

December 2010 Newsletter

Christmas Santa Break Up

All the kids enjoyed the impressive entrance by Santa last Saturday, arriving by Fire Engine, thanks to Stuart Molloy. All the kids enjoyed their lollies from Santa & got to have their photos taken. Pics from Christmas Santa Break up on FB here:

http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/photo_search.php?oid=149214461794539&view=all

Everyone got into the groove with 'Switch Music' playing a great selection of music. The talented duo of Switch Music impressed us all and is available for event hire. Thanks to everyone who brought along the nibbles, etc. for the event. So, don't forget the club will definitely be open over the next few weeks for the busy season of our patrols. Even if you're not rostered on, please come down to help patrol anyway.



Carnival Competitions - Team Manager Judy Silom



Judy Silom is now going to be the team manager for juniors and seniors and needs to let all members know if they want to compete they need to let her know the Wednesday before the carnival so they can be entered by Thursday 5-00pm otherwise a late fee is applicable. They can email her on saintlyjudy@hotmail.com. She needs to know date of birth and type of membership when entering. Thanks.

Club Captains Report

We've had a successful start to the season with patrols, the club would like to thank all members who have helped the club meet its requirements of patrol and the cleaning duties performed around the club, it's fantastic to see the club looking clean, great job!

The water safety team is doing a fantastic job keeping our nippers safe in the water with a couple of nipper members all ready reaping the benefits of the water safety team being in place. Fantastic to see the club's second IRB finally being put to great use.

The Search and Rescue course was held at the club and was a great success, LSV was gracious enough to offer the Westpac helicopter to aid in the training weekend, a great buzz for the members involved in the course and the nippers on the beach. There will be more of these courses run in the near future so any members wishing to be a part of these are encouraged to do so.

Most members have completed their requal this season, congratulations to all those involved. For those members still yet to do their requal this year for SRC/Bronze/IRB and Resus and that wish too, they are reminded that the club has a proficiency date set at Chelsea for Sunday December the 12th at 11.00 am, for those members

wishing to attend they must contact myself prior to the date to confirm their attendance, I can be reached on 0409806217 or email at etcellcp@iprimus.com.au

Paul Etccl

Club Captain/ Boat Captain



Boat Captains Report

This season we have begun running both our boats on the Saturdays and with great success. Our second IRB is fulfilling the important role of water safety for the nippers.

For all the members who contributed to the Melbourne boat show, the club would like to extend its gratitude, due to your fantastic efforts BRP has supplied the club with 2stroke oil for our motors and inflatable lifejackets for members to wear whilst in the boats. While it's not mandatory for club members to wear lifejackets in the boats when the boat is within our patrolling area, members are strongly encouraged to do so. The club asks that members who choose to wear a lifejacket wear the new blue inflatable type that the club supplies and NOT the yellow ones that were previously supplied.

We are proud to announce that Caltex in Chelsea heights has graciously come on board as a sponsor for the clubs IRB's this season, they will be the clubs official supplier of fuel, this generous offer is a big help in the cost of running the clubs IRB's and much appreciated.

For any members wishing to obtain their IRB awards this season please register your interest with myself, if we get enough numbers attending the course we may be able to secure the next district course at our club, I can be reached on 0409806217 or email at etcellcp@iprimus.com.au

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Nippers

The start of the 2010/2011 nippers season has been fantastic with the new structure working very well. All nippers from Under 6 to Under 14 received their Nipper packs and a large number of our juniors can be seen at the Club and around Chelsea with the packs on their backs and their bucket caps on. All age groups have different coloured caps which has made identification of nipper groups on the beach and in the water much easier. The Club has also organised training for Age Managers and Parent helpers and all Age Managers are now LSV accredited. The sausage sizzle is working well and raising funds for new equipment which we need with over 220 nippers currently enrolled in the program and with the season to recommence in January the Club will be looking at having almost 300 nippers which is fantastic! I would also note that in the Under 5 Nipper Tots there are over 70 new Chelsea Nipper tots flying the flag for the Club. The future looks bright for Chelsea.

Dr John McSwiney

Junior Chief Instructor



Nippers Christmas Break

Please be aware that nippers will not resume again until 29 January 2011. I would point out however that the Club will be open every weekend for patrol and if parents want to come down and use the facilities at the Club and even undertake some parent guided activities on the beach then that would be encouraged.

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Sub Committees

Volunteers are needed for a range of sub committees. Please see anyone on the committee if you're keen to get involved.

ATV Course

A few patrolling members did their ATV Award last Thursday night with Bernadine. We're now ready to go if we ever get an ATV! See more pics on FB here.

Summer Training

The adult training program is up and running with the group meeting at the Club at 12pm each Saturday.



I am also going to be holding another adult training session on Wednesday evenings commencing at 6.45pm at the Club (there will be no training on Christmas Day). The training only lasts for 30-45 minutes and involves activities on the sand and in the water so come along and improve your fitness for summer and beyond. I will be holding adult training every Saturday and Wednesday evenings through December and January next year.

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Bronze and SRC Course to run in Jan

The Club will be running a Bronze Medallion and SRC certificate course for all interested members commencing on Monday 3 January to 7 January 2011. The course will be run from 10am-3pm Monday to Thursday with assessment on the Friday. I will be facilitating the training and would request that if members wish to undertake the Bronze or SRC can you please notify me directly on johnmcswiney@optusnet.com.au. A number of parents have already signalled their intention to undertake the course and I would strongly encourage other members to think about it and get active and involved. If your kids are in nippers why not show them that you can do it too!

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New Bus Route brings Beachgoers

There's a new bus route that will be bringing loads of folks to our beach this summer. Apparently all the traffic that used to congregate at Edithvale will now be dispersed to Chelsea Beach. This means we will need all hands on deck on the hotter days. So, if you're available to come down & patrol, please do!! The beach will be PACKED!

Chelsea-Longbeach wishes Patrick Devine to Get Well

Pat Devine has been diagnosed with a Lymphoma called Sezary syndrome that involves the Lymph glands & the skin. The treatment involves the removal of blood from the body and subjecting it to UltraViolet light before returning it to the body. It is more civilised than the "chemo" used in some other forms of Lymphoma. If all goes well the treatment will have him back to normal. As far as the condition goes his blood counts are favourable.

He writes "I'm optimistic that all will go well. I might even get to a patrol before the end of the season or be able to offer a part day well before then."

We are all behind you to get well Pat!

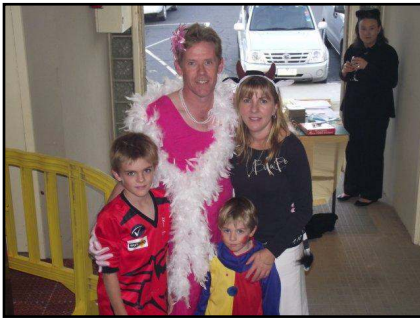
No Pets in Clubrooms

Unfortunately our furry friends are no longer allowed inside the clubrooms. That also includes any sort of animals, sorry but them's the rules.



JustUseMine.com.au

Chelsea member Rohan Veal, has just launched www.justusemine.com.au for local residents in the Frankston Longbeach area, who possess many unused assets and items, and wouldn't mind renting them out for others to use. It's free to list any items you can rent out, like your board, ski, trailer or even your car if you're not using it.



New Kiosk Managers

Put your hands together for the New Kiosk Princess "Peter Wilson"!!!
Good on ya Pete & Jen its great to see such detecated volunteers.

Peter will start the Kiosk this weekend and he has asked for parents to come see him or Paul Hayward and put their name to the roster to help in the canteen.

Many hands make light work...