



CAVES SURF CLUB NEWS



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Whats On

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Club Meetings are held the 3rd **Monday** of each month at 7pm
Stockland Wallarah Peninsula Oceanswim Sunday 10th Feb 2008

Leading News & Announcements

Patrol Rosters

Patrols and Patrol Rosters have been amended and uploaded to the Patrol page on the website.

Lion Club Donation

Swansea Lions Club donated \$500 to the club for the purchase of a rescue board. The board is the latest in rescue equipment technology and will aid and assist our surf patrols to keep the local community and visitors safe on Caves Beach.

Sandy Hidas who is the President of Swansea Lions Club presented the board to Brett Main on behalf of the club.

Swansea Lions club has a long history of supporting Cave Beach SLSC.



Club Car Park

All club members at a recent committee meeting of Caves beach SLSC it was decided to enforce a club strategy of securing the access road gate. This is a strategy that has gone by the wayside some what this season.

Basically the lock to the gate which isolates the access road to the car park directly behind the clubhouse disappeared some time ago. This has led to the following

problems in and around the clubhouse, and quiet frankly are somewhat disturbing.

The problems that have arisen are as follows;

- some of our own nippers were nearly run over by a vehicle in our own carpark due to the overcrowding of the carpark and excessive speed.

- visibility in the overcrowded carpark is poor increasing the risk of injuries to small children

- people are parking down the hill and close to the bend in the access road, this has blocked access for ambulances and emergency services including the Westpac helicopter people.

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- people have been parked in and their access blocked.
- people's vehicles parking in front of emergency access gates
- people's vehicles parking in front of gear storage sheds blocking access to rescue and club equipment.
- people's vehicle's are blocking access to delivery trucks
- a local residents car was pushed into the bottom carpark recently and set alight alongside the clubhouse. We were lucky that the subsequent fire and possible explosion did not damage the recently renovated clubhouse.

It is therefore a directive of the management committee of Caves Beach SLSC that;

- the gate be locked and secured at all times.
- Access will only be granted on a needs basis.
- If access is required contact your club representative who will have a key and arrange access.
- If you do have just reason to access the bottom carpark, open, shut and lock the gate behind you

The Caves Beach area has ample parking both to the north in the main car park or on top of the hill and surrounding car parks.

The committee apologises for any inconvenience however it must be understood under "common law" we, (that's all club members) have a "duty of care" to provide a safe place of work and a safe environment for yourselves, your families and the community.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or attend the next committee meeting.

Thankyou
Brett Main
President
Caves Beach SLSC

Stella Cappa

The Stella Capper is an annual carnival run every season to commemorate the generous donation made by a lady of the name of Stella Capper. A large amount of money was handed to the Newcastle/Hunter Branch many years ago by Stella Capper in recognition of Newcastle Branch SLS surf boat crews and other SLS members who assisted in the rescue of many people in the Maitland floods of 1955 The Stella Capper concept involves a team of the club's most versatile athletes from the Swim section, Beach section, craft section and of course a surf boat crew. These athletes who form part of a 12 person strong team have to compete in multi discipline events for a common goal. This season our Stella Cappa representative team were 1st again. This is the 3rd successive year in a row that Caves Beach SLSC has won the Stella Cappa Representative team competition for the Hunter Branch. We will again be holding the event next season.

Thanks to all the helpers, workers and competitors which made the day a success. Also a special mention to the supporters who turned out in the rain to supporter and cheer our side to victory.

The team was:

Ken Pilgrim
(Team manager)
Ian McMorland
(Team Coach)
David Wilks
Brett Main
Steve Fleming
Robert Ballard
Kevin Geaves
Briana McConville
Elise Merlin
Anna Heasman
Michael Waghorn
Craig Boetcher
Gavin Begg
Matt Begg

"What's On" Full Details

Ocean Swim

The Stockland Wallarah Peninsula Oceanswim will be held on Sunday 10th February 2008. Check Details on the Oceanswim Website.

[Ocean Swim Website](#)



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This is a photo of Caves Beach boys off to the Maitland flood in 1955 to assist in rescues.

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