



Hello Palmy Members

We hope you've been enjoying your winter and your off-season from lifesaving and Nippers. No doubt you are raring to get back to the beach!

Your Board and Operations Committee have been busy over the past few months preparing for the coming season and undertaking some long term strategic planning.

Our lifesavers will notice a new SSV and IRB motor when they return to patrol. Both Nipper families and Patrollers will see new marquees and first aid equipment, and those undertaking training/education courses will notice the additional storage and upgrade to our old office plus new training delivery equipment. All the above and more have been made possible through grant funding for which we are very thankful.

Our Club Captain Greg Clark and trainer Clayton Kimeklis recently attended a 3-day CTO and Club Captain Workshop; both agreeing to the value of the sessions and the information shared. Further volunteers and staff attended an SLSQ Workshop on Sat 19 August to learn about changes being implemented by SLSQ for the coming season as well as improvements being made.

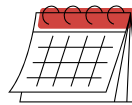
In the office, membership renewals are rolling in and staff are preparing for Patrols and Nippers to commence. We hope you enjoy this issue of Palmy Family News and we appreciate any feedback to our office.

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Key Dates



August

- 31st: Board Meeting

September

- 2nd & 3rd: First Aid course (Sat) & ART course (Sun). IRB course assessment (Sun)
- 9th: Nipper pool evaluation 1
- 9th: Skills Maintenance
- 16th: **Patrol season starts** & Bronze Medallion assessment
- 30th: Patrol Memberships due
- 30th: Nipper pool evaluation 2

October

- 7th: **Nippers starts** & Member social event
- 13-15: SRC Camp (U14s)

For more dates, see our Club Calendar:

www.palmbeachsurfclub.com.au/slsc/events/



President's Update

Mary Farrell

Mary (right) is pictured with club sponsor Larissa Rose at our Annual Dinner & Awards Night in May. Larissa is from GG Enviro who recently helped launch our Club's Sustainability Strategy.

As September nears, I can't wait to see everyone back on the beach at Palmy! To our new members, a huge welcome and to our returning Patrollers and Nipper families, it will be awesome to see you!

Our club is only a success due to its passionate and dedicated volunteers - THANK YOU to all our helpers for keeping our club strong and giving our younger generation and members of the public a safe place at the beach.

If you are not already volunteering, how can we help you get involved? Please email us as there is so much to be done to keep our great club running and we'd love to share the load.

See you soon on the beach! Mary

president@pbqslsc.com.au

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are now being accepted.

Please renew your membership and pay your fees for the coming season by following the instructions on our website. [Renew your membership](#)

All renewals are to be completed through your [Members Portal](#).

See our [Membership Fees](#) to see which membership fee and family group discount may apply to you.



Skills Maintenance (proficiency)

All Bronze Medallion, SRC, IRB, Observer and Age Manager award holders must complete an annual skills maintenance session before 31 Dec 2023 to remain proficient in their award and remain eligible to train, assist, patrol our beach or compete.

Skills Maintenance dates are:

- Sat 9 Sep 2023
- Sun 8 Oct 2023
- Sat 19 Nov 2023
- Sun 3 Dec 2023

If you plan on attending a Skills Maintenance session and haven't renewed your membership, please do so before enrolling in the applicable course through your Members Portal eLearning area.

More details, including how to complete your Skills Maintenance online learning, can be found on our website [skills maintenance](#)



Nipper News

Welcome to our new and returning Nippers!

Next step after joining or renewing is to come along to one of our two **pool evaluation** sessions. These are mandatory annual assessments required for every nipper. See our website for more information, and for what to do if you are unable to make one of the sessions. [Nippers pool evaluation](#)

- Saturday 9 or 30 September at Laurie Lawrence pool, Flagstone Dr, Burleigh Heads

Nippers commences after school holidays this season on **Saturday 7 October**.

Become a Nipper Volunteer!

Without volunteers, there would be no Nippers! Not sure how you can help? Email ja.secretary@pbqslsc.com.au and we'll find a way to get you involved. Some of the roles available can be found here: [Volunteer at Nippers](#)

Latest Nipper News: Keep up to date with Nipper news on our [Nippers Facebook group](#)

Blue Cards & Child Safety

Keeping our children safe is of great importance to us and it is a requirement of SLSA and SLSQ that all patrolling members 18 years or over, and volunteers working in an official role with children, must hold a current Blue Card - Qld's 'Working with children' check.

Members must also complete some mandatory online training to accompany their Blue Card.

- Child Safe Awareness (CSA)
- Child & Youth Risk Management Strategies (CYRMS)

All details can be found on our website under [Blue Card - Working with Children](#).



Education & Courses

Throughout the season our awesome volunteer trainers deliver dozens of sessions to upskill our members. Courses include Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue Certificate, First Aid, ART, IRB crew and driver, as well as off site courses for Officials. You can also get your award to drive our new beach buggy/SSV! Visit [courses & awards](#) for latest dates.

Spaces are still available in our upcoming **First Aid (Sat 2 Sep) & ART (Sun 3 Sep) courses**. Email our [office](#) to book into either of these sessions or call 5534 2180 ext 2.

Lifesaving

Beach patrols recommence on Saturday 16 September!

Thank you to our Patrollers who are soon to be returning to our beaches!

Patrol Groups and Rosters

Patrolling members will soon be emailed a welcome to season message from our Club Captain as well as their roster for the season. Keep an eye on your emails and on your Members Portal, where you can download your roster to your personal calendar.

If your circumstances have changed and you can no longer patrol this season, please let our office know by emailing our [office](#).

Thanks to all our volunteer lifesavers for keeping our beachgoers safe between the flags this summer.



Surf Sports

Our Surf Sports training schedule has commenced for our older Nippers, Seniors and Masters. Sessions will commence during September for our younger Nippers.

The best way to keep up to date with all our club training and the changing schedule is by downloading and logging in to [Stack Team App](#).

Details can be found here: [club training](#)

Water Safety for Nippers training

Last season we struggled on occasion to have sufficient Water Safety volunteers to meet our required safety ratios at Nipper training. Parents, please discuss with your coaches how you can help them deliver safe training sessions for your Nippers. Members with an SRC or Bronze can undertake Water Safety duties.



LET'S GET SOCIAL

We all love a Palmy gathering, that's why we're putting on a **monthly social event** so more Palmy members can get to know one another.

Are you a patroller who only knows your patrol group buddies? Come along and meet more patrollers and Nipper families.

Are you a Nipper parent who wants to know more about patrolling or meet other members in our amazing Supporters Club? Come along and join in the fun.

When: the first Saturday of each month Time: from 4pm

Where: Supporters Club deck.

First monthly event will be **Sat 7 October.**

Seniors & Masters: want to compete but not sure how? Come along & meet some other competitors on Friday 8th Sep from 6pm, Supporters Club deck.

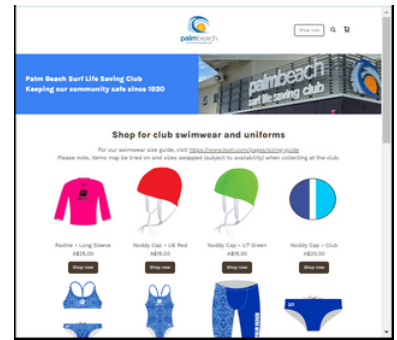
Uniforms Shop now online

We now have an online shop!

<https://shop-palmbeachsurfclub.square.site/>

Orders can be placed online and all are to be collected from the club office/uniforms shop. Shop hours will largely coincide with Nipper training sessions in the afternoons, before pool evaluations and at start of Nippers season. Swimwear and caps can be tried on and sizes amended (subject to availability) upon collection.

If you have any issues ordering, please let us know so we can improve our site. :-)



Coming soon ... SLSQ Hub

SLSQ have been working tirelessly during the off season trying to improve member experiences with online learning and finding information. Some great advances have been made and will soon be rolled out to club admins, volunteers and members.

SLSQ HUB

In mid September, members will find some changes when seeking out their online learning or booking into a course. Club Admins and CTOs will help you learn the new system but we are confident the changes will be for the better. Stay tuned for the arrival of SLSQ Hub!

Youth Development

Stop the press! Palmy's Youth Development crew won Point Danger Branch Youth Club of the Year! Congratulations to our youth and volunteers for leading the way in PDB.

Our Youth Development team have been working away to plan another amazing season for our youth. Stay tuned for more details on our website and [YD Facebook group](#).



Lifesaving Excellence Awards: congratulations to youth members Grace Pooley and Kai Agyik who will be recognised at the SLSQ Awards of Excellence on 9 Sep for the rescue they completed last season! We are beyond proud.

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Thanks also to SLSA, Queensland Government and Australian Government for recent grant funding.

Board and Operations Committee updates

Upcoming meeting dates:

31 August: Board

12 September: Operations Committee

Some of the many things that the Operations Committee, Board and office have been working on over the past few months include:

- Strategic planning for our club's future
- Finalisation of Patrol Roster, Patrol Captains and groups
- Education calendar set and courses underway
- Youth Development calendar and youth pledge finalised
- Junior Activities planning well underway for start of season including delivery of pool evaluations. Water Safety Officer and team being finalised.
- Surf Sports training underway and coaches on board. Currently no Surf Sports Officer but plans underway.
- Insurance declaration submitted.
- Policies reviewed
- SLSQ Workshop attended by volunteers and office staff.
- CTO & Club Captains 3-day workshop attended by Captain Greg and Trainer Clayton (thank you for giving up 3 days for your club!).
- Grant funds used for the following purchases: new Kawasaki SSV, old office renovation, Search & Rescue kit, marquees for Nippers, first aid equipment and training equipment.
- Patrol Trailer scope and design underway (partially funded by a grant)
- Emergency fix of issue in male showers.
- Security system to be installed for gym access (in September or asap).
- 23/24 budget finalised.
- Membership renewals underway.
- Setup of Square payments system for Nipper BBQs, fundraising and online shop.
- Various other tasks and projects in preparation for start of Nipper and Patrol season.
- Workshops with SLSQ to understand changes being implemented across programs and how these will impact/assist members.

