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Upcoming Club Events

A reminder to all club members – both active patrolling and social – that the senior club presentation evening is on this Saturday the 16th of June. We'd love to have as many of our members come along to this evening. For \$15 per head, there's bound to be plenty of food available cocktail style this year. Doors are open for not-so-red carpet arrivals from 7pm, and we'll aim to start the end of year wrap up presentations from 7:30. Remember, this is the evening event of the year where patrolling members are awarded their certificates, Bronze Medallions and everything else they've trained for throughout the year, as well as the annual trophy presentations to our members who've excelled throughout the season.

The club is also holding a quiz night on Saturday the 14th of July. This is a great night for all members to get involved with, and should prove once and for all who knows the most about absolutely nothing in particular. Bring your own basket supper, or take it easy and make your purchases over the bar on the night. Table bookings essential. See Gavan "Penguin" Farmer or Elaine at the club to book, or phone 0400 737 431.

Also up and coming on the club social calander is the club Mystery Night. I can't tell you much more at the moment about this, as it'll spoil the idea behind the night. What I can tell you though is it promises to be a night of fun and entertainment, and that we've got it booked for Saturday the 18th of August, and it's a great chance for all the non-active social members to come along and have some fun.

And finally, for those who were devastated that we didn't have clubrooms to hold it last year, it's back this year – AFL Grand Final Show 2007! As usual, last Saturday in September. Pizza, beer, footy, and more beer specials. Further details closer to the day. Most importantly, all welcome including non-member public.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the date for the club's Annual General Meeting has been set for the 12th of August. The meeting will be held at the club from 11am, and followed up with the traditional BBQ and footy on the big screen.

It is vital that all voting members make an effort to attend. Voting members being those who are proficient in a patrol based lifesaving award, performed 4 or more patrol hours last season, and aged 15 years or older – or any registered life member.

Non-voting members are encouraged to and are more than welcome to attend on the day and see what the future 12 months holds for the club.

Formal notice will be posted on the club notice board and mailed to all voting members closer to the date of the meeting. Please mark this date down in your diaries now.

Club Merchandise Update

Ladies and gentlemen, it's in stock now and we're standing by to sell. We've got a great range of merchandise available right now for our members. Shirts, jumpers, jackets, bathers just to name a few.

I'm informed that should anyone have any concerns over just how these items look when they're being worn, that our resident model, Troy Jamieson, is not only a proud owner of this clothing, but is more than happy to strut the club catwalk any Friday night upon request. Bookings not essential for this show.

Lost Property & Old Gym Equipment

Over the last few months, there's been quite a bit of lost property collected at the club. We're trying to keep the club and boat shed in particular as clean as possible so we don't have to spend a couple of weekends cleaning it prior to next season.

Could all club members that think they may have lost some of their belongings at the club – INCLUDING any Nipper Parents – please check the collection as soon as possible. Anything remaining after Friday 13th July will be donated to the Salvos. All lost

property is located next to the BBQ, just inside the boat shed door from the foyer entrance. Anyone who does not have an access key for the boat shed (ie a Green Key), please speak to club bar staff, management committee members, or any number of club patrolling members who will be able to open the door for you.

Along with the lost property, there is a number of old gym equipment items that the club no longer has a use for as we've finally received the long awaited new equipment. Any gym equipment that is located alongside the lost property in the boat shed is also up for grabs on a "First In – First Served" basis. Included in this is some of our old bars and assorted weights. As with lost property, if it's still there as of the 13th of July it will be removed for good.

Friday & Sunday Nights At The Club

It may be the winter season and we've packed away the patrol flags, but that doesn't mean that the club bar and kitchen also shut down. In fact, we're going stronger than ever before on Friday nights. Congratulations to all those who worked the bar and kitchen on Friday the 8th of June – we finally cracked the 100 meals mark with 117 meals served in just over a couple of hours. Of course, a huge thank you to those 117 people who made this possible and supported our club.

Why don't you join them? The club is open each and every Friday night from 6:30pm for meals, and the bar opens just a little bit earlier than that. We're open for meals until 8:30pm when the last order is taken, and the bar shuts when everyone goes home.

We're also open on Sunday evenings for meals as well, where the same deal applies. Everyone is welcome to come along for a night out, and we're more than happy to see members of the public come along.

With weekly specials available while stocks last on the night, and our winter menu almost on board, there's always something to interest you all.

We're also looking for people to help out in the kitchen or behind the bar, in particular on Friday nights. If you've got some spare time and don't mind helping out doing the dishes, or cutting tomatoes, clearing out the empties from the bar ... Or perhaps you have some talents in the kitchen we don't know



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about, we'd more than appreciate a extra pair of hands. Even if it's just once a month or so, every little bit counts. Head down early one night and speak to Brett Nankervis, and see how you can help out.

NHSLSC "House Pale Ale"

As many of our regulars at the bar would know, we've had Hahn Premium Light on tap for some time now. Due to it's slow selling rate, and the fact that we've finally finished the keg, it's being replaced for a trial run of a North Haven House Pale Ale, and it's given you the opportunity to get involved.

What we're looking for is a unique logo of some sort to be displayed proudly on the decal (the logo bit above the tap). Be creative. We don't care if you use all your Photoshop talents, draw something on the back of a coaster, or even break out your kid's crayons and finger paints, but we're looking for something.

All submissions should be put to Dave Lucas prior to Saturday the 30th of June. There's a prize for the logo judged by the committee to be the winning entry. Entries via email to d_lucas@bigpond.net.au otherwise leave them in a marked envelope at the bar any Friday or Sunday night.

Member Notice : Hall Hire Conditions

It is important that members read and understand these conditions. Hall Hires are an important part of the club financial planning for each year, and with our renovations, we have had a significant increase in the interest in hiring out our hall, including requests for wedding receptions. This is something that the club can not afford to lose, as each hall hire reduces the burden on the club (and in turn, you the members) to raise funds to fulfill our loan repayments.

Generally speaking, hall hires on a Saturday, entitles the hiree to use the space from 9am on the Saturday morning. This allows them to setup the hall as they please, and means that the hall **MUST** be neat, clean and tidy well before this time. This also means that club members are not permitted to enter the hall area itself, as the main hall entrance doors will remain locked.

However, we are still able to accommodate our members for their social gatherings. Members will need to utilize the space in the boat shed (particularly for the patrol), and then enter the members area from the paved area at the back of the building. You will still be able to get a drink and any bar snacks that may be available as normal on a Saturday, as well as enjoy the company of other members both inside and out.

As already mentioned, hall hires are going to be an important part of the club, and is something that may take some time for members to adjust to. However, we have built the hall so that these impacts are minimal and still allow our loyal members to enjoy their club at any time.

If you have any questions on the hall hire conditions, or would like to hire out the hall yourself, Troy Jamieson is more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

NOT RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER? NOT RECEIVING REGULAR & IMPORTANT CLUB EMAILS?

Then there's a fair chance that you're missing out on the latest information regarding the club.

Whilst I make every attempt to inform all members of all relevant information regarding the club and it's activities, sometimes it's near on impossible to inform everyone before the information is out of date. This is why it's important to keep us up to date with your contact information.

In particular, our social members, do not receive a copy of the club newsletter in hard copy via post. If we don't have your email address then you will not receive a copy.

If you're not receiving any emails, then please let me know of your email address. Also, please ensure that any spam filters you may have on your email accounts are set to allow all mail from David Lucas (address: d_lucas@bigpond.net.au).

If there are any further questions as to mailings from the club, please do not hesitate to email or call me on 0414 853 018.

Dave Lucas – Promotions Officer

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Open Letter To All Members: “Why Doesn’t The Club Get Foxtel?”

There’s been much debate recently, and a lot of questions from our members as to why the club doesn’t get Foxtel installed at the club. It is true that this would be a fantastic opportunity for the club to expand a little on it’s Friday night and Sunday night viewings, giving us access to a range of sporting channels for the weekend sports, as well as many other options that don’t include Big Brother, or re-runs of The Simpsons. This is a idea that the Management Committee took very seriously, and spent some time looking into to see how best we could deliver to our members.

After many phone calls were made, including to various department and local area managers within the Foxtel organisations, a clear picture was finally presented to the Management Committee and a decision was made based on the facts that are detailed below.

Foxtel has two categories that it classes it’s customers into. Simply put, the they are classed as ‘Residential’ and ‘Everyone else’. Both are pretty much self explanatory. Residential is for a private home installation system only, and this is the offer you see advertised on TV, where installation is free and it’s \$30 per month for the first 12 months and so on.

Unfortunately, as the club is clearly not a private residential premises and with the fact that we hold a liquor licence, we fall into the category of “Everyone else”. This is where the club runs into it’s problem, as we are required to go through “FoxSports” for our Foxtel requirements.

The costs for FoxSports range anywhere between \$1,380 to \$4,500 per month, which works out to a minimum cost of \$16,560 per year, and ranging anywhere up to \$54,000 per year. Bearing in mind, this is the after installation cost.

When the committee was presented with this cost, the decision was not only very swift but also unanimously against the proposal. The committee feels that all members will understand the reasoning behind the decision to not have Foxtel installed at the club premises. This cost is something that the club simply can not afford by any stretch of the imagination.

In conclusion, at this present stage in time, it is safe to say that the current and future committees will not be revisiting this idea in the foreseeable future. Should pricing of FoxSports drop a significant amount to a much more affordable level for the club, all members can be rest assured that any future committee may well be interested in looking further into the situation at the time. However, this is not likely to occur in the near future, and members should not expect this.

If there are any further questions as to this situation, please speak to Elaine Farmer - Members Representative, or another member of the Management Committee.

*David Lucas
Promotions Officer
On behalf of the Management Committee*