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A Message from the President

Welcome back for season 2009-10 at City.

While it's called the "off-season", the last six months have still been very busy for a lot of club members. Our education team have done a mountain of work in preparation for the summer, and have already put through a number of new awards. Our top competitors barely had a couple of weeks off after the Aussies before hitting the pool/sand/river to start all over again for Kurrawa next year. The Froccer team finally reclaimed the cup from Scarborough after a long drought (possibly assisted by the fact that I didn't show up to be goalkeeper this year). And we've had a whale beach itself on us.

The other group of people hard at work as always is your club committee. Make sure you know who these people are – Vice President Grant Trew, Secretary Lea Anderson, Finance Director Bill Jarman and Club Captain John Davies. The committee is there to work for you, so if there are things you think need doing don't keep it to yourself, let them know. You can be certain that if the committee has something they need

you to do for the club, they will also be letting you know!

Some exciting new things are already in place for the new season. An online patrol rostering system has been set up and you may already have received some information about how to manage your club duties. The Friday night bar will be the social centre of the club, with regular catering commencing at the end of October with meals to suit the whole family.

The issue of replacement clubrooms continues with the Town of Cambridge and while it is a slow process, progress is being made. We'll keep you updated as things happen, but we can expect to be in our current building for a few more years yet, and projects are underway to make better use of the space we have.

Enjoy your Proficiency swim (it's not that cold once you're in) and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach this summer.

Jeff Scott

Attention All Patrolling Members

If you have not received an email with your login and password details for the new online patrol system please contact the office on admin@citysurf.asn.au as you need this to choose your patrols.

Proficiency's

Bronze/SRC proficiencies will be held on the following dates:

Sunday 25th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec and 13 Dec at 8:30am promptly.

Meet in club hall for dry assessments then move down to beach for R-S-R.

Proficiency requirements this season are: Run-Swim-Run; Board/Tube Rescue; Signals; Resus. It will also be necessary for anyone who has not done Defib training already to do that by next season.

Education Team – education@citysurf.asn.au

Club Captain's Report

Patrols

The club now has an online patrol rostering system! Bronze holders are being loaded now and you may have already received an email with the link about how to access the system. If not, you'll be getting it soon. If you don't get an email - we don't have your current email address!!!!

This year you only need to do **four** patrols - including one from a long weekend.

You get to select you own patrols!!! And do this by accessing our new online system to sign up.

Patrol Captains and Vice Captains have finalized their dates already.

The three non long weekend patrols must be spread out through the season with one from each of the three patrol blocks:

Block 1 - October to 28 November.

Block 2 - 29 November to AM patrol on 31 Jan.

Block 3 - PM patrol 31 January to 27 March

October patrols will be from 08:45 - 13:00 until the last weekend when we commence full patrols.

Morning patrols from then onward will be 08:45 - 13:30 and afternoon patrols from 13:15 - 18:00. This means on the beach ready to go - not turning up at that time!

Patrols for states and Aussies will be assigned separately as we have done in the last couple of years.

Patrols are currently being released up until the end of November so we can work out any initial issues. As soon as the developer finalizes a couple of technical changes we will release all patrols. If you have not signed up for your patrols by 30

Dwyer Wins Boardriding Gold

Will Dwyer opened the City medal count for the 2009-10 State Championships with a gold in the boardriding events held in early September.

After the original competition date had to be postponed for

lack of swell, a fortunate break in the westerly storms that were battering the coast allowed the event to go ahead.

Having won the Under 15 gold last year, Will moved up to the Under 17 competition this time

NEW ONLINE PATROL ROSTERING SYSTEM

YOU ONLY NEED TO DO FOUR PATROLS

YOU MUST BE FINANCIAL TO PATROL

PATROLS ARE CURRENTLY BEING RELEASED

October we will allocate you to patrols.

You **MUST** be financial to patrol!! - for lots of reasons including insurance cover!!!!!!

For the IT challenged I will be down the club on Friday nights and will run into sessions if people are interested.

Due to a technical issue we will allocate patrols for SRC members for a couple of weeks and then SRC members will be able to pick their patrols in the same way as bronze holders.

The new system allows email reminders and also let's you check your patrols and attendance

We will also be loading other things including training course nominations onto this system in due course.

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Jae Moffatt & Matilda Sydenham – Patrol Officers
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around. Some smart surfing in the final, excellent positioning and wave choice and "milking" all three of his rides all the way to the beach, saw Will win the gold again.

Whale at City Beach

South City Beach was the centre of attention a couple of weekends ago when a young humpback whale beached itself about 400 metres south of the groyne.

The whale was discovered close to the sand early on Sunday morning by the Beach Inspector, and IRB crews who arrived for training were called on to assist when it managed to reach deeper water. Unfortunately, despite twice freeing itself the whale kept returning to the beach and spent most of the day trapped in the shallows with the tide dropping.

With Department of Environment and Conservation experts monitoring activity the IRB crews stayed on standby, while the club also provided shade and logistical support as the word got around and the crowd built.

DEC staff estimated the whale to be about fifteen months old and to weigh about seven tons, meaning physically moving it back to deep water was impossible. At that age the whale would have been on its first northern migration without its mother - a testing time which only the strongest survive. A number of scars all over its body indicated it is likely the whale had escaped attacks by killer whales before heading in to the beach.

As the day went on, the hopes for the whale surviving the ordeal diminished. As night fell the DEC staff remained on watch (in the warmth of a club tent in the sandhills), but overnight the whale died and the focus of the



operation turned from rescue to removal.

City club members are to be congratulated for their assistance and efforts during the day, in particular IRB crews Brett Wakefield, Luke Reeves, David McRae and Phil Green who spent most of the day on the beach, with backup from Jeff and Jane Scott, Sharon Green, Chantelle Green and Natalie Law.

Nipper News

To kick off Nipper events for the year Jen Mickle and some parents took a group of Nippers to Secret Harbour on Saturday 19th for a bit of pre-season board training. Jen reports the surf was good and the kids (and parents I suspect) all had a great time. She also said another session may be organised in the near future so keep eye on the newsletter.

Nipper Registration Day

A very successful and efficient Registration Day for Nippers was held last Sunday with old hands returning and many new faces joining in each of the age groups. Many thanks to all the Age Managers, Jane Scott and Janelle Slattery who were on hand to provide information to new members and support the Registrars, Debbie Wagstaff and Robynann Davies.

Board Hire

Thanks also to Bruce Lilburne and his assistants for another very successful board hire program for the Nippers. All full size mals were leased and several mini-mals are still available. The Club is currently arranging the purchase of more full size mals, so no-one should miss out. The next lease day will be Sunday 1 November.

Proficiencies

A reminder that pool proficiencies start on Sunday, 11 October with U11-U14 at the City Beach at 9.00am then up to Challenge Stadium at 10.30am. U8 -U10s are to go directly to Challenge Stadium at 11.00am. Entry is \$3.00 per swimmer. If you cannot make that Sunday, the proficiencies will be run again on Sunday 18 and Sunday 25. Please refer to the Nipper Handbook for details of the proficiency requirements.

See you at the beach/pool
Chris Murphy, Junior Officer

Surf Sports

Surf Sports for season 2009/10 is looking just as busy as last season. If you want to get involved in any of the activities contact the Club or myself to find out further information. A couple of changes for this year with the Open State Championships to be held at Secret Harbour and the Australian Championships return to the Gold Coast. It is time to start thinking about accommodation on the Gold Coast rather than leaving it to the last minute.

Similar to last year we will be posting information on the website and also all entries will be through the club website, under competition. Linda Walker has kindly agreed to again assist me with looking after your surf sports needs. Remember to organise your patrols and proficiency early to avoid any issues with competition.

Carnivals: There are four rounds of the Surf Premiership Series this season, with the first round on Saturday 12 December at Fremantle. The Country Carnival is round three at Bunbury on Saturday 23 January 2010.

There are four Junior Carnivals with the first carnival at Fremantle on the 13 December.

Board & Ski Series: There are three rounds of the board & ski series with the first round on 14 November. The venue is to be advised.

Beach series: There are two rounds of the beach series with the first round on 22 November. The venue is to be advised.

Boat Series: There are five rounds of the boat series with the first round on 15 November at Scarborough Beach.

State Championships:

WA Surf Life Saving Championships Sat 27th & Sun 28th February 2010 Secret Harbour SLSC

Westpac Junior State Championships Sat 6th & Sun 7th March 2010 Trigg Island SLSC

Master's State Championships Sunday 14th February 2010 City of Perth SLSC

R&R State Championships Sunday 14th February 2010 City of Perth SLSC

WA Lifesaving Championships Sunday 21st February 2010 Floreat SLSC

WA Country Championships Saturday 13th February 2010 City of Perth SLSC

Our members have been busy in the off season and some of the events City members have participated in are below.

AVON DESCENT

A number of City members took on the challenge of the Avon descent in early August. Members competed as individuals, doubles or in teams of two or four. However

one unique City team competed as a team of three - I am still trying to find that category in the rule book!

City's paddling strength is looking good. Some of the results are below with full results at www.avondescent.com.au

Apologies if I have missed anyone in the top ten in their class.

Single Kayak - 1st John Wilkie

Long Plastic - 1st Justin Farrelly

Single Surf Ski - 1st Travis England; 6th Jason Wright

Male Double Surf Ski - 1st Rob Jenkinson / Stuart Donnelly; 3rd Ben Hewitt / Steven Bishop

Team of 2 Single - 1st Ash Nesbit / Pretorius (First home overall); 6th Andrew Mosel / Brodie Holmes (Trigg); 7th Simon Huitenga / Ben Carrick; 8th David Graham / Todd Brewer (Trigg)

Team of 2 Single Mix - 2nd David Caley / Trish Gilbert
Congratulations to all of our paddlers in this very challenging event.

SORRENTO CHALLENGE

A number of City's members competed on the 12 September in the Sorrento Challenge. The race consists of a 1.2km swim, 7km paddle and a 7.5km run. Whilst conditions for the race were fairly ordinary City's athletes were in good form finishing first in the Open Male, Open Female, U19 Male and U19 Female divisions. Full results are at www.sorrentochallenge.com.au and some results are below.

Open Male - 1st Andrew Mosel; 2nd David Graham; 3rd Ben Hewitt; 5th Ben Carrick; 9th Simon Huitenga

U19 Male - 1st Tom Dowling (also 4th Open Male); 2nd Aaron Minervini; 3rd Josh Walker

Open Female - 1st Candice Falzon; 3rd Jade Whitehead; 9th Alison O'Toole; 11th Emily Chetwin

U19 Female - 1st Phoebe George

SURF BOARD RIDING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Recently the WA State Surfboard Riding Championships were held. The initial date for the Championships was postponed due to poor conditions. A number of our competitors were unavailable for the revised date, however there were two outstanding results achieved by City competitors. City of Perth's Kirsten Gadson was second in the Open Women's and Will Dwyer secured gold in the U17 Men's division. Congratulations to Will and Kirsten on fantastic results.

COOLANGATTA GOLD

On Sunday 18th October 2009 a number of our athletes are travelling to the Gold Coast to compete in the very testing Coolangatta Gold race. Coach Rick Turner has been challenging all of the competitors with some tough training programs with the last full day session held in fantastic surf conditions at Secret Harbour.

We wish all of City's competitors well in this event.