



TWO BLUES NEWS

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In a fitting end to one of our most successful seasons ever our AGM was attended by well over 300 members and guests at the Hotel Steyne. The Executive and Management committee for the forthcoming season was elected unopposed with the members sending a very direct message that they were satisfied with the ongoing management of our Club.

Strong messages of support were received from Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly and Gordon Lang, President of SLSSNB.

It was particularly pleasing to see the enormous number of younger members who attended to take an interest in their club. Special thanks to Robyne and her army of helpers who ensured that all those who wanted to register prior to the event were accommodated.

The new season will throw up fresh challenges especially for Robbie Williams and

others who are reviewing the Club's Constitution, Rules and By-Laws and for the Finance Committee and Tim Trumbull who will be sourcing funds for the new building. For Glenn Stone and his JAC the Club is 100% behind our army of Nippers and Nipper parents/volunteers who are nurturing our future.

In the next month or so I will be concentrating on cleaning up the front of the club and the foyer/stairs area and working with Trent, Cam, "Chugger" Vieceli and "The Original" Stevie Coulter to maintain order in the back of the club. Marc Manion our GM has some ideas on getting the club spic and span.

Ongoing discussions with our sponsors are going well and we are always happy to welcome new ones!!

See you on the beach.

Daniel Mulcahy – President.

THANKS TO...

First up is a huge THANK YOU to the Hotel Steyne – owners, management and staff – for hosting our Annual General Meeting last month. With well over 300 people in attendance, we would never been able to hold the meeting at the Club. Hotel Steyne asked us what was needed, then set it all up for us so our Admin and volunteer workers could focus on meeting business. A brilliant day for our Club.

Next up are all those who worked so hard leading in to the meeting, and who helped on the day – Robyne Smith, Virginia Bennett, Fred English, Graham Maher, Lord Bert Adams, Marc Manion, Ben Wotton, Shelley Fletcher, Nicole Robb, Simon Gillespie, Polly Williams, Devon Halligan, Rebecca Crawford, Essie Kassulke, Henry Tier, Anthony Bradstreet, Tony Bonner and many others. Thanks to all for the help.

We bid a fond farewell with much thanks to retiring Committee members – Treasurer Peter Russell, who kept our books in top condition in the past few years, led the charge in boosting our merchandise range and income, whose enthusiasm for fundraising is legendary, and all done with a sense of fun. Deputy President Life Member Stan Buckman, who returned after a long absence and got straight back into working for our Club. Nipper Chairman Steve Wilton, who led our Nippers to ever greater heights while coping with all the needs of 700 kids and their parents. Life Member Matt Clymer – surf boat legend – who is stepping down to allow newer boaties to learn the ropes. Col Tansley, our OH&S guru and furry seal, who leaves us safer and wiser. Gun paddler Jamie Stewart has handed on the Ski Captain after leading them to yet more success, Savers legend Bill “Sticks” Tricker has passed the Savers VP ball to John “Fridge” Szaka, and we are still looking for someone to fill the shoes of the hardworking Gear Steward Graham Maher. We thank those stepping down for seeing us through all of our 100th season, and look forward to seeing them around the Club.

Finally, thanks again to all our wonderful sponsors. We set off into the coming season in good financial shape, in no small way because of the help our sponsors provide – both financial and other support. Let’s support them in our turn every chance we get.

VALE

Sadly we have lost more members in the last month, with two outstanding clubmen passing away.

Long serving member Bernie Bergelin lost his battle with cancer. Bernie was a local Manly Rugby Union legend, with a massive number of 1st Grade games to his name. He is survived by his wife and children, who are following in Bernie’s sporting and business footsteps.

One of our Vice-Patrons, John Utz AC, OA also passed away recently. John was one of those people who quietly achieved a massive amount for others, both in our Club and in the wider community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of these two Club stalwarts.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

What an amazing morning it was. We had 300 seats in the big space upstairs in the Hotel Steyne. They were all taken, and there were dozens more members standing in various vantage points around the room – a total of well over 300 in attendance. Our oldest serving members believe this was our biggest AGM ever. Guests included Mayor Jean Hay AM, the Branch SLS President Gordon Lang and his CEO Steve McInnes, representatives from North Steyne and Queenscliff SLSCs, as well as major Club sponsors.

Jean Hay and others spoke in glowing terms about the biggest surf Club on the peninsula – us – and how Manly LSC remains a leader in every aspect of surf life saving. One of the many highlights of the meeting was presentations to Maurine Goldston-Morris OAM of her Club Patron blazer, and

the Presidents Award to long serving Committee member Scott Crawford.

Another major highlight was the big number of younger members, from 14 to 18, who turned up to support the Club and have their say in future leadership. Well done.

And what a resounding message was delivered by our members, after the disruption and criticism from a small minority during the season. Our President Daniel Mulcahy was elected unanimously and unopposed to continue his work keeping Manly LSC at the top of the surf life saving family.

Despite the opportunity provided by our AGM, there were no voices raised in criticism of how we went last season, nor did any of the earlier critics stand for Committee or seek to ask the assembled members to follow their path. All the other Committee members who have volunteered to steer our Club this coming season were also elected unopposed, in a massive vote of confidence in how our Club is being led. And what a refreshing turn of events that was. To see so many members turn up to have their say in a democratic open forum, and agree we are going in the right direction led to a big celebration that went on for the rest of the afternoon. A great way to close a very successful season, and set the tone for the next one.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our Club is always seeking additional sponsors and donors to help with all the different aspects of running our Club. There are fantastic opportunities to join with our amazing family of current sponsors, contribute to the broader community, and boost your business profile. Contact Club Admin to find out more. A sponsorship can be as small as a rescue board, or as big as sponsoring our new building project. We can tailor a package to suit any sponsor.

All members are asked to think about sponsorships for the Club when talking to business associates – it's how many of our best sponsors came on board.

HONOURING OUR VETERANS

In his recent holiday in Europe, Club GM Marc Manion visited the grave sites of all our Club members who gave their lives fighting on the Somme in France in World War 1. As a small token of memory, Marc left a small amount of Manly beach sand and sea water, and a Club emblem at each grave site.

This follows other recent visits and remembrances to various War Grave sites by Club members during the World titles and other trips overseas. Many of our young members have been to Gallipoli for the growing ANZAC Day service there, and the Club is involved in early planning for the Gallipoli Centenary services in 2015, to commemorate our members and all Australians who have served our country in the armed services.

On that note, if you know of any current or former Club member who has served with our armed services, please let us know, as we are working on a comprehensive list for the 2015 ceremonies.

We believe we have details of all our Boer War, WW1 & WW2 veterans, but are looking at completing the lists for all other veterans (we have many already, but we want to make sure).

We hope to end up with a list of every Manly member who has ever served in the armed services, in war or in times of peace. Please contact the Club office by email or letter with names and any details you have of those members. Ta.

COMPETITION UPDATE

Some recent competition highlights involving our members:

James Reid made his State water polo squad, Ciaran Wolohan was selected in U17 Australian Water Polo team for European tour, and in the NSW Pool Rescue Championships Cooper Krenkels won 2 gold and 1 silver medal. Great to see their success. Well done all.

GYM SECURITY

All members are reminded that NO non-members are allowed to use the Gym. It's not OK to "just let a friend have a workout". You risk losing your own Club membership, as well as letting your club mates down if you let others use our Gym.

Also we need to keep the Gym door closed. Imagine you have used your swipe key tag to access the gym, then leave the door open when you go. Then if anything gets stolen or broken, the system shows you to be the last person who opened the door. Also don't let people walk in with you unless they can show you their swipe key tag. You have an absolute right to ask anyone using the Club or the Gym to prove they are a member, and to prove they have a valid gym swipe key if they are in the gym. It's also a good way of introducing yourself to another member while helping secure our premises.

ManlyFit

Talking of gyms, don't forget ManlyFit – the gym run by our Clubs lifesaving competition legend Mel Pelly. They have a huge amount of equipment we can't fit in our tiny gym, plus full programs for every level of fitness. And no membership, contracts or cancellation fees. So go see them at 15 Whistler St Manly, call 9977 1357 or visit manlyfit.com.au.

SAVERS RUGBY PRESENTATION

Savers have finished their rugby season, and are getting set for Savers Annual Presentation Party. It will be held at the Club on Sat 30th July 4pm. In keeping with tradition the cost is \$20/bloke, \$10/lady, kids free. Includes food and refreshments. All welcome, including past Savers players and SWAGs (Savers Wives And Girlfriends)

GEAR STEWARD NEEDED URGENTLY

We need more volunteers to help keep all our Club gear in shape. We are looking for a Gear Steward and four or five helpers to work with that person.

Middle of winter – a quiet time at the Club? No way.

Currently a few of our volunteers are flat out getting all our rescue and emergency gear in shape for the coming season. And they could use your help. Everything from rescue boards to radios to Cardiac Defibs to First Aid kits to IRBs and more needs inspection, updating, repairs or renewal. It's a big workload, and more volunteers are needed to take some of that on. Contact the Club Office, or Graham Maher about the Gear Steward position, or if you can help, even for a couple of hours.

FRONT OF CLUB

Concerns have been raised about the safety, security and tidiness issues raised by people (both members and non-members) leaving gear outside the Club and in the foyer area while engaging in recreational activities.

Members are reminded again that we need to keep the front entrance and access ways of the Club clean and clear. There has been a lot of gear and rubbish left outside the front of the Club, which is an OH&S issue, as well as making the Club look very untidy.

We realise a lot of this has to do with members of the public using the front porch and even our Club entry area as a change room, and we will be doing our best to reduce this. After all, Manly Council has spent plenty of money on public change rooms at the road end of the building.

All our members are asked to use the club change rooms and not leave anything outside, or in the access areas, as the front of the Club is a reflection of the Club, and front of Club needs to be cleaned up.

Finally, due to these issues, members are no longer permitted to take chairs outside to sit on the front porch area. This is unfortunate, as many have long enjoyed that privilege, then taken the chair back upstairs after use. However, due to some members leaving chairs outside, and those chairs then used by the public who leave the place a mess, we have no choice but to prohibit putting Club chairs outside on the front porch. We are in

the process of ordering outdoor furniture to replace the plastic chairs that are ending up in the surf, on the beach and in peoples backyards.

Regrettably, the practise of tying dogs to the front doors and being left on the front porch must also cease.

IRB DRIVERS & CREW

Lots of opportunities for getting involved in the exciting world of IRBs – our Inshore Rescue Boats. The Club is looking for more Drivers and Crew to help with patrols, as well as Nipper and event water safety:

IRB squad training & instruction activities for 2011/12 season

The IRB is an important & high profile component of our surf club rescue activities. By developing appropriate skills training & development, it is an exciting part of the summer's beach activities and our vital community service.

The IRB squad is proposing a number of courses in preparation for the upcoming season, including advanced skills scenarios, proficiencies and Driver training and Crew instruction. The proposed courses are:

- IRB Squad: Advanced skills scenarios for qualified Drivers and interested Crew. Late September (dates to be confirmed).
- Proficiency: Every **3rd** weekend from late September (dates to be confirmed).
- New drivers: 4 – 6 week course starting early October (dates to be confirmed). Numbers limited to 8 per course. Minimum age is 17 years
- New Crew: Two courses in October and December (dates to be confirmed). Numbers limited to 16 per course. You do need to be at least 15 years old to start.

Please email Stuart Anderson on stuart1anderson@gmail.com to register your interest in any of the above courses

LOCKERS UPDATE

We have new lockers for the female change rooms, which will be installed shortly,

new ones for the mens which will be in by end August, and some coin operated ones are planned for the foyer area for members.

THE YEAR AHEAD

A big year ahead for all our Club from Nippers on up. Another season of patrols is being set up by new Club Captain Chris Bell and his Vice-Captains. Nipper activities are on the calendar and logistics are in hand. Youth activities including our annual Drug & Alcohol Seminar are in the books. Competitors are training for summer, many using winter sports for cross-training. Our new Blue Dolphins training group is up and running for rescue & patrol skills and fitness. And so on... another season beckons, and we're ready to serve our fellow members and the public we protect.

BUILDING UPDATE

Our Building Redevelopment project has continued to gain momentum, despite the big issue of funding holding up the works. As you know, we need about \$250,000 worth of paperwork, including reports into Structural, Hydraulic, Mechanical, Electrical, Geotech, Acoustic, Fire, Landscape, Ecological, QS/Cost Management, Surveyor, Dilapidation and others as required to move towards construction, plus fully detailed plans for builders and engineers. (Bit more than building a house!)

So we will shortly be advertising the tender for Accredited Certifier for the project, who will assist in getting these reports done for Council to get the Construction Certificate. Naturally, money is an issue, as we don't have \$250,000 in the Building Fund. Yet.

But we are working on that. Meanwhile, anyone who does have \$250,000 and would like to help us get to the next stage, please contact the Club urgently.

WESTPAC

Here's a quote from a happy Club member: "Just wanted to let you know I had a need to invest some money last week and true

to his word Jonathan Browne from Westpac Manly gave me the best rate - much better than the rest.”

Westpac is also offering Club members significant discounts on mortgages, and have recently helped a number of members in this regard. So get in touch with Westpac, particularly **Jono Browne at Westpac Manly (0429 566 781)** for all your finance needs. You will benefit, and so does our Club through our sponsorship with Westpac.

BELLE PROPERTY

As part of their sponsorship, Belle Property offer a generous financial incentive to any member of Manly LSC who lists and sells their property with Belle Property Seaforth or Belle Property Manly.

Belle Property Seaforth owned by **Danny Paris**, is renowned for its outstanding sales success and property management expertise. They have recently matched their best-ever second quarter sales figures.

Highlights include a standout Suburb Record sale at auction with the property at 20 Daisy St Nth Balgowlah. Danny notes that the Seaforth office has also seen enormous growth in the rental market, with phenomenal rental demand boosting investor interest and returns.

Servicing in the lower northern beaches, Belle Property Seaforth predominately focuses on the gateway suburbs of the Northern Beaches; Seaforth, Clontarf, Balgowlah, North Balgowlah, Balgowlah Heights and Manly Vale.

Steve Thomas, director of **Belle Property Manly** reports the second quarter of 2011 was one of his offices best selling periods in eleven years of operation despite the negative press surrounding the current property market.

Steve said it seems there are still plenty of buyers across all levels, they simply need to see value in order to purchase. Manly beachfront in particular is selling well with Belle recently selling approximately \$15 million of premium property along the golden mile alone.

Several club members have recently enjoyed buying or selling through the Belle Property Seaforth and Manly teams. Feel free to pop into their Sydney Road Manly or 554 Sydney Rd Seaforth premises for any property advice.

NEW EDITOR WANTED

Ever thought you could produce a Club newsletter? The Two Blues News is our Clubs main media contact with our senior members, with a circulation of well over 1,000.

For about 200 of our older (and long serving) members not on email, it is the only regular update they receive about our Club. It's also an important part of a number of sponsorships.

We send between 10 and 12 issues of Two Blues out each year, and each issue takes a couple of days to write, edit, then email or print, stuff into envelopes and mail out to all the members not on email.

There are many members out there with the skills to do the Editors job. So if you are one of them and interested in being the new Editor in Chief, with a huge staff, massive office and private jet, contact the Club Admin Office. This could be your chance to start your own media empire. (If you believe the last two sentences, you may be too gullible to be Editor.)

Contact the Club Admin office to fulfil your media dreams and keep the Two Blues News as the world's leading surf life saving news and information source.

FEES NOW DUE

If you haven't paid your fees yet, they are due NOW. Please remember to fill all the paperwork in **on both sides**, as otherwise we can't process your membership.

The paperwork load is growing due to State legislation, and we are working to reduce it in the future. Please help our Admin by doing your bit. Thanks for your patience with this.

