

Dear members

Hasn't it been great to have fine weather and warm water for us all to enjoy. This has been the first full season we have been able to enjoy for several years and it has come with an increase in visitor numbers and of course incidents and rescues.

We have seen the successful completion of nippers and their award presentations.

The date for Senior Presentation has been set – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at TBSLSC **SAVE THE DATE!** If you have anybody you think deserves recognition, please email their details to Jacqui in the Office ([office@toowoombayslsc.com.au](mailto:office@toowoombayslsc.com.au)). Nominations for the TBSLSC annual awards are open to the membership and a Jotform will follow for your suggestions on who you think deserves recognition.

ANZAC Day Service at TBSLSC (on the beach) – more detailed information will be released very soon.

The Club has a lot of things happening in the background at the moment, and I will try to list them all:

1. TBSLSC was successful in a grant application from the NSW Government Surf Club Facility Grant Program to erect an awning over the Kiosk, first aid room and emergency evacuation area.
2. TBSLSC was successful in a grant application from Central Coast Council (CCC) to purchase a hoist for visitors with physical disabilities and this has been purchased along with a sling and is available for use.
3. TBSLSC was successful in a grant application from David Mehan MP to renovate the member's toilets, internal stairwell, the hallway and the office. This project will include the installation of historical memorabilia and the lifesaving service board.
4. TBSLSC is waiting to hear of the outcome of a Volunteers Grant application via Emma McBride MP, proceeds of which will be used to purchase some ground maintenance equipment. Luckily, one of our members has donated their old garden equipment to help our Caretaker Leigh with maintaining the grassy areas and plants around the building.
5. CCC has just completed retiling and waterproofing the balcony.
6. CCC have also recently replaced the water tanks in the shed.
7. Following discussions with the CCC Property Officer, the following works will hopefully be completed in the off season:
  - Removal and relocation of the light pole in front of the Kiosk.
  - Relocation of the CCC bins, northeastern corner of the building on the grass.
  - Installation of a bike rack, northeastern corner of the building.
  - Installation of signage – 'Please dismount/No Bike Riding' on the walkway up to the Kiosk.
  - Replacement of timber picnic tables and benches.
  - Repair of existing external shower drainage.
  - Installation of a new shower, close to the fresh water fountain/timber platform.
8. It was decided that security cameras will be installed in the gear shed.
9. Details of the lifesaving service board have been circulated for comment and details of Australian medallists will be circulated soon for comment.
10. TBSLSC is almost 70 years old!! The Club's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 18 months and initial discussions are underway on an appropriate way to celebrate this important milestone.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Grant Writer Karen Hickmott for all the hard work and time she puts into each submission. The success of these grants is testament to her hard work, and I think we should be grateful for the funds she helps direct to the Club which allow for projects to be completed sooner rather than later and lessens the burden on members to fundraise.

**Another date for the diary** – Senior Club Champs will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. More details soon.

### FINANCE

The Club is travelling well, the Kiosk, hall hire, bar and BBQ are all contributing well to our bottom line, but this financial year will also be a little distorted by the volume and level of grants that we have received.

### LIFESAVING

I thank all patrolling members for their efforts throughout the season. Patrol 8 (Tracey Cole PC) and Patrol 1 (Sue Hale PC) had days fraught with swimmers

getting into trouble, spinals, heart attacks, all with successful outcomes. Well done to all teams for your professionalism, skill and service.

ANZAC Day is the last patrol day for the 2022/23 season, and it is a volunteer patrol day. Add your name to the list in the shed to register what times you can patrol or complete the Jotform which will follow shortly.

### NIPPERS

Our Nippers season has come to a close and from all reports, it has been very successful season. Chris and his team have worked hard on creating a welcoming, well-structured environment for our Nippers and parents, and the program was well supported by the parents. I am looking forward to attending the U8-U14 presentation this Sunday and thank Chris, his team and the parents for a great season.

### EDUCATION

We have two courses to finish off the season – a Bronze Medallion (BM) course started last Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> March) and an Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) course will run this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 4pm. Keep a look out for the IRB Crew course, traditionally this course will start after the finish of the season.

### STINGRAYS

We had another brilliant season of the Stingray Nipper Program for children with additional needs. This year we had 21 Stingrays and were blessed with the addition of some Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers from Central Coast Grammar School as well as several other new volunteers, including a new sponsor – Tribe Disability Support. This injection of younger volunteers was fantastic both for the Stingrays and the other, longstanding volunteers!

We hosted the SLSCC inclusive carnival where good spirited camaraderie was experienced by all and we had two Stingrays represent at the SLSNSW inclusive carnival coming away with three gold and two silver medals between them – fantastic effort!





Perhaps the highlight of our season was the launch of the 'Pedotle'- part pelican, part dolphin, part turtle – the brainchild of Andi Methers. Andi Methers is a patrolling member of TBSLSC and founder of Zest Events International who won a grant from Creative Arts Central to help construct this fantastical creature that celebrated the **ABILITIES** rather than the **DISAbilities** of our

wheelchair bound Stingrays. For more details, please see <https://zestevents.com.au/services/lookmumwatchme/>



### SIPS

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

-  The Breakaways on Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April
-  Kate Kerighan Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May
-  Village Idiots Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June
-  NYC Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

We are always looking for more volunteers who hold their RSA to help with SIPS. Let me or Karen Hickmott know if you can help and you'll be added to the roster.

Thank you to the SIPS team, without you the afternoons would not be as successful and well run as they are.

## GENERAL MEETING

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm

Remember to 'Join the Fun'!

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