

Media Release – Lylea McMahon, Bendigo Bank & Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club turn first sod of major clubhouse extensions

On Friday 21st August at 3.30pm, Lylea McMahon, Member for Shellharbour will join the Chair of Bendigo Oak Flats Community Bank, Geoff Egan, in a ceremony to turn the first sod of the major clubhouse renovations at Shellharbour North Beach.

The surf club is commencing the development to provide much needed training facilities for its members to be able to meet the growing community of Shellharbour's beach patrol demands.

In September 2008 the club was successful in gaining a \$350,000 grant from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, in conjunction with Surf Life Saving NSW.

The Chairperson of Bendigo Oak Flats Community Bank, Geoff Egan, will make a presentation at this ceremony to the club of an initial \$50,000 donation to assist with these vital renovations.

Dene Herbert, President of Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club, welcomed the generous donation from the local Bendigo Oak Flats Community Bank, stating it was a great example of community partnerships, with both the Community Bank and the Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club providing significant community services to Shellharbour City residents. "We are grateful to Bendigo Oak Flats Community Bank and their support to our club and the greater Shellharbour community."

Mr Herbert, once again acknowledged the assistance provided by Member for Shellharbour, Lylea McMahon, in securing the Department of Sport and Recreation funding to allow the project to kick off.

Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club is also contributing a significant portion of its own funds, raised over a number of years, to the project.

The Club is looking forward to utilising the improved facilities midway through the surf season, weather permitting.

In the interim building period, commencing with the start of the spring/summer surf season, surf lifesaving patrols will continue to be provided from temporary facilities located at the beach.

Registrations for the new season will be held on Sunday 20th and 27th September and new members are always welcome. Details are available from the club website www.shellharboursurfclub.com

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