

LNC BRANCH DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING REPORT FOR JULY 2010

Lifesaving

This winter we do not seem to have had any 'time off' our lifesaving duties - its just been one big season!! But hopefully that is a good thing because we will be going into the new season fairly well organised.

Thanks to everyone who hooked up for our telephone conference with John Restuccia and Chris McCaskie from SLSNSW last week. All Clubs were represented excepting TOB and I think the **Surfcom** proposal was pretty well explained. It would be nice to decide on this matter on Monday night so that SLSNSW can do their best to carry out the Forster upgrade and have it up and running by the start of the season.

Lifesaving Agreements are now due in to Branch. Thanks to Crowdy for finalizing theirs in a speedy manner. I hope to have revised copies for Forster, Blackhead and Cape Hawke for Mondays meeting.

Gear Inspection stickers have now arrived and so all Clubs are urged to contact Wayne Barry asap to arrange a suitable time. His numbers are 6555 7127 or 0401-902 330.

LEMC Meeting

I attended a meeting at the Great Lakes Council Chambers last Wednesday. Those present were interested to hear about the possible Surfcom linkup and I also put to Council that it would be nice to have a jetski housed in the Forster Marina area asap. The SES provided a CD ROM on Tsunami response which you are welcome to borrow.

Duty Officer Callouts

A number of 13SURF calls were received since my last report.

The Duty Officer roster for the next few months is currently being finalised:-

August - TBA

September - TBA

October - TBA

November - Brian Wilcox

December - Ben Atkinson

January - Julie Wilcox

Support Operations

A meeting of the Support Operation Team was held on Thursday 13th May 2010 with good attendance and the main thing to come out of it was that members would prefer not to have to take skis out in the non-peak months especially if there was no-one much about.

So the recommendation is that Branch accept a resolution that out of peak times (peak is Dec, Jan, Feb) there is no requirement to be 'out on the water' for a Support Ops patrol but members are required to 'sign on' with the Duty Officer on call so that he/she is aware of where the ski is. Members can be nearby and contactable by either radio or mobile phone so that they can attend to any callouts if required.

If a beach patrol requires Support Ops assistance or wishes to know where the nearest ski is they are to contact the Duty Officer 'on call' using 0447-513 002.

The annual Support Ops proficiency day has been scheduled for Sunday 19th September at Blackhead starting at 9am. Could you please let your members know so that they may start doing some training if they wish.

No new Support Ops nominations have been received and so no training has taken place over winter which has given everyone a good break.

Support 3 has been repaired and serviced and is running well.

LNC Support Ops was awarded two new radios and bags through the Telstra grant scheme. This means all skis will have a waterproof radio for the start of the season.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Julie Wilcox