



BRONTE S.L.S.C

'The Birthplace of Surf Life Saving - 1903'



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Dear Members & Friends,

Happy New Year!

I wanted to give everyone an update as to developments at our Club as we enter the second half of the season.

1. Patrols & Education

Our Club continues to fulfill its number 1 priority of saving lives on our beach. Already this year we have had over 40 rescues and more than 900 preventative actions.

We are pleased that we have 32 SRC, 50 Bronze and 15 Junior Bronze graduated for this season. A new Bronze course commences at the end of January.

In addition, we have bolstered our IRB team and now have 23 full time drivers and crew. We encourage all Members to continue up-skilling. We have numerous courses available, from doing a First Aid Course to becoming an IRB Driver. The Club offers many options for all needs and desires.

2. Nippers & Juniors

Our Junior Club continues to flourish with more than 720 Nippers this season. Our Nippers continue to be the future foundation of Bronte.

An important focus this year is establishing a Cadet Program. We not only provide training for our young Cadets but they are becoming an important part of our patrols on the weekends. A number of them have committed to represent the Club at the Nationals this year.

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3. Competitions

Our Senior Competitors have impressed already this year with the highlights being:

- 🏆 Scott Higgins winning Goldie Classic Ironman.
- 🏆 Dean Blance 2nd in Surf Ski Final.
- 🏆 Chris Kilmurray placing on the ski at every carnival.
- 🏆 Josh Higgins making every final on the ski in his first year of Open Competition.

As to the Nippers, they retained the Waverley Shield convincingly this year. As a club, they are heading for the Branch and State Championships in the next month. A core group of our Nippers have represented and excelled at many carnivals this summer, collecting a swag of Gold and other medals (too many to name and highlight!) Special acknowledgement to Jesse Walker for making the Inter Branch Team.

4. Sponsorship

We welcome BUILT and The Butcher Man as new sponsors to the Club. We are pleased that they join our important group of sponsors and supplies that assist us each year.

5. Club Matters

The current Board of Management is formulating a new 3 and 5 year Strategy for the Club going forward. We are engaged with a number of stakeholders at the Club and are planning to have this presented to the Members at the end of the season.

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We are currently investigating all the options for physical changes to the Club. Not only will we look at long term planning but we are looking at some short term changes for implementation

at the end of the season. The constant flow of water from the top of the hill is causing some issues and we will be liaising with Council on this matter.

We have made improvements to our functions area and now have full conference facilities. We have engaged 2 preferred caterers for functions held at the Club. We have incredible facilities and welcome Members and organizations in utilizing them. We are currently looking at improving the kitchen facilities (long overdue!) and the bar area.

We have some new faces in the office in supporting Mia Ferguson. We welcome Kimberley Johns and Sarah Nairn to the team.

I hope this gives everyone a quick update with Club matters.

I look forward to seeing you on the beach or at the Club.

Cheers

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President