

#### Voice of the Seahorse

# The news of the Park Beach SLSC 55<sup>th</sup> reunion June 2015



Hello again to all former Park Beach SLSC members and friends.

Our last reunion in December 2010 and January 2011 was a great success. We agreed then there will be another reunion in 2015.

## It's on again

Saturday 5 December.

Please come to the event to fly the old colours – Flamingo, black, and white in case you forgot. It will be the usual low-key informal occasion. You partners will be most welcome.

With six months' notice there is plenty of time to arrange to attend. Especially for those from interstate and overseas.

Please let us know by the end of September if you can come. There will be more *Voice of the Seahorse* reminders along the way.

## What's happening

Today's surf club, Carlton Park, is keen to encourage our event. The club will allow us to gather for our reunion at the clubhouse during the their Surf Festival on Saturday 5th December.

The surf festival is an annual event that opens the season. Members from many clubs compete in the first swimming, boat, craft and beach events of the season. It's a great competition and social day.

Our own Don Marsh is founder and organiser of the event.

On the same day as our reunion, Carlton Park will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The club from when Park Beach SLSC and Hobart Carlton SLSC combined – so we are all family.

The day itself will be very relaxed. We will gather at the site of the former Park Beach clubhouse at 10 a.m. and take a walk in the area.

There is not much there now except for the concrete boat shed floor, the parking area formation, and the ghosts and memories from the 1960s and 1970s. That is except the endless numbers of surf board riders who now make swimming there problematic.

At 11 a.m. we go to Carlton Park to enjoy the Festival events and meet current members. There are plans for a distance swim and at least two former Park Beachers are keen to enter. Wet suits are optional.

The surf festival will break at lunchtime for a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch in the new gear shed. There will be speeches and presentations about the Carlton Park 40<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Carlton Park will recognise the presence of us former Park Beach members for our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion.

### Our history

Carlton Park hopes to launch the history of its two ancestor clubs. A booklet about the history of Park Beach will be available.

#### Celebrations

In the afternoon the festival events will resume. The anniversary and reunion celebrations will continue later in the afternoon when the bar opens.

We Park Beachers will have a quiet meeting to remember our mates who have fallen off their perches and to discuss future reunion ideas.

An informal evening meal following the Surf Festival will be open to us. Visitors to the reunion will meet all personal costs of meals and drinks.

The program could change depending on the Surf Festival and Tasmanian weather.

But the Park Beach reunion will go ahead as planned from 10:30 am on Saturday 5 December.

# The guilty parties

The reunion organisers and publishers of this literary masterpiece are:

Gil Oakes and Brian Dunkin

We also welcome your contributions to our Web site:

http://www.parkbeachslsc.com

See you at the reunion.

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