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ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023



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**BLSC STATISTICS**

Rescues	0
Preventative Actions	990
Major First Aids	1
Beach Visitors	27,844
Patrol Members	113
Patrol Hours	3,170

Dear Members,

According to the Cambridge Dictionary, to ‘double down’ means ‘to continue to do something in an even more determined way than before.’ What better words to describe the BLSC season 2022/23!

For the second year operating out of temporary facilities, we proved again that our Club is more than a building. We doubled down on showcasing resilience, agility and togetherness. Serving the community and thriving member and community support has been the secret to another successful season.

The BLSC hosted the full range of major Club events; the Bathing Box Classic, Pride, Pink and Blue patrols, topped off with 12 Nipper sessions and the Great Australia Day Swim. We raced competitively for the first time in the beach Masters and successfully furthered our long-standing IRB racing tradition. This year, our events centred around our spiritual home, the Bathing Boxes, instead of using multiple locations.

The Club commenced its inaugural Grommet Gurus mentoring program. Grommet Gurus is a structured mentoring program for 14 to 21-year-olds assisting them on their journey from SRC to their first day patrolling. It promotes the development opportunities within lifesaving by recruiting and fostering future leaders. BLSC is proud to participate in this important development program.

As the Club grows, so too does our operational capability. This year the Club purchased its first ever vehicle to tow trailers to competition carnivals and assist in maintenance of club equipment.

We have also committed to mobile stacking going forward for our new clubhouse, providing more flexibility with our ever changing storage requirements.

Our annual Pirate Pete Ball was a huge success. More than 80 glamorous members danced, laughed and chatted the night away at the Brighton Beach Hotel. (Rumour has it that the President’s daughter doubled down on her luck in the raffle).

Not even a temporary hiccup in the construction of our new clubhouse could dampen the spirits. With a new contractor on board, I’m confident to double down and confirm that the new building will be completed during the next season. It’s you – our extraordinary members – who provided planning, water safety and beach support. You doubled down on your commitment this season. It’s this strong Brighton Life Saving Club ethos that makes it so special to be your representative. On behalf of the Board of the Brighton Life Saving Club, I’d like to thank everyone who has made 2022/23 a success.

The Club continues to benefit from fantastic community support. I sincerely thank the Joe White Bequest, the Hanlon Family, Bayside City Council, Life Saving Victoria and all Club members for their continued support.

Finally, to our commercial partners, Belle Property, Firbank Grammar and Coles – thanks for doubling down on your Major Sponsorships. It’s through your ongoing collaboration that the BLSC continues to service the community now and in future. Look forward to seeing you all on the beach in 2023/24.



## BLSC NIPPERS SAM DIMOPOULOS & SHANE FITZGERALD

Season 2022/2023 saw the Club and Nippers program move back to our Bathing Box beach, while we continued in temporary facilities. The team managed to navigate the challenges brilliantly with 200 Nippers and their families enrolled in the program

The season was challenging with pre-Christmas, no water activities due to an unprecedented amount of rain before the sun and beautiful clear water returned in the new year. We had an amazing support team with 7 new Age Managers and over 40 Bronze and SRC members coaching and delivering Water Safety in a volunteer capacity. We'd like to acknowledge the great job these young people do in delivering the best experience for our kids. As in past years, the feedback received is of the amazing job they do - it is really heartfelt and they provide the 'fun' aspect of the program.

The program continued to follow LSV guidelines with children learning Beach Theory, Ocean Skills, Beach Safety, Beach and Water Awareness, Bay Swimming and Paddling, along with CPR and First Aid for the older kids.

During the season we also welcomed the Dolphin Research Institute who taught our Nippers about marine life at our beach. It was a special night that highlighted to our Nippers what lives at our beach, how vulnerable it is and how to protect it.

Thanks to Mel Merz, Martin Littlewood, John Fisher and Rob Pratt for the BBQ each week, Colin Ellicott for his admin work and dedication, Claire Pratt for training content, Shona Fitzgerald for washing all the Nipper caps, Kez Melvin organising Coaches and everyone who put their hand up across the season. Thanks to parents and coaches for all their feedback. We would very much like to thank our Major Sponsors, Firbank Grammar, Belle Property and Coles for their enormous support of the Nippers program and of BLSC.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2023/24.



## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MAE JAMES

I would like to begin with a massive thank you to Chenayde Reid, who moved from her Board position as Director of Training to take on my role of Director of Youth while I was overseas. As always, she did a tremendous job and played a big role in the success of the 2022/2023 season. Thank you Naydes!

This past season provided many opportunities for our BLSC youth with events to keep them busy across all aspects of lifesaving. Familiar and new faces got involved with new initiatives popping up for our youth to take part in.

Since Bronze Camp completion (December 2022), it has been great having many new faces appearing frequently on the beach. 12 youth members completed their Surf Rescue Certificate and 7, their Bronze Medallion. These members have now been putting their learnings into practice, helping in BLSC events – young leaders coaching our Nippers program, paddling on a board providing water safety during the Great Australia Day or Bathing Box Classic swims, learning IRB racing skills or keeping our beach safe on patrols. I am super proud of all the youth members making the most of our fantastic lifesaving community.

A great new program this season, was the Grommet Gurus! It was developed at Inverloch SLSC, who we were lucky enough to partner with to trial the program. It involves newly awarded SRC and 'Bronzies' (grommets), paired up with older mentors (gurus) at the club, ensuring our young lifesavers are supported as they begin their patrols and BLSC journey. Patrols were a hit and involved guest speakers such as Prone Board World Champion, Lachie Lansdown, our very own LSV Operations whiz, Mitch James and a lot of pizza! I would like to thank Remy Horrobin and Sami Tambanis, who brought the program to BLSC and planned all the Grommet Gurus patrols. I am so

proud of the girls - it is so awesome seeing how far they have come at the club.

One fantastic youth member was accepted onto LSV's U13 Development Camp, held at YMCA Lake Dewar in March - Isabella Larkins. A fantastic camp (54 youth members attending from across 28 clubs) providing an opportunity for Isabella to participate in teamwork and confidence building activities, enhance her interpersonal and communication skills, make new friends and broaden her understanding of lifesaving.

LSV's U18 Leadership Development Camp will be held in Somers (early December - applications out in September). Would love to have as many attendees from BLSC as possible so please contact me if interested. Also keep an eye out for LSV's annual Youth Symposium (to be held late 2023).

We are also looking for a someone to be the BLSC club member on the LSVj (Life Saving Victoria Junior) Advisory Committee. If you are 13-17, looking to have an impact on the world of lifesaving, take on more responsibility at the club or want a way to meet other youth members from clubs across Victoria, please get in contact with me.

The opportunity to attend these events is thanks to the Peter Stevens Youth Development Fund - set up in the honour of the BLSC legend to assist with funding the leadership and personal development of junior members.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate everyone on representing the club so well. You have all stood up and I am so impressed by the new responsibilities everyone is taking on. I am looking forward to the next season, keep up the good work!

### Isabella Larkins (U13 Camp)

It was a really fun experience. The activities helped us work better as a team. Even though I went knowing no one, after just a couple of days, it was like I knew everyone since primary school – I have made many new friends and created strong bonds with them.

We did teamwork activities such as making a double-sided puzzle (pieces on one side of the river and frame on the other) - everyone involved. Some getting the puzzle pieces, some taking them across and others building the puzzle - we all had to work together to find out what it said. We also did First Aid lessons - enriching our understanding of and how to practice First Aid scenarios we might come across.



### Remy Horrobin (Grommet Gurus mentor):

We piloted this program at BLSC to build strong lifesavers who are confident through their first patrols, foster an environment in which young members can form friendships with other grommets in their groups and develop connections with experienced lifesavers (helping assist with BLSC member retention) as kids bridge from SRC's to Bronzies' and beyond. We had a successful first season! Thanks to the help of our Grommet Gurus mentors including Sami Tambanis, Sophie Platt, Isi Escott, Abi Escott, Lachie Kerley, Sophie Gribble, James Pascoe and Austin Larkins, we were able to launch this program in January, with the very successful, inaugural Grommet Gurus patrol and throughout the season, also having a variety of workshops with several guest speakers, followed by fun pizza nights of course! We had a great turnout for this program and are excited for future seasons as we continue to develop and build our Grommet Gurus program at BLSC!





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## DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL TIM STEWART

The 2022/2023 season saw a continuation of the great schedule of events and activities that BLSC has provided to our members and the community that are all now very much fixtures as part of the Bayside summer. All involved with the BLSC community, appreciate the ongoing, strong support of our Major Sponsors. We had the first year of a 4 year partnership with Coles as a Major Sponsor and it is an honour for our club to enter a partnership with one of Australia's most trusted brands. It is also such a privilege for BLSC to have our two other Major Sponsors that have now shown such fantastic support for BLSC over the last 5 years - Firbank Grammar and Belle Property (Brighton & St Kilda), continue their partnerships with the club. We are greatly appreciative of the wonderful support we receive from our select group of Major Sponsors.

In line with our Major Sponsors support, BLSC will continue to provide exclusive exposure and recognition for their brand through all of our activities, events and communications with our membership and the community.

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It keeps them fit and they make many friends. We are proud to support a Club that supports so many of our 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."

Although the weather was uncertain in the lead up, conditions settled in time for the club to hold the 5th BLSC Bathing Box Classic in early February. With over 300 participants, there was a great atmosphere on the beach-front for everyone at BLSC and in the community – a big thank you to our Major Sponsors, Firbank Grammar, Belle Property and Coles for their involvement and support with this event. We also once again thank Carman's for their generous supply of Muesli Bars. Carman's have been on board as a supporter for the five BLSC Bathing Box Classic swims that have been held – an involvement and contribution that is greatly appreciated. Thank you Carman's.

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. Our BLSC website, online shop, continues to offer our range of BLSC apparel,, which is exclusively supplied by Intandem – Hoodie, Track Pants, Cap, T-Shirt, Rugby Jumper, Swimwear and Competition Safety Vest. 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.

It is with much anticipation that that we look forward to the upcoming season – an exciting time to be part of Brighton Life Saving Club.



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## MASTERS SWIMMING REPORT ROSS HARDIE

BLSC competed at the State and Australian Life Saving Championships over the 2022/23 season.

### Life Saving Victoria Masters Championships

BLSC had 13 athletes at the LSV State Masters Championships held in Lorne early February, bringing home medals in 7 events and finishing 13th overall. A great result in terms of both BLSC athlete numbers and placings - the first appearance of a BLSC Masters team at the event in many years. A very special mention goes to our Septuagenarian athlete, Keith Bulfin, for having a crack at as many water events as possible, including the ocean-ski race, noting that Keith had not sat in an ocean-ski prior to the event.

The 2023 BLSC LSV Masters Team comprised:

Mike Gregory	Jo Cantwell
Keith Bulfin	Jill Blacker
Sam Dimopoulos	Sue Corrigan
Peter Derrick	Fiona Mouritz
Glen Taylor	Andrew Heaney
Geoff Toogood	(Team Manager)
Ross Hardie	Rob Pratt (Official)
Sara Kaye-Hardie	Ross Martin (Official)
Cam Telford	

Thanks to the BLSC Masters Team friends and family for their support on the day and Andrew Heaney (Team Manager), Ross Martin and Rob Pratt, attending as our BLSC Masters Team Officials for the event.

BLSC Medal Results: Life Saving Championships Lorne 2023		
Event	Team	Place
170+ Mens Surf Team	Ross Hardie, Glenn Taylor, Mike Gregory	2nd
75+ Mens Board Race	Keith Bulfin	2nd
75+ Mens Surf Race	Keith Bulfin	2nd
170+ Womens Surf Team	Jo Cantwell, Fiona Mouritz, Jill Blacker	3rd
60-64 Mens Board Rescue	Ross Hardie, Geoff Toogood	2nd
60-64 Mens Surf Race	Ross Hardie	2nd
55-59 Womens Surf Race	Jill Blacker	3rd

### Australian Surf Life Saving Masters Championships (The Aussies)

Sam Dimopoulos and Ross Hardie represented BLSC at the Australian Surf Life Saving Masters Championships (The Aussies) at Scarborough Beach in WA in late March. While missing out on the podium, Sam and Ross managed to get BLSC among the 'points' by entering as many water and beach events as possible. This was our Club President's first Aussies and first competitive open water swim event. Well done Sam! Thanks go to Colin Ellicott for driving the BLSC race boards over to WA.



## DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING SERVICES NAT DESYLVA

Just like that, yet another lifesaving season has now come to end! And what an amazing season that it was. We found ourselves once again operating from our temporary facilities, making the absolute most of and adapting to what we had to work with – it was an extraordinary effort by all members to say the very least. I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all our patrollers and captains for continuing to be so flexible and persistent during this past season - we really could not have done it without you.

I'd especially like to thank the operational team who worked so tirelessly to continue refining our Kinane St BLSC site to ensure it was as efficient as it possibly could be given the circumstances that we found ourselves in. We really cannot thank you enough for all your dedication along with the commitment that you have shown to the club throughout the season.

With the help of our operational committee, we were able to continue holding all of our beloved club events such as the annual Pink Patrol, Blue Patrol, Pride Patrol and of course, the BLSC Pirate Pete Ball. I would like to thank the TOC committee for not only helping put all of these events together, but for all your ongoing support right throughout the season.

In addition to these club activities, we also successfully held both of our major swim events; the Great Australia Day Swim and the BLSC Bathing Box Classic. It was exciting as always to see all our club community come together to support the club for these 2 great events.

It was also particularly amazing to see so many new faces stepping up and showing enthusiasm to get involved with the club and assisting in running these events. I'd really like to highlight the role that Keziah Melvin, Mark Pratt, Nick Hodgson and Jamie Mount had in supporting me with both of the swims - I could not have done any of it without you.

Despite yet another season of challenging circumstances without a club house, we were able to accrue a total of 3,170 patrol and water safety hours. I'd also like to congratulate Nick Hodgson for reaching top patroller in the club with a total of 74.5 hours.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who have been involved in planning for the new clubhouse thus far - your efforts have most certainly not gone unnoticed. It hopefully will not be too long now until we can unveil all of your hard work to our wider club community.

What an exciting time we have ahead of us! I can't wait to see what the future holds for our club. I have loved being your Club Captain through the past season and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach next summer!





## BLSC IRB RACING KEZIAH MELVIN

The 2023 IRB Season has been incredible! With over 30 competitors and the help of our coaches, officials and parents, the Brighton IRB Team have seen some awesome results! From training starting back in December to finally finishing our competition season in July, we have seen vast improvements from all members of our team.

This year, we were able to compete at the rounds held at Point Leo, Ocean Grove, Hampton, Bancoora, Anglesea and State Championships at Lorne and finally, the Australian Championships at Kingscliff in NSW.

We would like to send a huge thank you to all within the club who make racing possible. From those giving up their time to be our carnival officials, to parents who drop their kids off for training twice a week. Thank you to our BLSC Board who continue to support our ever-growing team.

We are already looking forward to next season!!



Whole Team Podium Results				
ROUND 1	ROUND 2			
2nd & 3rd Male Masters Mass	1st Male Masters Mass			
1st and 2nd Male Masters Rescue	2nd Female Teams			
2nd U23 Male Rescue	2nd Female Tube			
3rd U23 Female Teams	2nd U23 Male Rescue			
	3rd U23 Female Teams			
	2nd U23 Female Tube			
ROUND 3	ROUND 5			
3rd Male Masters Mass	3rd Male Tube			
3rd Male Teams	2nd U23 Male Teams			
2nd Male Tube	3rd U23 Male Tube			
3rd Lifesaver Relay	2nd U23 Female Tube			
3rd U23 Male Mass				
ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	ROUND 5
Overall 5th	Overall 5th	Overall 5th	Overall 5th	Overall 7th
Victorian IRB State Championships (Overall 5th)				
3rd Lifesaver Relay & 2nd Female Tube				



## DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES ED ALLAN

BLSC has once again been successful in receiving various grants this year to help support operations, sport and training. As a volunteer organisation, Brighton Life Saving Club relies on grants that very much assist in the funding of large purchases along with contributing to our operational expenses.

We would like to thank the Victorian State Government's Shade grant program, Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program, Athlete Pathway Travel Program and Club Sporting Grant Program, along with Zoe Daniel MP, for supporting our successful application to the Stronger Communities Round 8 Program.

All of these grants have helped Brighton Life Saving Club purchase UV protective rashies, sunscreen, IRB beach trailers, marquees, rescue boards, training manikins and equipment, new swim cans, gear for the new clubhouse, a Nipper board trailer, coaches courses, IRB fuel, competition entry fees and overall, provide financial support to the club.

We continue our important program of recognising the dedicated service of our active club members. We would like to recognise the milestones of those members that this year mark their 5 and 10 years of active service to the Brighton Life Saving Club. These patrolling members have contributed countless hours of patrol and club service over the course of their membership and we thank them for all of their volunteer efforts.



## SERVICE MILESTONE RECOGNITION

### 5 YEAR SERVICE

Jamie Mount

Mae James

Nick Hodgson

Sami Tambanis

Remy Horrobin

Toby Wilson

Christopher Larkins

Sophie Findlay

Shane Fitzgerald

Sam Dimopoulos

### 10 YEAR SERVICE

Keith Bulfin

Lesley Fleming

Tim Stewart

## BATHING BOX CLASSIC TIM STEWART

It was great that this season, we were able to once again, hold the BLSC Bathing Box Classic. Although it would be fair to say that the weather in the lead up was certainly not favourable, we were all relieved to find that on Sunday, 6th February, it turned out to be a fine day with some nice sunshine coming through for members, participants and those supporting.

Especially taking into consideration the uncertain weather conditions in the days prior, we were very pleased to have a really good turn out with 304 swimmers registering for the event across the 2 distances of 2500km (Male & Female) and 1200km (Male & Female - by competing divisions from 12-17 years of age right through to 70+). Our event is part of the Great Victorian Swim Series and with this being the 5th time it has been held, the BLSC Bathing Box Classic, with the early February scheduling, has firmly established itself on the GVSS swim calendar.

Swimmers received their show bag with BLSC Bathing Box Classic branded long sleeve t-shirt and silicone bathing cap. Carman's, who have supported our event every year it has been held, again, very generously donated muesli bars

(participants were grateful to have access to this source of nutrition in the lead up to or post, their race) – thank you Carman's.

It is important to acknowledge the 80+ BLSC members who were involved in the preparation and execution of this event – teams covering Catering & BBQ, Registration, Bag Drop-off, First Aid, Finish Line Marshalling and the 40+ members looking after Water Safety, ensuring that everyone had a safe experience - to all these BLSC members who gave up their time to contribute and make this event happen and be such a successful day for the club, a very big thank you!

We also want to thank our Major Sponsors – Firbank Grammar, Belle Property and Coles. Their involvement and support of this event and our club right throughout the year, is most appreciated.

The date is locked in for next year – the sixth, annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic will be held on Sunday, 4th February 2024, when we will again look forward to bringing everyone together for this great, community event.



## DIRECTOR OF MEMBER DEVELOPMENT KEZIAH MELVIN

The 2022-23 season was a fantastic one for training. With support from the Training and Operations subcommittee, we were able to put on multiple skills maintenance and new training courses. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the members who participated in training and development for this season - I can't do this role without you.

### BRONZE CAMP

I would like to start by giving a huge thank you to my Bronze Camp Trainers and Coaches! You were all so dedicated to ensuring that the participants were receiving top quality lifesaving education. This was held at the Brighton Sea Scout Hall in December with 20 participants in total. From this camp, we have had multiple participants go on to become a part of the IRB team and the Nippers Coaching Team. This goes to show that the enthusiasm and passion for our club

that our Trainers and Coaches show during Bronze Camp, is contagious and we hope to continue this level of passion throughout the 2023/24 season.

### UPCOMING SEASON

Based on our Training Report Card that we have received from LSV, it is suggested that we continue to run our Bronze/ SRC Course and our Inflatable Rescue Boat Crew and Driver Courses. We will be looking at including an Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and First Aid course as well as a Silver Medallion Patrol Captain course for our up and coming Patrol Captains. I am really looking forward to the training courses this season and I hope that we can continue to train and develop our members with multiple courses throughout the season.

SKILLS MAINTENANCE	
Award	Total
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (AID)	26
Bronze Medallion	65
IRB Crew Certificate	53
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	35
SSV Operator	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>

FULL AWARDS	
Award	Total
Bronze Medallion	16
IRB Crew Certificate	10
Resuscitation (AID)	20
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>



## CALD DAY LESLEY FLEMING

On the 3rd December, the President and Members of BLSC welcomed our guests from Dandenong. Supported by the Afghan Women's Program and Tomasa Morales, co-founder of the event, BLSC embraced our newly arrived, gentle folk from Afghanistan with wide arms, broad smiles and compassion.

The clubhouse may be under construction but the Club Members' core values provided a solid foundation for the day ahead. The young (and young at heart) members who volunteered, did so with unrivalled enthusiasm, goodwill and empathy.

We were fortunate to have the State Coroner, Judge John Cain attend and he addressed the room emphasising staying alive in Australian waters. Attorney General, Mark Dreyfus KC, unable to appear due to Parliament sitting, sent his best wishes and a message promoting water safety, especially among newly arrived immigrants.

Arriving at Green Point and welcomed by Tim Bolton (BLSC Board Member) and Markus Terjung, our guests walked to the temporary clubhouse. Master of Ceremonies and Chief Game Organiser, Tim Stewart, rallied the guests for games. The stand out was tug of war, a strongly contested challenge bringing everyone together - a game of soccer, also a hot contest between the young men and women. Tim Stewart, with booming voice and big heart, also coordinated the volleyball and flag game races as well as invigorating everyone. We were not just sending a strong message of how to stay alive in Australian waters, but also, we could all join together as one, laugh and have fun. The unity and goodwill was not something our guests were used to and their stories which they shared with members were harrowing.

A very informative presentation by Nikki Moore (joined by Lucinda Hanlon), who with assistance of interpreters, ably expressed the importance of water safety and swimming

between the flags. Nikki's presentation was informative and showed exceptional communication skills.

Our wonderful lunch crew (Kerry Webster, June Eger, Jennifer Moore, Sue Corrigan, Fiona Mouritz, Jo Cantwell, Pauline Spencer and Lindy Dorazio) created a feast of halal burgers, salads and unending tea and cake. The BBQ, manned by John Kelly, assisted by Keith Bulfin, Rob Pratt and John Fisher, produced 100 cooked burgers. Thank you to our worthy volunteers for their graciousness, energy and selflessness - even ensuring our guests had somewhere private for prayer.

The afternoon involved our guests getting into the water. Cam & Kristy Telford, Ross, Sara & Will Hardie, Peter Derrick, Steve Kerdel and Ross Martin, along with Nikki, Lucinda and other volunteers, ensured the safety of everyone. Guests with great courage but insufficient capacity to swim, so well supported by our volunteers - it was great seeing the sheer pleasure expressed in our guests smiling faces and their laughter, totally enjoying the experience. No one wanted the day to end and after warm showers and hot tea, we sadly said farewell to our guests for another year.

The President and Board of BLSC would like to thank everyone who gave of their time to make yet another BLSC CALD day an enormous success. Thank you to Gula Bezhan, Afghan Women's Organisation and Tomasa Morales, Good Shepherd (without their assistance, we would not have any participants) and to Bakers Delight for their donation. We would also like to thank BLSC's Major Sponsors, Firbank Grammar, Belle Property and Coles.

I'm sure that the President of the Club is most proud of the members who gave of their time and without this commitment, the day could not have proceeded.



## PIRATE PETE BALL KEZIAH MELVIN

Brighton Life Saving Club's Annual Pirate Pete Ball, was another success! With over 80 attendees, it was an absolutely fantastic night of celebration.

Held at the Brighton Beach Hotel again this year, the decorated room was filled with our members dressed up in green and/or white to perfectly represent our club colours. There was canapés, drinks and music all night long!

The awards section of the evening went off without a hitch where we were able to celebrate the achievements of our

members from this past season. A massive congratulations again to all award winners.

Like past years, the money from our raffle tickets goes towards the Peter Stevens Youth Development Fund. This year we sold over 400 raffle tickets and had 10 raffle prizes for members to win. Congratulations to all raffle winners.

Looking forward to our next Pirate Pete Ball being in our new clubhouse! Thank you all.



## INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

### Cash Receipts & Payments as at 30th June 2023

CASH RECEIPTS	2022	2023
<b>CLUB INCOME</b>		
Members, Subscriptions, Levies & Fees	\$52,587.60	\$41,743.69
Water Safety	\$6,000.00	\$6,750.00
	<b>\$58,587.60</b>	<b>\$48,493.69</b>
<b>RAISED INCOME/RECEIPTS</b>		
Grants, Fundraising, Tin Shakes & Donations	\$88,873.14	\$107,269.49
Other	\$32,341.63	\$26,268.77
	<b>\$121,214.77</b>	<b>\$133,538.26</b>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$179,802.37</b>	<b>\$182,031.95</b>
<b>CASH PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>LIFESAVING COSTS/PURCHASES</b>		
Lifesaving Equipment	\$26,815.01	\$ 103,176.16
Boat (IRB): Boat, Trailer, Boat Operating costs & Competition	\$12,343.16	\$43,242.38
Training & Awards	\$8,364.50	\$ 6,421.55
Building Maintenance & Rent	\$5,341.82	\$6,104.39
	<b>\$52,864.49</b>	<b>\$158,944.48</b>
<b>RUNNING COSTS</b>		
Operating & Utility	\$43,435.06	\$43,959.43
Insurance	\$6,603.10	\$3,953.40
	<b>\$50,038.16</b>	<b>\$47,912.83</b>
<b>Total Cash Payments</b>	<b>\$102,902.65</b>	<b>\$206,857.31</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/ (Deficit) For the year ended 30th June</b>	<b>\$76,899.72</b>	<b>(24,825.36)</b>

## BLSC NIPPER AWARDS 2022/2023

<b>UNDER 9 CHAMPION BOY</b> Daniel Pratt	<b>UNDER 9 CHAMPION GIRL</b> Poppy Troon
<b>UNDER 10 CHAMPION BOY</b> Miles McRae	<b>UNDER 10 CHAMPION GIRL</b> Abby Sinclair
<b>UNDER 11 CHAMPION BOY</b> Freddie Wilson	<b>UNDER 11 CHAMPION GIRL</b> Laura Bennett
<b>UNDER 12 CHAMPION BOY</b> Xavier Wilson	<b>UNDER 12 CHAMPION GIRL</b> Isabella Gribble
<b>UNDER 13 CHAMPION BOY</b> Charlie McRae	<b>UNDER 13 CHAMPION GIRL</b> Annabelle Bennett
<b>LANI PRICE OUTSTANDING NIPPER OF THE YEAR</b> Zoe Ovadia	

## JOE WHITE BEQUEST



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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.

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## Schedule of Membership Annual Subscriptions

Membership Type	Description	Code	Amount
<b>Active – Senior</b>	Person 18 years and over at 30th September 2023	AS	\$110.00
<b>Active – Junior</b>	Person 15 to 17 years as at 30th September 2023	AJ	\$90.00
<b>Associate - Non Patrolling</b>	Person 30 years and over at September 2023. <i>(By acceptance of the BLSC Board)</i>	A	\$110.00
<b>Social</b>	Access to change-room facilities and showers - no BLSC clubhouse access. <i>(By acceptance of the BLSC Board)</i>	S	\$550.00
<b>Family Subscription</b>	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	\$250.00
<b>Nippers Annual Fee</b>	Per Child registered in Nippers program <i>(Family with 2 children in Nippers Program is a total of \$310)</i>	O	\$30.00

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