



## One Club Membership

To ensure all club members understand the committee policy regarding membership and whether one can also belong to another surfboard club the following is set out to dispel any confusion.

Merewether Surfboard Club is one of the oldest, most successful and certainly the most enduring surfboard club. On the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1964, the Club as we know it today was born.

As the premier surfboard club in the Newcastle region, aspirations also extend to national success, measured by the performance of the Club both in and out of the water.

Merewether Surfboard Club competes on the national stage where team selection entitles a surfer to compete for the club at prestigious events at a local, state and national level

Merewether Surfboard Club holds up to 9 club contest per year, with a club champion determined in each of the contested divisions.

Beyond the competition, members are expected to contribute to the ongoing positive impact on the local community and to have a healthy respect for the beach, ocean and community, including recognition and preservation of the Merewether National Surfing Reserve.

As the nursery of professional surfing in the Hunter the Club will foster junior talent with suitable surf/life coaching and development opportunities.

As Merewether Surfboard Club aspires to produce the best possible contest results at all levels (Intra-Club, Local Area, Regional, State, National, International) there is no room for an individual to also be a member of any other club as it "divides loyalty" and jeopardises the spirit of "bleed black and blue".

Therefore, when applying to join Merewether Surfboard Club;

- The individual will not be a member of an alternate surfboard Club. If this is the case then the individual is to advise the committee at time of membership application;
- Once membership has been accepted by the committee the individual must represent and surf for Merewether (when selected) and no other Surfboard Club;
- Following acceptance of membership and in the unlikely circumstance that the member wishes to join, compete and represent for a second club the individual requires approval by the committee after receipt of written application by the member; and
- The committee's decision is final.

The only recognised exception is for members wishing to compete at annual events of their Club of origin e.g. Bar Reef Australia Day event.

In the event a Member surfs for a competing Club without committee knowledge and/or authorisation then that member will be suspended from Merewether Surfboard Club for the remainder of that calendar year and will not be eligible for age champion titles. Continuing unauthorised contravention of this rule will result in expulsion from the Club for a period of 3 years.

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