

## 2009-2010 SEASON

Congratulations to all competitors, officials, water safety and first aiders who travelled north for the 2010 Australian Titles. Our thoughts are with you all.

The entire Surf Life Saving community is mourning the loss of a talented young surf lifesaver and our thoughts at this time are with his family, friends and club mates.

## VALE SAXON BIRD

Saxon joined Queenscliff SLSC aged eight. Saxon won the U15 and U17 Australian surf races in 2006 and 2008 and had developed into an outstanding young ironman. He was also a great team player and was an integral member of Queenscliff's lifesaver relay team, which won bronze at the 2008 Australian titles. He attended St Patrick's College, Strathfield and was in his second year of a Business degree at UTS. He was recently awarded a Queenscliff SLSC university scholarship, as an outstanding club member, competitor and student. Saxon was part of the SLSNSW High Performance squad and only weeks ago, won the U19 NSW Ironman title.

Surf Life Saving Australia will be providing a tribute page whereby friends, club-mates or the general public can share their support or fond memories of this inspiring surf lifesaver. If you would like to send a message for Saxon's tribute page, please email it to [info@slsa.asn.au](mailto:info@slsa.asn.au)

Hunter Branch SLS would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter, please travel safely. The Branch Office will be closed until Tuesday 6th April 2010.

**NOTICE OF AGM - Election of Officers** - 11th May 2010, Nominations are now being called for Directors, Advisers, Panel, Committee and other positions.

Nominations close on the 9th April 2010 at the Hunter Branch Office. For Nomination Form [click here](#)

**BRANCH AWARDS NIGHT** - 18th June 2010 - **Awards of Excellence** - For more information and forms [click here](#) Nominations close 30th April, 2010

**Reminder: SURF CLUB BOWLS CHALLENGE - PLEASE LET THE BRANCH OFFICE KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND**

## **\$5000 IN PRIZE MONEY UP FOR GRABS**

For more information [click here](#)

Could Clubs please start getting names together, all bowlers must be a member of a Surf Lifesaving Club.

## LIFESAVING:

A reminder that there is to be Patrols on Good Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Easter Monday.

Board of Lifesaving Meeting Tuesday 27th April 2010 commencing at 5.30pm Please RSVP to Roz

February 2010 Rescue of the Month - SLSNSW Winner - Redhead SLSC has won both the February 2010 Hunter Branch Rescue of the Month and SLSNSW Rescue of the Month, for the lifesaving actions performed by Jay Sullivan, Troy Blatchford, Col Ekert (Redhead) and Jake Roach (Swansea/Belmont) on the 24th February 2010 at Redhead Beach

- [Click here](#) for full story

With the close of season drawing near, a reminder to Clubs who wish to recognise members for Service Awards. The following are available for download.

Long Service, National Patrol Service & National Medal Awards. Applications once endorsed by the Club are to be forwarded to the Branch Office for processing - [Click here](#)

Club Captains are reminded to send in YELLOW patrol pages as soon as they have been entered onto Surfguard.

Please keep all patrolling members aware of their upcoming patrolling obligations

## SPECIAL EVENTS: NEW

**Is your Club holding a Special Event or are you acting as Water Safety for a Special Event? Your Club will now need to complete all paperwork for these events, and then forward them into the Branch office for endorsement. All information required can be accessed from our Website - [Click Here](#)**

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch will be holding an End of Season Retreat for 18 - 25 year olds on May 14th 15th and 16th 2010 with loads of fun activities planned.

For more information - [Click Here](#)

## SENIOR FIRST AID:

**SLS NSW Training & Education Officer - Linda Miles: Next course with SLS NSW will be Friday 10th April 2010 at the Hunter Branch Office.**

All enquiries for SLS NSW Training information please call directly to Linda on

Mobile No: 0409 075 620

### **CIRCULARS AND MEMOS FROM SLSNSW:**

The following link to SLSNSW will allow members to keep updated with all the latest information: <http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/>

### **EDUCATION:**

Board of Education Meeting Tuesday 12th April 2010 commencing at 5.30pm - Please RSVP to Roz

**Please check with your Chief Instructors and Zone Managers for any upcoming SLS Courses.**

**Basic Beach Management** - - For upcoming courses please contact the Chief Instructor at your Club

**Trainers Course** - For upcoming courses please contact the Hunter Branch Office

**Assessors Course** - For upcoming courses please contact the Hunter Branch Office

**Advanced Emergency Care** - For upcoming courses please contact the Hunter Branch Office

### **SURF SPORTS:**

**Dates announced for 2011 State Championship to be held at Cudgen Headland SLSC at Kingscliff**

Age Championships 11th to 13th March 2011

Masters/Opens/Boats 17th to 20th March 2011

Dates announced for 2011/2012 Australian Championships to be held at Kurrawa SLSC

Masters/Open 5th to 10th April 2011

Masters/Open 27th to 1st April 2012

**Surf Sports Calendar** - [Click here](#) (This is a live document changes will be made, please check regularly)