



# Scarboro Surf Life Saving Club

## “ECHO” CLUB NEWSLETTER

### President’s Pen

Only one more sleep until our 2022 Annual General Meeting! For all things AGM related please refer to the [Club website](#), our delayed e-copy of the Annual Report and Accounts is in the process of being uploaded as I type, and is already available via TeamApp for members keen to take a look before the AGM on **Friday 1 July at 6pm**. Please note that the bar will be closed until the conclusion of the AGM and member forum. My thanks to **Trina Cullen, Clint McGhie, Peter Tanham & Matt Watson** for their efforts with the Annual Report & Accounts.

**Club access** will automatically expire effective 23:59 hours on Thursday 30 June for members who have not renewed their membership for the 2022/23 season. If you wish to continue accessing the Club change rooms, gym, bar and gear shed then please jump online to [members.sls.com.au](http://members.sls.com.au) and complete your membership renewal and pay online. If you are not planning on returning for the coming season then please contact the office so we can retire your membership in due course.

Despite us being in the thick of winter surf sports continues with the upcoming [WA Pool Rescue Championships](#) on Saturday 23 – Sunday 24 July at HBF Stadium, and the [WA IRB Championships](#) on Sunday 31 July at Trigg Beach, along with the [Broome Sunset Challenge](#) on Saturday 9 – Sunday 10 July at Cable Beach. Farther afield we also have a touring team heading off to the [Australian IRB Championships](#) on 21 – 24 July at Mollymook NSW. This will be the first time in a number of years that the IRB Racing team have been able to the National Championships, so I am sure they will give it their all and do Team Scarboro proud.

Don’t forget Janet and her team have the Club canteen open every Sunday morning so even if you aren’t a Polar Bear, then you can still come on down for some tasty baked goods and a warm drink whilst watching our swimmers tackle the waves.

See you down the Club, and have a safe and enjoyable weekend

*Jody Ballard*

**JODY BALLARD | President**

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### CLUB OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8.30am – 5.00pm  
 Tuesday 9.00am – 5.00pm  
 Wednesday 8.30am – 5.00pm  
 Thursday 8.30am – 5.00pm  
 Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

### CLUB BAR HOURS FRIDAYS

Opens 5.00pm  
 Closes ~9.30pm

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### JUNE

- **Sat 25<sup>th</sup> - Pool Rescue Training**  
11.00am

### JULY

- **Fri 1 July – AGM**, 6.00pm - Bar open after AGM
- **States Sat 23 & Sun 24 July - WA Pool Rescue Championships** HBF Stadium  
**Entries are OPEN for 2022!**  
 Entries Close Monday, 18 July at 11.59pm
- **Sun 31 July - IRB States** Trigg Beach
- **Sun 31 July- IRB Presentations, and After Party** Scarboro SLSC Function room



## AGM Reminder – Tomorrow evening 6.00pm

**Annual General Meeting** is tomorrow evening and being held at Scarborough SLSC, 163 The Esplanade, Scarborough, **commencing at 6:00pm**.  
**Please note the bar will open after proceedings.**

Nominations have been called for Directors, Standing Committees, Club Officers and Notices of Motion as detailed in the [Notice of AGM 2022](#).

Members are advised that the Board has resolved to hold fees at the same level as last season and that memberships expire Thursday 30 June 2022. [Fees for the 2022/23 season](#) can be located on the Club website.



**All members remaining non-financial as of 30 June 2022 will have their access and use of Club facilities removed until such a time as they become financial for the 2022/23 season. All renewals are now completed online through the SLSA Member Portal. If you need assistance, please contact the office.**

As a volunteer-run Club we depend on our members stepping forward to fulfil these Board and Club Officer positions so that we can run effectively as a Club. If you are interested in supporting the Club, then position descriptions are available on the [Club website](#) if you have any questions then please feel free to speak to a Board member. If you wish to access a nomination form <http://www.scarboro.com.au/meetings-minutes/>.

## “RENDEZVOUS”

Rooms can be booked [here](#), using the promo code **SSLSC** for **20% off** the best available rate for a room and **10% off** at the **Straits Cafe\***.

**This promo code is available all year round for the ultimate Scarborough stay-cations.**

## SURF SPORTS – Tanya Channell

### Training Opportunities in Winter

Our winter board and ski training on the river will be commencing in July, so keep an eye out on the Echo for all the details of the start date and get your wetsuits ready.

Also, there are winter running sessions with Jose on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings**, these are open to all members and Jose will tailor the session to suit everyone, so everyone can start and finish together as a group. Assemble at **5.20am for a 5.30 start** and will run to 6.30. These sessions are great for sprint strength and general strength and conditioning to keep up your fitness over winter. Every session is different and the more the merrier.

We are also preparing to run some gym strength and conditioning sessions and will release details of these soon.

**Also do not forget Sunday mornings:** 9am soft sand run followed by the Polar Bears swim, then hot coffee and sausage rolls, see you on the beach 😊

Tanya Channell

**TANYA CHANNELL | Surf Sports Director**  
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# SKI SCRIBBLES

Applications Open for our Junior/Youth Ski Squad - 14 - 18 years

Apply to be a part of our 3 Training Squads  
- Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced

All Equipment is supplied.

Training will commence mid August on either Sunday Morning/Afternoon  
or mid week

To Apply: Email Janet Stephenson

[janet@janetcraig.com.au](mailto:janet@janetcraig.com.au)



# POOL RESCUE – Nicole Tolev

## EXTRA Training session

**Good news...** we have an extra training session on **Sunday July 10 at 11am**. This is for Nippers through to Masters competitors. If you think you might want to compete at the states, this could be a chance to have a go.

## States (July 23/24) - States (July 23/24) – TIME TO GET THOSE ENTRIES IN!

As well as our individual athletes being able to showcase their skill development, I am VERY keen to organise teams for states. If you can swim a lap or two you may be who we need. If we all get our entries in early, it will give me a chance to find those last couple of competitors to make teams. Entry details below. You are responsible for your own entries, then teams are made up after that.

## **WA POOL RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Entries are OPEN for the **2022 WA Pool Rescue Championships** taking place next month on **Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 July at HBF Stadium**.

Entries close Monday, 18 July at 11.59pm.

 [ENTER HERE](#)

Nicole Tolev

**NICOLE TOLEV | Pool Captain**

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## Club Legend

### Graham Croft

Graham joined Scarborough in 1991 along with Lesley and their children.

He arrived as a highly decorated pool swimmer and Royal Lifesaver, an age group world champion and record holder at times, so he was well placed to join our active ranks, gaining his bronze in 1992 and actively patrolling until the early 2000s, and then continuing to help on the beach when needed. Graham fits the surf lifesaving model perfectly. He is an inveterate volunteer and has contributed to Scarborough in many ways. It is not surprising that he quickly gravitated to most things in the water as well as many outside.

In 1994 his professional qualifications and experience saw him invited to assume the role as Finance Director and for several years he completed this with aplomb, supplemented along the way by time as Bar Manager, before taking the role as Clubrooms Director for a couple of years. Here he lent his carpentry skills to the club, helping better house craft and gear in the new and old boat sheds.

His organisational and encouragement skills, along with his ability in the water then led him to the position of Water Captain for several years, where he was able to lead the young and old into the surf.

Graham has always enjoyed the challenge and fun of Sunday morning activities and has been extremely successful with the many awards associated with swimming, board and ski, including the whole lot together as an iron man of note. Not sure he has been seen in a boat.

His surf lifesaving interclub record, mainly in Master's competition, where he has won in the order of two hundred championship medals for Scarborough is staggering. He has waved the club's flag strongly in State, National and International competitions.

In 1997 he introduced the Scarborough 5km Open Water Swim as a preparatory event for the annual Rottneest Channel Swim, and as a fundraiser for the club. It ran successfully under that banner for about twenty years. Graham was event Director for twelve years. A great effort!

Graham had contributed twenty-six years as an Active, Reserve Active and Long Service member when he was very deservedly awarded Scarborough's 62<sup>nd</sup> Life Membership in 2017.

While on an overseas holiday at present, for most weeks of the year there are few days that go past when you won't see Graham on the beach and in the water at Scarborough.

We remarked recently that our legends are a mixed lot, with administration, contribution and support within the club all requirements for the honour of Life Membership. Given that, it is not surprising to see the amazing contribution that has been made by many of our legends to the competitive strength of Scarborough, often in several arenas or specialist areas.

Recognising our primary purpose of beach safety, active competition has been a glue that has brought and held the club together as it approaches its centenary and Graham is a wonderful illustration of how important to the club is a personal blend of competitive strengths and professional know-how, a true legend of Scarborough.



## **Club Legend**

### Walter Francis Breakwell 1926 – 1999

This note was prepared by Life Members Bruce Lawson and Ron Grannery for the 1999 Annual Report. They finished with the words “We miss you Wal, and hope your surf club in the sky will come close the one we were so fortunate to share with you at Scarboro.”

Any who have achieved Life Membership at Scarboro have an enormous affinity with the club to which they have given so much, and from which they have also received. They will also have established many “friends for life” and so it was that Bruce and Ron wanted to tell Wally’s story. All three are club Legends.

Wally Breakwell joined the club in 1950 as a Senior and gained his bronze award that season. Wally loved his surf club. He enjoyed and excelled in the pillow fight, the big march past team spectaculars, surfboat rowing and loved a little relaxation, fishing with his mates, in between training.

After gaining his bronze he was made a patrol captain and for the next fifteen years held an official position including Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Patrol Officer, Chief Instructor and eight years as Treasurer.

In 1954 he won a State blazer being part of the senior boat crew which went on to win a preliminary final at Southport Queensland. Wally was very proud of the fact that this Scarboro boat team was the first boat crew selected to represent WA in a State Team.

He was a very popular member and as Club Captain had no trouble rounding up the help he required every Saturday night to manhandle a very heavy piano up the Esplanade stairs to the open-air dance floor on the roof of the old clubrooms.

In the early fifties Wally was also doing well in another sport, boxing. He found he had fists with lightning speed. His swiftness won him State Titles in the Middle Heavyweight division in 1951, 1952 and 1953, and in those same years he also won the titles in the Light Heavyweight division. In 1951 and 1953 he was selected to compete for his State to compete in the Australasian Boxing Championships.

Around the surf club he was a workaholic who never sat still, cheerfully giving a hand wherever required. Those who knew him well will never forget his merry laugh or his joyful smile.

For his dedicated and outstanding service Walter Breakwell was made Scarboro’s fourteenth Life Member in 1961.

## **Club Legend**

### Bob Blake OAM

Bob’s affiliation with the club began at a rather early age, when, as a six-year-old, he found a way to join with Doug Hatch and Denis Smith as they were beginning the Sea Urchins at Scarboro. Soon after Bob found himself playing a small role at Denis and Carol’s wedding, a picture still held dear by the Smiths.

Bob joined Scarboro as a Cadet in 1972 and gained his qualifying certificate in 1973 and his bronze medallion a year later. From the moment he joined the club Bob oozed enthusiasm and the desire to help or support others within the club. Never the champion competitor that did not preclude his “have-a-go” attitude that remains strong to this day.

He quickly gravitated to training others, enthusiastic to a tee and always looking for the better way to do things. Bob served for six years as Chief Instructor and soon became very active in State Centre (SLSWA). He was a very active carnival official, taking many leading roles as well as being an excellent and encouraging examiner.

Bob was also very successful as Scarboro’s Junior Officer, following Joe Kearsley in the role and always supported by wife Jane. He also served one year as Club Captain and another as Vice President, really an enthusiastic jack-of-all-trades

One very important and essential role that is often hard for the club to fill is that of Carnival Official and Examiner. Once again Bob saw the need and delivered in spades. He served on the then Board of Examiners from 1979 until

2007, including three years as State Superintendent. While Strate Superintendent he rationalised the surf lifesaving signals, to bring them up to date with the new equipment and rescue techniques being used at that time.

Given his interests and skills it is not surprising that Bob found a fit in competition, representing the club in Champion Lifesaver and Champion patrol in the 1970s. He was a patrol Captain from 1976 until 1986. When IRBs arrived in surf life saving it was Bob, with good mate Rod Dalziell, who led the way into patrols and competition, leading to the new IRB of those days being very aptly named the Bob & Rod.

Even though he was never the conventional champion competitor Bob saw the need to celebrate those who achieved success in competition and the Gold Table was born in the early 1990s under his guidance as Club Captain. The cheers of delight and acclamation as competitors, young and old, have made their way, under his strict gaze, to touch, or drag their hands along, or even walk over the gold table has been a highlight of the club's competitive season for over thirty years. It will remain a perpetual feature, all thanks to Bob. Here we have Bob cheering very happy gold medallists Scott and Paul Cooper as they cross the table in the early 2000s.



Bob has been well recognised within the club for his stellar efforts. He won awards as most enthusiastic Cadet, most voluntary patrol hours, the Life Members' trophy as most enthusiastic member, and, showing just how much he pushed for improvement, he also picked up the paddle for the Club Stirrer award.

Away from the club Bob's work was often called on to provide racks for reels, boards and skis, or for a trailer. When signs were to be placed on walls or the beach the club turned to Bob and many were donated to the club through his employer.

Bob had given nearly twenty years as an Active, Reserve Active and Long Service member when he was very deservedly awarded Scarborough's 33<sup>rd</sup> Life Membership in 1991. Always the enthusiast, always energetic Bob had been an amazing member for all of that time, known and appreciated from coast to coast.

Our legends are indeed a mixed lot, with administration, contribution and support within the club all requirements for the honour of Life Membership. Given that, it is not surprising to see the amazing contribution that has been made by many of our legends to supporting the competitive strength of Scarborough, in Bob's case particularly through his work as an official, an administrator and above all else lending is encouragement to all of us, from the very young to the not so young.

Where you get Bob, you also get Jane, another wonderful legend of the club and it is entirely appropriate to see them together here with the "Bob Blake" IRB.

What a package!



## BAR NEWS



Please note the bar will not be open until after the AGM proceedings this week.

**[We need your assistance!! Seeking more volunteers to jump in and help behind the bar](#)**

If you would like to help, please jump online, to complete an RSA Course.... the link is below, also the club will reimburse you the cost of the course.

[AHA WA - Responsible Service of Alcohol | RSA Training | RSA](#)

You will also require a USI, Unique Student Identifier, to complete the course go to the link below

[Get a USI | Unique Student Identifier](#)

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July <b>AGM</b>	Mark Burgess	Tony Ince
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sharon Walshaw	Aaron Tracey
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Deb Buscall	Chas Paridis
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Carl Van Heeren	Belinda Kuster
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Jak Foster	Sharon Walshaw
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	T. Schifferli	M. Burgess
Friday 12th Aug	Carl Van Heeren	Kimberley Buchanan
Friday 19/08/2022	Narelle Darch	Tomo

If you cannot make your shift please try and organise a swap, if that fails, please send an email to

[Functions@scarboro.com.au](mailto:Functions@scarboro.com.au)

# Country carnival 2023 & 2024

## COUNTRY CARNIVAL LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

The Country Carnival is a significant event on our surf sports calendar every season. Held over the Australia Day weekend, it is a great opportunity to get away and enjoy all things surf with our families, friends, and clubmates.

Last year, over 1300 competitors and their families descended on Bunbury for what can only be described as a 'Festival of Surf'. I'm sure you're all keen to find out the location of the Carnival this season so you can start planning your holiday!

Earlier this year, SLSWA requested Expressions of Interest from our country clubs to host not only the 2023 carnival but also the 2024 carnival. We hope that determining the location of the 2024 carnival earlier than usual will provide all clubs with much-needed additional time to plan their attendance and secure accommodation, which can be difficult in any location over the Australia Day weekend.

Congratulations to **Bunbury Surf Life Saving Club**, which has been chosen to host the **2023 Country Carnival**. Events and activities will commence on **Friday 27th and conclude on Sunday the 29th of January 2023**.

Bunbury SLSC has previously done an incredible job at hosting this Carnival, with the club offering a range of additional activities around the traditional Carnival and setting record attendance numbers.

I remind everyone considering attending that, in **2023, the Australia Day weekend is not a long weekend**, with Australia Day falling on Thursday the 26th of January. With this in mind, Bunbury is an ideal location for the two-day weekend given its relative proximity to the metropolitan area, easing the travel requirements for most participants.

Please book your accommodation as soon as possible. Although both Bunbury and the surrounding South West region have a broad range of accommodation options, the region is very popular.

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Congratulations to **Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club**, which has been chosen to host **the 2024 Country Carnival** to be held over the Australia Day long weekend commencing **Friday the 26th of January through Sunday the 28th of January 2024**.

2024 represents a welcome return to the Mid-West Region. Whilst Geraldton are the primary host of the Carnival, they have the support of the entire region, with support also being provided by both the Dongara Denison and Champion Bay Surf Life Saving Clubs.

For those unfamiliar with the Mid-West, it offers a range of surf conditions and a number of locations allowing the clubs to present a carnival that meets the varying requirements of the many competitive disciplines and age groups participating and allowing for the prevailing weather conditions at the time. There is also a range of back of beach recreational and accommodation options available in the greater City of Geraldton.

For those of you who have attended the Geraldton Country Carnival, you'll already know that you're in for what will be a wonderful and memorable event.

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