



Well as this newsletter is being written many of our red caps are on route to the Aussie Titles on the Sunshine Coast. The Summer season has officially come to an end here in S.A. with another fantastic season of volunteer patrols (thank you!) wrapping up over easter, as well as Nipper, Senior and Masters State champs completed for another year.

Some Notes from Club President John Cvetko

CLUB TRADING WINTER UPDATE

The COVID capacity of our venue has now increased to 159 upstairs (inside) and 30 on the balcony. Tam's Kitchen will be trading Friday, Saturday and Sunday through winter. Saturday's will be Take Away service only and can be collected downstairs at the secure door. If you have a fob and enter the building, please ensure the door remains closed at all times.

Tam's Kitchen will be taking bookings (0412 043 707) for Friday and Sunday nights, limited to 64 pre booked, leaving the remainder of tables / capacity available for members and walk-ins. Tables over 10 will not be booked. The COVID Safe Check-in remains a requirement for all members entering the club and as we've seen recently in Queensland, there is no value in being complacent. We ask that all members remain vigilant.

FOB ACCESS

Security is a high priority for the BSLSC. The secure driveway entrance door must be closed behind you when you enter/exit the club, particularly in the off season when there are fewer people around. Do not leave it open for "someone else". If you find it open, please close it. Members may apply for a FOB. Where the door is found open, the FOB used immediately prior may be disabled. Roller doors should remain closed unless equipment is being moved.



New President of SLSA appointment

Congratulations must go to our very own John Baker on his appointment as the new President of Surf Lifesaving Australia, the first ever South Australian to hold this position. Well done John, we are very proud of you, and know you will do amazing things.

Vale Rodger Sweet

The Brighton Surf Life Saving community was saddened to learn of the recent passing of life member Rodger Sweet. Rodger was born in 1941 and joined the club on 25 September 1954. He was a very good swimmer and won the 4pm swim trophy in 1957/58 and regularly featured in the club champs. He achieved his bronze medallion on 18 October 1959. He was a very active club member taking on many roles including Assistant Secretary in season 1960/61, secretary in 62/63, competition secretary in 64/65, Club Captain in 65/66, and President for seasons 67/68 and 68/69. Rodger was made a Life Member in 1967, Our 4th member to achieve life membership.

Many of our club members remember Rodger as an excellent swimmer, ski and board paddler, winning many State Title medals. Bill Donaldson fondly recalled Rodger as an under 18-year-old member of the SA State SLS team at end of 1959-1960 competing in the inter-state contest in

Diary Dates

Fri 16^t-Sat 17th April

Youth Australian Champs, Sunshine Coast

Sun 18th-Mon 19th April

Masters Australian Champs, Sunshine Coast

Tues 20th- Sat 24th April

Open Australian Champs, Sunshine Coast

Thurs April 29th- BSLSC

Nomads Breakfast 9am Holdfast Hotel

Sun 2nd May- winter

board training re-commences

Sun 2nd May- IRB

Carnival 1, location TBC

Fri 14th May- Pool

Recue Carnival 1 6.30-9pm

Sat 15th-Sun 16th May-

IRB carnival 2 location TBC

Fri May 28th- Pool

Rescue Carnival 2 6,30-9pm

Sat 29th-Sun 30th May-

IRB Carnival 3 location TBC

Fri June 4th- Pool

Rescue Carnival 3 6.30-9pm

Sat 12-Sun 13th June-

IRB Carnivals 4&5

Sun 20th June- IRB

Carnival 6 location TBC

Sat 26th June- SLSSA

Awards of Excellence Adelaide convention

Merewether NSW, a competition where many competitors never got wet as the surf was so monstrous and dangerous.

Our Brighton Community wishes to extend our condolences to Rodger's wife Kaye and his twin sons Wade and Trent, who recently accepted a life membership lapel pins on their Dad's behalf and shared some of his memories of Surf Life Saving.

Vale Rodger.



For More information on these photos, you can read our Face book post [here](#) .



Master State Championships

The Master's State Championships began on Saturday 13th of March to strong wind and torrential rain, hence the boat races were called off. Luckily by Lunch time the weather had cleared enough for the rest of the events to go ahead. The small but mighty group of masters competed with gusto with many of our masters notably, Robyn Brown, Laurie Brett, Di Wallace-Ward

and Paul Vale coming home with handfuls of the shiny Gold stuff. Special mentions must go to Mel Speechley, Nat Visser, Alana Hanton and Hilary Whittle for competing in their first ever Masters States, adding shiny bling and points to our tally. By the close of competition on the 14th Brighton was holding on to a narrow lead over West Beach for 3rd position overall.

On Sunday the 11th of April the Masters Boat State Championships were finally able to be held with many valiant efforts in some tough swell at Moana. We are pleased to say that Brighton

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held on to 3rd position, with a total point score of 585, finishing Masters States with a podium finish for the first time in a few years. Well done to all involved!

Nippers State Championships

The Nippers State Championships were held at Seacliff on the weekend of the 20th and 21st of March. After a strong start at the Normanville qualifying carnival 89 of our brave nippers backed it up over two very long days of strong competition coming in 4th place over all on a point score of 228, narrowly behind Seacliff. There were many incredible performances over the weekend and all of our amazing nippers are to be commended for their feats of endurance backing up race after race. Notably under 13, Joey Corbett, received Brighton's Scott Hardie Trophy- State Titles all round Performer- at our recent presentation day for his results including: Gold in the Cameron Relay; Silver in Iron Person, Surf Race and Surf Teams: and Bronze in the All-Age Taplin Relay, Board Rescue and Beach Relay. Joey, along with Holly Fanning also received the Nipper of the Year award for Brighton. The Brighton Champion water events trophy went to under 9, Livi Meehan, and Hunter Wood, under 12s, took out the Brighton Champion Beach Events Trophy.

A huge thank you goes to all of the Age Group Managers, Trainers and Parents involved in helping our nippers throughout the season.



Senior State Championships

On the weekend of the 27th and 28th of March the Senior State Titles for 20/21 were held at South Port. After a two-year hiatus due to covid Brighton took out 4th place over all with a point score of 330.75, a massive increase on season 18/19, when Brighton came in 7th place with an overall point score of 140. Our very strong contingent of youth, many competing for the first time at a senior level, particularly had fantastic results, notably under 14, Flynn Whelan, bagged the gold in his board, Iron person and Surf Races. Our women's teams also competed amazingly, taking out the gold in the Open Women's Surf Teams, under 15 Surf teams, under 15s Cameron Relay, under 17 Board rescue, Under 19 board relay, under 19 Taplin, and Leilani Snell won the Under 19s women's surf race.



Medals and points were scored across all disciplines and in all categories. Congratulations on the amazing results to all involved!



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BSLSC NOMADS Breakfast

From Bronte and Jenni Edwards:

It has been such a L O N G time between our BSLSC NOMAD Breakfasts mainly due to the COVID19 Pandemic and the horrendous year of 2020, but we are so very pleased to announce that Jeff Owens has kindly agreed to us running another Breakfast at his Venue "The Holdy". It is tentatively booked, depending on numbers attending, for Thursday April 29th at 9:00am. Jeff & Tiana will come up with a suitable Breakfast Menu once we know how many. It will be a great opportunity for past and present Clubbies to be able to get together once again for a catch up and there will be many a tale to tell after such a long break between Breakfasts.

Bookings for upcoming BSLSC NOMADS Breakfast for Thursday 29th April at 9:00am at the Holdfast Hotel can be made to bjedwards2@bigpond.com or to Jenni on 0408405868



IRB and Bronze Qualifications

Congratulations to Stewart Watson and Anthony Dalpiaz, our latest and last BRONZE medallion recipients for the season, in some very trying conditions at Glenelg. They were part of a big group of over 40 from around the state to obtain their qualification.

Recently we also had 6 new legends gain their IRB crew qualification. Congratulations to Ellie Morgan, Courtney Bailey, Manon Van Den Broek, Amelia Morriss, Oscar Sandford and Henry Miller.

A massive thank you to all of our trainers and assessor this season who have helped so many members gain further qualification in surf lifesaving, the time you give is invaluable to so many.

Patrol Season 20/21

Patrols are now officially finished for the season, wrapping up over the easter long weekend with perfect conditions. We would like to take the time to thank our many volunteer life savers who give up 1000s of collective hours over a season to keep our beach safe, whether it is on dedicated patrols or water cover for special events, nippers or training sessions, thank you for your time.

20/21 Club Dinner

It's time to exchange your thongs and bathers for some formal attire as the date for this year's Club dinner has been tentatively set as Saturday July 31st. This year 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 save the date in your diary now, however keep an eye out for a confirmation.

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

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](#)).

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