

April Newsletter

President's Report

Whilst any review of season 2009/10 was always going to record Queenscliff having a stellar season, it will sadly be remembered as the year Club member, Saxon Bird, was tragically lost in the surf at Kurrawa.

As I have said before many times, Saxon was an outstanding young man, an outstanding athlete and an outstanding family man. Saxon was on his way to the finals of the Australian Titles where he had set his goals in the U19 Surf and U19 Ironman.

Saxon had been awarded this Club's joint University Scholarship - he was also an excellent student.

Our thoughts continue to be with Dana, Phil and Arielle.

We at Queenscliff are very lucky to have such a strong club where the support for each other in difficult times has been outstanding. Thank you to all. I personally know that the Bird family has been overwhelmed by the support shown from our club - truly a family club, grieving, but supporting each other.

Thank you,
David Piper, OAM

SLSA – Counselling Service

Following the tragic loss of Saxon Bird, SLSA and SLSNSW would like to advise members and Clubs that independent, professional and confidential counselling services have been made available to members free of charge.

ACCESS Programs is a confidential service available to members 24/7, and is a service that is free of charge.

Call 1800 81 87 28 should you wish to speak to a professionally qualified and experienced counsellor, and state you are from Surf Life Saving.

Club Policies

The club has a number of policies, including:

- Selection
- Privacy
- Purchase of Craft
- Clothing

These are on our website and displayed on the club's noticeboard.

If you would like to make submissions regarding changes and/or additions, please advise submissions in writing by 31st May to queenscliffslsc@bigpond.com.au

Presentation Night

The club's presentation night will be held on Saturday 19th June at Balgowlah RSL from 7pm.

Tickets are available from Kylie Antella, 0402 128191 or Kathryn Shearsby, 0419 278319.

As in the past, you are encouraged to organise a table and patrols, particularly, are encouraged to do so.

Annual General Meeting

Initial notice is given that the club's AGM will

be held at the clubhouse on Sunday 1 August at 10.00am.

Annual Report

This is now in the process of preparation. If you have input or photos, please provide to Kay Lyall by 15th May.

Branch 50th Diner

This will be held at the Manly Novotel Hotel on Saturday 1 May. Tickets are \$150 and the club has two tables. If you wish to attend, please advise David Piper on 0411 012344.

Long Service Awards

The Association has various awards for patrol long service and long service generally. If you believe you qualify, please contact the club Hon. Secretary, Kay Lyall, queenscliffslsc@bigpond.com.au

Branch Most Outstanding Club Night

This will be held at Dee Why RSL at 7pm on **Friday 18 June.**

The club has nominated the following:

Athlete of the Year	Laura Shorter
Comp Official of the Year	Brian Ward
Assessor of the Year	Paul Taylor
Lifesaver of the Year	Jim Ashton
Leader of the Year	David Piper
Communications Award	Queenscliff

Other awards are being considered

Clothing

We still have stacks of most Queenscliff gear. There is normally someone around to open the clothing store on Sunday mornings. If not, an appointment can be made with Annabel Nelson on 0414 638395.

Aquathon

The Winter Aquathon series will be held on the first Sunday of the month from May to August. The series begins on Sunday 2nd May at 10am.

Further details are available on our website.

Branch Results

Branch Championships for Seniors, Masters and Nippers results are now available and posted on our website.

85th Photo

The 85th year club members' photo has now been hung in the entrance to the upstairs kitchen/office, with two other photos of members in the 40's and 60's.

These pictures clearly show the changing nature of the club and its members' surf wear.

Rollerdoor in Courtyard

Thanks to Manly Council for their support in installing a new useable rollerdoor to our courtyard.

Australian Titles

As most would already be aware, all water events were cancelled after Saxon's death on the Friday.

This left the beach events to be concluded and very credible results were achieved.

Despite being very badly affected by the events of the weekend, our female beach competitors achieved heaps for themselves and the club.

For the second successive year, **Laura Shorter** won the open female beach sprint - a win she dedicated to Saxon.

Jamie-lee Britt gained second place in the U19 flags.

Other results and finalists were:

Laura Shorter 4th Women's Open flags

Jamie-lee Britt 4th Women's' Flags and
U19 Women's' Sprint

Jess Redden Finalist U17 Women's Sprint

Luke Harborne 4th U17 Men's Sprint
March Past 4 pts - second best ever result.

Terry Boardman

Congratulations to **Terry Boardman** who was presented with the National President's Medal on the beach on Sunday.

Thanks must also go to our bank of club members who acted as officials:

Brian Ward, Kay and Geoff Lyall, Robyn Holt, George Prescott, Peter Daley, Greag Heard, Terry Boardman, Ray and Jeanette Issacs, Al Butler and Barry Antella.

Masters at the Australian Titles

The Masters results are on our website. Congratulations to all Masters for placing the club second in Australia for the Masters' competition.

IRB Championships

Our club sent a very competitive team to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Penguin, Tasmania over the weekend of 16-17 April.

Life members, Terry Boardman and Barry Antella report that the team gained a number of 4th and 5th placings in semi finals.

This is a good deal better than they did last year and is a fitting end to a very good year to a team run by IRB captain, **Jayson Elkins** and **James Keene**.

Thanks, guys, and well done.

Barry and Terry went for a swim in Tassie in April (and will be suitably recognised when we get together as a club).

Rugby League Test And First Friday

Our next "First Friday" get together will be on 7 May, from 5pm onwards ... all welcome.

This normally goes until about 7pm. There is a rugby league test on from 8pm.

Our younger members will take over - a BBQ will be provided with drinks at surf club prices.

Australian High Performance Squad

Congratulations to **Laura Shorter** who has been selected as a member of the Australian High Performance Squad after the Australian Titles.

Master's Dinner

As a club, we would obviously like to have our Masters, Nippers and general presentation nights/days together.

Because of our size - over 1500 members - this has become impossible.

The Masters (over 30 years) will have their presentation at the North Manly Bowling Club on Sunday 16 May from 1pm, commencing with a BBQ lunch, followed by lawn bowls.

Please advise Maree White via email at ytbigbird@hotmail.com with details of your team.

Remember you don't have to be a Master to attend, it is a Club day.

Sponsor of the Month

David Clulow, the new CEO of the [Manly Warringah Credit Union](#), has already indicated that our surf boat sponsorship for next year is secure, which is great news.

David and his team will look after your members in all their loan enquiries, including a current great rate for home loans.

Can we suggest you give Paul Heffernan a call on 9981 9439, or 0431 833235, and he will look after you.

New Premises for Branch and State

After 50 years, our Branch (the 21 clubs) has purchased a new headquarters in Vuko Close, Warriewood - very close to their current rented premises.

Congratulations to President Gordon Lang and his Executive for his leadership and foresight.

We are also pleased to advise the State body is moving from Narrabeen Sport and Recreation to their new premises at Terrey Hills.

Security at the Clubhouse

If you are using the club after 7.30pm please lock up.

If you use club equipment please put it away. Remember, the club is "back to base" alarmed from 9pm to 6am.

Grants, Sponsorship, Fundraising and Donations

The club has been successful with its application under the SLS Australia ECO Surf Grant program, receiving funding of **\$9,438** to install water efficient devices (shower,

toilets, basins, tapware) in the new Lifeguards' and First Aid Rooms. Shower heads and taps will also be replaced and a dishwasher installed in the Clubhouse.

The next raffle night in support of the Club at Balgowlah RSL is Thursday 13th May from 5.40 - 7pm, outside the Gold Bar. 14 meat trays will be up for grabs.

Kellogg's have kindly donated \$5,000 worth of Nipper boards as a gesture of respect for our dear club member Saxon Bird.

Details on how to donate in memory of Saxon are contained on the [Saxon Bird Fund](#) page of the website, under Sponsorship and Donations.

If any members have any contacts that would be willing to consider a sponsorship opportunity at the Club for next year, please contact [Graham Lugsdin](#). Opportunities are outlined on the [Sponsorship and Donations](#) pages of the Club's website ... and remember to support the Club's sponsors:

