

## Golf Day Report

This year saw a record field compete at the Club's Annual Golf Day, resulting in a return of much needed funds towards the maintenance of equipment.

Many thanks are extended to those golfers who regularly support this event so generously. This continued support is greatly appreciated.

Over the past few years, golfers have played at the Shire's leading course, Cronulla Golf Club, whilst the course has been undergoing some major design and construction works. I am pleased to advise for our next event, all renovations have been completed, enabling all to enjoy the stunning new layout.

Thanks are also extended to the Cronulla Golf Club and Surf Club Member, Trevor Halyard together with his staff for their continued support and co-operation, to enable this important fundraising event to continue.

Finally, many thanks to the Sub-Committee, who organises this event. Their dedication ensure the continued success of this event, something I am sure all sincerely appreciate.

*Paul Lyon, Convenor.*

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## Shark Island Swim

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The 14th Shark Island Swim, held on Sunday 17/3/02, was a great success with 176 swimmers competing in the 1km Ocean Fun Swim and 740 in the 2.3 km Shark Island course.

Again the weather was superb – a sunny day with a flat surf. Both swims are growing each year and we hope to have 1,000 compete in the two swims in the future. We certainly went close this year with 916 swimmers starting in both swims.

On behalf of the Swim Committee, I would like to thank the many Club Members who helped out on the day. The support we received on swim day is fantastic.

Thanks must go to our Water Safety people, who spend two hours on the water over the two swims. With surfboats, boards and skis, along with Offshore II, and IRBs from the four Bate Bay Clubs, plus the Council's IRB and Jet Ski, the swimmers were certainly in good hands.

Thanks again this year to Phil Hamilton and Bruce Guthrie who organised the Water Safety and special thanks to Bruce and the IRB Crews, who arrived at the beach in the dark to prepare for the long day ahead. This Section performs the task of laying the buoys for both swim courses, doing water safety, then at the completion of the swim, bringing the buoys back to shore, washing and storing the IRBs away, some six hours after arriving at the beach. A great effort by this Section, and the Shark Island Swim Committee is most grateful.

The Committee extends its thanks to all the women, led by Shirley O'Donnell, who helped on swim day. You are always a wonderful help and this Committee appreciates your contribution to our swim.

Thanks also to the Touring Team, for running the barbecue. Your help takes a lot of pressure off the Swim Committee. Special thanks to Dr. Robyn Jordan, who once again gave up her Sunday morning to be on hand to assist any swimmer who was having problems with his/her health, during or after the swim. The Committee is most thankful.

Thanks to Ken English, our Announcer and M.C. and Col Elliott our Water Referee, who both took on these positions at late notice.

Once again this year, Graham Bruce was a great help, making sure all buoys, ropes and anchors were in good order

and with Rob Short's help, had all equipment laid out on Saturday, the day before the swim.

A new timing device was used this year, with swimmers wearing an ankle bracelet with a timing chip installed and when they crossed the timing mat, their times were recorded by computer. This system worked well and was certainly more professional.

I must thank my daughter Kelly, who is a tower of strength to me as Convenor of the Shark Island Swim. I could not complete this job without her help. There is so much work done behind the scenes. Writing letters, before and after the swim, phone calls, chasing up people, organising prizes, and the list goes on. Thanks Kell.

Whilst I receive most of the accolades for the success of the swim, this success would not be forthcoming without the wonderful support and help I receive from the Swim Committee. I thank the following members: Frank Doran, Greg Hewitt, Ken and Shirley O'Donnell, Kelly Hollingdale, Dave Piggott, John Wilson, Ron Smith and Chris Stevenson. Special thanks to our major sponsor – Frank Doran. Frank has sponsored our swim for the last five years and his sponsorship has helped the swim greatly.

Thanks to our other sponsors: Eyeline, who donate swim caps, Shaunn Ryan from A.H. Pierce, who has been instrumental over 12 years in our receiving this sponsorship. Les Mead from 2KY 1017 for his wonderful support. Ayman Mobray from H.P.A., sponsor of our entry forms and postage and Lipton Iced Tea for their generous drink sponsorship.

*John Hollingdale, Convenor.*

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## Bob Rigney Boat Race Day

On Sunday the 7th of April 2002, the Annual Bob Rigney Boat Race Day was held in the Polar Bear Room. The weather was perfect and a good crowd was in attendance.

Early in the afternoon the trials were fiercely contested and the teams selected.

Unfortunately due to another engagement, many of the Men's Team Stalwarts were not able to attend, but a formidable side was formed.

The pre-race entertainment saw a Women's Team up against the Men's 'B' Team. For the second year running, the Women's Team, led by Wendy Smith, beat the Men quite convincingly.

In the main event, the Brat's were going for their third consecutive victory. In their way stood a strong Men's Team with secret weapon Richard 'Bluey' Garnsey. In the first of three races, the Brat's Team of Daniel Wood, Luke Wood, Keiren Day, Brent Jansen and Anthony Lyon, won quite easily. In the second race, after some substitutions in the Men's Team, the Brat's got off to a good start and were leading by a quarter of a beer at the last change over. The Men's secret weapon was then launched and 'Bluey' downed the final beer faster than anyone I have ever seen, to level the final at 1-1. The tension was starting to build and the crowd went silent in anticipation of the decider. Again the Brat's got off to a great start and by the final change-over were half a beer in front. The Men's secret weapon then went into action and to the amazement of the crowd, downed the beer faster than the before. The Brat's anchorman Anthony Lyon, was no match for 'Bluey' and the Men won the title 2-1 in one of the best and closest contests in many years.

Thanks to the Polar Bears for allowing us to use their facilities and to Eric Wood and Bob Wilmington for serving behind the bar and cooking the barbecue.

*Daniel Wood*