

BRIEF NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2016

KEY DATES

Registration Days	15 th October, 22 nd October 11 am – 2 pm
Spinal management , ARTC proficiencies	21 th October at 7 pm
Nippers Starts	29 th October 1.30 pm
Proficiencies	29 th October 8.30 am to 1.30 pm
Patrols begin	8 th October

Next month, details will be sent out and posted as to how to Register on-line and the new fee schedule for the year (there will be a slight increase), so please hold off registering until then

COMMUNICATION

Keep in touch with Club events and news by,,,

Website : <http://portelliotslsc.com.au/>

Facebook

Phone app : it is free. Download 'TEAM APP' and then search for Port Elliot (PESLSC).

Minutes of Club Council meeting are posted in the plastic container inside the kitchen door at the Club. Or if you like you can request a copy from the Secretary.

CLUB COUNCIL 2016-7

A List and contact details for Council members and other office bearers can be found on the website, on the notice board in the Clubrooms and Patrol room.

Council members are elected to serve the membership. They are open to feedback and suggestions from the general membership. If you have any concerns, ideas for improvement, new ideas for consideration, please talk to one of the members. Dale Francis is the nominated Members Representative so he can be your first port of call.

Club Council meets once a month in a formal meeting. The minutes can be found in the plastic holder inside the kitchen.

PATROLLING

I did my Bronze at the ripe age of 50 along with Peter Francis who did his at the age of 56. We were the only 2 people to do their Bronze that year. We were so proud of the achievement, and could not wait to Patrol. We did our bronze so that we could patrol – to spend time down the beach with friends and to do something worthwhile in the local community. Peter and I love patrolling – bear a though for Peter who may not 'past muster' this year due to injury.

This is why Peter and I and some others are disappointed when people who have their bronze don't want to patrol. The commitment in hours over a whole summer is not huge. Patrolling is our core business as lifesavers, and for some of us also earns us the privilege to compete for the Club. It also pays back the hours that instructors have invested to get us to achieve what many people in the community cannot.

We have had patrolling seasons of recent times in which 40% of our bronze members have not joined permanent patrols. Is this good ?

If you need to be added to a Patrol contact Chris Tapscott asap : Chris Tapscott
ctapsco@bigpond.net.au ; 0417894755

Marty

TREE PLANTING

The annual PESLSC tree planting held on 24/7 was very well attended, thank you, despite the horrific weather and initially low RSVPs. We did well to plant 500+ trees and I am grateful for the large numbers who braved the gale force wind warnings to come out and help. Even bigger thanks for the second wave of helpers who attended the following week in almost blazing sunshine to get the remaining 2000 odd trees planted. We did well to be finished by 2pm, or so we thought, only to discover a rogue tray of trees that needed planting when we thought we were truly done and dusted. Special thanks to Leah and Tappy for bringing the BBQ out on both days (and getting to use it on the second) and for supervising the granting of BBQ licenses to the younger children. While there may well be easier ways to earn bucks for our Club, it was a satisfying couple of days spent with fellow clubbies "doing our bit to help".

With sincere thanks to everyone. Belinda

BOB BRUCE OAM

At the recent SLSSA Awards night, Bob was inducted into the Inaugural Surf Lifesaving SA Hall of Fame. Great job and well deserved Bob Bruce!! Bob's history in Lifesaving at Port Elliot and at State level is a amazing story. Maybe we need a historian to document itwhere is Sibbo when you need him ?

CLUB GEAR

Recently our Club gear was audited and given the once over by representatives from SLSSA. We now have a new Gear Steward , Brad Watson. If you see any gear which is damaged or not being used correctly, please contact him. Likewise any requests for gear purchase should be directed to him.

Just an obvious reminder that our gear is subjected to hard environmental conditions, and any actions which we can take to improve its longevity will help club funds.

TRAINING OFFICER COURSE

SLSSA is facilitating another Training Officer course on 2 and 16 October. This is for Members who would like to train other people in Bronze, SRC, IRB , ARTC. It is very rewarding and highly appreciated to train others.

For more information refer to the SA Circulars area in the Members Portal or contact Reagan Moon.

Note : Reagan will be away from the 15th of September to the 16th of October on his 'Italian Adventure'

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Background

- For many years there has been a state –wide plan to re –develop all existing surf life saving clubs via a tripartite funding arrangement with SA Government providing 56%, Local Government 33% and clubs 11%.
- Prior to the 2014 state election SLSSA persuaded both major parties to double their funding allocations.
- Consequently PESLSC was encouraged to be “shovel ready” for our re-development as it would be embarrassing to SLSSA if allocated funds could not be spent.
- Therefore, if you were able to attend the AGM you would have seen that we do have plans that are well considered, drawn by architects Hames Sharley and are the distillation of many hours of meetings, on –site inspections, email exchanges and phone calls between the architects, Alexandrina Council, SLSSA and individual members of our Club Council’s sub-committee comprising Kym Overall (Convenor), Bob Bruce, Peter Francis, Hamish McMillan, Dave Reed and Matt Smith.
- While those plans are ready to go to Alexandrina Council for Planning Approval Club Council has decided to hold back on submitting them as it would cost approximately \$9,000 to get that approval and keep it valid for three years.

Where to Next?

- While our club has been lauded by SLSSA for its fund-raising efforts and quarantining of money in a designated building account this effort will need to be vigorous over the next several years as it now appears that government funds will be available to us from 2020. I expect to have further details of this in the near future.
- We will therefore need to develop a Business Plan that continues to set aside capital, maintains our rescue, sport and educative roles and is supportive of future maintenance and debt servicing requirements.

FINALLY

If you have not seen the plans I would encourage you to go upstairs and have a look at them and note:

- A bigger footprint for the building. (Yes we are ok to remove the trees).
- Ramp access around the rear of the building.
- Lift access.
- Building back into the hill-side to gain extra space.
- Keeping the curvature at the front of the building. This is a heritage requirement because of the historic railway.
- Enhanced storage and wash-down areas for IRB's
- Storage space for a lighter weight jet-ski.
- Higher ceiling for vertical storage of rescue boards
- Enhanced and flexible gym space.
- Maintenance of the deck area.
- Low maintenance cladding.
- Exact bar and kitchen layouts etc will be determined at a later stage

Peter Francis

JUNIOR NEWS

Tara Irvin (0484 232 071) is continuing as Junior Manager, with Kate Pannell as Secretary. Ben Jucius and Naomi Dixon are the carnival co-ordinators .

BOARD and SKI SERIES from SLSSA

As many of you know, the Board and Ski Series has been an important pre-season event for Surf Sports in South Australia for the past few years. The 2016 'Surf Sports' Series has a brand new look. With the help of South Australia's Athletes, the Series will now be a four part event run across an eight week period. The series will engage all comers as well as the best of the best battling it out for the 2016 Surf Sports Series Title. So please fire up all your athletes to have a go!

More information will be included in the entry Circulars and venues below are TBC.

Round 1: Seacliff September 24th incorporating Beach series 1

Round 2: Chiton Rocks 8th October

Round 3: Aldinga Beach 22nd October

Round 4: Glenelg Beach 12th November incorporating Beach Series 2

