



What a huge year it has been so far for Brighton. With yet another successful 7BJC and Brighton Jetty Sculptures behind us we would like to take this opportunity to again thank all of the amazing volunteers who helped to make these events so successful. Without our army of incredible volunteers these events just would not happen. Thank you.

## Some Notes from Club President John Cvetko

### Strategic Plan

The start of a more considered planning process for the BSLSC has commenced, with the Strategic Plan released to start discussions about the important things for our members. The BoM encourages and invites input from our members on the document as we navigate this important process. Written Feedback can be directed to [info@brightonsurfclub.com](mailto:info@brightonsurfclub.com). Kevin Whelan (Club Captain) 0419 392 317 and John Cvetko (President) 0417 100 274 are available for taking calls and discussing the plan as are all members of the BoM. We strongly encourage your participation in this and future activities framing the direction of your club.

### Working Group – Building our Nippers Program – Call for Participants

The BSLSC will be working to develop a marketing, promotion and inclusion strategy for new nippers and families ahead of the 2021/22 season, addressing amongst other subjects:

- Welcome packs and what information to help families understand the Surf Club and Nipper environment
- Preseason Information nights
- Come and Try days
- Welcoming families into the club

The club invites interested members, particularly younger nipper parents, who would like to participate in this working group to make contact with John Cvetko on 0417 100 274. It is not intended to be a significantly time-consuming commitment, with a mix of face to face and online meetings to meet with family schedules. New Nipper parents with first-hand experience are encouraged to participate.

### Review of BSLSC Infrastructure needs

The Board of Management and members have over recent years considered the future infrastructure needs of the Club. A number of areas requiring development have been identified; these being:

- Improvement of storage area for sport craft and equipment
- Improvement of ground floor toilet facilities
- Improvement to Members Gym and indoor training facility
- Improvement to BBQ and Uniform Shop facilities

An independent contractor has been engaged to provide preliminary insights on how upgrades to the club could be facilitated and staged. Our intent is to provide initial concepts and commence a member consultation later this year. Given appropriate consultation and planning timeframes, and exploring available grant funding, no work would be proposed until after the 21/22 season, subject to approval. Work is likely to be staged over subsequent winters. We look forward to providing more detail as it comes to hand.

## Diary Dates

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> -Sun 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
ASRL Open and Surf  
Boat Interstate Champs  
Mollymook

**Sat 13-14<sup>th</sup> March**  
Masters State Champs  
Christies Beach

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
Final Nippers session

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> March** Pasta  
Night after last nipper  
board training session  
of the season

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>-Sun 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
Junior State Champs  
Seacliff Beach

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> March** Nipper  
after States party

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March** Senior  
State Champs, Beach  
events 4pm Glenelg  
Beach

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>-Sun 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Senior State Champs,  
South Port

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup>-Sat 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
Youth Australian  
Champs, Sunshine  
Coast

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup>-Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
Masters Australian  
Champs, Sunshine  
Coast

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup>- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
Open Australian  
Champs, Sunshine  
Coast

## **R&R, Belt Race and Rescue-Tube Rescue State Championships**

On Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> a number of our Brighton Members ranging from nippers to seniors competed at the R&R, Belt Race and Rescue-Tube rescue State Championships at Port Noarlunga with great Success. The results are as follows:



### **Under 11 2 Person R&R**

1<sup>st</sup>- Mackenzie Verri and Zoe Aberline

6<sup>th</sup>- Jacob Keller and Oskar Saunders

### **Under 13 2 person R&R**

1<sup>st</sup>- Grace Norman and Nelson Meehan

### **Under 15 2 person R&R**

1<sup>st</sup> Coco Carthy and Kalani Byrne



### **Belt races:**

Open Male - Pat Cobiac-2nd

Open Female - Leilani Snell - 4th, Anabel Lampard - 6th

U19 Female - Leilani Snell - 2nd, Sophie Heath -3rd

U17 Female - Ellie Morgan - 2nd, Courtney Bailey - 4th

### **Rescue Tube Rescue:**

Open Male - Pat Cobiac, Taj Ward, Danny Snell, David Chappill - 4th

Open Female - Leilani Snell, Anabel Lampard, Emma Chappill, Ashleigh Chappill - 2nd

U19 Female - Leilani Snell, Sophie Heath, Emma Chappill, Manon Van Den Broek - 2<sup>nd</sup>

A special thanks to all the following people that helped out the above belt race swimmers on the reels: John Ward, Sumer Ryan, Danny Snell, Ashleigh Chappill, Emma Chappill, Manon Van Den Broek, Kev Whelan, Pat Cobiac, Taj Ward and David Chappill.

We would also like to thank Officials, Richard Crowe, Vince Cobiac, Steve Collaton and Judy Beal who helped out on the day. Another extra thank you must go to Steve Collaton for his tireless efforts in coaching our R&R teams, we hope the triple gold was a nice birthday present for him.



## **Junior State Qualifiers at Normanville**

On the weekend of February 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> our nipper families made the trek to Normanville for nipper training on the Saturday followed by a nipper carnival that included some state qualifying events and distance run State Championship events on the Sunday. It was a hugely successful weekend with teams and individuals qualifying in all disciplines across all age groups. Our State Championship Distance Run events were also very successful. Congratulations to the following:

### **Under 12's**

4<sup>th</sup> Hunter Wood

6<sup>th</sup> Luca Floreani

### **Under 11's**

Thank you to all the members who continue to volunteer behind the bar. You can add your name to the roster [here](#).

Contact Burgo at the club for Bar or Duty manager training.

Interested in Supporter membership? Contact Ted Clark [supportermembers@brightonsurfclub.com](mailto:supportermembers@brightonsurfclub.com)

### **Social Media**

If you haven't already discovered it, now is the time to jump on board with our social media.

You can keep up to date with current news and all the action as well as support your favourite club by following BSLSC on Facebook ([@brightonsurfclub](#)) and Instagram ([@brighton.slsc](#)).

To contribute to social media or newsletter please contact Sam Verri [verricharmed@gmail.com](mailto:verricharmed@gmail.com)

Please remember to social distance in all of our communal spaces including the BBQ. Only 6 members can use the change rooms at a time. Thank you.

1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Keller

5<sup>th</sup> Bob Ginn

**Under 10's**

2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey Fox

5<sup>th</sup> Evie Cornish

**Under 9s**

3<sup>rd</sup> Livi Meehan

5<sup>th</sup> Maggie Raymond

6<sup>th</sup> Molly Floreani

4<sup>th</sup> Lachlan Keller

6<sup>th</sup> Bailey Wood

**Under 8s**

4<sup>th</sup> Anissa Paech



Due to COVID nipper carnivals have been a massive undertaking this season and our call for volunteers each carnival has been huge. Other than AGMS we have required at least 30 other individuals to fulfill volunteer positions including officials, water cover, COVID marshals, work set up and Pack up parties and photographers. We can't thank our nipper parents (and grandparents and youth parents) enough for their help and support and we look forward to celebrating an epic season after our Junior State Champs on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

**Life Member Pins**



On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of March we invited Life Members and their families to the club and presented them with specially designed lapel pins to wear in recognition of their amazing contributions to our Surf Club. Both dates were highly successful and all attending members enjoyed listening to and reminiscing about the days of our Surf Club past. Thank you to all of those involved in organising these special events.

**Youth High Performance Camp**

On the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of February some of our youth attended a high-performance camp at Chiton Rocks in preparation for the upcoming state champs. With body surfing and big wave board riding sessions guided by Patrick Cobiac and James Cordner, as well as beach sessions with Mel, the youth team were certainly put through their paces. By all accounts it was a fantastic weekend with plenty of hard work and team bonding.



Well done to all involved!

**20/21 Club Dinner**

While the Date for this year's Club dinner is yet to be confirmed, please note that the awards for the 19/20 season will be presented along with the awards for the 20/21 season. It'll be a big night, so keep an eye out for a date announcement!

**Beer and BBQ Fest**

Some of the Nipper Dads have now organised and hosted two beer and BBQ evenings on Saturday nights during the nipper season for the nipper Dads to get to know each other over

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beverages and tasty morsels. On the back of the success of these evenings all members can look forward to seeing more of these nights organised in the future. Look out for another Beer and BBQ Fest in 3-4 months time.

### **Seacliff to Brighton a Note from Des**

The annual Seacliff to Brighton was held on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> when 81 swimmers braved windy conditions. The results were as follows:

#### **First across the line:**

Mitch Carr (U12) in a time of 27:05

Nelson Meehan (U12) 26:00

Sutton Miller (U10) 37:14

Aise Dillon (first senior) 27:42

Fraser Grieg (U14) 23:48

Dave Wittwer 28:32

#### **Fastest Time:**

Patrick Cobiac 19:16

Henry Miller (U15) 21:20

Flynn Whelan (U14) 21:23

Lelani Snell 22:14

Fraser Grieg (U14) 23:45

Joey Corbett (U13) 23:49

Nick Lewis 24:00

Thanks to the 4 IRBs and their crew, 2 jet skis, the helicopter and LifeSaver 3 along with 7 members on boards for doing water cover. Thanks to Rob Parsons for organising the large buoy, and to Vin Cobiac, Gail Donaldson and Barb Staite for running the event.

### **COVID Tracing Sign in**

There is still the requirement to COVID trace and login when attending the club facilities, whether downstairs or upstairs. We have heard recent stories of venues being audited and fined. There must be a higher level of compliance for attendance to protect us from this. We are getting complacent.

### **Aussies**

If you missed the info session on Wednesday march 3<sup>rd</sup> and are hoping to attend the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships on the Sunshine coast this year please contact Katrina Meehan via [secretary@brightonsurfclub.com](mailto:secretary@brightonsurfclub.com) or alternatively if you wish to book your own accommodation and flights, club member and sponsor Neil Saunders can help you with travel arrangements. Contact [neils@travelmanagers.com.au](mailto:neils@travelmanagers.com.au) or 0405 042 032

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