

Dear members

Welcome everyone to the new year what a beautiful Christmas and new year we have had weatherwise.

The Club moves into the new year in an extraordinarily strong and stable position. I thank everyone for their support and assistance over the last three years to have this great community-based surf club in the stable position we are today.

I would like to congratulate Stuart Mangion on attaining the Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving). This is an extremely difficult award to attain both physically and mentally and we must congratulate him on attaining this prestigious award.

The owners of the 2022 Melbourne Cup winner Gold Trip Frank and Christine Cook bought this piece of iconic Australiana (The Melbourne Cup) to the beach in late December for members to share in their celebration. Frank and Christine Cook are club members and long-time supporters of the club.



I have received a lot of positivity around the Club's online presence including Instagram. The Executive is hoping to expand this to involve our youth and junior members in the future.



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I am extremely disappointed to advise that this season with the lifting of COVID restrictions, we have had an increase in theft and damage to craft. We are continually losing tools that are required to conduct minor repairs on equipment. There have been two ski paddles stolen,

a new ski that should not have been used severely damaged, and several competition boards damaged. I would like to remind ALL members that competition craft is only for use during organised training sessions by proficient and financial bronze/SRC award holders, unless permission has been sought from the Board Captain (Rod Mergan) or Ski Captain (Karen Igoe). As a result, the Executive will be putting a motion to the members at the January General Meeting to install security cameras within the gear shed.

The club has been successful in securing a Community Building Partnership Grant from our State Member for The Entrance David Mehan. This grant will allow us to repaint the members toilets, the internal stairwell, replace flooring in the hallway and office, and update the furniture in the office.

We have also been successful in obtaining a grant from Central Coast Council to enable us to purchase a hoist for our wheelchair visitors to access our range of beach wheelchairs.

We have also purchased a new under bench fridge/freezer for the kitchen area from last year's Volunteer's Grant.

We have applied for a further Volunteer's Grant from Federal Member for Dobell and patrolling club member Emma McBride which will allow us to purchase new lawn mowing equipment for the caretaker to tidy up the area around the club.

The club has also submitted a grant to place an all-weather cover over the Kiosk, first aid room and emergency evacuation site, we will be informed of our success or otherwise in February.

The Village Kiosk Toowoomba Bay has had overwhelming success and as a result is on a giant learning curve on how to manage and deal with this success. I thank all members who support Village Kiosk Toowoomba Bay, Trish and her team. Remember this is an extremely important part of the Club's income stream, the Kiosk makes money the Club makes money!



## FINANCE

With the licensing out of the Kiosk the financial profile of the club has changed significantly but we are obtaining strong contributions from the Kiosk, hall hires, SIPS and the BBQ and our operating profit is up on last year.

## LIFESAVING

Our patrolling numbers remain strong especially when compared to other clubs on the coast. The seas and weather have been kind to us so far this season.

*Thank  
YOU*

My immense thanks to all the patrolling members who volunteered their time on Christmas Day to keep the beach safe and open to the community.

A massive shout-out to all our lifesavers who patrolled over the Christmas/New Year public holidays. The weather was fantastic and there was huge beach attendance.

There were a few rescues at Blue Bay and Toowoona point over the holidays, all with successful outcomes, and the shore dump is proving particularly troublesome. The skills displayed and the professional manner in which these rescues were performed are a credit to all that were involved.

Thank you everyone for ensuring the ATV is sand free after patrols!

## NIPPERS

It is an immense joy, as President, to receive so many positive messages and interactions from parents regarding nippers. I am also impressed with how quickly both parents and athletes have again embraced attending carnivals. At the last carnival to be able to put teams in both the all age board and beach relay was great to see how far the club has progressed.



We have now reached the halfway point in our season with the nippers recently celebrating the Christmas party just before the break. Second half of the year will bring our final two club championships on the 5th of February and the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. The next carnival will be held at Terrigal on Saturday the 14th of January with good representation across our nipper age groups. I have been really pleased with the increased representation of the club and love the spirit that our nippers compete in.

With regards to our Rookies, we have four of our Rookies representing the club at the Rookie Challenge on Friday the 13th of January and we are also happy to announce our club representatives for Junior Lifesaver of the Year are Zoe Peat and Noah Ward from the under 14's - they had their interview day on Monday the 9th of January with the winner announced at the Branch Championships on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February.

## EDUCATION

At the recent Surf Life Saving Central Coast (SLSCC) Branch President's meeting it was decided, along with the support of several other branches, to petition SLSNSW regarding the ridiculous situation that has arisen regarding the accreditation procedure for trainers and assessors.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our trainers and assessors for successfully accrediting candidates in the following courses:

Advanced Resuscitation Certificate (ART) - 11  
 Bronze Medallion (BM) – 8  
 IRB Crew Certificate - 4  
 Provide First Aid (PFA) – 8  
 Silver Medallion IRB Driver (SMIRBD) - 4  
 Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) - 11

Trainers John Vergara and Bil Kensey are currently working with a small group of BM candidates, and they will be ready for assessment in the next few weeks. Great to see more active patrolling members join the ranks.

I'd also like to thank all the active patrolling members for completing their skills maintenance before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## STINGRAYS



Stingrays kicked off on the 3rd of December with 21 participants and we are delighted to have a new sponsor – Tribe Disability Support who have provided the volunteers with co-branded caps as well as a couple of their support workers to volunteer in the programme.

We are also thrilled to welcome a range of new volunteers particularly four young men from Central Coast Grammar School who are participating as part of their community service element of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award – what better way to gain that experience while having fun on the beach! We will reconvene on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January for a further 6 sessions.





## BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee has been very proactive over the last couple of months. An architectural firm has been engaged to review the existing building and to provide advice on the best way forward.


A report will be submitted at our next general meeting

## SIPS

Sunday SIPS continues to be popular and look out for our upcoming live bands –

-  The Breakaways on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January
-  Village Idiots on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January
-  NYC on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, and
-  The Relics on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

There are also a couple of special ticketed events coming up:

-  El Guapo – Steve Edmond's Surf Rock Instrumental Sensations on Saturday 21st January, tickets can be purchased by following this link – [EL GUAPO](#)

Be early this event is sure to sell-out.



And our very own Director of Finance's opera and harp duo Harpe Diem are coming back for a much-anticipated encore performance on Saturday, 18th February. Tickets available by following this link – [HARPE DIEM ENCORE](#)

## Music Recital

**Saturday 18th February, 2023**



## GENERAL MEETING

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 15 January at 1.00 pm.

Remember to 'Join the Fun'!

Phillip Raymont

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