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Last weekend saw the start of another season – a season of keeping our beaches safe, rescuing people in need, educating our youth and members, training for awards, competition and general health and fitness. Since the end of last season, our clubs and members have been busy – there is no quiet period anymore for our volunteers. We have been repairing and preparing equipment and clubhouses, continuing our education, recruiting new members and continuing to support our communities.

Recently, we celebrated the “Best of our Best” at our Most Outstanding Club Awards. Congratulations to all winners and all who were nominated, especially Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club for being named the Most Outstanding Club in Sydney Northern

Beaches. Whilst it is important to recognise the pinnacle of our membership, we also recognise all our members and supporters who give their time and energy so freely to protect our beaches. Thank you to you all - you are our strength and our future. Over the last 5 years, surf life saving in Sydney Northern Beaches has shown a strong growth in regional population, beach visitors, rescues, preventative actions, membership and awards. Indications so far for the 2011 – 12 season show that these growth trends will continue. This growth, along with a continued refinements in our procedures, training and administration place increased demands on our volunteers – be it patrolling members, trainers and assessors, administrators, coaches and officials. This growth also places an increased demand on finances. Special thanks to those members who take on added responsibilities with clubs to ensure their growth and success and thank you to all organisations and people who support our clubs. Our three pillars of strengths within Sydney Northern Beaches are:

- To provide the best possible beach management and aquatic rescue service
- To develop our youth and members
- To support and be part of our communities

We will continue to strive hard for these pillars and aim to be able to say, again, “No Lives Lost under our Watch” for the coming season through vigilance and service.

On behalf of our local communities and our visitors, I would like to thank all our volunteers and club committees for their continued time, commitment and passion and wish everyone a safe, successful and enjoyable 2011 – 12 season.

**Gordon Lang—SNB President**



**Surf Life Saving  
Sydney Northern Beaches  
2010/11 Awards presented  
at Dee Why RSL on  
Friday June 24th.  
Congratulation to all  
winners!**

**Westpac Most Outstanding Club**  
*Long Reef*

**Westpac Most Outstanding Club for  
Support to Lifesaving**  
*Long Reef*

**Westpac Most Outstanding Club for  
Support to Youth & Development**  
*Newport*

**Westpac Most Outstanding Club for  
Support to Education**  
*Dee Why*

**Westpac Most Outstanding Club for  
Support to Administration**  
*Newport*

**Westpac Most Outstanding Club for  
Support to Surf Sports**  
*Collaroy*

**Most Improved Club**  
*Long Reef*

**Patrol Assessment Competition**  
*Newport*

**Dee Why RSL Volunteer of the Year**  
*Graham Cook - Narrabeen Beach*

**Streets Award of Courage**  
*Scott Taylor-South Curl Curl*

**The Beach Club Collaroy  
Rookie of the Year**  
*Liam Yeates-South Curl Curl*

**The Harry Ragan Outstanding Service**  
*Jonathon Farrell - Freshwater*

**The Raymond Matthew Brown OAM  
Radio Operator's Award**  
*Stan Buckman - Manly &  
Lorelle Kinsey - Warriewood*

**Cedric .T. Walton Award**  
*Robyn Holt - Queenscliff*

**Ausgrid Competition  
Official of the Year**  
*Chris Dooley - North Steyne*

**Ausgrid Youth Athlete of the Year**  
*Jesse Bowyer - Collaroy*

**Ausgrid Athlete of the Year**  
*Katie Williams - Collaroy*



**Members of Long Reef SLSC after winning 2010/11 Most Outstanding Club**

**Ausgrid Competition Team**  
*Under 14 5 person R&R- Collaroy*

**Ausgrid Master Athlete of the Year**  
*Nick Carroll - Newport*

**Thredbo Male Youth Patrol Person**  
*Kieran Menzies - Newport*

**Thredbo Female Youth Patrol Person**  
*Talia Mason -Queenscliff*

**The Manly Daily Communications Award**  
*- Newport*

**Patrol Captain of the Year**  
*Steve Parkes - Avalon Beach*

**Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE  
Assessor of the Year**

*Paul Taylor - Queenscliff*

**Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE  
Trainer of the Year**

*Rob Cook - Narrabeen Beach*

**Warringah Mall LifeSaver of the Year**  
*Kieran Menzies - Newport*

**Coca Cola Leader of the Year**  
*Shannon Job - North Steyne*

**President's Award**  
*Neil Purcell—North Steyne*



**SNB President Gordon Lang presenting Neil Purcell OAM with the 2011 President's Award**



*The Governor of NSW Marie Bashir and her husband Sir Nicholas Shehadie joined Manly Mayor Jean Hay , Manly Life Saving Club President Daniel Mulcahy and other Life Members and former Presidents for the Club's 100th Anniversary.*

## Manly Life Saving Club marks its 100th

Manly Life Saving Club celebrated its centenary in April with a gala night at the Steyne Hotel. Over 350 guests including Life Members, former presidents, current and former Australian Champions, nipper parents and current patrolling members all helped celebrate the 100 years.

Special guests at the function included NSW Governor Marie Bashir, NSW Treasurer Mike Baird and Manly Mayor Jean Hay. Club President Daniel Mulcahy welcomed all followed by a rousing verse of the Manly LSC club song. He said it was a memorable night for all. "Manly Life Saving Club has grown over recent years to well over 2000 members, and there are many groups in the club with different interests and passions", he said.

Be it lifesaving, competition, heritage, youth development, community education or friendship all of our members are united under one common goal to protect the community".

## Honours for SNB stalwarts

SNB congratulates four of its members who have been recently honoured by Surf Life Saving Australia and Surf Life Saving NSW. Queenscliff's Col White and Collaroy's

*Mona Vale's Lindsay Paton OAM, North Steyne's Neil Purcell and Avalon Beach's Michael Byrnes (not pictured) were recently recognised by Surf Life Saving NSW's President Tony Haven for their many years of officiating at carnivals.*



Ritchie Lytham were awarded Life Membership of SLSA at a gala dinner at Kurrawa during the Australian Surf Life saving Championships. Col has been a member of Queenscliff since 1960. Other honours have gone to Life Members Neil Purcell OAM, Michael Byrnes OAM, Lindsay Paton OAM who were all recognised for their dedicate work in officiating for 50 years plus. They were presented with framed certificate featuring NSW Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and a watch. Avalon Beach's Charles Lindop was also honoured when he received a Commendation For Brave Conduct award as part of the Federal 2011 Australian Bravery decorations. Charles was recognised for his actions in rescuing his son during an attack by a great white shark two years ago.

## Thredbo back for 2011



Thredbo once again come on board as a sponsor for the Week In Review and the Most

Outstanding Club Night .They kindly gave us 10 one day Thredbo lift tickets and 10 Thredbo shirts as weekly prizes and five one day Thredbo lift tickets as lucky door prizes for MOC night. Lucky winners from Week In Review were Lochie Humphrey, Chris Reid, Sue Rossi, Tim Francis, Tim Woolnough, Robin Barham, Julie Tassone, Troy Stephens, Ben Neighbour and Malcolm Peak.



## Oceanseries 2011

This year's Oceanseries is brought to you by new sponsors—Vajda Surf Skis, Dee Why Grand and Immuno.

The surf boat category continues to be a part of the series after last year's successful introduction with at least four of the six races including the boats this year. 2011 will also see the introduction of more race categories such as stand ups and paddle boards, outrigger canoes and more spec ski categories. The increase in popularity of the sport of ocean ski paddling is clearly demonstrated by the massive increase in competitors in the Oceanseries over the last four years. In 2006 there were 380 entries for the series. Entries grew to over 1,100 in 2010, an increase of almost 300% over five years. The 2011 series is already attracting a lot of interest from paddlers from around the globe as well as the local media, and it should prove to be our biggest yet.

In planning the Oceanseries, event organisers are endeavouring to accommodate and challenge every level of paddler. Some races feature downwind courses, others comprise a circuit, but every race is staged at some of our most beautiful and scenic locations including Sydney Harbour. The first race, The Vajda Rocks to Reef was held at Dee Why on 17th September with a record number of entries. Full results, photos and details of upcoming races can be viewed online [www.oceanseries.com.au](http://www.oceanseries.com.au)

### Upcoming Events

**8th October; Lion Island Challenge**  
**22nd October; Bondi to Watsons Bay**  
**12th November; Narrabeen Downwind**  
**26th November; Manly King of the Harbour**  
**17th December; 20 Beaches**



*The Hon Bronwyn Bishop, Member for Pittwater Rob Stokes, Member for Manly Mike Baird, Warringah Mayor Michael Regan, Pittwater Mayor and Manly Mayor Jean Hay receiving SNB framed caps at the SNB Awards night in June.*

## Volunteer Lifesavers Praised as part of National Volunteers Week

Member for Pittwater Rob Stokes praised the outstanding efforts of local surf lifesavers as part of National Volunteers week in early May. Rob told State Parliament that local lifesavers emulate exactly what volunteering is all about. "Our community is exceptionally fortunate to have so many people willing to lend a hand on our local beaches and help keep our community safe.

Their selfless commitment in patrolling our beaches, educating our children and saving lives is truly remarkable. It's only through the

willingness of our local volunteers that many local events, activities and programs are able to go ahead—so we mustn't take them for granted. Everyone in our community benefits in some form—so it's really important we show our appreciation. I congratulate all of Pittwater's fantastic volunteer surf life savers and thank them for making our community an even better place to live", Rob Stokes said.

## New SNB Directors

Our new Sponsorship & Marketing Director is Rob Bery from Whale Beach, Rob takes over from Alan Mason who has done an incredible job over the past three years. John Fahey from Collaroy is our new Surf Sports Director taking over from Ross Tester who has been a member of the SNB Executive Committee for the past ten years. Our thanks go to Ross and Alan for their tremendous effort.



*Outgoing Surf Sports Director, Ross Tester*

