



# THE MONTHLY UPDATE

A Monthly Newsletter by Durban Surf.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

First and foremost, I hope that all of you have stayed safe over this tumultuous period. We as a community will always stand together and overcome any adversities.

On behalf of the executive committee and myself, I would like to congratulate all the athletes that have been selected for the National Squad and KZN squads. We wish them all the best for the upcoming events.

We hosted the Guateng Urban Search and Rescue during the recent floods and received a letter of appreciation from the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. They were able to assist in the recovery of 24 bodies from 29 deployments in the short time they were with us. This would allow closure for many families of loved ones lost during the floods. They look forward to building a working relationship in the near future. With the amount of rain/flooding over the past few weeks this may be a great initiative.

I would like to thank Club Captain Keaton Riddle, Nkosi Mbatha, Pringle Msani for the hard work they did whilst helping out during the floods. These gents put in many long hours whether it be in the spotter plane, to humanitarian aid and searching for those who had perished.

A special mention must go out to the one and only Sihle Xaba who was a pillar of strength and worked tirelessly during Operation Issa. He successfully assisted in the airlifting of many stranded staff from the Sapref Refinery which was under water. He put many hours in helping recover many who had perished. A true Ambassador to our club.

To the White and Brown families who spent many hours at the Joint Operations Centre assisting with cooking meals and assisting in general a huge thanks. These operations can't go on without the help of all you volunteers.

The club also supplied all search and rescue staff a hot meal one night. Thanks to the club for making this possible and the warm meal was well received.

We had a wonderful response to our call for a beach clean-up and the results were there for all to see. We even made it on to the French 24 news.

## WHAT'S NEW:

Crow Cafe now has Croissants. See the board upstairs or ask one of the guys behind the bar for more information.

“  
JUST KEEP  
MOVING  
FORWARD.”

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## NEWSLETTER



### CLUBHOUSE NEWS:

After the heavy floods that Durban experienced, the Clubhouse had some damage done to it. With the floor boards upstairs starting to lift up as well as the beams in the roofing being ruined causing major leaks in the roof.

We have managed to temporarily fix the floor boards upstairs and we currently have the guys fixing the roofing to ensure we do not get more leaking in the roof.

### NEWS:

On Friday, 15th April Durban Surf hosted a very successful beach clean up. We had many hands involved and assisted in getting our beaches to the way we all know them to be. The clean up started at 8am but many were keen and got started before this time. We even had many members of the public joining us either after or during their morning run/walk on the promenade. It was so thrilling to see all people joining hands and coming together to clean our beaches. We even had SABC on the beach from early showing and interviewing some of the members who were lending a helping hand to clean our beaches. We thank everyone who joined us on this day.





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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 29th May - Durban Winter Surfski Series Race #3

**“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”**

**Nelson Mandela**

### COMPETITIONS:

04/06 - Breath Ocean Swim PYC

05/06 - Ironman

11/06 - SBS Pirates-Umhlanga-Pirates Ski Race

12/06 - Durban Super Team Dash Ocean Series 1

19/06 - Olympic Day Event/Tinman

