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BLSC STATISTICS

Rescues	1
Preventative Actions	1,132
Major First Aids	2
Minor First Aids	22
Beach Visitors	71,022
Patrol Members	113
Patrol Hours	4,112



Dear Members, as Brighton Life Saving Club's 105th season comes to a close, I would like to thank every member who contributed their time, energy and commitment throughout the year. While the season delivered many achievements, what stood out most to me was the continued strength of the people who make our club what it is.

Volunteer organisations only remain successful when each generation is prepared to step forward and take the place of those who came before them. Across our patrols, training, Nippers, sport, events and governance, we saw that happen throughout the season. New volunteers took on leadership roles, members progressed through training pathways and others stepped forward to coach, officiate, organise and to lead.

One of the things I value most about Brighton is that it truly is a club for generations. Members can join as children and remain active participants, competitors, trainers, officials, volunteers and leaders all throughout their lives. This season our membership included people ranging in age from 5 to 80, with all of them contributing in different ways to the success of the club.

Few organisations can claim that breadth of experience, commitment and connection. The strength of those pathways was evident throughout the year. More than 250 Nippers participated in our junior program, supported by over 60 volunteers each week, while 54 BLSC members completed Bronze and SRC training.

It was particularly pleasing to see young members continue their progression through the club, with some of those who

first joined Brighton Life Saving Club as six-year-old Nippers, now representing Victoria at State level.

Those stories are a reminder that the investment we make in young members today, helps secure the future of our club for decades to come.

Keeping our beach safe remained our core purpose for BLSC. More than 100 patrollers have contributed over 5,000 volunteer hours throughout the 2025/26 season, while our volunteers also delivered the Rotary Great Bayside Swim, Bathing Box Classic, CALD Day, Pink Patrol Breakfast and a range of community and education programs. We also celebrated 30 years of IRB racing at Brighton Life Saving Club, recognising the generations of members who have built and sustained the program.

As I reflect on our 105th season, I am confident that Brighton Life Saving Club is in good hands. The future of any volunteer organisation very much depends on its ability to be able to develop the next generation of leaders and this season provided plenty of evidence that our pipeline remains strong.

The club continues to benefit from the great support received from the Joe White Bequest, the Hanlon Family, Bayside City Council, Life Saving Victoria, Rotary Club of Brighton and from our broader membership. I would also thank our Major Sponsors, Firbank Grammar and Belle Property for their continued support.

Thank you for everything that you have contributed this season. I look forward to seeing you all on the beach in 2026/27.



BLSC NIPPERS SOPHIA GRIBBLE



& ABBY ESCOTT



2025/2026 was another incredible season for our Nippers! We had 250 Nippers registered ranging from first time Nippers in the Under 6's, right through to those that were returning in the Under 14's.

We began the Nippers season at the start of November with the proficiency swim that was undertaken at Firbank Grammar, before 10 sessions were held throughout the summer at the Life Saving Club.

Over the season, the Nippers developed their beach safety knowledge along with First Aid and water awareness, whilst also taking part in a range of activities that included board paddling, beach sprints, swimming, wading and flags. We finished the 2025/26 season at the end of February with our BLSC Nipper Club Champs! It was so great to see how our

Nippers have grown their skills throughout the season.

The club also sent 15 Nippers to 3 Nipper carnivals, with a few podium finishes - we plan to further grow this part of the program next season.

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers that make Nippers possible - from coaches and water safety to Age Managers and the BBQ and First Aid teams, Nippers would not be possible without you! A massive thank you as well to Colin Ellicott for running the administration. We would also like to thank our Major Sponsors, Firbank Grammar and Belle Property for their very generous support of our club and the Nippers program.

We can't wait for another amazing Nippers season next year at Brighton Life Saving Club!





DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MAE JAMES

Our BLSC youth have capped off another successful season. Over the past year, BLSC's youth members continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience, sportsmanship and a strong commitment to lifesaving on and off the beach.

This season saw growth, not only in participation numbers, but also in confidence, leadership and achievement across all youth age groups. From our Nippers learning about lifesaving for the first time, to our senior youth members assisting in patrol operations, the season highlighted the strength and future of our club.

We had a great group of 54 youth members attend Bronze Camp in December last year. It's always an awesome way to start the season, welcoming so many new faces to the club doing their SRC and seeing our Bronzies graduate into fully fledged patrollers.

I found that one of the most encouraging aspects of this season was the maturity and leadership shown by our youth members. Their willingness to volunteer, put their hand up when needed, mentor younger age groups and contribute to club culture is commendable. From coaching Nippers, providing water safety during our Great Bayside Swim and Bathing Box Classic, to keeping the beachgoers safe on patrols - our youth rise to every occasion with confidence and commitment.

Molly Ireland stepped up this season to represent BLSC on the LSVj (Life Saving Victoria Junior) Advisory Committee. This year LSVj played a major role in helping develop a brand new Youth Program, designed specifically for the retention of young people transitioning out of Nippers. A representative from each club across the state sits on this advisory committee and catches up bi-monthly to share their thoughts and perspectives.

We also had strong attendance at many of Life Saving Victoria's Youth Development Programs. The opportunity to attend these events is thanks to the Peter Stevens Youth Development Fund, in honour of the BLSC legend who championed the development of our junior members.

After being named a finalist for LSV's 2025 Youth Member of the Year (U14/15), Emily Wainhouse continued to show a great passion for lifesaving. At the end of last year she attended the Under 15 Leadership Development Camp at Anglesea. Over that weekend, future leaders from clubs across the state came together, connecting with new peers, exploring lifesaving pathways and growing in confidence.

The dynamic duo of Rhys Fitzgerald and Isaac Wright-Duncan also represented BLSC at the Under 13 Development Camp at Myrniong in April, part of a 51-person group of young, eager lifesavers to attend. Campers tried new activities, backed themselves in unfamiliar settings, asked questions and shared ideas. The boys have already been putting what they learnt on the camp into practice around the club and I couldn't be happier to see them flourish.

Rhys also represented BLSC at the Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day. He took part in a long application process to be selected for the prestigious event, which recognises youth members who have gone above and beyond within their clubs. You can read about his experiences on the opposite page.

As always, please feel free to reach out to chat about upcoming youth opportunities. Congratulations to everyone on another outstanding season. From early morning water safety to busy patrols, each and every one of our youth members played a part in making this season a success.



Rhys Fitzgerald (Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day/U13 Development Camp)

This year, I was lucky enough to get selected to attend both the Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day at LSV in Port Melbourne and the U13 Development Camp in Myrniong. I really enjoyed connecting with new people and making friends outside of my club that are just as passionate about lifesaving.

The highlights of the Development Day for me were the LSV scavenger hunt for building our radio and communication skills, practicing rescues and also seeing the WestPac helicopter up close. This showed me what I could accomplish in lifesaving in the future. The team building exercises were also great and helped us to develop our leadership skills.

On the camp, I also enjoyed the team building exercises, especially the raft building and escape room, because they encouraged us to work together. I would love to do the U15 camp later in my lifesaving journey and I have taken away lots of leadership knowledge that I will bring back with me to my club.

The overall experiences were amazing and I'm very grateful to BLSC for supporting me. These events have inspired me to continue my lifesaving journey and to encourage more people my age to do their SRC/Bronze Medallion. I also hope to get involved in developing more programs for young people in our club.

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DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL TIM STEWART



It is incredible to think that we have now been in our exciting new facility for 2 seasons with 2025/2026 once again providing the platform for members to be able to take part in so many different events and activities, develop skillsets and learnings and make new friendships. Involvement in such a healthy, meaningful and purposeful pursuit that greatly benefits the community - making the most of being part of a Life Saving Club situated on one of the most well regarded and loved beaches in Australia.

All involved with the BLSC community, whether they be members or beachgoers, appreciate the strong support of our Major Sponsors. It is certainly a great privilege for BLSC to have our Major Sponsors that have shown such fantastic support for BLSC over the last 8 years – Firbank Grammar and Belle Property (Brighton & St Kilda) – having great partnerships with the club. The wonderful assistance received from our select group of Major Sponsors, is greatly appreciated. In line with the contribution received from our Major Sponsors, BLSC will continue to provide exclusive exposure and recognition for their brands through all of our activities, events and communications with our membership and the community.

Messages from our Major Sponsors:

"Firbank Grammar and BLSC are an integral part of the Bayside community. Many of our students are proud members of both Firbank and BLSC, embracing swimming not just as a sport, but as a way of life. It keeps them active, healthy, and connected through lifelong friendships. We're proud to support a club that plays such an important role in the lives of so many Firbank and Bayside families."

"Belle Property looks forward to becoming an even more integral part of the community by linking arms with Brighton Life Saving Club, it's members and their families."

With the early winds providing the theatre for the event about to take place on our beach, the 8th annual running of the BLSC Bathing Box Classic, which is part of the Great Victorian Swim Series, was held in early February. With over 350 participants, along with the hundreds of family and friends cheering them on, there was certainly a great atmosphere on the Dendy St beach-front for all at BLSC and in the community. We want to say a very big thank you to our Major Sponsors of Brighton Life Saving Club, Firbank Grammar and Belle Property (Brighton & St Kilda), for their involvement and support of this significant and annual, club event.

In relation to the BLSC brand, the commercial focus is at all times, working to ensure any representation of our brand, whether it be online, collateral, signage or merchandise/apparel, is aligned and presenting a consistent, professional image to members and the community. It is really good to see the iconic BLSC logo being worn by so many members only enhancing the exposure of our brand into the community.

We are all so very fortunate to have such a fantastic facility on the iconic, Dendy beachfront, which is such an integral part of our community.

We all look forward to the upcoming 2026/2027 season when once again, every member of BLSC and the community will be provided with so many opportunities to enjoy being part of or associated with in some way, such a great Life Saving Club.



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DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING SERVICES REMY HORROBIN

I'd like to thank all of our members again for an outstanding season! This season marked an exciting step forward as we continue to grow into the clubhouse and make full use of our new facilities. The clubhouse has quickly become our new home, supporting patrol operations, training and education, member development and social functions.

The facility has already had a significant positive impact on club operations. Throughout the season, volunteers supported several successful patrol events and initiatives, including Pink Patrol, Blue Patrol and Pride Patrol. Pink Patrol Breakfast was once again very successful, with over 70 tickets sold! Thank you again to our volunteers who made this happen.

In addition to our regular patrols, members once again came together to assist with our major swim events, including water safety support for the Great Bayside Swim and the BLSC Bathing Box Classic. These events require enormous teamwork and coordination and it is always rewarding to see members volunteer for these long water safety days to ensure the success and safety of the community. A particular thank you to Laura Goudie, Abby Escott, Sophia Gribble, Mae James and Chenayde Reid who coordinated these swims.

Across the 2025/2026 season, our members contributed a total of 5,000+ water safety and patrol hours. A special mention to our top 15 patrollers listed, who all contributed 60+ hours of patrolling this season.

I'd like to extend my appreciation to our Patrol Captains, Vice Captains and Mentors who keep our patrols running.

I look forward to building on another successful season and seeing everyone back on the beach for the 2026/2027 season.

Top 15 BLSC Patrollers (By Patrol Hours)		
1	Laura Goudie	85 hours
2	Abby Escott	85 hours
3	Sam Dimopoulos	80 hours
4	Lia FitzGerald	80 hours
5	Rhys FitzGerald	80 hours
6	Samuel Vernon	78 hours
7	Keziah Melvin	77 hours
8	Eleanor Dimopoulos	70 hours
9	Lucas Zhang	69 hours
10	Sophia Gribble	66 hours
11	Kosta Kopsaftis	65 hours
12	Shane Fitzgerald	64 hours
13	Louis Gribble	61 hours
14	Remy Horrobin	61 hours
15	Molly Ireland	60 hours



BLSC Patrol Team Leaders
SEASON 2025/26

TEAM 2



Patrol Captain
Geoff Mowatt

Vice-Captain
Cam Telford

TEAM 4



Patrol Captain
Laura Goudie

Vice-Captain
Sienna Costello

Vice-Captain
Madi Stewart

TEAM 6



Patrol Captain
Remy Horrobin

Vice-Captain
Nick Hodgson

Vice-Captain
Sophie Platt

TEAM 1



Patrol Captain
Keziah Melvin

Vice-Captain
Chenayde Reid

TEAM 3



Patrol Captain
Peter Derrick

Vice-Captain
Tim Stewart

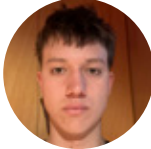
TEAM 5



Patrol Captain
Sam Dimopoulos

Vice-Captain
Anthony Scarf

TEAM 7



Patrol Captain
Sophie Gribble

Vice-Captain
Abigail Escott

Vice-Captain
Molly Ireland

Vice-Captain
Sam Vernon



MASTERS SWIMMING ROSS HARDIE

The BLSC Masters Team competed at the State Life Saving Masters Championships at Point Leo on the weekend of 7th and 8th February, 2026.

Across the competition, the team brought home 8 medals: 1 x Gold, 4 x Silver and 3 x Bronze. This was another outstanding result for the small, albeit enthusiastic Masters team.

Thanks to the BLSC Masters Team Manager, Chenayde Reid and Race Official, Ross Martin. Special thanks also go to the friends and family for their support on the day.



BLSC Medal Results: Life Saving Victoria Masters Championships, Point Leo 2026			
Event	Division	Team	Place
SURF RACE	75+ Men's	Keith Bulfin	1st
	65-69 Men's	Geoff Toogood	3rd
	30-34 Women's	Lauren Chappill	2nd
BOARD RACE	75+ Men's	Keith Bulfin	3rd
	65-69 Women's	Sara Hardie	3rd
	30-34 Women's	Lauren Chappill	2nd
BOARD RESCUE	65-69 Men's	Geoff Toogood & Keith Bulfin	2nd
IRON WOMAN	30-34 Women's	Lauren Chappill	2nd



IRB RACING MAE JAMES

What a ride the 2026 IRB season has been for our small but mighty team. I'm extremely proud of how our BLSC competitors rose to every occasion, embracing all the highs and lows that were thrown at them, and their commitment and determination have been reflected in some really impressive results.

This season we competed at Ocean Grove, Mordialloc and Anglesea, with State Championships held at Port Fairy and Lorne. From sunny days to pouring rain, massive swells to glassy conditions, we faced it all while honing the rescue skills that save lives on our beaches, against clubs from every corner of the state.

We placed fourth overall for the Under 23 season, as well as wrapping up the Open State Championships in eighth place - which for a team of just 15 competitors, is something to celebrate!

Another major highlight to round out the season was Nick Hodgson, Kosta Kopsaftis and Mae James getting selected for the Victorian State Team – this was a great opportunity that was presented and is a reflection (and recognition) of the hard work, commitment and performance that all members of the IRB team have shown throughout this season. Laura Goudie was also appointed as the Victorian Development Team Manager, a testament to her dedication, leadership and contribution to the sport. A big congratulations to all of our team members who participated in the Australian IRB Championships in New South Wales in July.

We would like to say a massive thank you to our team managers and coaches, Nick Hodgson, Emma Horne, Issy Heather and Laura Goudie. Their tireless commitment behind the scenes has made it possible for our team to show up at every carnival and perform at our best.

Of course, we also couldn't do it without our extraordinary officials, Murray James, Rob Pratt, Andrew Heeney, Michael Bishop and Ross Martin, who give up their time to ensure all the athletes can race safely and fairly. And a huge shout out to our amazing support team of families and friends and our phenomenal patient tent managers, Megan Chud and Ed Allan.

Finally, the Brighton IRB Team would like to say a huge thank you to all members of the club who make IRB racing possible, including the generous support of our BLSC Board.

2026 Season Notable Team Results			
ROUND 2 - MORDIALLOC			
Open Men's Rescue		3rd	
ROUND 3 - ANGLESEA			
U23 Men's Rescue	3rd	Masters Men's Tube	1st
U23 Men's Tube	3rd	Masters Men's Mass	3rd
U23 Men's Mass	3rd		
ROUND 4 - OCEAN GROVE			
U23 Men's Rescue		2nd	
U23 Men's Tube		3rd	
ROUND 5 - PORT FAIRY (Under 23 & Masters State Championships)			
Open Men's Tube		3rd	
OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - LORNE			
Open Men's Rescue		1st	



BATHING BOX CLASSIC TIM STEWART

On Sunday, 1st February, we held the annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic. The winds were blowing consistently early, setting a nice challenge for competitors on the 1st leg heading out - though swimmers were pleased to see these winds abate somewhat as the wave starts progressed, leading to the beautiful blue skies shining through.

We had a really strong turn out with 358 entrants for the event across the 2 distances of 2500m (Male & Female) and 1200m (Male & Female) by competing divisions from 12-17 years of age right through to 70+. The BLSC Bathing Box Classic is an event that is part of the Great Victorian Swim Series. It is the 8th time it has been held. The BLSC Bathing Box Classic, which is always held on the first Sunday of February, has firmly established itself on the Great Victorian Swim Series (GVSS) swim calendar.

Swimmers received their show bag with BLSC Bathing Box Classic branded long sleeve t-shirt and silicone bathing cap and of course, a pair of the bright yellow Firbank Grammar sunglasses that were a big hit!

We want to acknowledge the 80+ BLSC members who were involved in the preparation and execution of this event – all of the different teams covering the areas of Catering & BBQ, Registration, Bag Drop-off, First Aid, Finish Line Marshalling and the 40+ members looking after Water Safety, who ensured that everyone had a safe experience – we say a big thank you to all these BLSC members who gave up their time to contribute and make this event happen and ultimately, be such a successful day for the club. We also want to thank our Major Sponsors – Firbank Grammar and Belle Property. The involvement and support provided by our Major Sponsors for this event and also to our club right throughout the year, is so very much appreciated.

The tradition continues for the BLSC Bathing Box Classic and for our swimming fraternity - the ninth annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic will be held on Sunday 7th February, 2027. All at BLSC again look forward to this great community event and the opportunity to bring everyone together on our iconic beach and be part of a great experience.





DIRECTOR OF MEMBER DEVELOPMENT KEZIAH MELVIN

The 2025/26 Season has been an awesome one for training! We have had so many new trainers and assessors come through and with those, we were able to put on an incredible day for Skills Maintenance, smashing through both the wet and dry components even with the weather not quite in our favour.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the members who participated in training for this year and an even bigger thank you to all my trainers and assessors who are helping me at every chance - I cannot do this role without you.

SKILLS MAINTENANCE	
Award	Total
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	28
Bronze Medallion	86
IRB Crew Certificate	69
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	43
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	4
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	1
Radio Operators Certificate	2
Rescue Water Craft Operator	3
Side by Side Vehicle Operator	37
Surf Rescue Certificate	9
Total	282

BRONZE CAMP

We had a huge Bronze camp this year with approximately 55 new SRCS and Bronzies. Dealing with choppy conditions one day and heat and humidity the next, this next generation of Junior Lifesavers are ready for the beach! A huge thank you to all who helped make this camp happen. Looking forward to the next one!

UPCOMING SEASON

Skills Maintenance sessions will be run in November before the start of patrol season so be on the lookout for information on that.

NEW AWARDS	
Award	Total
Advanced Resuscitation & First Aid	5
Bronze Medallion	29
Bronze Medallion Bridging	2
IRB Crew Certificate	11
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	6
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	2
Radio Operators Certificate	2
Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate	1
Side by Side Vehicle Operator	8
Surf Rescue Certificate	11
First Aid	1
Resuscitation	29
Pain Management	1
SLSQ Training Officer Certificate Workshop	3
Total	111



CALD DAY LESLEY FLEMING

On 6th December 2025, BLSC ran the 11th CALD Water Safety Day. In attendance, were approximately 60 members of the CALD Community from Afghanistan, Pakistan and other countries, newly arrived to Australia and eager to learn the ways of their new home.

The program commenced 11 years ago with the objective of educating newly arrived immigrants to Australia in ways to enjoy the beaches and inland waterways - and to stay safe and so that those attending, could pass on this knowledge to their families and communities. This CALD Day, is run and supported with the resources of BLSC and of course, our 2 Major Sponsors, Firbank Grammar and Belle Property.

The participants are users of the Afghan Women’s Organisation of Victoria (AWOV) in Dandenong and they all made the effort to board the bus in Dandenong and head to Dendy Beach in Brighton for a day of fun and education.

Ms Tomasa Ruiz and Mrs Gula Bezhan, founder of AWOV, are both foundation members of the CALD Water Safety program. Ms Ruiz and Mrs Bezhan co-ordinated and supported all of the participants to attend the day. Without their support the day could not proceed.

Special guests included Hon Tim Wilson MP, Member for Goldstein & Shadow Treasurer, Ms Audrey Jamieson, Coroner and Mr Ian Gray, former Chief Magistrate of Victoria. Our special guests spoke about the dangers of Australian waters and the importance of programs such as this one.

BLSC members came out in full support of the program and many of the volunteers have been supporting it since

inception some 11 years ago. June Eager headed the kitchen crew who prepared a sumptuous halal lunch for our guests. Kerry Webster donated tea supplies and sweets to the great joy of all our guests. John Kelly drove the BBQ brigade ensuring the burgers were hot and juicy. Nikki Moore and Lucinda Hanlon represented the strong and capable women of our club and delivered an excellent water safety presentation in an easy-to-understand format to all of our participants. They were ably assisted by community interpreters who volunteered for the day and we thank them also.

The program could not run without the members who, as always went to great lengths to welcome and support our guests. Tim Stewart, BLSC Board Member, ensured that the beach looked spectacular with our Major Sponsor flags and games set up. His co-ordination, both prior to the event and on the day, was nothing short of exceptional, with hours going into the planning and production of a successful day.

The day could not work without the hard work of volunteers including: Fiona Mouritz, Jo Cantwell, Kerry Webster, June Eger, Sue Corrigan, Jill Blacker, Robyn Berg, Kerry O’Shea, Emily Wainhouse, Lia Fitzgerald, Karla Telford, Cam Telford, Markus Terjung, Peter Derrick, Geoff Mowatt, Andrew Heeney, Jeremy Gibson, Rob Pratt, Keith Bulfin, Steve Kerdell, Ross Martin, Duncan Cleary, and our President, Sam Dimopoulos.

Thank you everyone for your untiring support. You bring vigour, enthusiasm and grace to a day that celebrates community and multiculturalism, focusing on keeping our new Australians safe in the water.



PIRATE PETE BALL KEZIAH MELVIN

Another fantastic night on the red carpet! Hollywood stars everywhere and with our members dressed to match the Met Gala, we celebrated the 2025/26 season. With 80 members attending, our beautiful beach sunset lit up the hall as we sang and danced the night away. I'd like to congratulate all of the award winners and thank them for their contribution to Brighton Life Saving Club.

I'd also like to thank all those who helped make this night happen from brainstorming ideas, to organising and setting up decorations, the bar staff on the night and the team helping me pack down everything the next day. I can't do this without you and appreciate your efforts!



PINK BREAKFAST PINK PATROL DAY

On the 14th of February, Brighton Life Saving Club welcomed 70 members of the lifesaving community to celebrate the vital role that women and girls play in lifesaving. The morning included an energising, insightful and thought provoking panel discussion featuring LSV President Susan Wolff, along with the Presidents from the Black Rock (Cate McGrath), Sandringham (Vicky McKay) and Hampton (Sam Dwyer) Life

Saving Clubs. It was a lovely reminder that visibility matters and that pathways are widening for the next generation. Thank you so much to everyone who attended, including our amazing panel. It was so great to see a such big turn out from the Bayside LSC’s (including St Kilda) along with BLSC members. A huge thank you to Mae James for hosting the panel and Remy Horrobin and Victoria Pascoe for organising.



DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES STEVE PLATT



Brighton Life Saving Club’s continuing value to our community is demonstrated each year by the generous support that we receive from many sources, including our club Major Sponsors, our benefactors, and our other partners and supporters.

The club also receives assistance through its successful participation in various grant programs. For example, in November 2025, the club received a significant grant from the State Government’s Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund, a fund which is financed by levies collected via council rates in Victoria.

The club uses these funds to support its volunteer members by providing access to the patrol and training equipment that we need to play our role in our community.

Funding from these sources supports the purchase and maintenance of essential lifesaving equipment for members, including our fleet of Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRBs), first aid and patrol equipment, competition buoys, ski racks, and training gear. This equipment supports the safety, operational capability and training of our patrolling members, but it also allows us to hone our skills and develop teamwork through participation in SLSA and LSV competitions. With competition in mind, earlier this year the Club acquired two new “sit on top” ocean paddle skis for use by members. Based on feedback and interest from members, the club will consider the purchase of additional skis to create a glide path for members to participate in SLSA surf ski competitions..

BLSC remains committed to upholding the highest standards of member protection and child safety. We continue to implement and monitor policies in line with Surf Life Saving Australia, Life Saving Victoria, and Victorian Child

Safe Standards to ensure a safe, inclusive and respectful environment for all members.

Finally, once again we recognise and publicly thank those members who have reached their 5 years and 10 years of active service milestones during the season. Thanks to all of you for your service. Your commitment is essential to the ongoing success of our club and its role in the community.

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BLSC SERVICE MILESTONE RECOGNITION

5 YEAR SERVICE

Dylan Unkles

Eloise Escott

Sara Hardie

10 YEAR SERVICE

Simon Wilson

Ross Hardie

Stephen Kerdel

Damien Morley

BLSC AWARDS 2025/2026

LES STEPHENS AWARD	MARGARET STEPHENS AWARD
Keziah Melvin	Abbey Escott
TIM RAYNER PERPETUAL YOUTH AWARD	TOP PATROLLER
Molly Ireland	Abigail Escott
YIPS MALE	YIPS FEMALE
Lucas Zhang	Paige Ward
YIPS JUNIOR MALE	YIPS JUNIOR FEMALE
Rhys Fitzgerald	Eleanor Dimopoulos
COLIN ELLICOTT TROPHY	FEMALE ATHLETE
Murray James	Sophie Findlay
MALE ATHLETE	FEMALE MASTERS ATHLETE
Nick Hodgson & Kosta Kopsaftis	Lauren Chappill
MALE MASTERS ATHLETE	PRESIDENTS AWARD
Keith Bulfin	Sophia Gribble & Jona-thon O'Neil Donnellon



BLSC NIPPER AWARDS 2025/2026

U9 COACHES AWARD	Toby Wilson	U11 CHAMPION GIRL	Isla Kirk
U9 CHAMPION BOY	Milan Kolembus	U12 CHAMPION BOY	Daniel Pratt
U9 CHAMPION GIRL	Liv Greenwood	U12 CHAMPION GIRL	Poppy Troon
U10 COACHES AWARD	Flyn Fennell Harrold	U13 COACHES AWARD	Issac Wright Duncan
U10 CHAMPION BOY	Hugo Schwaiger	U13 CHAMPION BOY	Alexander Bucchianeri
U10 CHAMPION GIRL	Lucie Wilson	U13 CHAMPION GIRL	Annabelle Wilson
U11 COACHES AWARD	Freya Raw	LANI PRICE OUTSTANDING NIPPER OF THE YEAR	Annabelle Wilson
U11 CHAMPION BOYS	Alexander Bonnici & Elliot Gillies		

JOE WHITE BEQUEST



The Brighton Life Saving Club acknowledges the ongoing support of the Joe White Bequest. Their donations have assisted our Club with funding to the CALD day, purchase of rescue boards, the Peter Stevens Youth Development Fund and also, some board racks for the new clubhouse.

In 1959, Joe White died at Brighton, aged 86 years. Through his Will, the Joe White Bequest was born. Joe White's Will exemplified the man, providing an insight into his outstanding character. It ensured that his name and ability to contribute to the community would continue after his death. He made provisions for the remaining members of his family and others and the income from the balance of his estate (dividends from Joe White Maltings Ltd), was to be administered as a charitable bequest.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Cash Receipts & Payments as at 30th June 2026

CASH RECEIPTS	2025	2026
CLUB INCOME		
Members, Subscriptions, Levies & Fees	\$69,332.14	\$73,400.90
Water Safety	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	\$76,332.14	\$80,400.90
RAISED INCOME/RECEIPTS		
Grants, Fundraising, Tin Shakes & Donations	\$93,242.60	\$92,092.31
Additional	\$56,985.99	\$58,903.73
	\$150,228.59	\$150,996.04
Total Cash Receipts	\$226,560.73	\$231,396.94
CASH PAYMENTS	2025	2026
LIFESAVING COSTS/PURCHASES		
Lifesaving Equipment	\$33,133.79	\$22,390.93
Boat (IRB): Boat, Trailer, Boat Operating Costs & Competition	\$47,841.66	\$50,309.33
Training & Awards	\$17,923.24	\$13,500.26
Building Maintenance & Rent	\$60,329.51	\$60,281.88
	\$159,228.20	\$146,482.40
RUNNING COSTS		
Operating (Fixed & Variable)	\$68,226.50	\$81,368.00
Insurance, Content & Equipment	\$4,011.04	\$5,852.12
	\$72,237.54	\$87,220.12
Total Cash Payments	\$231,465.74	\$233,702.52
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) For the year ended 30th June	(\$4,905.01)	\$(2,305.58)



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DONATIONS

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Schedule of Membership
Annual Subscriptions

Membership Type	Description	Code	Amount
Active – Senior	Person 18 years and over at 30th September 2026	AS	\$120.00
Active – Junior	Person 15 to 17 years as at 30th September 2026	AJ	\$90.00
Associate - Non Patrolling	Person 30 years and over at September 2026 <i>(By acceptance of the BLSC Board)</i>	A	\$120.00
Social	Access to change-room facilities and showers - no BLSC clubhouse access. <i>(By acceptance of the BLSC Board)</i>	S	\$550.00
Family Subscription	Family membership includes dependents until they turn 18 <i>(All Juniors under 15 years must be part of a Family Membership. No single Nipper Memberships)</i>	F	\$280.00
Nippers Annual Fee	Per Child registered in Nippers program <i>(Family with 2 children in Nippers Program is a total of \$310)</i>	O	\$50.00

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We would like to thank all the members, volunteers, parent helpers and supporters
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