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The 2007/08 season was another successful one for the Maroubra Seal Pups, with membership numbers breaking the 550 mark again. It's great to see so many parents making the decision to teach their children about surf safety and awareness; this is a benefit that not only extends into family life but into the community as well.

Registration days were held in September at the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club, we were able to take advantage of the setting and complete timed pool swims as part of the registration process. This allowed us to grade the children's skill levels in the water and proved to be a valuable tool in holding the weekly events. We are pleased that 100% of registered children had completed their respective proficiencies by the first day of nippers.

When the season commenced in October, we continued to concentrate on the developmental aspects of nippers for the U/9 & U/10 age groups. We had split water areas - 9 & 10's in one area and 11 to 14's in another. A decision was made this year that all events were to be modified team events, and the distances of the events were to be suitable to the skill levels of the children. We wanted to continue developing confidence and skills within the children as well as building a team atmosphere. From all accounts the outcomes achieved were very positive.

We are very proud of the older children in our club who in the past few seasons have sustained record numbers and passed their Surf Rescue Certificates allowing them to start voluntary beach patrols on their way to becoming qualified lifesavers. We congratulate all of you on your dedication to Surf lifesaving.

**Training:**

As always, our training timetable was extensive and well attended. Three water training sessions were offered each week, along with surf swimming, general fitness and March Past sessions. Nippers would like to extend a huge thankyou to Steve Delorenzo for helping us again this year and giving up his mornings to train the kids. We are also indebted to Brian Purdon who is the best in the business when it comes to March Past. We would love to see some more beach training opportunities – so if anyone out there has skills in this area, we'd love to hear from you. We are also looking at introducing R&R for our Nippers next year, if the interest is there.

### **Carnivals:**

Maroubra Beach was thrilled to host the Senior and Junior Sydney Branch Championships this year. As you can all imagine, running this event was a lot of hard work, with a relatively small crew of members working tirelessly over three long days to bring it all together. The work parties started on Friday afternoon, working until dusk and began again at 5.00am and finished at sunset on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to all of the Nipper parents and their children for their help over the 3 days. All of these parents should be congratulated for their time & effort in helping to run a very successful carnival. In particular we'd like to thank, Tim & Tamara Murray, John & Ben McLoughlin, Paul Scullion, Alex & Steve Luxford for organising the BBQ for both carnivals, and all of our parent officials who were at both Senior and Junior carnivals. The kids were the real stars at the carnival and came away with quite a few medals – here are the results.

**March Past Team** - this amazing group of girls under the expert guidance of Brian Purdon achieved a Silver Medal (missing Gold only on a count back). **Board Riding** - U13 Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Hartley, U14 Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> J. Barron, **Under 8 Boys** - 1<sup>st</sup> Beach Sprint Relay, **Under 9 Boys** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sprint Relay, **Under 10 girls** - Swim 3<sup>rd</sup> Delainee Melia, **Under 11 girls** - Sprint 2<sup>nd</sup> Alana Kipriotis, Swim 1<sup>st</sup> Ella Basalo, Ironwoman 1<sup>st</sup> Ella Basalo, **Under 13 Girls** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sprint Relay, **Under 14 Girls** - Flags 1<sup>st</sup> Bradi Douglas, **Under 14 Boys** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach Sprint Relay. Many more children made the finals and gained credible places in their events.

This year State titles were held at Swansea-Belmont and a fun time was had by all Maroubra competitors over the three days. We had quite a number of children making finals - not an easy task at this level. Well done to all of our competitors for putting in such a great effort – the weather may have been ordinary, but your performances were not. Congratulations to Ella Basalo on her 2 medals at the State titles. Ella won Silver in 11yr Swim and Bronze in 11yr Iron woman. Our March Past team finished a very respectable 8<sup>th</sup> place in the State, led by a very proud and loyal coach in Brian Purdon.

### **Our Helpers:**

When a club has a membership base of 550 children, this requires some serious hands on help. We are very fortunate to have highly trained water safety personnel, led by Lee Miller and Tony Grivell, who are not only assets to Nippers, but are a vital part of the Surf Lifesaving structure of Maroubra Surf Club. This year 55 nipper parents did patrols

of Maroubra Beach as volunteer surf lifesavers and a further 10 parents gained their Bronze Medallions.

To our Age Managers and their many assistants who work every Sunday helping and teaching the kids - your work is invaluable and very much appreciated by the kids and parents alike. There are plans in the pipeline for an official Age Manager's course which will become compulsory in years to come. Much of what we do relies on parents and helpers getting in and giving a hand and a course such as this will be essential for this purpose.

Our workers on the BBQ are absolutely awesome and it's a service that we all enjoy. Our coordinators are Alex and Steve Luxford and they have a band of regular helpers who turn up each week just to help out. A BIG thanks to Lucy, Alex, Jo, Pete and Bill who have continued to help our Club remain in a strong financial position through our weekly BBQ fundraiser.

There are so many people to thank for the work that happens every week at Nippers, both behind the scenes and with the children. We thank you for your help and support in helping make Nippers a fun, enjoyable place to be every week. I would like to thank the committee for all their efforts throughout the year. To Garry & Melissa Ambrose for their diligence in keeping our membership records and Surf Guard up to date. To Kylie & Greg Tomaszuk, our Treasurers - who will no doubt draw favourable comments from the Auditors – thankyou. To Di Harper who does a fantastic job in looking after all of the Clubs entries for all carnivals and is just an all-round great support. Melissa Black & Sue Donohue who have organised a new supplier this year for our costumes, clothing, caps and all other apparel purchases, thanks for all your hard work. Paul Scullion, my right hand man both on the beach as Age Manager (yellow hats) and as my Deputy Chairman is always there to help. Linda McLoughlin for all of her efforts in deciphering my coded documents, and putting the newsletters together in a way that is legible. To Jacqui Twitchings, who for the past eleven years has been a tireless, selfless worker on behalf of Nippers. It's not easy to put down on paper how many long, hard hours Jacqui has put into the Club, but it is an enormous amount and she is definitely a Maroubra identity! And Mr Tim Murray, you stepped down as President, but you are always there, bright and early helping out with anything and everything and always being an enormous support.

Our amazing sponsors, without you, none of this would be possible. We enjoy a close relationship with the Maroubra Seals Sport and Community Club, they are our major

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