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LIFE SAVING CLUB

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024



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BLSC STATISTICS

Rescues	0
Preventative Actions	1,208
Minor First Aids	9
Major First Aids	1
Beach Visitors	21,720
Patrol Members	139
Patrol Hours	3,843



If last season was defined by 'doubling down', in 2023/24, BLSC graduated from being merely resilient to mastering resourcefulness. Being resourceful became our commitment, our way of running things at BLSC. Using what we had – rather than what we'd like to have had – to succeed and scale.

2023/2024 saw BLSC operate out of temporary facilities for a third consecutive year. And for the third year, it didn't slow us down, rather it shone an even brighter light on the achievements and resourcefulness of our dedicated members and volunteers. And we've got the numbers to prove it. We inspired 205 Nippers, ran our largest yet SRC/Bronze Camp presenting 50 medals and 80 patrolling members recorded over 3,800 hours on the beach.

Over many years, the BLSC major events calendar has become a staple in the diary of Bayside locals. Facilitating safe and joyful swimming events are an important way to demonstrate BLSC's professionalism and resourcefulness to the wider community. We successfully hosted the Kieser Great Bayside Swim, supported by our fantastic partner, The Rotary Club of Brighton and our very own BLSC Bathing Box Classic. More than 80 skilled volunteers on land and in the water ensured the safety of participants - a commendable achievement despite temporary facilities.

In 2023/24, we honoured significant patrols and the CALD Day supporting important community causes. The Pride, Blue and Grommet Guru patrols celebrate inclusivity, aim to increase awareness for positive wellbeing and provide valuable development opportunities. Running these events required over 40 dedicated and resourceful volunteers – the true heartbeat of our BLSC community.

For the first time, our club joined in the prestigious LSV Awards of Excellence, with 7 nominations and 22 attendees on the night. A great opportunity to celebrate exemplary individuals and to raise awareness of the BLSC among our lifesaving peers.

From one glamorous event to another, no less glitzy, 90 members shimmied at our annual Pirate Pete Ball in true disco style, with flashing lights, mirror balls and sparkly sequins aplenty.

Also in the sporting arena, BLSC has been climbing the ranks. Throughout the 2023/24 season, our successful IRB team of 25, the 15 person strong Masters beach team and 9 eager Nippers, competed for accolades. 100 SRC/Bronze award holders were requalified, and 9 new adult 'Bronzies' awarded. Our Nippers program proved popular as ever and with 7 newly accredited Age Managers, we're well positioned for a huge 2024/25 season.

I'd like to thank all of you at BLSC for an extraordinary 2023/24 season. I'm immensely proud of our collective ability to not only respond to, but positively grow from the challenges we faced over the past 3 years, in ways that will last with us into the future.

BLSC 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 Major Sponsors, Belle Property, Firbank Grammar and Coles. It's through your ongoing support that the BLSC continues to service the community now and in the future.

Look forward to seeing you all on the beach in 2024/25 – and in our new clubhouse.





## BLSC NIPPERS SAM DIMOPOULOS & SHANE FITZGERALD

For the 2023/2024 season, our Nippers were fantastic - 205 took to being involved in the weekly program and 9 newly accredited Age Managers and 30 water safety personnel assisted in delivering the 12 week program, all on a volunteer capacity. We'd like to acknowledge the great job all of these young people do in delivering the very best experience for our kids. The season continues a recent trend of being challenging pre-Christmas, with modified water activities due to wild and unexpected weather, before the sun and beautiful clear skies and water returned in the new year.

The BLSC Nippers 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 exactly what lives at our beach and how vulnerable it is and importantly, how to protect it.

Thanks to Ian Boaler, John Fisher and Rob Pratt for the BBQ each week, Colin Ellicott for his administration work and dedication, Mark Pratt and Nick Hodgson for setting up our course each week, Clare Pratt for the training content, Shona Fitzgerald and Beth Poulter for their work on the beach, Kez Melvin for organising Coaches and everyone who put their hand up across the season. Also, 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 2024/25.







## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MAE JAMES

The 2023/2024 season was a great success for BLSC's youth members. We welcomed new faces to the Club, saw people step out of their comfort zones to give new opportunities a go and watched our youth members grow and take on new responsibilities.

As always, during Bronze Camp in December last year, we welcomed many new additions to BLSC, most of whom you will frequently see getting involved on the beach. Bronze Camp couldn't happen without many older youth members giving up their time to coach the younger kids. Every season it's so special to see lifesaving skills and knowledge passed through generations as mentees become mentors.

Since Bronze Camp, all these members have been a vital part of making our Club events happen. You might have seen our youth members coaching during a Nippers session, providing water safety during our Great Australia Day or BLSC Bathing Box Classic swims, learning the skills of IRB racing, or monitoring the beach on patrols. I would encourage everyone to get around our new youth members heading into next season and make them feel welcome.

As many of our members know, a big part of my role is providing opportunities for our youth members to attend Life Saving Victoria's Leadership Development Camps. This year we had five kids of various ages attend the three camps.

In December last year, Lachy Kerley and Kosta Kopsaftis attended the Under 18 Leadership Development Camp in Somers. There were only 28 kids who attended this camp, so it gave the boys a great opportunity to really connect with other youth members from clubs across the state and have a lot of one-on-one mentoring with the camp leaders.

The applications for the next U18 Camp will be coming out in September, so please contact me if you're interested. The camp's a great final step before the transition out of the youth age bracket.

We had two youth members accepted onto Life Saving Victoria's U13 Camp in April. Juliet Gribble and Allegra Chiaravalle both jumped at the chance to attend the camp and were praised by staff for how enthusiastic they both were during it. There was a huge attendance of 79 youth members on this camp from 29 different clubs, so the girls got a great introduction into LSV.

And most recently Zoe Ovadia attended the U15 Camp held in Anglesea. Zoe was the only BLSC member to go on this camp and got so much out of it. You can read about Zoe's U15 Camp experience on the following page.

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

Next on the calendar for our youth will be LSV's annual Youth Symposium held later this year. We are also still looking for a 13-17 year old to be the Club representative for BLSC on the LSVj (Life Saving Victoria Junior) Advisory Committee. Please get in contact with me for more information on both opportunities.

Lastly, I want to congratulate everyone on another fantastic season! I can't wait to make the most of our new clubhouse next season and all the great opportunities it will bring for our amazing current and future youth members.



*Kosta Kopsaftis and Lachy Kerley attended the Under 18 Leadership Development Camp in Somers.*



*Allegra Chiaravalle and Juliet Gribble attended the Life Saving Victoria's U13 Camp*

### Zoe Ovadia (U15 Camp)

About a month ago, I represented BLSC at the Under 15 Leadership Development Camp. It was held in Anglesea over 3 unforgettable, jam-packed days. We did team building challenges, like high ropes, an amazing race activity and a blindfolded dodgeball game.

We had many opportunities to learn more about ourselves and future pathways in lifesaving. I originally didn't want to go as I didn't know anyone and felt out of my comfort zone, but now I've come back, I wish I was still there. For me, the highlight of the camp was making new friends and being able to take part in the fun activities.

Overall, this camp was an amazing experience and I'm grateful to have attended and met new people. Thank you BLSC for giving me the opportunity to attend this camp.







# JUNIOR SQUAD

## PLACES AVAILABLE

Take your swimming to the next level in one of our Junior Squads. Email Nadine for more information: [npreston@firbank.vic.edu.au](mailto:npreston@firbank.vic.edu.au)



## DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL TIM STEWART



Right throughout the 2023/2024 season, the events and activities provided to members ensured that once again, BLSC is a great place to foster new connections, develop and learn new skills and enjoy the benefits of fitness, in an ideal environment at the iconic Dendy Beach.

All involved with the BLSC community, appreciate the ongoing, strong support of our Major Sponsors. It is a great privilege for BLSC to have our three Major Sponsors that have now shown such fantastic support for BLSC over the last 6 years - Firbank Grammar, Belle Property (Brighton & St Kilda) and Coles - continuing their partnerships with the club. The wonderful support we receive from our select group of Major Sponsors, is greatly appreciated. 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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**"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."

In absolutely perfect, weather, translating to great swimming conditions, the 6th annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic was held in early February. With over 300 participants, there was a terrific atmosphere on the beach-front for everyone at BLSC and in the community. We want to say 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 six 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.

With BLSC operating out of an exciting new facility and another great calendar of opportunities for members and the community to be involved in, we eagerly await and very much look forward to the upcoming season.





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\*Percentage contribution of profit over a rolling three years. Source: 2023 GivingLarge Report, Strive Philanthropy.





# MASTERS SWIMMING REPORT ROSS HARDIE

The BLSC Masters Team competed at the State Life Saving Championships at Lorne in February 2024.

## Life Saving Victoria Masters Championships

BLSC had 9 athletes at the LSV State Masters Championships held in Lorne over the weekend of 10th and 11th February 2024. The team competed in 13 events, bringing home 10 medals (including 4 x Gold, 2 x Silver and 4 x Bronze), finishing 12th overall in the surf events, one placing ahead of last year, and 15th overall for the beach events.

An outstanding result, with club members now holding state titles in 4 events.

The 2024 BLSC LSV Masters Team comprised:

Keith Bulfin	Jo Cantwell
Jill Blacker	Ross Hardie
Geoff Toogood	Fiona Mouritz
Sam Dimopoulos	Sue Corrigan
Sara Hardie	Andrew Heeney (Team Official)

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 Masters Championships Lorne 2024		
Event	Team	Place
75+ Men's Surf Race	Keith Bulfin	1st
60-64 Men's Surf Race	Ross Hardie	1st
60-64 Men's Surf Race	Geoff Toogood	3rd
60-64 Women's Surf Race	Sue Corrigan	3rd
55-59 Women's Surf Race	Jill Blacker	3rd
170+ Men's Surf Team	Ross Hardie, Geoff Toogood, Keith Bulfin	2nd
75+ Men's Board Race	Keith Bulfin	1st
60-64 Men's Board Race	Ross Hardie	3rd
60-64 Men's Board Rescue	Ross Hardie, Geoff Toogood	1st
60-64 Men's 1km Beach Run	Ross Hardie	2nd







## DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING SERVICES REMY HORROBIN

We find ourselves at the end of yet another challenging patrol season without a clubhouse, but nonetheless, a successful season to say the 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 operations team who again 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 helping put all of these events together and to the wider Club for your support of these events too.

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 BLSC 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 thank our operations committee for all of your support with these events - I could not have done any of it without you.

Despite yet another season of challenging circumstances without a clubhouse, we were able to accrue a total of

3,843 patrol and water safety hours. I'd also like to take this opportunity to commend our patrol captains and patrol mentors on their leadership and guidance they displayed throughout this season. I'd especially like to extend my congratulations to Laura Goudie and her team for their leadership and management skills in major rescue events occurring throughout the season.

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 look forward to seeing you all on the beach next summer and being your Club Captain next season!

Top 10 BLSC Patrollers (By Patrol Hours)		
1	Remy Horrobin	85.1 hrs
2	Sami Tambanis	84.1 hrs
3	Sophie Platt	72.1 hrs
4	Sam Dimopoulos	69.0 hrs
5	Laura Goudie	68.9 hrs
6	Takahiro Kondo Kondo	68.8 hrs
7	Nicholas Hodgson	67.6 hrs
8	James Pascoe	65.4 hrs
9	Annabel Gibson	64.0 hrs
10	Mark Pratt	63.1 hrs





BLSC IRB RACING KEZIAH MELVIN

The 2024 IRB season has been amazing! We had a team of 20 this year with 4 Female and 3 Male teams entered in the State Championships at Lorne. This carnival season has been up and down with our first round being cancelled due to a lack of officials, however we bounced back for Rounds 2-5. We would like to thank Mark Pratt, Nick Hodgson, Emma Horne, Shane Fitzgerald and Laura Goudie, who are the IRB Management Team and have put in countless hours into ensuring our team is able to race safely and with passion!

We have been able to compete at Hampton, Lorne, Anglesea and Ocean Grove this year, with State Championships at Lorne and finally the Australian Championships were held in July at Miami Beach Qld.

This year we are excited to say that Brighton IRB Team will also be competing in the IRB World Championship Competition in September at Kurrawa Beach in Qld! We are really looking forward to it and encourage all members to take this as an opportunity for a holiday and come and support the team!

The Brighton IRB Team would like to say 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 at training twice a week - we cannot do it without you! Thank you to our BLSC Board who continue to support our growing team.



2024 Season Team Results	
ROUND 2 - HAMPTON	ROUND 3 - LORNE
3rd Open Women Mass	Opens Overall 12th
3rd Open Mixed Lifesaver Relay	
3rd U23 Men Tube	
1st U23 Men Surf	ROUND 4 - OCEAN GROVE
2nd U23 Men Mass	U23 Overall 10th
1st U23 Men Teams	Opens Overall 12th
1st Masters Men Tube	ROUND 5 - ANGLESEA
1st Masters Men Mass	
1st Masters Men Surf	
U23 Overall 5th	
Opens Overall 3rd	2nd Open Women Teams
Masters Overall 1st	Opens Overall 6th



DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES ED ALLAN



The 2023/2024 season has once again seen the Club operate from temporary shipping containers. This has provided an additional challenge of storing new equipment received through successful grant funding during this time without a clubhouse.

I would like to acknowledge TTG Trailers who have assisted us with storage of our Nipper Board trailer and Kerry Webster for storing the All Terrain Vehicle - both funded through previous rounds of the 'Stronger Communities Program' administered by the Federal Government.

This season we have been successful in receiving the 'Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program' grant which will fund equipment for the new clubhouse including motor storage, board and ski racking, first aid room items and IRB storage. This equipment will allow us to move into the clubhouse with purpose-built storage for our lifesaving and sporting equipment. Appreciation goes to Ross Hardie and Ross Martin who have worked tirelessly on a floorplan that can fit all our equipment in a sensible manner making it accessible to members. BLSC also received a donation from Aussie Broadband which went towards the purchase of 26 new life jackets for use in the inflatable rescue boats.

BLSC acknowledges the importance of members who dedicate active service to the Club over a significant period and would like to thank the members who this season reach their 5 and 10 years of active service milestones. These Members continue to patrol and contribute much of their time into ensuring BLSC can achieve success through keeping beach visitors safe, providing training, coaching Nippers and attending water safety events. We thank them for their service and encourage them to promote the benefits of continued service to other members so that we can continue to grow our membership base.



SERVICE  
MILESTONE  
RECOGNITION

5 YEAR SERVICE
Craig Stewart
Alex Blacker
Murray James
10 YEAR SERVICE
Chenayde Reid
John Fisher



BATHING BOX CLASSIC TIM STEWART

For this year’s annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic, that was held on Sunday, 4th February, the day was perfect. With the blue skies and absolutely ideal swimming conditions, the scene was set for a great day on the Dendy Beach precinct.

We were so pleased to have a strong turn out with 348 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+). The BLSC Bathing Box Classic is an event that is part of the Great Victorian Swim Series. It is the 6th 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 seventh, annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic will be held on Sunday, 2nd February 2025, when we will again look forward to bringing everyone together for this great, community event.







DIRECTOR OF MEMBER DEVELOPMENT KEZIAH MELVIN

The 2023-24 season has been an amazing one for training. With support from our many trainers and assessors, we have been able to put on multiple skills maintenance sessions and new training courses. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the members who participated in training for this season - I cannot do this role without you. We ran 17 training courses and 6 skills maintenance sessions this season.

BRONZE CAMP

I would like to start off by saying that this season's Bronze Camp has been one of our biggest camps since before COVID and I could not be happier with the result.

With a total of 49 participants and 10 coaches, we spent a full week at the Brighton Sea Scouts Hall doing fitness and lifesaving skills. We have had so many of those new Bronzies now join as Nipper Coaches, patrolling members and members of the IRB Team. None of this could be achieved without the passion and

commitment for our Club that our Trainers and Coaches show during Bronze Camp. I would like to thank Trainers Remy, Sami, James, Jamie, Jack M, Sophie P and Coaches Dylan, Fergus, Sam, Lachy and Kosta, who were down there everyday training our upcoming members of the Club. We hope that with our new clubhouse, we can get an even bigger and better Bronze Camp running in December this year.

UPCOMING SEASON

Based on our training report card that we received from LSV, it is suggested that we continue to run our Bronze/SRC camp and our IRBC and IRBD Courses. We are only going to be continuing to run ART/FA, SSV and Resuscitation Courses and Skills Maintenance. Requalification of awards will be completed in November before the start of the patrol season. Please look out on Facebook and Surfguard emails for updates on this.

SKILLS MAINTENANCE	
Award	Total
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (AID)	41
Basic Life Support	11
Bronze Medallion	112
First Aid	11
IRB Crew Certificate	82
Resuscitation	34
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	43
SSV Operator	49
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	20
Total	403

NEW AWARDS	
Award	Total
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	10
Basic Life Support	11
Bronze Medallion	28
First Aid	11
IRB Crew Certificate	23
Resuscitation	16
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	5
SSV Operator	10
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	18
Total	132





## CALD DAY LESLEY FLEMING

On January 20th, BLSC hosted the annual Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) water safety day. A charter bus from Dandenong collected our guests and Afghani women and young people arrived at Green Point to be welcomed by volunteers and escorted to the Holloway Bay Scout Hall.

After a welcome by Club President, Sam Dimopoulos, Club Members Nikki Moore and Lucinda Hanlon gave a presentation on water safety, with an emphasis on the need to swim between the flags, the danger of rips and fishing from the rocks, along with other essential water safety information. Our guests were asked to pass the knowledge onto members of their family and the community.

Special Guest Speaker, Coroner Peterson, addressed the group and explained the dangers of swimming in our inland waterways, especially calm water where drowning deaths were occurring at alarming rates. Our guests were invited onto the beach for games including soccer, volleyball and the crowd favourite tug of war game. Master of Ceremonies and Chief Games Organiser. Tim Stewart, coordinated the activities with vigour and enthusiasm adding to the fun and excitement for everyone.

A halal lunch was provided by our kitchen crew, captained by June Egar and her worthy volunteers and a delicious lunch of burgers and salads was enjoyed by the hungry and grateful guests. The tea station, managed by Kerry Webster, was a hot favourite and all day tea and sweets, a welcome reviver especially after the water sports in the afternoon.

Volunteers teamed up to oversee those brave non-swimmers who were intent on getting wet and each guest had a volunteer gently supervise their water fun, providing instruction on the use of boards. Many guests who overcame an initial fear of the water, became so confident, they did not want to leave. Comments such as “it tastes salty” and “I’ve

never felt so free” and my favourite, “this is the best day of my life”, were heard. Many volunteers said they had enjoyed the day as much, if not more so than our guests.

The day is a highlight of the BLSC busy summer season calendar and it is a tribute to the Club to provide a day that represents unity and goodwill between all walks of life in our community. The inclusive nature of the event and the coming together of diverse cultures marks the triumph of the day. The water safety education provided an invaluable and life saving message in a vulnerable community.

The Afghan Women’s Association was our partner in this event and many thanks to Gula Bezhan and Nabila Zhman for organising the women to attend and to Tomasa Morales, who is a foundation organiser and supporter of the event. Thanks also to Attorney General Mark Dreyfus, a keen swimmer, who has attended almost every year and sent his best wishes for another successful day and to State Coroner Judge Cain, who was unable to attend in person and organised for Coroner Peterson to attend in his absence. We also say thank you to BLSC Major Sponsors, Firbank Grammar, Belle Property and Coles, whose continued support of BLSC, helps ensure we are able to hold an event such as this.

I’m sure our President would like to thank all the volunteers who’s big hearts and hard work ensured the day’s success. Thank you to Nikki Moore, Lucinda Hanlon, June Egar, Kerry Webster, Fiona Mouritz, Sue Corrigan, Ross Martin, Jennifer Moore, Jeremy Gibson, Annabelle Gibson, Chloe Whitnall, Takahiro Kondo, Geoff Mowatt, Rob Pratt, John Fischer, Markus Terjung and to Tim Stewart, without whose outstanding efforts we could not have undertaken this important club event. We are looking forward to our 10th BLSC CALD Day in the summer of 2024/2025 and hope that you can all come along to help us celebrate multiculturalism and water safety.





PIRATE PETE BALL KEZIAH MELVIN

The Pirate Pete Ball went off without a hitch this year and it was Disco themed. Everyone was dressed up to the nines! Some were in full costume, others were in disco inspired formal wear - it was amazing!

With 80 members attending at the Brighton Beach Bowls Club, it was one of our biggest Pirate Pete Balls yet! We had food supplied by Catering by Chefs and the beautiful beach sunset lit up the bowls club rooms as we sang and danced the night away.



I would like to say thank you to the Ball Planning Committee who helped out on the night by selling raffle tickets, taking photos, putting together the playlist and setting up all the decorations. Meg Allan, Remy Horrobin, Nat Desylva, Sami Tambanis, Sophie Platt, Mae James and Sophie Findlay - couldn't have done it without you!

A huge congratulations to all the award winners and raffle winners on the night! We are looking forward to our next Pirate Pete Ball being in our new clubhouse!



INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Cash Receipts & Payments as at 30th June 2024

CASH RECEIPTS	2023	2024
CLUB INCOME		
Members, Subscriptions, Levies & Fees	\$41,743.69	\$66,921.17
Water Safety	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00
	\$48,493.69	\$73,671.17
RAISED INCOME/RECEIPTS		
Grants, Fundraising, Tin Shakes & Donations	\$107,269.49	\$105,071.13
Other	\$26,268.77	\$48,659.60
	\$133,538.26	\$153,730.73
Total Cash Receipts	\$182,031.95	\$227,401.90
CASH PAYMENTS	2023	2024
LIFESAVING COSTS/PURCHASES		
Lifesaving Equipment	\$103,176.16	\$87,755.27
Boat (IRB): Boat, Trailer, Boat Operating Costs & Competition	\$43,242.38	\$44,595.52
Training & Awards	\$6,421.55	\$10,938.38
Building Maintenance & Rent	\$6,104.39	\$2,794.66
	\$158,944.48	\$146,083.83
RUNNING COSTS		
Operating & Utilities	\$43,959.43	\$43,166.62
Insurance	\$3,953.40	\$2,778.21
	\$47,912.83	\$45,944.83
Total Cash Payments	\$206,857.31	\$192,028.66
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) For the year ended 30th June	(\$24,825.36)	\$35,373.24



# BLSC NIPPER AWARDS 2023/2024

U9 CHAMPION BOY Oskar Toner	U9 CHAMPION GIRL Madeline Johnson	U9 COACHES AWARD Vihan Vasan
U10 CHAMPION BOY Daniel Pratt	U10 CHAMPION GIRL Poppy Troon	U10 COACHES AWARD Rylan Bryar
U11 CHAMPION BOY Miles McRae	U11 CHAMPION GIRL Annabelle Wilson	U11 COACHES AWARD Annabelle Wilson
U12 CHAMPION BOY Freddie Wilson	U12 CHAMPION GIRL Laura Bennett	U12 COACHES AWARD Rose Wilmot
U13 CHAMPION BOY Xavier Wilson	U13 CHAMPION GIRL Erica Boaler	U13 COACHES AWARD Xavier Wilson
U14 CHAMPION BOY Charlie McRae	U14 CHAMPION GIRL Annabelle Bennett	
OVERALL CHAMPION BOY Oskar Toner	OVERALL CHAMPION GIRL Laura Bennett	LANI PRICE OUTSTANDING NIPPER OF THE YEAR Rose Wilmot

## 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.



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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 2024	AS	\$110.00
Active – Junior	Person 15 to 17 years as at 30th September 2024	AJ	\$90.00
Associate - Non Patrolling	Person 30 years and over at September 2024 <i>(By acceptance of the BLSC Board)</i>	A	\$110.00
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	\$250.00
Nippers Annual Fee	Per Child registered in Nippers program <i>(Family with 2 children in Nippers Program is a total of \$310)</i>	O	\$30.00



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