display what they and us (your Presidents and Executive) have agreed to. Look after each other, work as a team and be proud of your Club and Branch".

Thank you, Graeme Chamberlain, Club Captain.
capdelta@bigpond.com or 0431 489279

TRAINING INFORMATION

Our next SRC and Bronze courses will start during October 2017. Important dates are below:

Pool Swim test – Tomaree Aquatic Centre	Sunday 8 th October, at 3pm
SRC Course starts – Clubroom	Wednesday 11 th October, 6.30pm (6 week course)
Bronze Course starts – Clubroom	Thursday 12 th October, 6.30pm (6 week course)

LAST CHANCE TO ENROL FOR SRC, BRONZE AND ADDITIONAL COURSES – Go to lookout tower and speak to Alison Gannon, Chief Instructor at 4pm.

Please contact our Chief Instructor, Alison Gannon: alisonctobirubi@gmail.com if you require any further information.

Full details are on the Club website:

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

NIPPER NEWS

Nipper pool swim and fun day - **Sunday 15th October 2017** from 9am-12pm at Tomaree Aquatic Centre – gold coin entry to the pool. All Nippers must pass their age groups pool swim before taking part in water-based activities during Nippers. More information to follow.

SLS NSW BOARD RIDING CHAMPS

Thank you all our hardworking volunteers who spent the 3 days of competition over at One Mile due to dangerous surf at Birubi Pt. It was a challenge setting up the equipment each day but teamwork prevailed and SLS NSW were very impressed by the way Club members conducted themselves. A great job providing water safety and first aid to the competitors – thank you.

CADETS

The first cadet paddle of the season will be held on **Friday 13th October 2017** from 5.00pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

We still need an Events/social organiser for the Surf Club, we have such a great facility now, it is a shame that there are no social events planned. If you feel you would like to take on this role, or perhaps 2 or 3 people could group together, please contact the President, Helen Ratcliffe birubipublicity@gmail.com thank you.

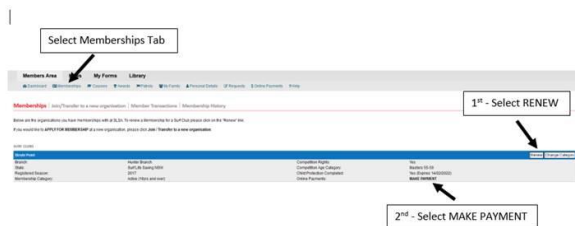
BAR OPENING TIMES

The Club bar is open on **Fridays from 5.00pm**

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Patrolling members must be a financial surf club member before their first patrol. All 2016-2017 memberships expired on 30th June 2017. Online renewal is quick and easy - please follow the instructions below:

BEFORE your first patrol, please log on to the SLS Members Portal (see image below): <https://portal.sls.com.au>
Sign in using your user name and password (or setup a new account if you are a new member) click memberships on the taskbar. Please remember to **BOTH** renew membership **AND** pay online. Patrolling members rengo cost for the 2017-18 season is still \$50 for 2016-17 members. All other membership fees are listed on the Portal. Some Ipad users have reported problems when trying to log in – suggest you use a laptop or desktop instead.
If you need assistance with registration please email our Registrar, Wayne on wmtbanderson@gmail.com.



AMCAL MAX

A BIG THANK YOU to our local Salamander Amcal Max who very kindly donated the pump sunscreens we use on in the sign on area, patrol trailer and if members of the public on the beach have forgotten their sunscreen. Protect your skin and don't forget to **SLIP, SLAP SLOP!**



USE AND LOAN OF CLUB EQUIPMENT

During patrol hours, Club lifesaving equipment may only be used with the permission of the Club Captain, Club Vice-Captain or Patrol Captain and only by patrolling members who are proficient. Club lifesaving equipment may not leave the Birubi Pt beach area except under special circumstances (e.g. to conduct a search, assist with an incident in the dunes or conduct Nippers at either Shelley Beach or Boat Harbour).

Any member who is not financial or proficient is not eligible or insured to use Club equipment.

Please report any damage to Club lifesaving equipment immediately to the duty Patrol Captain who will log details in the Patrol Log Book. Damage must also be reported to the Gear Steward and Club Captain as soon as possible – we appreciate that accidents/incidents happen, please just report the damage so we can get it fixed quickly so that everyone can continue to use the equipment.

Any member wishing to borrow an item of Club equipment (e.g. surf ski or nipper board) to be used away from Birubi Pt or outside patrolling hours must contact the Gear Steward and arrange to sign out the equipment via a Loan of Club Equipment Form – the forms are on a clipboard in the board storage area. Only carnival competitors may borrow competition boards and must return it straight after. Any loss or damage due to negligence of the equipment will be the responsibility of the member who has signed the loan card (parent to sign if competitor is under 18).

Please respect our equipment – Committee members spend a lot of their spare time applying for grants to buy new equipment, and repair it so that it is fit for members to use. If you have any suggestions as to how or what equipment could benefit our Club, please contact our Gear Steward, Don Shaw: shawry_3@yahoo.com.au. Don always welcomes help with gear repairs as well, thank you.



Here for our community



Anna Bay