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### **2006 Australian Masters Championships CONGRATULATIONS GAVAN FARMER**

This year saw the end of the 10 year commitment to host the Aussies at Kurrawa. North Haven had a small representation at the event, and in deed only 1 competitor. With the pressure on with some tough competition, and the surf conditions forcing event organisers to shift the Masters events to the alternative venue, a ski paddle being stolen, and then a board – later returned to the owner - we actually somehow managed to have some success.

After years of dedicated commitment to training and pushing his body to the extreme limits, Gavan "Penguin" Farmer has achieved his goal of winning an individual medal at the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships. For those that weren't there, take a read of the following.

The 2006 Championships were held on the Gold Coast and conditions were that dangerous on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of masters competition that the venue was changed from Kurrawa to North Kirra.

For many years now Gavan has been able to make his way through the heats and semi finals but his best results were a number of 4<sup>th</sup> places. In 2003 he did win a bronze medal with Grant Simpson in the Mens Board Rescue but until this year, Gavan had never won an individual medal at the national event, even though he has been a consistent gold medallist at the State Championships for well over 30 years.

As most of the regulars at the club, and indeed those that know Gavan, his impending heart surgery, and a knee replacement imminent, means that it was almost to the point of "now or never" when he lined up in the final of the board race. But even though it wasn't the fairy tale ending of a gold medal, Gavan did cross the line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

"I'm really happy with a bronze" said Penguin. "There are, and always will be, thousands of surf lifesavers who never have, or never will win an Australian Championships medal for surf lifesaving, so I don't care what colour it is. It has been a long time coming .... but the wait has been worth it."



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## 2006 State Championships

A few weekends ago now, the Masters and Seniors State Championships were run and won. Again, North Haven put in a number of entries, and again, we managed to come away with the goods.

*Editors Note: Unfortunately, the list of placings has been misplaced for the time being – also the reason why this edition of Northern Exposure is so late in being released, so please bear in mind that I'm working from people's memories, and there are going to be omissions from this list, in particular the Masters results. All results will be available on the website as soon as possible, and acknowledged on Senior Presentation Night.*

*Apologies, but don't shoot the messenger –  
**Shoot Oz instead.***

The first medals were won at the Masters events. Oz has supplied some information about the memorable moments from the Masters weekend.

- Penguin & Elaine's storming of the finish line in their mixed double ski Gold in what was looming as a close finish,
- Trent Stoddard teamed up with Dwayne Thuys in the Board teams and ended up medalling with Penguin & Grant,
- Grant's footrace with Seacliff at the end of the Taplin to take Gold along with Trent & Penguin,
- Oz's 2nd in the Surf Race, a brilliantly orchestrated race, (*Comment unedited*)
- Brian, Grant & Oz squeezing their way into 3rd spot for the Surf Teams amongst Seacliff teams who placed 1st, 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup>,
- Neil Clarke teaming up with Brian in the Board Rescue.

At the Senior State Championships, it was a chance for our younger lifesavers to shine, and shine they did. Mike Foureur ran again in the Under 19 2km run. Last year he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the event, and this year crossed the line first to take the gold medal. In doing this, he also beat the gold medal winner for the Open 2km run.

Younger brother Tim battled it out with Mike for the Under 19 Flags. After being forced to knock Mike out in the early rounds, Tim went on to place 5<sup>th</sup>. With a sheer stroke of luck, there were 2 disqualifications in the next run through, so Tim claimed the bronze medal – and the points for the club. Well done for Chris and Lockie for also giving the event a shot.

The two Foureurs, along with Brett and Lockie teamed together for the Open Beach Relay. Against some very strong competition from the other clubs, the guys managed to perfect their baton changes on the day, and walked away with a bronze medal for their efforts. The team that took on the Under 19 Beach Relay also fought some tough competition, and the video replay showed they were just edged out on the line to make a finals placing of 4<sup>th</sup>. Top effort guys.

Rebecca Maslen – Well, was very unlucky that her events were held late on the Sunday. By this time, the Middleton swell had really picked up, and Rebecca was having some real trouble staying on her board during the board race. Deciding not to enter the Ironwoman and save herself for the Under 19 Swim turned out to be the right decision in the end. Rebecca managed to get herself out the back through some very trying conditions. Fighting competitors twice her size, she pushed through, and crossed the finish line to take out her first ever medal at the State Championships, after many years of work. Congratulations – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Under 19 Female Swim. This is of course on top of her win early in the year, where she took gold in the Open Womens Short Board Riding Competition.

Also worth recognition of their work at Senior State Championships are the following:

- Leah Nankervis, David Lucas, Brian Burrowes – Officials for both days competition
- Elaine Farmer, Christy Wilson – Work Force “volunteers” on Sunday afternoon
- Peter Jamieson, Kimberly Bambery – Jet Rescue Boat Crew providing water cover

In the points score competition that crosses both the Masters and Seniors Championships, North Haven performed quite consistantly.

The Masters events saw us score 96 points, and place 9<sup>th</sup>. The club scored 52 points in the Seniors events, also placing 9<sup>th</sup>. With a combined points score of 148, North Haven placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall. On handicap, we finished on 1385.5 points, and in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Several photos of the Seniors weekend are included at the end of this newsletter. Thanks to Rebecca Maslen for being the team photographer and supplying the photos.

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## Senior Presentation Dinner

As people are probably aware, with the renovations about to start, we're not able to hold the presentation dinner in the club this year.

The Management Committee has been working over the last 4 months to come up with a suitable location for the dinner this year. We have narrowed our choices down to a couple of locations, and are now trying to confirm availability dates that hopefully will have no clash with the football.

We should have a confirmed location by the next Management Committee meeting, where we will attempt to set and book in a date to hold the dinner. Information will be distributed to members as soon as details are confirmed.

## Flags Down – End Of Patrol Season

While it's been a hot, eventful summer, the majority of us can't seem to believe that it's over already. March has been and gone, and that means it's the end of another patrolling season for us. It is again pleasing to announce that in this, our 38<sup>th</sup> season of patrolling Taperoo and North Haven beaches, we again recorded those three words: **No Lives Lost**.

The season was quite a eventful one for us. We had a record number of people complete awards, and boosted the number of patrol members substantially. The dangers of the beach were highlighted in dramatic circumstances though, with a double drowning occurring several kilometers along the coastline towards Semaphore. This just goes to show that even on a very safe stretch of beach, tragedy can still occur without warning.

During our off-season, as already announced, we're not really going to have a clubrooms to use. This won't mean that we're not going to continue to work though.

We have a IRB Drivers squad undergoing training, and will be examined closer to the start of Season 2006/07. Not only that, but there is the option for people to continue to gain their awards even through the winter. Awards like the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and Senior First Aid only take a month or two at the most to train for, and are significant awards that extend your skills on the beach.

If you want more information on these awards, or any awards you may want to look at – Speak to Chief Instructor Brett Nankervis.

## Clubroom Farewell Celebration

In fine North Haven tradition, and in order to celebrate the end of our clubrooms, Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April saw the final celebrations in the existing clubrooms.

Without a doubt the night was a great success. Many club members, family and friends alike joined in the party and ensured that it was a night that most will remember for some time to come.

Thanks need to be extended to Brett and Leah Nankervis who organised most of the night, as well as to Mike, Tim, Chris, Phil, Mike and the others who worked the bar, Shane for his gate man duties, the band for the live entertainment, and each and every one of the people who attended the night.

All being well, we hope to see everyone back again for the opening of the new clubrooms later this year.

## Club Renovations Update

Since the last newsletter, there's been some substantial behind the scenes progress with the building. The list of builders who applied in the tender process has been whittled down to the final few, and we are now in the process of having the preferred builder put through the various government departments.

The even better news is that the building so far is slightly under the estimated budget. This means that there is a few extra dollars available to spend on the extras that we were hoping to get in best case scenario.

If the process with the government moves smoothly, work should start within the next few weeks. At this stage, the estimates still give us a completion date at the end of this year. Standby for more information when a confirmed start date is announced.

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## A word for one of our sponsors...



**The Saint Meat Store**  
North Haven Shopping Centre  
Phone 8248 1886

Shannon and the guys at The Saint Meat Store have been wonderful supporters of our club. Along with their generous donations every year, they are great suppliers of the meat that each and everyone of us consume at the club.

Next time you're in the area, and looking for something that's just that little bit different, drop in and pick up something fresh from the butcher.

## We've Become A "Good Sports Club"

The Good Sports Accreditation Program is a partnership between the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF), national, state, regional and local sports bodies, and the government sector, to develop a safer and healthier community.

The Good Sports Accreditation Program helps sporting clubs manage alcohol responsibly.

Displaying the Good Sports logo sends an important message to club members and the community. It confirms that the club promotes a responsible attitude towards alcohol and provides a safe environment for members, families and supporters.

The Management Committee has decided to join the club in this program. The club will aim to move through the program over several years, raising the club's profile within the local and wider community.

As a part of the program, Phil Garner, Michael and Tim Foureur attended a Responsible Service of Alcohol course. These three join Shane, Paula, Brett, Brian and Troy as accredited RSA members.

For more information on the Good Sports program, please visit their website at: [www.goodsports.com.au](http://www.goodsports.com.au)

## Happy Birthday To ...

Last month since our last newsletter, the following have celebrated the turn of a new year of their life. Happy birthday to the March & April crowd:

Stewart Houston	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gavan Farmer	March 12 <sup>th</sup>
Kimberly Bambery	March 20 <sup>th</sup>
Elizabeth Taylor	March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Shirley Harnett	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
James Taylor	March 24 <sup>th</sup>
Ian Doveton	March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Homes	March 31 <sup>st</sup>
Nicole McMahon	March 31 <sup>st</sup>



Tina Guy	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Michael Pumpa	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
John Fitzpatrick	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Shirley Trask	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Paula Harnett	April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Joshua Harnett	April 12 <sup>th</sup>

## Club Merchandise Now Available!

To help launch our new clubrooms and new season in November, we're busy developing a new line of merchandise for people to purchase and support the club with.

The club is now able to make available club jackets. These jackets are the same black three quarter length jackets that the club had a few years ago. The jackets are available at a cost of \$75 to members. It's a definite must for carnivals, and early morning starts.

Available at the end of May are club bottle openers. These openers in sturdy key ring design, engraved with North Haven Surf Club text, is a essential buy for club supporters who can never find a decent opener when they need one. A great purchase at the very affordable price of \$8.



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Interested in making a purchase? Club jackets are ready for immediate order. Members are required to order and pre-pay for their jacket. Once enough orders have been taken and payments received, the order will be placed with the supplier. Delivery will be 2 to 3 weeks from date of order with supplier. Bottle openers will be available for immediate delivery or pickup from late May, orders being taken now.

All merchandise through David Lucas. Please email [d\\_lucas@bigpond.net.au](mailto:d_lucas@bigpond.net.au) or phone 0414 853 018.

Currently in the works are new polo tops, in male and female design, a new line of stubby holders, as well as a new design bucket hat. If we can find a suitable and affordable design, we'll do our best to make them available.

At this stage, we're open to plenty of suggestions. If there's anything that you've seen around other clubs, or something that you'd like us to see if we can source, please get in contact with David.

## Senior State Championships 2006



Nice shades Mike...



Showing us there's only one way to enjoy your medal win at the club after states



Mike, Lockie, Brett and Tim accepting their Bronze for the Open Relay



Bronze in the Open Flags, with Semaphore 2<sup>nd</sup> and Moana 1<sup>st</sup>

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## **Gavan Farmer**

Bronze Medal  
55 to 60 years Board Race

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