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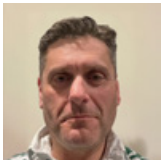


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ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025



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BLSC STATISTICS

Rescues	5
Preventative Actions	2,054
Minor First Aids	12
Major First Aids	3
Beach Visitors	66,389
Patrol Members	109
Patrol Hours	4,443

Dear Members, as our season draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and enthusiasm throughout what has been a truly remarkable and transformative year for the Brighton Life Saving Club.

This season marked a major milestone: the long-awaited transition into our brand new clubhouse. While the move brought excitement and new opportunities – state of the art facilities, more room to grow and the chance to reimagine our community space, it also required adaptability and teamwork. We said goodbye to old routines and embraced a fresh start. With the support of our partner, the Rotary Club of Brighton, we were proud to install a public defibrillator, an example of how we continue to work with, and for our community. As we continue to find our rhythm in the new space, our sense of belonging only deepens.

The numbers tell a powerful story of growth and engagement. In 2024/25, we recorded a club-high 754 members, including 259 juniors, a testament to the vibrancy of our community and the promise this new facility brings.

We welcomed 259 Nippers into the water, with 109 patrollers ensuring our beach was watched over for more than 4,400 hours, a 15% increase from the previous year. We delivered two major events, the BLSC Bathing Box Classic and the Rotary Great Bayside Swim, with the help of 50 tireless volunteers. Our team now includes 10 accredited officials (up by 2), 14 accredited age managers (a remarkable jump from just 4 last year), 120 re-qualifications, and 49 Bronze/SRC camp participants. It's been a massive season of volunteer support - thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to make it happen.

The strength of our community spirit was equally evident in our social calendar. Across events like the CALD Day, Pink Patrol, the inaugural Trivia Night, and the ever-glamorous Pirate Pete Ball, we saw over 100 guests come together time and again. These moments of connection and celebration are the heartbeat of our club - thank you to all who attended and to the amazing teams who made them possible.

Our transformation doesn't end with a new clubhouse - it must continue. While the space opens up exciting possibilities, it also brings new responsibilities and costs. To strengthen our operations and ensure long-term sustainability, we are introducing an inventory management system, implementing enhanced finance processes and deepening our engagement with merchandise suppliers. These important initiatives are on track to be delivered by December 2025.

In competition, our Masters Water and Beach Team again performed strongly at the State Titles, while our IRB team continues to rebuild, punching above their weight and growing steadily in numbers. Looking ahead to 2025/26, we're excited to grow further and lay the groundwork for a return to Nippers competition.

The Club continues to benefit from outstanding community support. I sincerely thank the Joe White Bequest, the Hanlon Family, Bayside City Council, Life Saving Victoria, the Rotary Club of Brighton and all our members for their ongoing contributions.

Finally, to our Major Sponsors, Firbank Grammar, Belle Property and Coles, thank you for continuing to double down on your commitment to BLSC. Your support ensures we can keep delivering vital programs and services to the Bayside community.

I look forward to seeing you all on the beach in 2025/26.



BLSC NIPPERS SHANE FITZGERALD

Our 2024/2025 season kicked off at the Firbank Grammar pool in early November with 155 Nippers successfully undertaking their proficiency swims. The following week, we opened up Nippers at our fantastic new clubhouse.

Throughout the season, in line with the LSV Nippers handbook, our Nippers learned about water safety, first aid, the flora and fauna in our marine environment, beach theory, CPR, water awareness, the basis of being a lifesaver and practiced various lifesaving racing events including board, swim and run races as well as multi-sport events like Ironman and Aquacameron.

The Gould Institute joined us early in the season to teach us all about the plants and animals that inhabit the marine environment in Port Philip Bay. It was an educational evening where our Nippers and dare I say it, some of our coaches and parents, learned a few new facts.

Over the season, we were lucky to have no sessions interrupted by poor weather or water quality and were able to run all ten sessions with water activities each night as planned.

We had 259 Nippers registered and supported by a host of coaches, Age Managers, water safety and other volunteers.

Nippers is wholly run by volunteers for our kids and every role, from coach to first aid or running the BBQ, is hugely important in ensuring that our kids enjoy the best Nippers experience possible. A massive thank you to all our volunteers throughout the season across the areas of Water Safety (led by Sam Vernon and Abbey Escott), Age Managers (Beth Poulter, Jonno Greenwood, Sam Dimopoulos, Sabine Leiteritz, Catherine Raw, Chris Meier, Luke Young and Vanessa Wilmont), First Aid, Coaches, BBQ (John Kelly, Rob Pratt, John Fischer, Kerry Webster, June Eger, Ian Boaler and Heather Grasby) and the set up and pack up team (Andrew Heeney, Ross Martin and Tim Stewart). Without you, none of this is possible. Also a big thanks to Colin Ellicott for all of his administration work.

We'd also like to thank our Major Sponsors: Firbank Grammar, Belle Property and Coles for their very generous support of our club and the Nippers program.

We are very much looking forward to next season's Nippers, where we are already busy planning sessions. If you are interested in helping us out, or for your kid/s to join our program, please email us at: nippers@brightonlsc.com.au





DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MAE JAMES

It's been another fantastic season for our BLSC youth. Each year I continue to be impressed as different members step up, embrace new challenges and progress through their lifesaving journey. We're so lucky to have such a strong cohort of youth volunteers who show up every season to patrol our great beach!

As always, Bronze Camp in December last year was a highlight of the season. It's great to welcome new faces to the club and see our Bronzies graduate into fully fledged patrollers. Bronze Camp is also where many of our older youth members take on leadership roles for the first time, not just by supporting our senior members, but often taking the lead to pass on vital knowledge and skills.

Throughout the season, our youth member's dedication to club events has been commendable. From moving into the new clubhouse, coaching Nippers, providing water safety during our Great Bayside Swim and the BLSC Bathing Box Classic and keeping the beachgoers safe on patrols, our youth rise to every occasion with confidence and commitment.

We also had strong attendance at all of Life Saving Victoria's youth events. 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.

At the end of last year, Annabel Gibson and Chloe Whitnall went to Anglesea for the Under 15 Development Camp. Over the weekend, 37 young lifesavers from clubs across the state came together, embracing the chance to build new

skills, form lasting connections, and grow in confidence. Both girls shone on the camp and have implemented their learnings throughout the season.

I also want to congratulate Eleanor Dimopoulos who was accepted onto the Under 13 Development Camp, but unfortunately unforeseen circumstances prevented her from attending.

Most recently, Oli Mount attended the Under 18 Leadership Development Camp in Somers. Sam Vernon was also selected to attend, but unfortunately had to pull out. Both boys have really stood up this year and have become young role models within the club.

Emily Wainhouse represented BLSC at the Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day. Emily took part in a long application process to be selected for the day, which recognises youth members who have gone above and beyond within their clubs. You can read about her experience on the following page.

Finally, we are still looking for a 13 to 17 year old to be the club representative for BLSC on the LSVj (Lifesaving Victoria Junior) Advisory Committee. Please email me on maejames02@gmail.com if you want to learn more about this great opportunity.

Congratulations to everyone on another outstanding season! It's been so great to see you all come together, support one another, and grow in confidence and skill. From early morning water safety to busy patrols, each of you played a part in making this season a success. Thank you for all your hard work!



Annabel Gibson & Chloe Whitnall (Under 15 Development Camp)

Emily Wainhouse (Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day)

I was fortunate enough to represent BLSC at the Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day in Port Melbourne. Seeing the lifesaving jet skis up close and learning how they are used in rescues was a total eye-opener and definitely sparked some future career goals.

I managed to make a bunch of new friends and it was awesome to connect with other people who are just as passionate about lifesaving. Using the Vic Comms and understanding how crucial they are for communication during emergencies, was incredibly interesting.

I'm leaving with a bunch of new skills and a deeper appreciation for what it takes to keep our beaches safe. Thank you BLSC for encouraging me to attend and for your support!



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DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL TIM STEWART



How fortunate we all were to be able to enjoy our exciting new facility throughout the 2024/2025 season with members being able to be involved in the different events and activities, make new friendships, enhance and develop skillsets and make the most of being part of a Life Saving Club situated on one of the most iconic beaches in Australia.

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 7 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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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 sun shining brightly on our iconic beach, the weather fully aligned and translating to great swimming conditions, the 7th annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic was held in early February. With over 350 participants, there was a great atmosphere on the Dendy St beach-front for all 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 seven 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. 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 a sense of anticipation we look forward to the upcoming 2025/2026 season and the schedule of events providing so many opportunities for members and the community - enjoying being part of or associated with, a great Life Saving Club.



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MASTERS SWIMMING ROSS HARDIE

The BLSC Masters Team competed at the state Life Saving Championships at Lorne on the weekend of 1st and 2nd February 2025. The club had 8 athletes compete in over 15 events.

Across the competition in these 15 events, we brought home 7 medals: 2 x Gold, 3 x Silver and 2 x Bronze. Despite finishing a little further down the ladder from our high of last year, it was still another outstanding result, with club members holding state titles in two events.

Thanks to the BLSC Masters Team’s friends and family for their support, our Team Manager, Chenayde Reid and Team Official, Andrew Heeney.

**BLSC Life Saving Victoria
Masters Championships Team**

Olivia Collins

Ross Hardie

Sam Dimopoulos

Geoffrey Toogood

Jill Blacker

Sara Hardie

Sue Corrigan

Keith Bulfin

Support Team:
Chenayde Reid (Team Manager)
Andrew Heeney (Team Official)

BLSC Medal Results: Life Saving Masters Championships - Lorne, 2025			
Event	Division	Team	Place
SURF RACE	75+ Men’s Surf Race	Keith Bulfin	1st
	65-69 Men’s Surf Race	Geoff Toogood	1st
	60-64 Men’s Surf Race	Ross Hardie	2nd
BOARD RACE	75+ Men’s Board Race	Keith Bulfin	2nd
BOARD RESCUE	60-64 Men’s Board Rescue	Ross Hardie, Geoff Toogood	2nd
BEACH SPRINTS	40-44 Woman	Olivia Collins	3rd
BEACH FLAGS	40-44 Woman	Olivia Collins	3rd





DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING SERVICES REMY HORROBIN

At the end of another season of patrol, I once again want to thank everyone for their remarkable efforts over the season. After persevering through some very challenging seasons of patrolling and training from the containers, we had a busy start to the 2024/25 season with a rush to move all of our gear into the new clubhouse before patrols commenced.

Whilst there is still work to be done for the years to come as we settle into the new club, we were operational throughout the whole season and did not miss a single patrol as we found our feet moving in. This wouldn't have been done without the help of many of our members and our move-in team over several work party weekends. A special thank you to Ross Martin, Nick Hodgson, Rupert Edwards, Colin Ellicott, Sophie Platt, Jack Melvin and Laura Goudie for working tirelessly to set up our new spaces. The incredible new clubhouse not only provides us with more space to store our gear, but it equips us with new training spaces to further our member development, function spaces to hold social events like our annual ball and a patrol tower for improved beach surveillance. Another thankyou to everyone who worked behind the scenes to get us into the new clubhouse, in particular, Sam Dimopoulos, Tim Bolton, Andrew Heeney, Jonathon O'Neil Donnellon and James Symon. Your work does not go unnoticed.

Thanks to all of our amazing volunteers who held many successful events, including Pride Patrol, Pink Patrol, Blue Patrol, the Pirate Pete Ball and CALD Day. Pink Patrol Day included a very successful inaugural breakfast in the new function space, with over 70 tickets sold!

In addition to these activities, we held both of our annual swim events, including water safety for the Great Bayside

Swim and the BLSC Bathing Box Classic. It is always exciting to see our members come together to help run these major swim events.

For the 2024/2025 season, we had a total of 7 patrol teams who collectively accrued 5,588 water safety and patrol hours! This is an amazing effort from our 109 active members. A special mention to our top 10 patrollers listed below 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 provided leadership and guidance to our patrol teams, over a long season of patrols.

As we step into a new phase of the Brighton Life Saving Club, I can't wait to make this clubhouse our home. We have many exciting times and opportunities ahead of us and I look forward to seeing everyone on the beach next year for the 2025/2026 season!

Top 10 BLSC Patrollers (By Patrol Hours)		
1	Remy Horrobin	109.7 hrs
2	Sami Tambanis	84.1 hrs
3	Sophie Platt	79.6 hrs
4	Laura Goudie	77.6 hrs
5	Sam Dimopoulos	77.5 hrs
6	Andrew Heeney	75.6 hrs
7	Abigail Escott	71.2 hrs
8	Louis Gribble	70.1 hrs
9	Sophia Gribble	69.4 hrs
10	Samuel Venon	65.0 hrs



IRB RACING MAE JAMES

As usual, the 2025 IRB season has been an absolute rollercoaster for our small but mighty team. I'm so proud of the way our BLSC competitors embraced all the ups and downs this season has thrown at us, and we have the impressive results to show for it!

This season we competed at Ocean Grove and Lorne, with State Championships held at Warrnambool and Anglesea. We raced in the sun, rain, massive swell, flat conditions, and everything in between, putting our rescue skills to the test against clubs from across the state. We would like to say a massive thank you to our team managers Nick Hodgson, Emma Horne, Shane FitzGerald and Laura Goudie. They have all put countless hours into ensuring our team is able to show up to each carnival and do what we love! We also couldn't do it without our extraordinary officials, Issy Heather, Murray James, Colin Ellicott, Rob Pratt, Andrew Heeney, Michael Bishop and Ross Martin. And a huge shout-out to our amazing support team of families and friends, including James Pascoe, Rupert Lyons and of course, our phenomenal patient tent managers, Megan Chud and Ed Allan.

Myself, Sophie Findlay and Laura Goudie, headed up to the National Championships and we were thrilled to take home a Gold and Bronze medal.

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.

2025 Season Team Results			
ROUND 1 - OCEAN GROVE		ROUND 4 - LORNE	
Open Women Mass	4th	Open Women Mass	1st
Open Men Mass	9th	Open Men Mass	3rd
Open Female Tube	5th	Open Women Tube	2nd
Open Men Tube	7th & 9th	Open Men Tube	5th
Open Women Rescue	6th	Open Women Rescue	2nd
Open Men Rescue	4th	Open Men Rescue	8th
U23 Men Mass	2nd	Open Women Teams	4th
U23 Men Tube	3rd		
U23 Men Surf	5th		
ROUND 2 - OCEAN GROVE		UNDER 23 AND MASTERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - WARRNAMBOOL	
Open Women Rescue	1st	U23 Mass	2nd
Open Men Tube	4th & 9th	U23 Tube	7th
Open Women Mass	7th	U23 Rescue	3rd
Open Men Mass	7th	Masters Tube	1st
Open Women Teams	6th	Masters Mass	2nd
U23 Men Rescue	2nd	Masters Teams	2nd
U23 Men Tube	3rd	Masters Rescue	4th
U23 Men Mass	4th	Masters Mass	5th
Men Masters Tube	1st		
Men Masters Surf	1st & 3rd	OPENS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - ANGLESEA	
Men Masters Mass	1st & 3rd	Open Women Mass	5th
Men Masters Teams	1st	Open Women Rescue	2nd
ROUND 3 - ANGLESEA		OVERALL POINTS	
Open Women Tube	5th	Open Women Rescue	3rd
Open Men Tube	6th	Open Men Tube	3rd
Open Women Mass	Finalist	U23 Men Rescue	1st
Opens Men Rescue	Semi Finalists	U23 Men Tube	2nd
Open Men Teams	7th		
Opens Women Teams	6th		





BLSC Patrol Team Leaders
SEASON 2024/25



TEAM 2

Patrol Captain
Geoff Mowatt



Vice-Captain
Cam Telford



TEAM 4

Patrol Captain
Laura Goudie



Vice-Captain
Sienna Costello



TEAM 6

Patrol Captain
Remy Horrobin



Vice-Captain
Nick Hodgson



TEAM 1

Patrol Captain
Keziah Melvin



Vice-Captain
Alex Blacker



TEAM 3

Patrol Captain
Peter Derrick



Vice-Captain
Tim Stewart



TEAM 5

Patrol Captain
Sam Dimopoulos



Vice-Captain
Damien Morley



TEAM 7

Patrol Captain
Sami Tambanis



Vice-Captain
Sophia Gribble

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES ED ALLAN



This season, Brighton Life Saving Club has continued to strengthen its support for members and enhance patrol and training capability through successful participation in several grant programs. We are grateful for and acknowledge funding received from the Victorian Government’s Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program, Sport and Recreation Victoria’s, Sporting Club Grants Program and South East Water’s Community Grants Program. These grants have enabled the purchase of essential lifesaving equipment, including a new Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) and motor, oxygen and first aid kits, radio harnesses, patrol rain jackets and training defibrillators - directly supporting the safety, preparedness and training of our volunteer members.

We also acknowledge and thank Aussie Broadband for their ongoing support through the Helping Communities Connect initiative, which continues to support our communications and operational capabilities.

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.

We proudly recognise and thank members who have reached 5 year and 10 year active service milestones this season. These dedicated individuals continue to patrol our beach, coach and support our Nippers, provide training, and contribute to water safety at our swim events. Their service is integral to the ongoing success of our club, and we encourage them to share their experiences and inspire others to remain actively involved in our vibrant volunteer community.

BLSC SERVICE MILESTONE
RECOGNITION

5 YEAR SERVICE

Geoff Toogood
Alex Webb
James Pascoe
Abigail Escott
Sophia Gribble
Jack Melvin
Morgan Granger
Chris Larkins

10 YEAR SERVICE

Keith Bulfin
Cameron Telford
Keziah Melvin
Emily Burton



Our project received a
Community Grant!



BATHING BOX CLASSIC TIM STEWART

For the annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic, that was held on Sunday, 2nd February, the swimming conditions that greeted participants upon their arrival, could only be described as absolutely perfect. Certainly, the scene was all set for a great day and swimming experience at our iconic beach.

It was most pleasing to have such a strong turn out with 356 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 7th 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. 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 tradition continues for the BLSC Bathing Box Classic now firmly locked away in the calendar of our supporting, swimming fraternity – which sees the eighth annual BLSC Bathing Box Classic held in 2026 on Sunday 1st February. We again look forward to this great community event and the opportunity to bring everyone together.





DIRECTOR OF MEMBER DEVELOPMENT KEZIAH MELVIN

The 2024-25 season has been a great 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.

BRONZE CAMP

I would like to start by thanking all the incredible coaches and trainers who assisted with Bronze Camp this season. With a total of 49 participants and 10 coaches, we spent a full week in our brand new clubhouse doing fitness and lifesaving skills. We have had so many of those new ‘Bronzies’ now join as Nipper Coaches and patrolling members!

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 Remy, Sami, James, Jack M, Sophie P, Sophie, Abby, Dylan, Fergus, Sam, Lachy and Kosta, who were down there every day, training our upcoming members of the Club.

We hope that now finding ourselves more comfortable in our new clubhouse, we will be able to continue running bigger and better Bronze Courses.

UPCOMING SEASON

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	43
Bronze Medallion	129
First Aid	12
IRB Crew Certificate	82
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	27
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	55
SSV Operator	24
Surf Rescue Certificate	8
Total	380

NEW AWARDS	
Award	Total
Advanced Resuscitation	12
Bronze Medallion	18
First Aid	12
IRB Crew Certificate	4
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	24
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	2
SSV Operator	24
Surf Rescue Certificate	19
Total	115



CALD DAY LESLEY FLEMING

On 7th December, BLSC hosted the 10th annual CALD Water Safety Day. In attendance, were 115 members of the CALD community from the Dandenong Region. The Afghan Women's Organisation of Victoria (AWOV) and Catholic Care, gathered the participants for the bus drive to BLSC on what was a warm Saturday morning.

Hosting the event this year was not only a celebration of 10 years, but also an opportunity to road test our brand new clubhouse (over 120 people were seated comfortably in our event room with our many volunteers standing behind).

Special guests helped with the celebrations - Mark Dreyfus K.C. M.P, welcomed the group and participated enthusiastically in the tug of war as he has done for the last 10 years - needless to say, in the best of three competition, his side won.

Ian Gray (former State Coroner) had words of welcome for the group and Coroner Peterson also attended to show her support for the important work of educating the CALD community in how to stay safe in Australian waterways. Zoe Daniels MP, also attended to add her words of support and encouragement to the participants.

The big thanks go to those who helped organise the day. Tomasa Ruiz, foundation organiser and Gula Bezan, founder of AWOV, ensured that the co-ordination of the event ran smoothly.

Club members demonstrated the spirit of the Brighton Life Saving Club in their tireless efforts to ensure that the day was a success. June Eger, captained the kitchen crew ensuring a delicious Halal lunch was served hot and on time. Kerry Webster donated the tea supplies knowing from past experience that our guests enjoy a cuppa.

Our BBQ team captained by John Kelly produced perfectly cooked burgers. Nikki Moore and Lucinda Hanlon were representative of the strong and capable women of our club and delivered an excellent Water Safety presentation to the participants in an easy-to-understand format.

Our M.C. for the day, Tim Stewart, had the beach looking spectacular with our Major Sponsor's flags - a big thanks to Firkbank Grammar, Belle Property and Coles. Tim's 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.

BLSC was delighted to receive an Award from Tomasa and Gula which sits proudly in the upstairs trophy cabinet and a big thank you for recognising the Club's efforts over a sustained period. Thank you also to LSV representatives who attended the day and provided positive feedback about their experience.

The day could not work without the hard work of volunteers who were the following Club members: Mae James, Peter Derrick, Fiona Mouritz, Murray James, Jo Cantwell, Markus Terjung, Steve Kerdel, Glen Taylor, Jill Blacker, Geoff Mowatt, Sam Dimopoulos, Kathryn Parfett, Andrew Heeney, Jeremy Gibson, Cam Telford, Karla Telford, Rob Pratt, Liz Bolton, Tim Bolton, Keith Bulfin, John Fischer, Ross Hardie, Sara Hardie, Ross Martin, Sue Corrigan and Kate Vanderstadt.

In closing I would like to quote a Board member who wrote: "over 10 years and with more than 500 CALD community participants, the Club has demonstrated its commitment to water safety and saving the lives of those who did not grow up on Australian beaches and waterways."



PIRATE PETE BALL KEZIAH MELVIN

The Pirate Pete Ball in our new clubhouse, felt just like old times. With Colin back on for roast dinner, live music happening from ‘Woody’ and everyone sitting at tables, enjoying the raffles and awards. The ‘Under the Sea’ theme was brought back from a previous ball and the decorations were fantastic with hanging fish and streamers, making it feel like we were truly, under the sea. With 80 members attending, the beautiful beach sunset lit up the club 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. Megan Allan, Remy Horrobin, Sami Tambanis, Sophie Platt, Mae James and Sophie Findlay – couldn’t have done it without you! A huge congratulations to all of the award and raffle winners on the night!



PINK BREAKFAST PINK PATROL DAY

On the 15th February, BLSC celebrated Pink Patrol day celebrating the amazing role women and girls have played in making our club and the broader lifesaving community, what it is today. 85 members of our community joined special guests: Zoe Daniel MP, James Newbury MP, Mayor Hanna El Mouallem - Bayside Council, Susan Wolff - President LSV, Catherine Greeves CEO LSV, Deb Hansen – former Club Captain, Remy Horrobin current Club Captain, for breakfast



and a panel discussion. Thank you to our panelists, Zoe, Susan, Deb and Remy, for their insights.

A huge thank you to the Pink Bubbblers for creating a wonderful atmosphere and room (Victoria, Rowie, Kris and Marielle), James P, James D and Ellie for running coffees and selling raffle tickets and to everyone who attended and supported the day including Andrea at the Brighton Beach Cafe and Garnish Game for their donations towards the raffle.



INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Cash Receipts & Payments as at 30th June 2025

CASH RECEIPTS	2024	2025
CLUB INCOME		
Members, Subscriptions, Levies & Fees	\$66,921.17	\$69,332.14
Water Safety	\$6,750.00	\$7,000.00
	\$73,671.17	\$76,332.14
RAISED INCOME/RECEIPTS		
Grants, Fundraising, Tin Shakes & Donations	\$105,071.13	\$93,242.60
Additional	\$48,659.60	\$56,985.99
	\$153,730.73	\$150,228.59
Total Cash Receipts	\$227,401.90	\$226,560.73
CASH PAYMENTS	2024	2025
LIFESAVING COSTS/PURCHASES		
Lifesaving Equipment	\$87,755.27	\$33,133.79
Boat (IRB): Boat, Trailer, Boat Operating Costs & Competition	\$44,595.52	\$47,841.66
Training & Awards	\$10,938.38	\$17,923.24
Building Maintenance & Rent	\$2,794.66	\$60,329.51
	\$146,083.83	\$159,228.20
RUNNING COSTS		
Operating (Fixed & Variable)	\$43,166.62	\$68,226.50
Insurance, Content & Equipment	\$2,778.21	\$4,011.04
	\$45,944.83	\$72,237.54
Total Cash Payments	\$192,028.66	\$231,465.74
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) For the year ended 30th June	\$35,373.24	(\$4,905.01)

BLSC NIPPER AWARDS 2024/2025

U9 CHAMPION BOY	U9 CHAMPION GIRL
Luca Di Sebastino	Lucie Wilson
U10 CHAMPION BOY	U10 CHAMPION GIRL
Jack Jane	Isla Kirk
U11 CHAMPION BOY	U11 CHAMPION GIRL
Daniel Pratt	Poppy Troon
U12 CHAMPION BOY	U12 CHAMPION GIRL
Jack Teague	Mila Wyndham & Annabelle Wilson
U13 CHAMPION BOY	U13 CHAMPION GIRL
Max Edelsten	Jessica Meier
U14 CHAMPION BOY	U14 CHAMPION GIRL
-	Minnie Ware

LANI PRICE OUTSTANDING NIPPER OF THE YEAR
Matilda Beveridge

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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Schedule of Membership Annual Subscriptions			
Membership Type	Description	Code	Amount
Active – Senior	Person 18 years and over at 30th September 2025	AS	\$120.00
Active – Junior	Person 15 to 17 years as at 30th September 2025	AJ	\$90.00
Associate - Non Patrolling	Person 30 years and over at September 2025 <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
– your work and contribution to the club is most appreciated.

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