

Well, the new season is upon us, and the severe weather continues. Patrols have started and our training program is in full swing. Patrol numbers remain strong, and it is good to see that the vast majority of active members have returned.

The Executive Committee welcomed two brand new members onto the board, our new Director of Administration is Tracey Clifton and Vice President Youth Services (JAC) is Chris Baldwin. We also welcomed back Graham Sherer "Cuddles" as Vice President Rescue Services (Club Captain). I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Lyn Waters, Nicole Cameron and Mick Cook for their service on the Board last season and for all they have contributed to the club over many years.

I am particularly excited to welcome Chris onboard who has expressed his desire to reinvigorate nippers and has several innovative and exciting ideas.

The club has finalised negotiations with council over a number of anomalies regarding the Head Lease and has received finalised copy.

It is anticipated that Council will commence work on waterproofing and retiling the upstairs balcony area in mid-November. This will require a fence to be erected in front of the club (roller door) whilst this remedial work is conducted.

FINANCE

During the off season the café ceased operating under our auspices and is now in the hands of Trish and the [Village Kiosk](#) team. The refit is fantastic, and the coffee and food offerings are fabulous. They have lots of great ideas and have hit the ground running – please support them! Don't forget to book your tickets for the Melbourne Cup High Tea – book tickets [HERE](#)

The switch to a licensing out of the café will change our financial profile but while we have taken some hits to our cash flow and bottom line in the changeover, we are confident it will result in a better outcome in terms of service, amenity, and improved profitability in the longer term.

Memberships and uniform sales are going well and the hiring out of the hall and Sips are all contributing to our bottom line. Our investment portfolio, like all longer-term investments, has taken a bit of a battering but we

are comfortable with the investment mix and no losses have been realised to date.

SPONSORSHIP

We are delighted to welcome on board three new sponsors:

1. [Craig Moore Wholesale Cars](#) who is providing the roadside signage on Bay Road and helping out at the BBQ
2. [Linda Rainsford Property](#) – a new real estate agent in the area who is additionally offering to donate \$500 for any property settlements that arise from a sale that comes from her association with the Club
3. [Village Kiosk](#) who are providing our ever-popular patrol chips!

A special shout out to Jeff Hornby from [Hornby Project Signage](#) our long-term sponsor for the provision of our fabulous new sponsor's, bar and welcome sign and Robbie from [Alba Creations](#) for getting them up on the wall.

LIFESAVING

Excellent to see all the new bronzies out patrolling, our new IRB Crews/Drivers out and about taking their places and practising their newfound skills.

Thank you to everyone who has returned to patrolling duties and the time you volunteer to keeping everyone safe while visiting Toowoomba Bay is appreciated, all patrol teams are well represented. Don't forget that it is preferred that if you can't make patrol that a Sub is sourced. This can be done by contacting Graham Sherer – lifesaving.toowoombayslsc@gmail.com or by using the "Patrol Swap" application in your Members area (Patrols>Patrol Swap).

Keep an eye out for Provide First Aid (HLTAID011) courses at the Academy (<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/first-aid-courses/>) which is the pre-requisite for the new Advanced Resuscitation Techniques award. Patrolling members will need to upgrade ART (AID) award to the new Advanced Resuscitation Techniques.

Patrol Audit Forms are available for each patrol and each patrol is actively encouraged to complete their own patrol audit.

Toowoomba Bay Ocean Swim organisers are still needing more water safety support. They also need helpers on the beach, BBQ and with various jobs on the day. Water safety needs to hold either a current BM or SRC and be a financial member for 2022-23. If you can help, please contact Jacqui in the Office – 02 43322411 or Greg Owen TBSOS Organiser – gregoryowen2@bigpond.com

Skills maintenance sessions have commenced, please be reminded that there is an online theory component that needs to be completed. All Patrol Captains and Vice Captains need to complete a Child Safe Awareness course before the end of the year. All patrolling members need to be financial before the end of October to continue to patrol or take part in any activities or the membership will be archived. Everything mentioned is available in your members area account – eLearning.

TRAINING

Saturday 12th November 2022 – Advanced Resuscitation Techniques course at TBSLSC. Course has reached its maximum.

Bronze Medallion Induction – Sunday 6th November 2022 11am in the hall at TBSLSC – if you have friends or family that would like to complete the BM, get them to come to the induction. Registrations for the course [HERE](#)

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) – this course has started and is run on Sunday mornings at 9am.

NIPPERS

Nippers season has commenced officially on 9th October, although we have unfortunately had to cancel 2 of the 3 sessions due to weather. Pleasingly we have had an incredible response to a request for assistance and I can report:

1. We have now finally filled all age manager and assistant positions. A big thank you to Peter Harrison who stepped into the U11's until we could find an ongoing age manager and Nicole Syphers who stepped in to the U9's at incredibly late notice.
2. Consistent water safety support with thanks to Craig and the Rookies assisting.
3. Resources organized and ready to go – thanks to Luke Mabey, Peter Harrison, and Geoff Cresswell for organising the nipper trailer, and the U6/7's age managers and assistants for meeting pre-season to organise and align their resources and 'lesson' plans.

Getting great early feedback from U6's and U7's nipper parents on the back of changes implemented where we have put in place more resources – we now run with one age manager and four assistant managers for each group with a heavy focus on lesson planning. The kids are engaged and active.

Preparations are ongoing for the Terrigal Carnival 6th November, and the Junior IronPerson 29th October. On the social scene, Rookie Disco is taking place at North Avoca SLSC Friday 28th October, we will have 4 Rookies in attendance at this stage with the JAC attending as chaperone.

We now have approximately 270 registered nippers/Rookies between U6's and U15. I'm confident we have the structures and resources in place to deliver a great year.

STINGRAYS

Stingrays will recommence on the 3rd December (International Day of People with a Disability!) and will run for 3 Saturdays before Christmas and 5 Saturdays from 28th January until the end of February. As always we are entirely dependent on willing volunteers so if you can lend a hand please let [Karen](#) know!

GRANTS:

We have applied for a grant from David Mehan's office to complete some internal works including the upgrade of the members toilets. I thank everybody who voted for us on David Mehan's newsletter. Notification of our success or otherwise for this grant is expected in early December.

We have also been successful with receipt of a \$7,500 grant from Wyong Leagues Club for additional training and rescue equipment and \$4,000 from Central Coast Council for the purchase of a hoist for our wheelchair visitors.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Both Mark and I have been highly active exploring the best way to provide some form of shelter for the area around the Kiosk and First Aid room. We have now received quotes and approval from Council and endorsement from our local members of parliament. We will be applying for a couple of grants to cover the cost but won't know the outcome until the new year.

COMPETITION

A number of members travelled to the Gold Coast to compete in the annual Coolangatta Gold, and we would like to congratulate them on their outstanding bronze medal placing – great work Christiana Mergan, Karen Igoe, Michelle Jackson and Estelle Wicks. The male team of Mike Hayhurst, Rod Mergan, Graham Jackson and Robbie MacDougall competed valiantly, however they did not place. The conditions were rough, and the weather wasn't the best, however they braved the elements and did their best and had a great time.

As stated above, we have junior members representing Toowoomba Bay SLSC in the Newcastle Permanent Iron Person at Terrigal this Saturday 29th October, and we have 12 U9's to U14's competing at the Terrigal Carnival on Sunday 6th November. Good luck to everyone competing – run like the wind and swim like dolphins.

SIPS

Sunday Sips has proven extremely popular especially with the bands, Keep your eye out for notifications from the club. The Village Kiosk will be providing some nibbles for purchase soon – stay tuned! And who can miss the sign on Bay Rd!!

Next event at Toowoomba Bay SLSC is the Melbourne Cup High Tea with Village Kiosk. This is the first of what we hope will be many collaborations with the Village Kiosk so please support this event if you can and it, it will lead to hopefully bigger and better things!

The high tea will be held on Tuesday 1st November 1.30pm – 3.30pm including a glass of bubbles on arrival, a sumptuous selection of tasty goodies, sweeps, prize for best dressed and lucky door prize. Tickets are \$40.00 for TBSLSC members, and this discounted cost is thanks to the generosity of a local family. The day will be full of fun and laughter, don't miss out on your ticket. Ticket sales will close Sunday 30th at 10pm.

Tickets can be purchased [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/melbourne-cup-high-tea-tickets-421107332367) or by going to:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/melbourne-cup-high-tea-tickets-421107332367>

Get ready for another great afternoon with The Village Idiots being our featured band at SIPS Sunday 13th November 3pm – 6pm.

General Meeting

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 30 October at 1pm

Remember Join the Fun!

Phillip Raymont

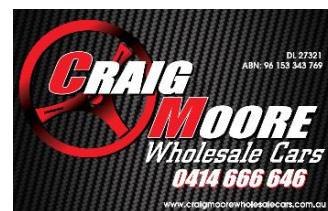
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