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# North Curl Curl Chatter

Official Newsletter of the  
North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Surf Club

## Welcome to 2011/2012 Season

Well there has been a fair bit of Gabe Kaplan talk but I don't think anyone was back referencing our members as "Sweathogs" in the calls of "welcome back" but I do take this opportunity to thank the members for giving me the opportunity to have another dig as President of our great Club.

For those not aware I previously had the honour for the five



**Stuart Wye—Club President**

seasons between '84 and '89. So yes, a long time between drinks but by default a large thirst for the challenge.

I take this opportunity to thank all those members who have taken on the various "club officer" roles within the Club and wish you a successful season with your various responsibilities.

Your Board has been lucky enough to secure the services of three new Directors this season— Chris Stoneman, Director of Finance Alexandra Wye, Director of Surf Life Saving Instruction, and Richard Smith, Director of Junior Activities. Both Chris's and Alex's past experience in Surf Life Saving at large and our Club most specifically, along with

Richard's keen enthusiasm, will add a strong reinforcement to the proper direction and running of your Club.

We are most fortunate indeed to have already secured excellent support from existing and new sponsors for the Club and a strong drive from our hard working Junior Activities sub committee has seen additional support in that area of our activities. I strongly encourage all members to take note of the various sponsors identified within the "Chatter" and support them whenever you get the opportunity. Better still make the opportunity and also tell your friends about these tremendous groups and individuals that are supporting our Club.

For those members living away from the Club these days and those still waiting for it to warm up a bit, you should get down to the beach and have a look at the "new" look facility if you can. Warringah Council have been finally able to replace the roof sheeting as well as the suspended ceiling over the centre section of the hall and patched the bubbled and peeling painted sections - we are dry! Thank you Council.

Now our turn - we have had the whole inside repainted and to cap it all off our long time supporter and sponsor Ken Sparks has supplied and installed new carpet to the complete hall area saving the Club tens of thousands of dollars - thanks

Ken.

So the place is looking pretty OK, so let's all do our part to keep it in as good repair as possible. I implore all members and their guests to just think and be responsible. A good starting point is would you do it or allow for it to be done in your own home?

As mentioned and discussed at the Annual General Meeting there are still two major items that require "fixing" with respect to the clubhouse side of things. Firstly the re establishment of some of the club memorabilia and secondly our critical issue of lack of storage. It has been acknowledged that both these items have been languishing some what, but we are now addressing both and I am looking forward to advising members of where we are up to in the next issue of the Chatter.

I have heard and or have made numerous comments about how much has changed in the twenty plus years but one thing already appears to have stayed constant and that is the fantastic commitment of the people that make up our Club and I look forward to your support this season.

Stuart Wye  
Club President



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### Some faces on our Board



**Stuart Wye**  
Club President



**Julie Tassone**  
Director Administration, Club Registrar & Deputy President



**Alexandra Wye**  
Director Surf Life Saving Instruction



**Richard Smith**  
Director Junior Activities



**Malcolm Forsyth**  
Director Marketing

## Clare Hagon New Life Member

Congratulations to Clare Hagon who was awarded Life Membership at the 2010/2011 Annual General Meeting.

Clare who has been a member of the club since 1994, has managed to obtain over 50 surf life saving awards, probably the most of any club member in our history, and has used her gained knowledge to educate

hundreds of club members in various surf life saving areas and at various levels.

Her commitment and contribution to surf life saving education is well known not only within our club, but also at a Branch and State level. A most deserved recognition to a dedicated member of our club and our community.



### NCCSLSC Elected Board & Delegates for 2011/2012 Season

PRESIDENT: Stuart Wye  
DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Julie Tassone  
PATRON: Dave Murray  
VICE PATRON / CLUB DOCTOR: Michael Armstrong  
DIRECTOR SURF LIFE SAVING: Alex Wye  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SURF LIFE SAVING: Greg Stretton  
DIRECTOR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES: Richard Smith  
DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATION: Julie Tassone  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATION: Audrey Bruen  
DIRECTOR SURF SPORTS: Neil Coltman  
DIRECTOR FINANCE: Chris Stoneman  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCE: Colin Wilson  
DIRECTOR SURF LIFE SAVING INSTRUCTION: Alexandra Wye  
ASSISTANT SLS INSTRUCTION: Clare Hagon  
DIRECTOR MARKETING: Malcolm Forsyth  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MARKETING: Andrew Waddington  
CLUB REGISTRAR: Julie Tassone  
PUBLICITY OFFICER: Louis Tassone  
OCCUPATION HEALTH & SAFETY: Ray Marrs

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Louis Tassone/Julie Tassone  
GEAR STEWARD: David Jones  
RADIO OFFICER: Alex Wye  
FIRST AID OFFICER: Carmel Howard  
CLUB HISTORIAN: Kevin Martin  
SPORTS GYM MANAGER: Julie Tassone  
CLUB COMPETITION ORGANISER: Jonno Phippard  
ASSITANT RACE SECRETARY: Noel Langthorne  
BRANCH DELEGATE: Louis Tassone  
BOAT DELEGATE: Justin Lowry  
VICE BOAT DELEGATE: Sean Stacey  
WATER SPORTS DELEGATE: Jake & Tom Atkins  
POWERCRAFT DELEGATE: Brett Kirby  
VICE POWERCRAFT CAPTAIN: Peter Chapman  
SOCIAL OFFICER (SENIORS): Julie Tassone/Audrey Bruen



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## New Flags for Patrol Area

Beachgoers will see a couple of obvious changes when they visit the beach this year.

The iconic red and yellow patrol flags now incorporate additional red and yellow "feathers", which are designed to help make it much easier for the public to identify the patrolled swimming areas.

Also this year, the blue flags that are used to designate the boundary for surf craft use on the edge of patrolled areas, have been replaced by new black and white flags. This change is in line with the international standard.

So next time you are at the beach, take note of the new flags used by our patrols.



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## The Wiz Report

North Curl Curl SLSC commenced the 2011/2012 season on Saturday, 24th September, 2011 with 131 rostered patrol members (89 males and 42 females), comprising 122 Bronze Medallion holders and 9 Surf Rescue Certificate personnel.

On each of our club's twelve patrols there will be at least eight Bronze Medallion holders and a minimum of four Honorary Beach Inspectors, one IRB Driver, two Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate operators, one Spinal Management Certificate officer, two IRB Crew people and two Senior First Aid Certificate personnel.

Draft copies of all the pertinent patrol documents were e-mailed to the Board members and patrol captains for final perusal and the opportunity to suggest any amendments that needed to be made.

Unfortunately our club starts this season with almost twenty less rostered patrol members than what we finished with last season, due to some now declaring themselves unavailable and the rest simply being deleted because of their extremely poor patrol attendances in the 2010/2011 season.

Seven club members who attained their Bronze Medallion last season and who were not already on the patrol roster have been included. However, there were at least another ten new Bronze Medallion recruits not on the patrol roster who were not available to do patrol duties this season due to weekend work commitments, overseas travel, long term injuries or by making the decision not to have the courtesy to respond to their telephone answering service.

I believe that all successful Bronze Medallion candidates should contribute to our surf club through either patrol service or Nippers water safety and therefore I suggest that higher fees be imposed on future Bronze Medallion candidates for their training, with these fees being proportionally deducted from their ensuing years of club membership as patrol or water safety service is given back to our club.

Before the season started, a highly productive and most informative Patrol Captains' Meeting was conducted at the Dee Why RSL club on Sunday, 14th August.

Eight of our club's twelve patrol captains (as well as two patrol vice-captains) were in attendance to examine and discuss the various patrol documents as well as beach management procedures for the 2011/2012 season.

Special thanks go to Clare Hagon (Deputy Director of Surf Life Saving Instruction) for attending this meeting for the second year in succession and for facilitating discussions on our club's training needs from the patrol perspective as well as for providing valuable insight into the conducting of this season's proficiencies.

Thanks also go to Club Vice-Captains, Greg Stretton and Ray Merton for their excellent input on this day.

**Alex Wye,**  
Director Surf Life Saving



### Curly's Calendar

- > Sun Oct 9th  
Sydney Northern  
Beaches Inter  
Branch Trials—Beach  
Events at North Curl  
Curl
- > Sun Oct 16th  
Sydney Northern  
Beaches Inter  
Branch Trials—Water  
Events at North Curl  
Curl
- > Sun Oct 16th  
Nippers starts for  
2011/2012 season
- > Sun Oct 30th  
Bennetts Junior  
Craft Carnival  
Dee Why Beach
- > For all the latest  
event details, visit  
our Website



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## Off Season Club Renovations

During the off season the club has had some long over due but very welcome renovations.

After many years of trying to get our leaking roof repaired, we finally have a new roof. Warringah Council realized this, and we now have a shiny new roof, which we are pleased to say does not leak.

Once the roof was on, the Council then turned their attention to the internal ceiling, which has seen plenty of damage caused by the roof leaking over many years. The council came to the party, and replaced the entire ceiling with new sound dampening tiles, and also replaced the existing down lights with some energy efficient lighting.

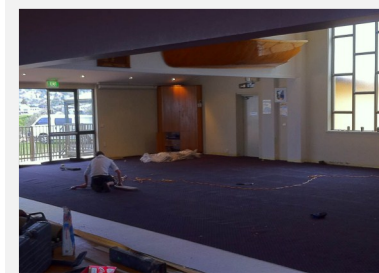
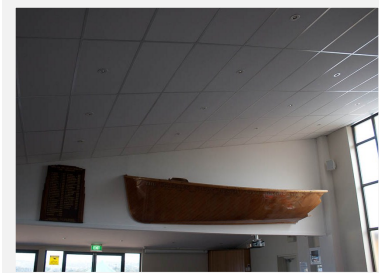
Once we were confident of having a waterproof top on the club, we were able to turn our attention to the rest of the club interior.

We needed to replace the well worn flooring in the club, and we were lucky enough to have Ken Sparks from Ken Sparks Carpet come on board, and donate brand new carpet for the entire club. Ken also arranged to have the carpet laid, a real bonus for the club.

To finish off the pre-season renovations we had a fresh coat of paint applied to the interior—and we must thank Tom Dalton for his effort in getting this done very professionally and very quickly.

So next time you visit the club, we hope you notice and appreciate the improvements.

We especially ask all club members to take extra care in looking after our club, especially when it comes to entering the club from the beach—remember to leave the sand and the water on the beach !!



Rescuers with plane crash survivor

## Plane Crashes at North Curl

North Curl Curl beach was in the news for all the wrong reasons recently, when a light plane crashed into the ocean just 50 metres off shore in front of the club house.

Tragically the pilot of the small plane was killed in the accident, but amazingly the passenger survived the impact, and was able to be rescued by a couple of locals, with assistance from local police officers.

The well publicised incident saw the car park filled with various news broadcaster vans, as TV crews converged on the beach to cover the tragic accident, and the scenes were shown on every major television station throughout the day and on the evening news coverage.

Photo: Peter Rae (Sydney Morning Herald)

## Nippers Gear Up For New Season

This season, it looks like we will again top the 500 registered Nippers mark, after the success of the club registration days.

Having lots of parents getting involved with the Nippers program is so important, especially when we have so many of them on the beach. Our age managers do a fantastic job of running Sunday events, but this can be a daunting task when there are so many youngsters that need to be organised and supervised. And safety is our number one priority, so we need plenty of qualified Water Safety people available to help run the water events.

But that is not all—there is the thankless task of setting up the beach each Sunday, and packing it up at the end of the day. And as they say, many hands makes light work.

And for something different, the club is always in need of more Surf Sports officials to help run the various Nipper surf life saving carnivals. With the growth in numbers attending carnivals, we are required to provide sufficient carnival officials to run these events, with a ratio of one official to 10 competitors. It's a great way to get involved and close to the action.

So if you haven't already put your hand up to help, make sure you step forward and lend a hand in some way—just let your age manager know you are there to assist, or talk to any of the Nippers Steering Committee.

This Committee have been working overtime in the off season on a number of initiatives, especially around the development of our young surf sports enthusiasts, which is such an important part of the Nippers program.

The Nippers Steering Committee is made up of the following—

DIRECTOR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES:  
ASSISTANT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES:  
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SUNDAY ACTIVITY COORDINATOR:  
WATER MANAGER:  
BEACH MANAGER:  
MARKETING/SPONSORSHIP:  
TREASURER:  
COACHING DIRECTOR:  
GEAR STEWARD :

Richard Smith  
Chris Van Haren  
Karen Heaton  
Pete Walsh  
Rob Lovely  
Steve McGovern  
Richard Smith  
Chris McFadden  
Tony Williams  
David Wilson

Tony Williams, our Board and Swim Coach for the past seven years, is assisting the steering committee by playing a key role in developing a new team of board and surf swim coaches for the 2011/1012 season. This team may include some of the districts leading board and surf swim coaches combined with a promising group of up and coming local coaches.

Steve McGovern has accepted the role of the Head Beach Sprint and Flag Coach finalising a skills based training program for the 2011/2012 season. And Steve plans to call on some experienced ex-members of the club to help provide some specialized training for the beach kids.

We are also very aware that not all kids join Nippers for the competitive side of things, with that in mind we have come up with some different ideas so Nippers each Sunday is not the same old, same old.

So it looks like being another great season for our youngsters. Remember that Nippers kicks off on Sunday October 16th !!



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## Registration Day a Success

Our two registration days held in September were a big success, with plenty of new members being signed up as well as numerous re-registrations of members from last year.

There were plenty of people registering themselves for this year's Bronze Medallion squads, with the October squad filling quickly, and the January squad not being far behind. It was very pleasing to see a number of Nipper parents signing up for the course.

Our Nippers Clothing team were busy kitting out the kids and their parents, with plenty of stock being sold.

And the Board & Ski team had the BBQ running hot on both days, providing food and refreshments for all in attendance, and even had a second hand craft sale with some bargains on offer.



Phil Godbee & David Jones sign up a Bronze Medallion participant

## Around the Club

Our club is run entirely by volunteers. Our main focus is to provide a rescue service and to keep our beach safe for our local community and all of the visitors who come to North Curl Curl throughout the year.

Our patrolling members are made up of those young Nippers who have continued through the years learning valuable surf life saving skills with many also competing for the club, as well as those who join our club often as Nipper parents who want to become involved with their children and assisting in the water or just those who want to be part of a great culture. We encourage every one of you to be part of our club either to help patrol our beach or to assist in various roles around the club.

Our club is funded primarily by sponsorships and fund-raising and we welcome anyone who can assist in these areas. Our biggest club fund raisers for the year are the 3 Points Challenge & Ocean Swim (held first Saturday in December each year) and our Annual Golf Day (held between Xmas and New Year). Please assist us with these if you can whether by sponsoring, entering the events or helping out either before or on the day. You can find information on these events on our website [www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au](http://www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au) Don't

hesitate to respond when we send out a call for help ☺.

Our club bar is open every Friday and Sunday night. The bar opens at 5pm and our club kitchen will be reopening for the season in mid to late October from 5:30pm with last orders taken around 7:30pm. We have Sy & Holly coming back this year to provide great meals at reasonable prices and we encourage our members, local families and friends to come along and enjoy our fabulous refurbished club.

We ask all of our members and visitors to respect our clubhouse and to assist on these evenings. This year we will be running raffles on these nights to assist with various areas within the club.

If you are interested in assisting our club in any way or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [nccslsc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nccslsc@optusnet.com.au).

**Julie Tassone**  
Director Administration

## Interbranch Selection Trials

Once again North Curl Curl will be hosting the Sydney Northern Beaches Interbranch Selection Trials carnival. This year the trials will be held over two weekends, the first one just for the beach events on October 9th, followed by the water selection trials the week after on October 16th.

These trials are used to select the team for the Interbranch carnival, which this year will be held at Red Head beach, and can be a stepping stone for competitors to get a place in the NSW team who then compete in the Interstate carnival early next year, which will be held at Freshwater.

Our club has had a number of competitors make the Interbranch team in the past, and we have a few hopefuls that look like good possibilities for this year's team if everything goes to plan. Performing well at this carnival helps, but selection criteria includes results from other lead up carnivals, as well as past form that sticks in the selectors heads.

Good luck to all competitors as they strive for selection.

# La Piazzetta

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## Cafe

For more historical photos  
check your club Website



## Get Your Latest Club Information Online

If you are after the latest information on what is happening around your club, and you have access to the Internet, visit our club Website at [www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au](http://www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au)

All the latest activities and events information is maintained on the site, with regular updates to ensure the information is current.

Under the Activities & News page, you will get current news on everything from upcoming meetings, training courses, carnival results and general club functions.

Additional information for Nippers is in the Nippers page under the Club Info section,

In the Members section, we

keep the latest patrol and other rosters, as well as information for what to do on your patrol.

And for a pictorial snapshot, we have a photo gallery that we are maintaining to capture some of the latest events. You will also find some fascinating historical photos there.

And look for us on Facebook !!