



TWO BLUES NEWS

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INTRODUCTION

We are well into the business end of the season having recently successfully run the “Cole Classic” and “Fairfax Fun Run”- events that will contribute in excess of \$35k to our club. Neither of these events would have happened were it not for the support of our members and the effort put in by Allan Tier, Mark Epper and their army of helpers. Our water safety organisation on the day was fantastic.

Next up was the Manly Swim on March 6th followed by Junior State, and now Senior State, then Aussies, our Centenary Function, the Soft Sand Classic and the AGM.

Congratulations to our nippers, opens and masters who completed a clean sweep at the Branch Titles. No doubt their attention will now turn to stronger competition!

To the departing committee members I would like to thank you for your time and effort whilst on the committee and hope that the knowledge and experience you gained whilst in our club will not be lost to surf life saving.

The strength of a club is often measured by the depth of individuals ready to stand up and

help when needed. I was delighted by the response from our members. It was interesting to see the headline in the press “Manly LSC in Crisis”. Reminded me of the old Supertramp album (1975) “Crisis What Crisis”. Lets get on with the job that we do best - keeping the beach safe for the public and developing our youth. Things we do very well!

See you on the sand. Daniel Mulcahy, President.

THANKS TO

First off, take a bow everyone involved in the three huge events in three weeks (Westpac Manly Surf Carnival, Cole Classic and Sun Run). What a fabulous effort. Three days of Westpac Manly surf carnival, followed by Sun Run, followed by Cole Classic. Amazing amount of work by our members, supporting logistics genius and Event Coordinator Al Tier, and his management crew. We had people here working from 4.30am in the mornings till everything was packed up at night. We had older members with their kids helping together, and every challenge met and mastered. Damn we’re good!

Thanks also to all the officials from other Clubs (as well as ours) at the Westpac Carnival,

and to the many other event sponsors who added to the day.

There was a huge effort by all those involved in getting IRB's on the water for Westpac Manly Carnival. Special thanks go to Robin Barham, for organising rosters prior to the event, Vincent Dermody for tireless beach work over the two days, Zane Ludlow for looking after the boat areas, Freshwater, North Steyne and Queenscliff SLSC's for IRB assistance, and Luke Fittock of North Narrabeen for providing two IRB's and his services for the day. Lots of work continues to be done by Mark Lehmann and Mark Bridgman in keeping us in fuel, and the IRB's in full working order.

Topping that off was all the IRB and water safety work by our members for the Cole Classic. Huge effort, and much appreciated by sponsors, organisers and those taking part in the race. Well done all.

Then after a few weeks break, our members backed up again for our ICMS Ocean Swim. A top effort by all involved, and the event (though smaller than the Cole Classic) ran like clockwork, which showcased once again how good our members are.

Also thanks for the last minute efforts by James Hill was made to cover the Nipper Branch carnival at Collaroy all day on the Sunday 13th. And another last minute effort by Col Girdler and Narelle Butler who covered the senior Branch Carnival on Saturday 19th. Thanks James, Col and Narelle.

Quick thanks to Tony Vieceli, Dave Cansdell, Sam Speer, James Bennet, Devon Halligan, Flo Epper, Polly Williams, Sarah Knapman and Jamie Stewart for helping run the Nipper BBQ while Nippers were at Branch.

And thanks once again to our many sponsors who give generously to help run events and keep our Club in front financially.

CIVIC RECEPTION FOR MLSC

Next up for a massive "thank you" is Mayor Jean Hay. Jean put on a Mayoral Civic Reception at the Town Hall for us to celebrate the Centenary of Manly Life Saving Club. Representing our Club were our Life Members, Distinguished Service Award Members, Management Committee and Junior Committee reps, Club Patrons and just a few of our female competitors before the invite list was full, due to space constraints at Town Hall.

Jean was full of praise for our Club and members, and their massive efforts on behalf of the community over the past century. Her speech on the evening was both touching and funny, though as Jean said, it is impossible to cover a century of achievement in a short speech. President Daniel then responded on the Club's behalf, thanking Jean for her and Manly Council support and also reviewing past and current activities. The last formal part of the evening was yet another pleasant surprise when Jean gave Daniel an official document confirming Council's commitment to put \$500,000 into the redevelopment of the Club building. Many thanks to Jean and Council for hosting us, and for their ongoing support.

COMPETITION UPDATE

Our Club has managed to take the trifecta at the Branch Championships, winning the Junior (Nipper), Open and Masters point scores for 2011. Top effort by our competitors in all age groups and disciplines, and a massive effort behind the scenes by the dedicated group who do the carnival entries, patrol hour input, gear transport and support stuff on the beach. Thanks all. Our competitors are so lucky to have you taking care of all that for them

Next up are State and Australian Championships, in mid-March and early April respectively. Again, while our competitors have been training the house down, huge amounts of work has been happening for months to make sure we have all the bases covered. Competitors are reminded not to take this support for granted, and to make sure your own and team mates entries and equipment are all in order.

LATE NEWS: Our First Aid, Patrol Competition and Champion Lifesaver teams won everything in sight at the State Champs, which was running at the same time as the Nippers. Huge boost to the pointscore for our tilt at this years trophy. We'll need it as a number of our gun ski paddlers will be at National Kayak champs.

NIPPERS WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Nippers have returned home again with the NSW pointscore, beating North Cronulla and Cronulla for the trophy for the second year running. Given Manly had about two thirds the number of competitors of North Cronulla, it makes the success of our competitors, coaches and support crew even better. Well done all.

CENTENARY FUNCTION

Our Centenary Function being held on April 30th, and is going to be a night to remember. Tickets are selling fast, and numbers are limited. So get yours now, by contacting Club Admin, or calling in to the Club office between 10am and 12 noon weekdays. The function is being held at the Steyne Hotel, in the refurbished upstairs function space. It will be a cocktail style function, with some seating for our older members. The tickets are \$50 which includes food and drinks through the evening.. Get your tickets NOW.

LIFE MEMBER MEETING AT CLUB

For the first time in many years, our Club held a meeting for all our Life Members. This was to get them together to ask for their opinions on possible changes to our Club Constitution, and for their experience and ideas for the Club they have served so well. Of the 31 living Life Members, 17 were able to attend. This meant that there was about a thousand years of experience and extraordinary distinguished service to our Club in the room.

That said, strong opinions were voiced on a number of matters, and there was robust debate about what the meetings recommendations to the Management Committee would be. This is a good indication of the depth and breadth of viewpoints among our Life Members, and of their continuing passion for our Club.

Following the main discussions, the overall operations of the Club were also discussed, including recent controversy in the local paper. Several Life members briefed the meeting on the situation, and again some strong debate ensued. Finally, a vote of confidence in Club President Daniel Mulcahy and his leadership of our Club was moved. This was passed unanimously by all our Life Members. They then thanked Daniel for all his efforts and also thanked the Committee for keeping our Club at the forefront of the surf life saving movement.

The meeting closed with some food and refreshments for our Life Members, kindly provided and cooked by Allan and Henry Tier. Another good day for our Club, and a great way to gain value from the vast experience of our Life Members.

GENERAL MANAGER APPOINTED

The Club has appointed a General Manager to support the administration and

funding of the Club. This is a part time paid position, and has been given to Marc Manion, following a lengthy selection process.

The position pays the equivalent of \$40 to \$50 per hour, which is not a lot for the expertise and workload required. The GM job will boost our sponsor and other income streams, which makes the investment by the Club a real positive.

PICKET FENCE AT MANLY OVAL

Many of our members have been involved in rugby union, cricket, and other sports and training at Manly Oval. Many more have enjoyed watching sports events there over the decades.

Part of the refurbishment of the Oval includes a new picket fence, made up of high quality recycled materials. You can have your name (or that of a family member, or indeed your whole family), as well as a message placed on a plaque on a section of the picket fence.

The first one off the blocks was the Tricker family (including famous Club member Bill "Sticks" Tricker), and other have followed. So if this is of interest to you, your family or business, contact Manly Council for details and costs involved.

Manly Fit – Manly's newest gym!

Win a \$100 Manly Fit Voucher!

Club members Mel Pelly, Georgina Pelly and Nathan Davies have recently opened Manly Fit, at 15 Whistler St Manly. Manly Fit offers 30 or 60 minute value for money weekday sessions with a trainer, providing customised programmes and guidance for your fitness session. Programmes usually involve a mix of cardio and strength training, but can be varied and tailored to the individual and their needs. Alternatively, if you prefer to do your own thing at the gym, Manly Fit is open on weekends as a 'Do it Yourself' gym. Take a look at www.manlyfit.com.au. **Manly Fit is running a competition exclusive to Manly LSC members: any member who attends 2 Free Sessions up until the end of April 2011, will then go into the draw to win one of 2x \$100 Manly Fit vouchers (valid for 5 x 1hr or 10 x 30 minute weekday sessions, or 10 weekend visits).** To register for 2 free weekday sessions at Manly Fit, simply email your name and phone number to info@manlyfit.com.au, or SMS your name to 0450744883.



DON'T FORGET :

**Manly Life Saving Club
Centenary
Cocktail Party**

Saturday 30 April from 7pm

at



**Hotel Steyne
75 The Corso Manly**



**Celebrating our proud heritage of
vigilance and service
protecting the public on Manly beach
and developing the youth of Manly and beyond**

**We hope that you will share the evening with us as we reflect
on our achievements and look to the next 100 years.**

Dress: Smart casual

TICKETS: “early bird” discount \$50.

Includes food and refreshments.

Available online at manlylsc.com

or visit the Club Admin office or call on 9977 2742.