



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Hunter Branch Office would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. It has been a very busy start for all Clubs, so please see below for updated information.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Ducks for Dollars

Thank you to the Clubs who have completed the excel spreadsheet with your Duck Tickets. **MOST IMPORTANT** all ticket stubs sold or unsold, must be returned to the office before the 20th January 2012 and all money is to be deposited into the Hunter Surf Lifesaving bank account, Clubs have been notified of deposit details.

Caves Beach SLSC - SLSA Championships Accommodation

Accommodation available directly opposite Kurrawa Beach and next to the OASIS centre. Accommodation is at the HI-HO Beach Apartments. This would ideally suit master's competitors as it is for the first half of the Australian Championships week. Please contact Brett Main 0439 688 800.

Hunter Branch Greyhound Evening

Unfortunately the Annual Greyhound night has to be postponed, however it will be back in time for the season launch in September/October with a date to be announced.

Urgent Call for Officials for the ASRL Australian Championships

The ASRL Australian Championships will be held at Stockton SLSC on the 10th, 11th & 12th February 2012.

Please contact Rhonda Scruton 4961 4533 if you are able to offer assistance on any of these dates.

JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR:

Nominations Close 23rd January 2012 for the 2012 Junior Lifesaver of the Year. It would be appreciated if ALL clubs could submit a nomination for 1 female and 1 male member.

All information is available from the Hunter SLS website: www.hsls.org.au Members (on toolbar) Member Resources (drop down box).

You will find an information sheet highlighting timeline and application form.

Resumes will not be considered by judges and should not be included with nomination.

For more information - [Circular 3240](#), please visit the SLSNSW Circulars and Memos page of the SLSNSW website: [Click Here](#)

ROOKIE PROGRAM

Some very exciting Events will be happening in 2012 within the Hunter Branch for our Rookie Members - Please contact your Club Youth Development Officer for more information.

EDUCATION

IRB TRAINERS ASSESSORS FACILITATORS WORKSHOP

Date: 18th January 2012

Time: 6.00pm

For more information please contact the Branch Office - 4961 4533

INTENSIVE IRB DRIVERS COURSE

Hunter Surf Life Saving will be conducting an Intensive IRB Drivers Course at either Stockton or Nobbys SLSC . The dates for the course are as follows:

Friday 27th January 2012 - Theory

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January 2012 - Practical

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th February 2012 - Practical

This is a unique opportunity to be trained by the best in our Branch, and observe their operational processes as part of your training Professional Development. Clubs will need to provide an IRB and a current trainer if they wish to nominate Candidates. Prospective participants should contact their Chief Training Officer or Director of Lifesaving to register their interest.

Zone 4 will also be conducting an Intensive IRB Drivers Course at Swansea Belmont SLSC. The dates for this course are as follows:

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd January 2012 - Theory and Practical

Saturday 4th & 5th February 2012 - Practical

Should you have any questions relating to these courses, please contact Tracey at the Hunter Branch on (02) 4961 4533 or email to education@hsls.org.au

LEVEL ONE OFFICIALS COURSE

Hunter Surf Life Saving will be conducting a Level One Officials Course. The date and venue for the course are as follows:

Level 1 Officials Course is to be conducted at Stockton SLSC on Tuesday 24th January & Tuesday 31st January 2012 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm both nights.

Please be advised that attendance on BOTH days is required.

Confirmation of your attendance is required. Please complete the [attached form](#)

LIFESAVING:

A reminder to all Club Captains to keep sending in their Yellow Patrol Log sheets.

Clubs wishing to purchase patrol caps, club competition caps, rashies or swimwear:
Contact Sally Richards {FASHION FISH} 0418 666 421

SURF SPORTS:

STELLA CAPP

Aim

- Recapture the spirit of **teamwork** displayed in the 1955 floods at Maitland.
- Provide a **fun** carnival for life savers that are willing to participate in any events in any conditions
- Encourage Rookies (U14s/U15s) to participate
- Each competitor will compete in at least four events

Date Saturday 28 January 2012

Time 8.30am - Team Managers Meeting 9.00am - Registration 9.30am - Carnival Commencement

Venue - Newcastle SLSC

Team Composition

12 person team

The team needs to be made up as follows:

- 4 Females and 4 Males
- Two U14s or U15s (one must be female and one must be male)
- Two masters (one must be female and one must be male)

Entries

Complete Entry form

Return to surfsports@hsls.org.au or fax to 4961 4436

Entries Close - **Tuesday 24 January 2012**

NEWCASTLE HARBOUR SWIM

The 18th Annual Harbour Swim is scheduled for the 26th January 2012. For further information on the swim [click here](#)

The social swim will start at Stockton Ferry Wharf at 8:00am (one way) 700m, and end at the Newcastle Wharf.

The open swim will start at 8:30am, from Newcastle side, swimming over to Stockton, around buoy to the right 1400m, finishing at the Newcastle Wharf.

Water safety is provided by experienced lifesavers from Stockton Surf Club and Hunter Branch Surf Life Saving. Each year the times get faster and swimmers are coming from far as Queensland and Victoria so come along, "take up the challenge" and have some fun. Entry forms are available from oceanswims.com, the Stockton Surf Club website and local swimming pools.

"COMMOTION IN THE OCEAN" - Caves Beach Ocean Swim Please note change of date - Now Saturday 31st March 2012 Further details to follow