



# TWO BLUES NEWS

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to 2011. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year, and are ready to go for the rest of this lifesaving season. We have plenty on in the next few weeks, and I ask that every member takes the time to help out at these events where possible. Please read through this newsletter and put the dates in your diary.

Nippers have had their annual camp at the Club, which was well attended by kids and parents. Our future life savers are in good hands at Manly, as are all our youth education & development programs.

Our patrols have been holding the fort really well, and our Instructors have more batches of qualified life savers on the way. Our competitors won the point score at the Queenscliff carnival, so we are on track there. Our Building Committee is hard at work getting all the paperwork done so we can redevelop the building. Our redevelopment Fundraising Taskforce is on the job. Our Centenary function is selling tickets fast and our sponsors are happy. Our major events are being run by the best organisers in Australia.

There are always a few issues that need resolving and we'll take care of those as we

always do. So overall our Club is running well, and other Clubs see us as leaders in surf life saving. Let's take a moment occasionally to reflect on how well we're doing, and keep up the good work through 2011.

Daniel Mulcahy, President.

## HELP NEEDED

Calling ALL members – it's major event time for us!! We are going to need your help with our big annual fundraising events. Helpers are needed for our Westpac Surf Carnival on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January, and for the Cole Classic and SMH Sun Run on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February.

These events are vital to our Club income every year. Lots of work, but also an enjoyable way to help your Club and fellow members. Please put them in your diary now.

Behind the scenes our event organisers and assistants have been working hard for months. Now it's time all our members joined in.

Our huge Westpac Manly Surf Carnival is on next week, SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY. Workers needed from 5am till 5pm. If you can only help for a shift of three to four

hours, even that will reduce the load on everyone else. If you can't help Saturday, help on Sunday.

Next up is the SMH Sun Run on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb and Cole Classic Ocean Swim SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February. We need a serious bucketload of people (including you) on SATURDAY from 6.30am to 9.30am and SUNDAY from 5.30am for setup till 2pm when packup will be finished. We also need some helpers on the Saturday afternoon (about 6 people) from 5pm – 6pm for early setup for the Swim on Sunday.

And a note regarding water safety: Every member who has a board or ski stored at the Club is expected to be on that equipment for water safety during the Swim. Again, even a three or four hour shift is better than letting everyone else do the work.

We also need help with First Aid at both events. Let the Club office know if you can help with that.

And thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far through the "Offer to Assist" forms. We'll see you here for the events.

### THANKS

Thanks to all who did their patrols over Christmas and New Year. Wonderful work, and much appreciated. A number of people gave up their time, and even other commitments to help out. Manly Council lifeguards were also full of praise for the way our members dealt with the huge crowds and surf conditions over a frantic double long weekend.

Thanks also to those who ran the Christmas patrol lunch and supper, including Ben Wotton who did the shopping and main preparation for us. We also fed the Boxing Day and other patrols over the holiday break. (Yet another benefit of patrolling the beach for our Club.)

Thanks to Carnival Coordinator Al Tier and all those helping get our Westpac Carnival up and running, while getting the Cole Classic Swim and SMH Sun Run set up as well. Massive amount of work being done in the background, leading up to these major fundraisers. Thanks all.

### COMPETITION

All competitors should check that they have accommodation for State and Nationals. Corrine Andrijin has arranged most of our requirements, but for State each competitor is responsible for all their own accommodation. Check what your team is doing NOW. Nationals

accommodation will be sorted shortly. Ask your section head for details.

Competitors are also reminded that they must do their patrols between now and the end of April. If patrolling isn't your go then find another sport, because we are life savers first and foremost. Think of doing your patrols properly as part of your training, particularly the mental side of training.

Finally, competitors are required to help at our Carnival, Sun Run and Cole Classic, and the other Club events such as the Ocean Swim and Soft Sand Classic. Don't leave the work to your club mates or the rest of your section. Let's all help Al Tier and his crew with every event.

### HONOURING OUR PAST

As part of Manly Life Saving Clubs' 100 years celebration, members who recently competed at the World Life Saving Championships in Alexandria in Egypt remembered their clubs original members who paid the supreme sacrifice in the First and Second World Wars.

At the Chatby War Memorial Cemetery, Manly Life Saving Club members Flo Epper (Age 20) and Polly Williams (18) reflected on their fellow club members - tally clerk Private John Reynolds, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Australian Infantry aged 23 years who died on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1915 and accountant Lance Corporal George Thomas Hill of the Australian Army Medical Corps who died age 31 on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1915. Both these soldiers died from wounds received at Gallipoli.

Polly Williams said "*Private Reynolds and Lance Corporal Hill patrolled the beach at Manly and were the same age as those I now patrol with, train with and compete. They gave their lives for the future generations of Australians. I am glad we came to remember them and those other Australians who are buried here.*"

At each grave a short ceremony was held where information of the lives of both men was read out and MLSC caps and the 100 year medallion was left.

Flo Epper said "*I was proud to leave at each grave a patrol cap with our 100 years insignia and our Manly sky blue competition cap. Both these men would have worn these caps as members of our club over 90 years ago. We will never forget these members who were just like us!*"

Life member Ray Petersen left similar items at the El Alamein Cemetery approx 250

kilometres from Alexandria. In the Second World War a number of MLSC members fought in North Africa and Club members who were killed are buried there. Both Chatby War Memorial Cemetery and El Alamein Cemetery are maintained by the Commonwealth Graves Commission. Lest we forget.



Robbie and Polly Williams, Mark & Flo Epper at Chatby War Memorial Egypt at gravesite of Club member Lance Corporal George Thomas Hill.

### **OH & S AND PATROL EQUIPMENT**

All members should remember to keep the health and safety of everyone in mind. When you are down at the Club, please help to keep the place clean and tidy, and put things back where they belong. If everyone makes an effort, the work is easy.

Most of our members are fabulous on patrol, but we still need a few to lift their game.

Please *please please* take good care of all the rescue gear. It's very expensive and lots of work to fix or replace. If something breaks or needs fixing, get the patrol Captain involved in the loop. That way, gear can be taken off-duty and repaired before someone else tries to use it, doing more damage. We've got some great people behind the scenes who help repair gear, but it's a

huge job. Let's not make it any harder. Our new radios have to be placed exactly right in the new chargers, or they don't recharge. So make sure the charge light goes on when you put the radio in, so it's ready to go next time

### **PARKING AT THE CLUB**

You will have seen the official lines on the footpath at the back of the Club. These are the official Council designated areas for parking by Council lifeguards, MLSC Admin and emergency rescue vehicles. Members are reminded that there are more people in our Executive, Management and Nipper Committees, plus others working in the Club than there are parking spaces. They are needed 24 hours a day. So if you aren't authorised to park there, don't – you could cause serious issues for someone who is authorised to use the space and put your membership at risk. Thanks as always to the vast majority of members doing the right thing.

### **BUILDING UPDATE**

Next steps for our redevelopment involve reams of paperwork and forms to be filled in. Per the DA approval, we need geotech reports and all the other consultants reports, design to Building Certificate, etc, etc before we can even begin to build. And that's not taking fundraising into account, which we know is a big workload in itself. So please be patient, and supportive when it comes to raising money and sponsorship for the project.

As most of you know, we will need about \$2000 per member (including Nippers) to rebuild. We have received a number of donations from members and the public, much of which has been used getting the DA through Council. We need serious money to rebuild the Club, and we are asking every member and family for help. Some of you will be able to give more than their share – your help is vital. Some will not be able to help much financially, but can help us in other ways while giving what money they can – your help is vital too.

Another way you can help is to discuss our redevelopment with your business and family friends. There will be some fantastic naming rights opportunities for companies and families in the new building. It may well be that your conversation with a friend or associate leads to a major contribution to our project, benefiting their family or company as well as our Club.

# **HELP WANTED**

**SAT 22<sup>nd</sup> & SUN 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
**Westpac Manly Surf Carnival**

**Workers needed from 5am till 5pm both days**  
If you can only help for a shift of three to four hours, even that will reduce the load on everyone else.

**SATURDAY FEB 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**SMH Sun Run**

Workers needed only from 6.30am to 9.30am  
BBQ brekky for all workers after clean-up!!  
We need helpers on the Sat afternoon (about 6 people) from 5pm – 6pm for early Swim setup.

**SUNDAY FEB 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cole Classic Ocean Swim**

We need a serious bucket load of people  
(including you)  
on the SUN 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.30am for setup till 2pm  
when pickup will be finished  
(The usual post-event bbq and refreshments will happen after both events)

