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SURF LIFE SAVING JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CAMP

The Far North Coast Branch Newcastle Permanent U13 / 14 Junior Development Camp will be held at Tallebudgera Sport and Recreation Camp from Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th January 2009.

There will be 63 participants attending from Fingal Rovers SLSC to Yamba SLSC, with supervision by nine experienced group leaders.

The participants will develop their personal and Lifesaving skills at the three (3) day camp whilst participating in fun activities such as high ropes and team games focusing on teamwork, communication and leadership. The twelve, thirteen and fourteen year olds will develop valuable life skills such as leadership, goal setting and team building along with learning about their future within Surf Lifesaving as they enter the 'senior world'.

“The Junior Development program is focused on retaining junior members long after they have left the nipper ranks, said Michael Gibbs, Far North Coast Branch Media Liaison. “As such one of our main goals is for them to have fun as well as make lots of new friends. It also is aimed to give them some guidance as to what they can do in Surf Lifesaving after nippers and the avenues they can take”.

Guest presentations from Wes Berg (Burleigh Heads SLSC) on Goal Setting, Danny Hoyland on Lifesaving and Community Pride.

Branch representatives will attend for an open forum on Thursday night where the participants will have an opportunity to have their voice heard and ask questions and make suggestions from improvement for the future of the organisation.

“As a way of meeting the program’s aim we are holding a camp forum to give the kids an opportunity to ask questions to the “experts” in the field. Last year the forum was a huge success and we had lots of interesting questions, Michael said.

The participants will also be visited by some high profile athletes that will share their own experiences from the Ocean Assault and Coolangatta Gold series.

The participants who have been selected by their club as the Junior Lifesaver of the Year will also participate in a specific surf life saving activities on the Wednesday afternoon.

The following is a list of guest speakers and facilitators that will be attending (subject to late changes) :

SURF SPORTS COMPETITION	:	Alyce Bennet, Hugh Dougherty.
SURF SPORTS COACHING / OFFICIATING	:	Bryan Lyndon.
LIFESAVING and SUPPORT OPERATIONS	:	Jimmy Keough.
PROFESSIONAL LIFEGUARDS	:	Scott McCartney.
EDUCATION AWARDS, TRAINING and ASSESSMENT	:	Brian Lewis.
SLSNSW and WOMEN IN SURF LIFE SAVING	:	Belinda Camp (SLSNSW).
DEVELOPMENT	:	Joe Keane (Far North Coast Branch).
CHAIR PERSON	:	Steve Leahy (Australian Lifeguard Service).

The Junior Development Camp commences 10.30 AM on Wednesday January 7, 2009.



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