



Kiama Downs SLSC

February 2024 Newsletter



This year's Australia Day celebration was a resounding success. The morning was filled with special highlights, including the Citizenship Ceremony led by the Council, captivating performances by Indigenous artists, and a traditional smoking ceremony. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time on the day, from cooking the BBQ to setting up the event.



On this day we were also able to hold the Presentation of National Medal to Club Members: **Josh Douglas, Steve Guy (Skip), Naida Guy, Michael Holz, Brad Honey, Trina Jensen, Doug Luckman, Shane McCauley, Brett Schweitzer, Bob Sinclair, Steve Strong (Strongy)**. The National Medal was established by the Commonwealth of Australia in 1975 as one of the original elements of the distinctive Australian system of honours and awards. The Medal recognises long service in organisations that protect life and property at some risk to their members. Extract from the letter to recipients: Your remarkable contribution of preserving the proud safety record for all Australians along the Australian coastline, whilst engaging in a service that may put your own life at risk is now fittingly recognised. We greatly appreciate your contribution and trust Surf Life Saving may continue to have your support for many years to come.

Nippers

Thank you to the following volunteers for spending countless hours volunteering at the Country Championships.

IRB drivers & Crew:

Steve & Kylie Strong, Jarrod Barnes, Blake Shanahan, Nathan Foster, Troy Kirkby, Skip Guy & Liam Ovenden.

Officials:

Keren Wilson, Candice Cross, Jan Horspool, Jocelyn Quinn, Keryn Calcraft, Zoe Carden, Marnie Taylor, Kate Woods & Kahlie McLennan.

Water Safety:

Nathan Haythorpe, Ben Wilson, Lee Singleton, Nadia Thompson, Amy Oswald & Mike Quinn.

For a small club we were crippled with duties and you all went above and beyond to allow our juniors and seniors to compete and support our friends at Warilla SLSC to run such a wonderful carnival.

The second half of our Nippers season is underway! With our second round of club champs happening on the 18th of February.

If you have any of last seasons trophies, should be returned on Sunday!



We are very proud to announce that Kiama Downs SLSC cadet Archie Weir was announced as the male South Coast Branch Male Junior Lifesaver of the Year. Archie received this honour out of all of the representatives from the 8 clubs across our branch and will now progress to the SLSNSW development camp and interview process to determine the State winners.

We also congratulate our cadets Hayley Bogie and Cooper Shanahan who proudly represented our club. The future of our club is in great hands!



On Friday the 16th of February, the Kiama Downs Surf club had the Premier Chris Minns and MLC Sarah Kaine, as well as our MP Fioana Phillips come down to the surf club to have a look around our club in preparation to the Thirty Thousand dollar grant that we will be receiving in the coming weeks.

IRB Team

The IRB team are gearing up for their next season of racing, we will have 2 brand new boats arriving in a matter of weeks. Regular training will begin on Saturday March 2nd at 8am each week. The team are always on the lookout for new members to help grow our team, for anybody interested in joining please contact Nathan Foster or Steve Strong.



Uniforms

Our amazing uniform committee have been hard at work creating a new version of our uniform that incorporates an Indigenous design that was created by Rachel Morgan a local member of our first nations community, the design reflects the land and sea on which we meet, the artwork represents Cathedral Rocks, the ocean, the bush and fauna that our clubs sits within and the elders past, present and future.

These uniforms are now available to purchase on our website in both Junior and adult sizes <https://kiama-downs-surf-life-saving-club-inc.square.site/s/shop>



Triathlons

A big Thank you to our water safety crew that have represented the club so far this year on multiple occasions for water safety so far this year.

KDSLSC has a strong but small team of volunteers that attend triathlons to participate in Water Safety, keeping the competitors safe in the swimming aspect of the event. These triathlons are an amazing income for the surf club, however we need more volunteers to join our team to continue to be able to attend these events on behalf of the club. If you would like to be involved please place your name on the list via the link below or get in contact with Josh (Club Captain). If you are unable to access the link, email triathlons@kiamadownssurf.com

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DyWlq6PHkXMKaZIF6mwvoXu_-2s5paxQuRO6G82GKYM/edit

- **BIG HUSKY TRIATHLON - 23RD - 25TH FEBRUARY 2024**
- **PENRITH TRIATHLON 6TH-7TH APRIL 2024**



Training

Other courses that are available include; First Aid Certificate, Radio Operators Certificate, Spinal Management, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, IRB Driver, IRB Crewperson, Beach Management, please get in touch with Skip for any other info.

The club is looking to hold an RSA course in the coming months, if anybody would be interested in attending, please email josh (Club Captain) Josh@kiamadownssurf.com