

# The LIGHTHOUSE

Newsletter of the Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Life Saving Club

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## Clubhouse break-in

The club extends its sincere thanks to the Ballina community for helping to replace vital surf life saving equipment that was stolen from the Shelly Beach clubhouse in November.

Staunch club supporter Paradise FM launched an appeal that raised over \$6000 in just one week, enabling the club to replace all the stolen equipment – two 'Oxyviva' machines (used for resuscitation purposes and oxygen therapy), four oxygen cylinders, two GME-TX 7000 hand-held beach radios with chargers, and a fully stocked first aid kit. In addition, the club was able to upgrade its security system and locks, thanks to the generous support of Ballina

Locksmiths and Advanced Alarms.

Club President Paul Kelly said the club was overwhelmed by the support of the Ballina community, and thanked everyone who had contributed – including Paradise FM, Ballina Lions Club, Ballina Bowling Club, Ballina Scope Club, Ballina Shire Council, Lennox Head – Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club, Advanced Alarms and Ballina Locksmiths.

"We were inundated with donations and messages of support which tells us that the service we provide to the Ballina community is very much appreciated," said Mr Kelly.



## New Members

The club is on track to attaining its target of 120 active members, with 21 people recently completing their bronze medallion or surf rescue certificate qualifications. Congratulations and a warm welcome to these members who have now boosted our patrol numbers, helping us to keep Ballina's beaches safe.

## Building Update

The club management committee recently met with representatives from Ballina Shire Council to discuss the options available with regards to the clubhouse upgrade. The committee is currently reviewing the precinct plan presented by Council, with a bid to meeting again to discuss and refine in the New Year. Club President Paul Kelly is hopeful of being able to provide a progress report to all members at the half-yearly meeting on 8 February, 2006.

## Christmas Day Patrols

Thanks to those members who volunteered and gave up some time on Christmas Day.

## Half-yearly Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend the half-yearly meeting at the Shelly Beach Clubhouse, on **Wednesday, 8 February, 2006 at 6.30 pm**. Any enquiries contact Club Secretary Sharon Balkin on 0428 86 2011.

## Scope Support

The fabulous ladies at Ballina Scope Club hosted a 'Singin in the Rain' fundraising night in aid of the club in early December. A large group of club members attended the Ballina Players' production, where Scope raised over \$3000 for the club. Thanks to long time club member Darcy Morrow for highlighting to the Scope ladies the service our club and members provide to the community.

A big THANK YOU to the Scope Club from our members.



A big thanks to Scope's Leonie Dahl, Nina Grey, Pam Patterson & Jenny Potts (pictured l. to r. with Club Secretary Sharon Balkin & Club President Paul Kelly).

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## Nipper Update

The nippers have enjoyed some excellent beach conditions during the first half of the season.

A large contingent of nipper parents are now qualified for water safety (and patrol) duties, which allows the club to have a larger number of nippers involved in water activities.

The club congratulates all nippers who competed at the recent Yamba, Byron Bay & Lennox Head Carnivals, especially the Unders 8s

who finished their first carnival with a strong performance.

The club is calling on more volunteers to undertake the 'Carnival Officials Course' (for every 15 competitors at carnivals, the club needs to provide 1 official). Job sharing options are available (i.e. 2 people sharing one day).

No experience is necessary – all training is provided. Please contact Junior President Sandra Baker on 66811 270.

## New Club Clothing

Several of our nippers have featured in local TV advertisements for club clothing sponsor Gentle Giants in recent times. The gear looks fantastic, and orders can be placed via email (visit [www.ballinasurfclub.com.au](http://www.ballinasurfclub.com.au) for more details).

The new gear includes shirts and board shorts for both senior and junior members (especially great for those representing the Club at carnivals).



## Australia Day BBQ for Members

All our members (and their families) are invited to attend an informal BBQ at the Shelly Beach Clubhouse on Thursday, 26 January from 4pm.

Those with plenty of energy might like to meet at 3pm for a friendly "run swim run." Everyone is encouraged to join in – from our nippers up to our more senior members (& their family members).

We will fire up the BBQ from 4pm with the club providing meat and bread.

Those attending need only bring their picnic gear – chairs, plates/knives/forks and BYO drinks and salad.

This will be a great chance to welcome our new members and for our existing members to socialize.

**For catering purposes, please phone Sharon with numbers attending on 0428 86 2011.** Also some help with setup and BBQ duties would be appreciated!

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Door Knock

Calling all members! We need your assistance with our annual Door Knock appeal, which is scheduled for 14 January (Ballina caravan parks) and 8 April (residential and business areas).

Please phone Nyree on 0409 982 697 if you are able to lend a hand.

### After Hours Networking

The club recently joined the Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and will host a 'Business After Hours' networking function for local businesses at Shelly Beach on Tuesday 7 March. More info in our next newsletter (or call Nyree on 0409 982 697).

### New Patrol Roster

New rosters have been posted to members, are available on the web site or contact Joe Keane on 0401 381 578.

### New Committees

In line with the club's new strategic plan, a number of new committees will soon be formed. Members interested in joining any of these committees – Grants, Sponsorship, Social, Coaching etc – please register your interest by phoning Sharon on 0428 86 2011 or emailing [administrator@ballinasurfclub.com.au](mailto:administrator@ballinasurfclub.com.au).

## Honour Roll

The surf club recently reached an agreement with the Ballina RSL Sub-branch to temporarily house its war memorial board.

The memorial board had been previously housed in the Lighthouse Beach clubhouse, which was

specifically built as a memorial to the 18 members who lost their lives during the Second World War (139 club members in total joined the armed forces).

Thanks to Life Governor and Life Member Jack Trevan who met with

the RSL Club Museum Curator, Mac McCallum, to provide the history of the honour board. The club is very grateful to the RSL Sub-branch for housing this important piece of history until we again have a worthy home for it.

Keep checking out [www.ballinasurfclub.com.au](http://www.ballinasurfclub.com.au) for up-to-date event details & news