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Duncan Horscroft

# on Patrol "SURF LIFESAVERS CONTINUED TO KEEP BRONTE BEACH SAFE, WITH 'NO LIVES LOST', WHILST OUR MEMBERS WERE ON PATROL" **BRONTE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

#### **PATRON'S REPORT**

#### **DEAR FELLOW BRONTE MEMBERS**

I would like to congratulate and thank all our members for your service and dedication during the 2020/2021 season.

Our Patrol season has come to an end, albeit a disruptive one for our frontline services, due to the COVID -19 virus pandemic. Despite the changing circumstances, Bronte Surf Lifesavers continued to keep Bronte Beach safe, with 'No Lives Lost', whilst our members were on Patrol

At the end of last season COVID-19 restrictions meant that access to Bronte Beach was only available at nominated access points and the Club was in lock down. Fortunately, restrictions eased by the time our Patrols commenced for the patrolling season.

Of particular note, I commend the efforts of our Club Captain James McLennan to manage the challenges presented in the season. I was proud to present James and Kirsty McLennan the National Rescue Medal in Parliament House Canberra on National Water Safety Day the 1st December 2020, at the SLSA Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving. I was thrilled to recently advise James that he received the Bronte SLSC Patron's Award.

James also assisted in the flood evacuations in Western Sydney in March, along with Surf Life Saving Sydney [SLSS] Duty Officer Ryan Tindall and Bronte Surf Club's IRB's and crews.

It was fitting that James was awarded SLSS Support Operations Member of the Year, and Ryan the Duty Officer of the Year at the SLSS Awards, which I was fortunate to attend. At the awards night Maggie Eisenhauer was awarded SLSS Junior Lifesaver of the Year and Will Brown awarded SLSS Youth Lifesaver of the Year.

Will patrols with me on Patrol 10 and I was very proud of his award and the efforts of the other youth and cadet patrol members. Congratulations to Sophie Stanton on being awarded Bronte's Cadet Patroller of the Year.

Amber Brown as Director of Youth, along with Steve Tindale have really elevated the Cadet program at Bronte, and this season saw 46 new Cadets pass their Surf Rescue Certificate.

Their on-patrol activities managed by Steve and Amber included advanced rescue tube skills, spinal rescue drills, scenarios and competition, which they all enjoyed.

Amongst many highlights of the Season, I would like to acknowledge a few standouts.

David Stone's elevation to Life membership was outstanding and well deserved, congratulations Dave. Thanks also goes to Sam Stone, Dave's son for his dedicated commitment to training our new and existing members, well done Sam who is stepping aside this season.

The Sunday Surf Swim has been an extraordinary success and congratulations goes to Life Member Barry Brignell and Kimberly Johns and all those who participated. Thanks also goes to Kimberly for her efforts in delivering the 'Virtual' Bondi to Bronte Ocean swim which was fun to participate in.

Bronte's Sophie Valdeck, was selected to be part of the SLSA Women's Mentoring Program, a program that acknowledges and celebrates 40 years of women patrolling in Surf Life Saving.

Bronte Surf Club is in very good shape and extremely well led with President Basil Scaffidi, the Board of Management and leadership team, and Peter Butcher and the dedicated office team. Basil and the BOM has been diligently working with Waverley Council to find a solution to a new clubhouse design and we thank them for their efforts, which is a huge commitment. I am confident that with the support of the membership and local community, they will succeed.

Thank you to all our wonderful members, for your passion and service over the course of the 2020/2021 season, and we look forward to serving and protecting the community next season.

I am very proud and privileged to be Bronte Surf Club's Patron and part of the Bronte Surf Club community family.

#### **Graham Ford AM**

Patron Bronte Surf Life Saving Club President Surf Life Saving Australia





### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we farewell a COVID affected season, it is with pleasure we report no lives lost on Bronte Beach this season.

COVID-19 gave us many challenges but the Club was able to successfully manage through the season. I would like to thank everyone, and I mean everyone at the Club who played a part.

On behalf of the Board of Management, we thank all of our incredible volunteers and also acknowledge the continued support of the Waverley Lifeguards. This year we had 72 rescues and 6302 preventative actions showing a massive pro-active effort by our lifesavers.

All of our volunteers have been amazing, but I do want to single out why our Club is so special. During the floods Bronte played a significant role in the evacuations. Under the leadership of Club Captain James McLennan, our team of Anthony Burrows, Dominic Villa, Emma Finnerty, Hugh Webster and Grant Lovett we were integral in the important evacuations that followed. Resident Duty Officer and Club member, Ryan Tindall also played an important role. We are proud of all of their efforts.

Congratulations to Bronte Club Patron, Life Member and Patrol 10 PC Graham Ford AM who was inducted into The Surf Life Saving Australia Hall of Fame this year. A much deserved recognition of Graham's significant contribution to Bronte SLSC, Surf Life Saving Australia as well as International Surf Life Saving.

The Club is in a sound financial position with a strong membership base. Our office staff work tirelessly with the support of our wonderful sponsors and members.

There are so many people to acknowledge and thank for their efforts this year. Firstly, to the Board of Management, James McLennan (Club Captain), Kimberly Johns (Surf Sports), Vanessa Power (Finance) and Amber Brown (Cadets) who will all continue on the board next year. I want to thank our retiring board members, Craig Betts who has done an incredible five years as Head of Nippers and his efforts have been herculean. Similarly, to Sam Stone who has stepped down as Head of Education and Gaby Naher, Head of Sponsorship.

Our Administration staff under trying COVID conditions have done a tremendous job led by General Manager Peter Butcher, Kimberly Johns (Lifesaving Administrator and B2B Guru), Holly Ries (Functions Manager), Nippers Administrator Jess Stewart and Office Administrator, Tim Jeffries.

We also had office assistance from Tilly Teahuahu-Tana on Sundays and Beki Dombrowe in Education. Thank you to Jana Scott in her role as Manager of the Kiosk, Judy Koslowski (Merchandise), Duncan Horscroft and Madeleine Love (BBQ) and to our bar staff

The Club's hard work was recognised at the Sydney Branch Awards night. Congratulations to Maggie Eisenhauer; Junior Lifesaver, Will Brown; Youth Lifesaver, James McLennan; Support Operations Member and Ryan Tindall; Duty Officer, for winning their respective categories. Congratulations also to Jenny Austin, Rory Fagan, Steve Tindale, Jackson Raymond, Will Hartwig, Kimberly Johns and our Masters Surfboat crew (Chris Pike, Dan Morris, Titus Day, Jared Antony & Peter de Szoeke), all worthy nominees.

We salute Jenny Austin, our Club Member of the Year. A very well deserved honour for all of her great work. Congratulations to Grace Franki as Patroller of the Year and Paul Wenck, our Patrol Captain of the Year.

We had 11 individual members record over 100 hours this season who all contributed to a total of 13,765 voluntary hours logged in seven months, amazing. Our Education Team have been training tirelessly throughout the season with 193 new Awards gained, we acknowledge Steve Tindale as our Training Officer of the Year.

Despite the restrictions imposed on Sundays by COVID, our Nipper program was a real highlight in how to deal with the pandemic and Craig Betts and his committee have done an enormous job. Our IRB team was brilliantly led by Dominic Villa who does so much for the Club. We congratulate Michael Bremner, this year's IRB Person of the Year.

We thank our incredible sponsors, led by Macquarie Bank as our Major Partner of the Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim. Thanks to the incredible support we receive from MPA and in particular to Ben Ritchie, Ed Singleton and Sarah Hogan. Another enormous thank you to Alex Phillips and the team from Phillips Pantzer Donnelly who continue to be a wonderful sponsor of our Club. I would also like to thank Banana Boat, Engine Swim, Cartwright Insurance Brokers, Chupa Chups, East Side Crew, Network 10, Unilever and AFT for their support of our Club.

This year's Macquarie Bondi to Bronte swim obviously could not go ahead because of COVID and we had a virtual event, which was an extraordinary success. We "sold out" at 1000 entries with participants from all around the country.

This year our competition success was led by our Masters Surf Boat crew the Bronte Berserkers, cleaning up the 4 major boat titles for the year. We also had an impressive team of 30 attend the Branch Masters Carnival, bringing home a swathe of medals

Of special significance has been the growth of the Cadet program under Amber Brown. It wasn't too many years ago that we barely had 10 active Cadets and now we have over 120, which is testament to the success of the program.

COVID restrictions put a dampener of some of our social events, but we still managed to have Derby Day and Sunday Sips. We also celebrated womens' 40 years in lifesaving with a lunch at the Club that recognised their invaluable contribution and importance to Bronte.

Whilst restricted, we were very pleased to have ANZAC Day back up at the Club and we had the service in the auditorium, which some say was one of the best ANZAC Days that they had been to. Incredibly moving speeches and a wonderful commemoration of one of Australia's most important days.

This was a year of so many wonderful initiatives. Craig Betts and Maggie Eisenhauer created the Future Leaders Forum. Through the great leadership of Rory Fagan, we created the Bronte Silver Salties. An initiative pioneered by Kimberly was the return of Barry Brignall's Sunday Swim after a hiatus of many years. This year over 200 members took part throughout the season. Congratulations to Tamera Lang for taking out the season title

Sunday Joggers continues to be really popular and we thank Ally Woodford and Judy Green for their organisation of this popular activity. Jimmy Stewart again did a great job in overseeing the gymnasium.

A special acknowledgement to Holly Ries for her hard work in compiling this years annual report. Another fantastic job.

My most important thank you is to my wife Cath and our three daughters, Hannah, Sarah and Sophie who continue to support my love for the Club.

Basil Scaffidi

President

# "A MOST SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS" **BRONTE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

What another amazing year we have experienced. The COVID-19 virus just won't go away and we've all had to alter our day to day lives to suit. The Club has been no different, the office, gymnasium, function room and kiosk have all been impacted by the compliances we all now live by.

Aside from the Club income streams, the surf life saving roles our members carry out were also impacted. None more so than our Nipper program, reducing numbers to renewals only and no new Nippers permitted to join. Both SLS and Waverley Council required a COVID Safety Plan for Nippers to go ahead in a reduced capacity. Our Nipper program would not have gone ahead without the fabulous efforts of Craig Betts, and in particular Jess Stewart. Jess made sure all applications were covered off, a safety plan was created, the logistics sorted and all health and sanitiser equipment required were available. A big thank you Jess, from all the Nippers and their respective Age Managers.

Elsewhere within the Clubhouse, Kimberly Johns, with the help of fellow competitors, trainers and coaches, made sure all the training and education of our lifesaving and surf sports members continued in well managed environments. Holly Ries did likewise in the upstairs function room, making sure all our external visitors, as well as Club members, adhered to the Club COVID safety plan for all conferences and social activities.

Thank you to our very hands-on Board of Management, who were prominent in the many important decisions that needed to be made. It has been a very busy year for those on the Board, with COVID, the pending new building and other important matters taking up much of their personal time. No one was more at the forefront of all these decisions than our tireless President Basil Scaffidi, another huge thank you to Basil for his unyielding commitment to this Club.

To the above mentioned Jess, Kimberly and Holly, a sincere thank you for your friendship and commitment to your office roles over the past year. In a difficult year, their work has been outstanding. We also welcome Tim Jeffries to the office, who to date has fitted seamlessly into his role within our team.

In addition to the office staff, a big thank you is also extended to Jana Scott and Parvez Ahmed for their excellent work in an often tough Kiosk environment and to Judy Koslowski for her contribution towards our merchandise sales. Thank you also to Duncan Horscroft for managing the Nipper BBQ and to Madeleine Love for her continued vibrant assistance at the BBQ. Our Caretaker Wally Eggleton has once again made sure our Clubhouse is secure, clean and tidy throughout the year.

Finally, a most sincere thank you to all our volunteer members, from preventative actions and saving lives on the beach to the outstanding contribution made toward the flood evacuations. So many wonderfull achievements that you should all be very proud of.

I sincerely hope all members stay safe in the coming season, I look forward to seeing you on the beach or in the office.

**Peter Butcher** General Manager

#### **SPONSORS REPORT**



#### **MPA**

MPA is the major sponsor of Bronte Surf Life Saving Club, being involved and supporting surf lifesaving and Nippers since 2007. One of MPA's directors and founders, Ben Ritchie, is proud to call himself a Bronte local.

Since MPA's inception in 1999, Ben and fellow founding team members have not only grown the business but have grown their families too. MPA recognises Bronte's important role, not only in surf lifesaving, but also in nurturing children at a grassroots level through its Nippers program. Today, their children are proud Bronte Nippers, further cementing their place in the Bronte Surf Life Saving Club family.

MPA is honoured to support a Club that contributes so much to the Bronte community, both in and out of the surf.



#### **MACQUARIE BANK**

Macquarie Bank is a major sponsor of Bronte Surf Life Saving Club and for the past seven years has had naming rights to the Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim.

Macquarie Bank is focused on investing in a better future and supporting local communities. This event is always a highlight on the calendar and a terrific day for all involved.

Macquarie Bank offers a wide range of personal banking, business banking and wealth management products and services.



#### **PHILLIPS PANTZER DONNELLEY REAL ESTATE**

Phillips Pantzer Donnelley Real Estate continues to make a major contribution to the Club, and is the major sponsor for our sixteen patrols. We thank Alexander Phillips, Bronte SLSC member David Tyrrell, and the rest of the enormously successful PPDRE team for its ongoing support. The Club looks forward to a long and fruitful partnership with Alex and his team.



#### **BANANA BOAT**

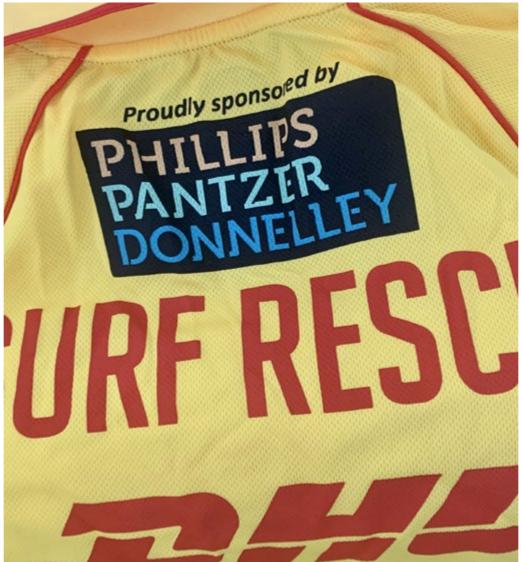
Banana Boat is a long term and integral sponsor of our Club. Their continued support of the Club's annual Junior Ocean Swim is greatly appreciated. We certainly value our partnership and love seeing all that yellow on Sunday mornings down at Bronte Beach.



#### **STREETS**

Streets Ice-Cream retain their association with our club with a generous sponsorship for club activities. We appreciate their support and look forward to a continued relationship.







#### **CHUPA CHUP**

We are thrilled that Chupa Chup remains the sponsor for our Age Manager shirts and State Nipper uniforms.

Nick Nairn, long term Member & Stuart Alexander CEO says,

"We continue to be a proud sponsor of Bronte SLSC. The work the Club does in the broader community and specifically within the Nippers continues to impress. As a Brand, our mantra of 'forever young' is well matched with our future lifesavers (and a few of the older ones as well)"



#### **COCA COLA**

Coca Cola is our exclusive supplier of soft drinks in our Kiosk. The variety of drinks that comes with being the world's largest producer is an added bonus for our Kiosk sales. We appreciate the fabulous support we have received from Coca Cola over the last season and look forward to continuing our association.



#### **ENGINE**

This year we were super excited to announce ENGINE as our exclusive swimwear provider and Bondi to Bronte event Swim Partner.

ENGINE is one of the world's leading swimwear brands, servicing the Swimming, Surf Life Saving & Triathlon communities throughout Australasia. They manufacture premium quality, high performance, aquatic products, empowering athletes (and aspiring athletes!) to be their best

We would particularly like to thank Andrew Lauterstein for his unwavering support of the Club this season and for suppling the spectacular silicone VB2B swim caps that are spotted regularly on swimmers around the coast. Thanks too, to Mal and Brie for working with us to develop our fantastic new swimwear range. We look forward to working together for many years to come.



#### **NETWORK 10**

Network 10 has sponsored Bronte Nippers for two seasons and we hope to see their distinctive 'teardrop flags' on our beach on Sunday mornings during the Nipper season for many years to come. With up to 800 Nippers on our beach these flags are a lifesaver.

'Network 10 recognises the importance of supporting local communities and is committed to informing and entertaining audiences. It's why Network 10 is proud to be one of Bronte Nippers' sponsors over this past season'



#### **EAST SIDE CREW**

The Club thanks Troy Stewart for his continued support. Troy's engagement with the Bronte community and the Club's members is an added bonus that brings a healthy environment to the Club.



#### **VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS AND DONATIONS**

In addition to the Clubs major sponsors Bronte SLSC was fortunate to have a number of supporters who have all contributed so much during the year. The Club extends its thanks for this continued and ongoing support and generosity. We are extremely fortunate and proud to be associated with these many wonderful organisations.

- Dave Sharma Federal Member for Wentworth
- Waverley Council -Mayor Paula Masselos and all Councillors
- Dr. Marjorie O'Neil -Member for Coogee
- Waverley Council staff
- Federal Government beach safety equipment and VET funding
- Surf Life Saving Australia
- Surf Life Saving NSW
- Surf Life Saving Foundation
- Surf Life Saving Sydney • NSW Government -
- Office of Sport & Community Building Partnership program
- NSW Ministry for Police and **Emergency Services**
- Bronte RSL Sub Branch
- Eastern Suburbs Legion Club
- Bronte Splashers AFT Fire Protection –
- Richard Raine MK Nominees –
- Kirk Maynard & Peter Kearns
- Kerry King
- William Vorobioff
- Bronte Autos
- Lucas Meats

#### **SURF LIFE SAVING NSW** STATE SPONSORS

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- Midford
- Dolphin • Deputy
- Team Building with Purpose
- Environbank
- Energy Locals
- Sharkskin

#### **SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL SPONSORS**

- Ampol
- Wesptac
- DHL
- Dulux Isuzu
- BRP

To the 100's of volunteers without whom we would not survive, a huge thank you!!!!

In addition to all our Officials, Age Managers & Age Assistants, Water Safety, IRB crew, Patrollers, trainers, COVID Marshalls, B2B volunteers and BBQ crew we extend to you a sincere thanks to these people listed below for their support of our great Club and surf life saving.

- Graham Ford
- Col McDermid
- Pat and Jimmy Stewart
- Peggy and Roland Pisani
- Phil Leamon
- Cristina Lawrence
- Jochen Valdeck
- Jason King
- Lukas Affolter • Madeleine Love
- Warren Whillier
- Rukshan de Silva
- Al Visch
- Ben Nixon
- Kylie von Muenster
- Wil Schnaffner



# SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

# **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**

Assisting other community groups is an important focus of our Club. The Club prides itself on supporting other organisations in our community and we thank our members for their assistance and giving of their time to help us give back to those who need it.

Other groups the club assists include;

- Bronte Splashers Club
- Bronte Amateur Swimming Club
- Waverley Council
- Waverly Lifeguards
- Plastic Free BronteThe Kids Cancer Project
- Clontarf Academy
- Uniting Age Care
- Catholic Education Office & affiliated schools
- Eastern Suburbs Police Command
- East Sydney Bulldogs AFL Club







## IRB'S HELP WITH FLOOD RESCUES

On Monday 22 March after several days of torrential rain SLSNSW clubs were asked to supply IRB Teams to support flood evacuations in Western Sydney. Bronte sprang into action with a small team of volunteers leaving their usual place of employment and descending upon the club to prepare for deployment. Whilst we were only asked to supply two IRB teams (consisting of 4 x members) there were many more club members that immediately volunteered to assist.

Within a few hours 2 x IRB's, additional fuel cells and associated gear were loaded on a trailer and ready to deploy. Bronte would join up with a Team from Wanda SLSC to the Nepean, Hawksbury and East Colo area river remote areas, alongside Marine Rescue, Water Police and SES.

Our team of IRB Captain, Dom Villa and IRB Drivers, Anthony Burrows, Emma Finnerty, Hugh Webster and Club Captain / Duty Officer James McLennan had packed wet weather gear, torches and a toothbrush (good thinking Emma) just in case they had to stay the night. Lucky they did, as the spent all of Monday late into the night and then Tuesday (Dom subbed for by Grant Lovett) working tirelessly to help with the flood support efforts around the Sackville and Lower Portland area.

This was no easy task as they were faced with an environment very different to the ocean. Dirty, fast running rising waters with significant debris and submerged objects (including garden fences, trees, powerlines and fridges) all adding to the navigation challenges. In addition, there were the challenges of being part of the larger rescue team with multiple agencies and associated communications and chain of command requirements coupled with a fluid, rapidly changing plan. Turns out that navigating waves, surfers and 'orphan' rocks proved to be quite transferable skills as the teams lived up to the Train Hard – Rescue Easy motto!

As part of this deployment, James was already engaged in the pre-planning phase then deployed on the ground with the hybrid taskforce as the Forward commander and planner of Rescue Support Operations for SLS. At 00:30Hours James's growing team, now re-located at Blacktown, was further tasked with the planning and assistance of conducting the potential evacuation of approx. 200 members of public over a 12 hour period from the Colo areas due to a predicted catastrophic water level rise of another 10-15 metres.

By 7am that morning, seven IRB teams (an additional 2 from South Maroubra and 2 from Bondi organised by Duty Officer and IRB Driver Damien Woods from South Maroubra SLSC) were on the ground at the Hills SES HQ for briefing. There were subsequently redeployed to the Sackville Ferry wharf area and commenced search and priority targeted evacuation Operations. An additional 12 x IRB teams were activated from the Sydney Northern Beaches to provide relief and support as required.

Meanwhile as the flood evacuation continued, our other resident Duty Officer Ryan Tindall was quickly deployed to the SES Incident Command Centre at Bass Hill as a Liaison Officer. Ryan provided direct support to the SLS teams on the ground via James and the other partner combat agencies ensuring our capabilities were not only understood but better utilised to better serve others. Ryan not only raised the bar amongst agency peers, he did so whilst ensuring that the SLS Duty Officers and Teams on the ground were taking care of. Ryan was joined by James for the last two days helping coordinate rescue teams.

They were equally supported by Matt Spooner (Director of Lifesaving Sydney Branch – member of Coogee and Bronte SLSC), Duty Officer Michael Bonnici from Wanda Surf Club and the SLS State Operations Centre run by Bronte's Andrew Ugarte (PC and long-time member)

The IRB team returned to Bronte late Tuesday evening, exhausted but exhilarated that they had been able to make such a meaningful contribution. Unfortunately, wet and muddy IRBs don't clean themselves and so the clean-up began.

Like most things at Bronte, it truly takes a community to make a difference. As well as the team that went out west, the longer-term contribution from many club members is what makes these things possible and it's best summed up in the note below from IRB Captain Dominic Villa:

"Hi guys...big thanks once again to everyone to volunteered to assist with the flood support. We have been getting positive feedback from SES about our skills and capabilities, which is a credit to you all, especially the trainers and the bodies on the ground.

A special shout-out to Emma (Tuesday night) and James, Hugh, Jochen and Sophie (Wednesday night) for thoroughly cleaning the muddy waters from the engines and hulls."

Whilst performing evac operations, Emma was also heard to say ... "do you recon we get patrol hours for this?" as they dodge a floating fridge and a large lounge. It's that sense of humour, comradery, skill and commitment that fuelled the teams to push on in the service of others whilst being recognised as a force multiplier and next level capability by partners and peers.

Thank you to every single one of you that helped out, we are extremely proud.



#### **MACQUARIE VIRTUAL BONDI TO BRONTE REPORT**

Well, our 20th Birthday swim didn't quite pan out how we'd thought it would! Whilst there's always an element of uncertainty when you run an ocean swim, and we have a robust contingency plan to enact in the case of dangerous seas, we didn't expect the land-based component of the event to stop us in our tracks. Like just about every other write up in the is year's annual report it's impossible not to mention the elephant in the room that is COVID-19.

We left the decision as long as possible, but in the end, the ever changing rules and regulations around mass gatherings meant we just couldn't hold our regular swim from Bondi Beach to Bronte Beach on the first Sunday in December.

As states around Australia experienced COVID outbreaks and subsequent lockdowns, swimming pools around the country were closed and open water swimming was embraced. At our most isolated we turn to technology to keep us connected. Virtual meetings, virtual parties, virtual family dinners became the norm. A seed of an idea was sown, what if we were to run the event virtually? What if open water swimmers all around Australia were able to safely participate in the B2B at a location and distance of their choice, connected by a common swim window? (December 5-13 allowed swimmers to choose the best possible day and conditions for their swim). We pitched the idea to our longstanding major sponsor Macquarie, and to our swim partner Engine Swim, both were immediately onboard. The VB2B was born!

It's normally a small team of club members that does all the preparation for the B2B, this year it truly was a collaborative effort. Andy at Engine got cracking on our 1,000 "people's choice" silicone swim caps, Sanja, Carly and Kat at Macquarie took lead on graphics, Dave singlehandedly drove the awesome social media content, Holly helped build a whole new section of the website, Dom gave us the virtual T&C's, Cristina responded to every email question we received (there were lots!) and Wally designed the VB2B T.

We totally underestimated, and were blown away by how the event was embraced. Swimmers from all around Australia signed up and two weeks prior to the swim window we had sold out. Swim caps were mailed out, swim buddies secured and swim locations scouted, with saltwater, freshwater and pool water all selected. The swim window opened and participants got swimming in places as far flung as Broken Hill, The Murrumbidgee River, even Bass Straight, sharing their experiences and cheering each other along on social media. Everyone got to do their swim their way! A crazy few chose to swim every single day (you all hold a special place in my heart).

Thank you to everyone that supported our (hopefully one off) virtual event. To Macquarie and Engine Swim we extend heartfelt thanks for having the courage to support something untried. You provided unquestioned support for our Club and a much-appreciated connection for swimmers all around

Thank you to all the participants that signed up and swam. The Club pledged \$5 from every entry, and along with discretionary donations from swimmers, just under \$7,000 was donated directly to our charity partner The Kids Cancer project. Those vital funds will support science research that aims to improve childhood cancer treatments.

The 2020 Macquarie Virtual Bondi to Bronte Swim was an overwhelming success but just between you and me, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the sand for our 21st event on Sunday 5 December 2021.

Kimberly Johns **Event Manager** 











#### **ANZAC DAY REPORT 2021**

Due to COVID restrictions, this year's ANZAC Day memorial service was held upstairs at the club. That didn't stop those marching from the southern end of the boardwalk, led by Navy Commander Michael Letts with our flag bearers Graham Ford, Roley Tyrrell, Peter Aston, Mick Kelly, Emma Finnerty, Pat Keating, Col McDermid and Anthony Mossman.

We thank our dignitaries for their attendance. Dave Sharma (Federal Member for Wentworth), Dr Marjorie O'Neill (Member for Coogee), Paula Masselos (Mayor of Waverley) and our many councillors. In addition Graham Ford AM (President, International Life Saving Federation) and representatives of Bronte RSL Sub-Branch, Eastern Suburbs Legion Club, Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club, Bronte Splashers, Bronte Boardriders and the Waverley Lifeguards.

Particular acknowledgement to Anthony Burrows who gave one of the most moving ANZAC tributes in memory and was supported by Keith Blades and Col McDermid. We were blessed to have Maddy Palfrey who again gave an incredible rendition of The Last Post and Reveille. Thank you to our

Nipper Captains, Lily Rowbotham and Cooper Duque who gave wonderful recitals.

I would like to especially thank Bronte RSL Sub-Branch and Bronte Legion Club for their donations toward the day.

The afternoon was topped off with the traditional refreshments. A big thank you to Pat and Jimmy Stewart for organising the wonderful spread of food.

This year's event at the Club was again a special day and is clearly one of the most important days at the Club. We look forward next year to a COVID free celebration.













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#### CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

#### **CAPTAINS LOG 2020-21**

Another season down with no lives lost and a positive gain in our active patrolling membership numbers and all round capabilities makes for a very happy Club Captain. Despite initial start of season retention concerns due to COVID and natural attrition movement, there was a solid increase of members from all parts of the club attending training, up-skilling and committing to Lifesaving duties. Bronte lifesavers logged 13,765 voluntary hours in seven months whilst our amazing Trainers skilling up 60 new Bronze members to bolster the numbers. Keeping fit, staying connected with likeminded people whilst serving the community and fending off the COVID blues was a common bonding theme.

As your Captain, it has been very a rewarding season to see the numerous aquatic skills groups organically grow and evolve with an enduring sense of purpose, fuelled by camaraderie and rescue ready relevance. The cohesion and cross over between Patrolling, Nippers, Cadets and Competition has been fostered by an open, honest culture that is the by-product of a more inclusive education and proactive management approach. Whilst our primary mission as Lifesavers is to save lives, as one Club, we are now catching and helping others onto the same wave, enjoying the ocean that bonds us in an inclusive enduring way.

Doubling up as Branch Duty officer this season (sorry Kirsty), and working across a variety of the Branch's 15 clubs, a common takeaway was how members, during a critical incident or complex situation, successfully reverted to their most recent level of training, regrouped, gathered their thoughts and pushed on there. As a soldier in another life, I've always subscribed to the moto "you don't rise to the occasion you fall to your last level of training" which fits well with our other "Train Hard - Rescue Easy" moto. Maintaining currency of fitness, policy, procedures and skills as an individual and as a team, will always serve you well in times of critical need.

Speaking of Soldiers in another life, congratulations to Paul Wenck for being awarded Patrol Captain of the year. Paul is a very deserving recipient. His calm manner with regard to maintaining command and control during critical incidents, his follow up of member care and his passionate commitment to the weekly back on boards upskill afternoon sessions with the amazing Phil Leamon is exemplary. Equally very proud to see Jen "Penguin" Austin be recognised by her peers as Club Member of the Year for her enthusiastic involvement in all areas of the Club including Patrol leadership, Bronze, Cadet training, board repairs and basically anything to do with water and sand

Year on year I believe a good measure of our growing capability is to have our recorded rescue numbers going down with preventions inversely going up, stabilising and reducing over time through better public education.

To see the level of skill, selfless duty of care, teamwork and follow up that our Club members are routinely displaying for each other and the community is truly inspiring. I would like to highlight the amazing efforts of Jackson Raymond, Kimberly Johns, Tim Jeffries, Anthony Burrows, Ruk de Silva, Paul Watchman, Jenny Austin, Garry Luscombe, Dominic Villa and Tara O'Reilly who all recorded over 100 hours.

Patrol teams are becoming stronger with excellent collaborative leadership shown as we build in resilience by adding in extra Vice Captains and rotating roles. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of our Club Vice Captain Garry Luscombe, Sophie Valdeck and Emily Harrison massaging the Patrol rosters and Education course lists. They do this in their own time, not for renumeration, medals or accolades but to ensure everyone is given the supported opportunity to be a relevant part of the team. Equally well done to the Education Team led by Sam Stone for an outstanding year of training and commitment to excellence. In particular we should



recognise and respect the sheer number of hours the trainers put in to achieve these results. Our IRB Captain Dominic Villa should be applauded for his leadership of the IRB team and the IRB team itself should be recognised for their yearon-year efforts. Their long hours of patrolling, training and maintenance over the Patrol and offseason period is often a chore given their relatively small size and specialist role.

With 2020-21 season being part of the global year of resilience, we reminded PCs and Team Leaders to work on their succession plans by actively identifying and mentoring, aiming to develop a greater depth of leadership and experience across the Club. Great examples of this are two of our long term outstanding PC's, Andrew Ugarte and Garry Luscombe. Both have chosen to step down this year to allow natural command progression and change. Andrew and Garry have done so only after putting in the extra effort during the seasons of stepping sideways and allowing their VCs to run the Patrol and incidents, acting as a pair of safe hands and flippers when required, leaving an enduring legacy to be proud of.

It would be remiss to not mention the week long efforts of Ryan Tindal acting as a Liaison Officer for SLSNSW during the aforementioned floods. Ryan put in over 50 volunteer hours that week working at the SES Incident Command Centre (ICC). He was instrumental in the success of Sydney Branch Clubs conducting timely evacuation and rescue operations in the Colo / Sackville area. As a like-minded brother in arms, he truly turned my fluid job as the SLS Forward Commander on the ground / water into a more effective fun task as we pushed to excel among our agency peers. Ryan is well deserving of receiving the award for Sydney Branch Duty Officer of the year at the recent Awards of Excellence.

Great to see more lifesavers digging deep to obtain their Gold Medallion Advance Lifesaving award this season. Like most of the higher level awards, it's not about the gong it's about the journey and the spreading of those skills throughout the club. So proud to be part of Ivan, Jackson, Kimberly and Tara smashing mission time and crushing the subsequent complex rescue scenarios. The encouragement provided by Tim Jefferies and Jackson Raymond was instrumental in the team all achieving sub 20-minute times and glowing accolades from the assessors. Let's see if these youngsters can dig a little deeper and finally smoke the old Club Captain's time on the next assessment given his mounting age-related injuries ;-)

From the Junior Lifesaver and future leaders side of the club house I was continually in respectful awe of the Cadets as they really shone this year on and off the beach  $\dots$  and had a lot of fun! Caps off to Amber Brown and Steve Tindale who invested significant time and energy to ensure an enduring framework of continual development was in place to keep our very competent cadets engaged. Thank you for managing the integration of these highly capable and respected Junior Lifesavers into the Patrols. It was a proud moment to see Maggie Eisenhauer be awarded Junior Female Lifesaver of the Year and William Brown, Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year. They have proven to be a force multiplier and are truly the future of our Club and the Lifesaving movement. I look forward to leaning on their wisdom and ensuring they have a representative voice in all club activates as we all continue to develop and grow.

Great to see the renewed care and respect given to club equipment by members. Caps off to the growing Board Repair Army ™ cohort who regularly put their hands up to take on repairs and maintenance of our rescue boards and race mals. Superbly lead by the amazing "Sir" Ivan Power, backed up by the likes of Kimberly Johns, Tamera Lang and Jen Penguin to name a few on the tools. Equally thank you to Stu Grice for

taking over the role of radio maintenance, saving us thousands of dollars and hours of frustration on and off the beach. Once again Ally Woodford and Kate Muir have stepped up, ensuring our Patrol first aid, Oxy and Defib kits are re-stocked to a high standard and ready for use without warning.

Helping pull this together is our Chief Gear Steward Hugh Webster who has not only convinced me to finally give up the Gear Stewards reins (sad I know), he has put in place processes and procedures that allow patrols to report equipment defects and subsequently engage our small army of gear helpers in a more timely manner. Please all take a bow. These ongoing efforts ensure as a volunteer Emergency Service we are Rescue Ready 24/7.

Equipment damage aside, it's great to see so many more have been "Training Hard to Rescue Easy" right from their first Patrol and continually throughout the year so they can act without warning or hesitation due to the improved confidence in their skills. As direct flow on from these efforts, Kirsty and I were honoured to attend Parliament house to accept the National Rescue Medal on behalf of the club for the Feb 2020 Mass Rescue. The efforts of our members were applauded at the highest level by over 40 Parliamentarians on the day. It resonated well as a key bipartisan common talking and launch point for the inaugural National Water Safety day.

It was a pleasure to represent the Club on this special occasion with our very own Club Patron Graham Ford AM, who was attending in his role as SLSA President. I'd like to recognise Grahams efforts as the initiator of the Parliamentary friends of SLSA campaign which recognises, supports and champions the SLS movement from a funding and public safety messaging point of view. Of course we are equally proud of Graham's enthusiastic efforts as the long term PC of Patrol 10 which eagerly adopts, mentors and heavily relies on our amazing Cadets as its movers and shakers to keep its average age down

On behalf of the Board, we thank our President Basil Scafidi who is not only a pragmatic sounding block, but a member who puts in countless hours, days and weeks of unpaid time to ensure our club and its members are better recognised, valued and protected, aiming to lead and not follow.

Lastly thank you to all of our Admin team, our serving members and their families who put in or put up with countless hours on the beach and behind the scenes. Please take some time to reflect and appreciate the efforts of others who strive to ensure we not only provide a valued service today but also move forward as part of positive sea of inclusive and relevant change. We make a living by what we get, however we make a life by what we give.

Thanks for your service ... Train Hard - Rescue Easy!

James McLennan Bronte Club Captain



Patrol 2

#### **PATROL CAPTAINS' REPORTS**

#### PATROL 1

We have had an amazing season. Jen and Kate joined Ivan as VC's and handled their tasks wonderfully. We lost Ollie to boat building in Queensland but gained several new Bronzies. Our Venezuelan contingent came with excellent water and first aid skills and extra languages.

Here are some of the highlights and challenges according to the Patrol 1 team:

The team loved having loads of new people who are well trained and super lovely. The newbies have added to the great team dynamic and have all brought something different to the mix. Our patrol has developed a particularly global flavour now reflecting our immigrant nation. Newbies and Patrol 1 vets have developed their board/swim/rescue skills this year with revived focus on building in 'time out' rotations to get in the water and enjoy a swim/ paddle on patrol - providing extra cover from the water - it is great to see the strength of the patrol increasing and so many enjoying taking on crazy swell board riding.

The patrol has dealt with a number of major incidents and extreme weather conditions this year - pretty unusual for Saturday mornings! This has bonded the team, has seen patrol veterans step up, sharing their experience and calm to the response and giving newbies a chance to put their training into practice quickly after achieving their Bronze.

Treats and cakes have been a highlight to keeping the troops going.

Georgie and Cheryl being our water safety gueens, Anthony and Andrew as always, our calm and capable veterans.

Effective substitutes/swaps and extra volunteers have been really important to help the patrol deal with the increased activity on Saturday mornings this year. Guest IRB drivers and crew have been a huge part of our incident response this year - special mention to Cam Miles, Dave Stone, Daniel Webb and Fergo Senior - going beyond just IRB duties - showing how much depth and experience we have in the IRB team.

Dyllan, Britt's daughter joined our patrol - helping get the tent set up with that particularly laborious job of digging tent peg holes. This contribution saw her take not only 'youngest patrol member', but also 'most appreciated' by those of us less good at digging - making the morning set up much easier.

The world's first rainbow patrol with Ivan leading the charge got the wider club in on the celebration during Pride week as we saw more rainbows than ever before on patrol and at trainings.

Quite a year for Patrol 1, looking forward to next season already!

Nicolette Nirkhold

Patrol Captain

Jenny Austin, Kate Smith & Ivan Power Vice Captain's



Patrol 3

#### **PATROL 2**

What a season that was! We welcomed five new patrollers for the 2020/21 season: Chris, Aden, Alex Patterson, Rvan Sutton and Ryan Stewart. The transition from Bronze Course in to Patrol was seamless - so a big thank you to the trainers who made this possible. Also worth noting, Michael completed his IRB drivers' course in the off season and was well supported by Marc as IRB crew. A few standouts from this season:

- Martin's bodysurfing. Always first one in the water after the briefing and coming back with valuable insights on the day's conditions.
- Vanessa's effort all season. Unfortunately, Ness injured her shoulder twice over the season- but still turned up to Patrol with a big smile and was a massive help with first aid/oxy and mentoring newer patrollers.
- Patrol 2's involvement in Bronte's Mardi Gras swim. It was fantastic to see so many patrollers from P2 support such a great initiative led by the Club.
- Tim's inability to wear a shirt while on Patrol. Not the most reliable with a radio... is it because pretty ladies are talking to him and he can't hear me?
- Ric's generosity in handing out "unwanted" bacon and egg rolls in the Patrol Tent. Thanks Ric.

Finally, a big thank you Peter Daly who took on the responsibility of Vice-Captain for the season and did an

Although things at the moment are still quite extreme (remainder of Patrol season has been cancelled due to Corona virus), the spirit of the community (of which Bronte SLSC is the beating heart) remains stronger than ever and together we can overcome such testing times.

Will Story

Patrol Captain

**Peter Daly** Vice Captain

#### **PATROL 3**

This year Patrol 3 had an influx of new members.... clearly the well-quarded secret of Saturday mornings is making itself known in chat rooms on the dark web. At last Patrol, I recall signing on 19 Patrollers on to the hotly debated Patrol App. (I am a big fan of the Patrol App btw)

After the annus horribilis that we all experienced in 2020, we took up position on the beach in October to resume our vigilance of patrons visiting our beautiful but sometimes dangerous foreshores. We practiced social distancing in teams of 2, learnt about PPE and adjusted our skills in preparation for a rescue or resuscitation. The team was professional in their approach, and I think the general feeling was that we were just happy to be back on Patrol and on the beach. As things gradually came back to a new normal in 2021, and we all adjusted to the ongoing pandemic, Patrol 3 with our increased numbers made Bronte Beach, if possible, a safer place to enjoy a swim and a surf.

#### **Craig Bartlett**

Patrol Captain

#### James Lawrence

Vice Captain



Patrol 4

#### **PATROL 4**

Wow! What a season for Patrol 4, and how proud I am to be at the helm of such a proactive, collaborative and capable team of legends! This year we grew to become a close-knit team, with everyone going above and beyond in their roles in the patrol. As patrol captain, I felt absolutely confident that the beach was in good hands 100% of the time; and that is thanks to everybody's effort and consistency.

My appreciation goes to Richard Davies (VC), and Tom Roche, whom also stepped up to the role of VC this year & did a tremendous job. Our year started with 4 new bronzies joining the patrol; Paul, Max, Andrew and Dan - they got stuck right in & proved themselves to be indispensable.

Thank you, our Bronte IRB team Stuart and Finn, and our patrollers Sue, Katie, Riley, Ellen, Jon, Kent, Kel and Annabel for their consistent effort which gave us a strong foundation for the new additions. A big welcome to Alice and Lovaine who joined us for our last patrol of the season, we're looking forward to patrolling with you next year.

Our highlight of the year was Christmas Day patrol & our own Jon Fox as Santa, keeping Bronte and its locals safe. Thank you to the Bronte leadership team for their consistent and unwavering effort in making our jobs simple. I am looking forward to another year patrolling with Patrol 4 @ Bronte.

#### George Double

Patrol Captain

#### Richard Davies & Tom Roche

Vice Captain

#### PATROL 5

We are a total of 17 in Patrol 5, our regular members include Zach McEvov (dedicated IRB driver), Richard Ng (resident IRB crew), Dani Eberle, Bryce Cross, Mark Fearman, James Allan, Steve Brown, Michael Ciesla, Ali Wenham, Shane Hartwig, Charlie Johnstone, Henry Aldridge and Jack Van Straalen. Alice McCosker joined late last season and so completed her first full season with us this year. For four seasons now we have not lost any members and each year we have gained a few new members and so as a team we are growing from strength to strength.

Observations: The team is self-managing and requires very little direction, we have a very responsible and very highly skilled group. We really have no weak links and this becomes evident when we get challenged, everyone just springs into action. Three of the team have purchased their own competition grade paddle boards, the activity in the group is very encouraging with fitness levels

Team strengths: We are strong across all elements of what is required from a surf rescue team, in general an assessment of some of those attributes would be as follows:

- Fitness, board, run & swim, very high
- Patient care and first aid, high
- Communications (Inc. Radio) and Process, improving
- Camaraderie and mateship, high

Training: Following on from the great skills maintenance session we attended this year, we have: 4 ARTC, 3 Silver Beach Management, 1 IRB Driver, 1 IRB Crew.

The Year in Summary: This season appears to have gone very guickly at the start we were wondering how we would behave patrolling through COVID, as it turned out it had little or no effect on our patrolling process but we were ready anyway.

Special Tribute: Mark Fearman who has been patrolling with us for the past 5 seasons, is going back to his home town Toronto for a few years, bringing home his Australian wife Kate and three young kids. We will miss you Mark, you are a reliable, skilled and very valued member of our team

#### Tony Nolan Patrol Captain

#### Rory Fagan & Geoff Golovsky

Vice Captain





Patrol 6 Patrol 7

#### **PATROL 6**

The Mighty Six has blossomed over the past season. We're received so many talented new Bronzies that we're almost at the mandatory nametag's moment. Although we lost the wonderful Sophie Valdeck to VC-dom on Patrol 9, she's returned to us a number of times through the season to keep Jochen in good

Owing to our excellent preventative actions there have been very few rescues, but those that took place were performed by our eager rookies. Sven Bolomey stepped up very early in the season and made not one but two rescues; what a standout! We also had a visit to the beach by a 'man in grey', spotted by the Bondi lifesavers while our substitute, Tamera, was having a long swim. Note to self, when the chopper buzzes Bronte, it's probably not visiting for a friendly greeting.

While we started the season masked and operating under the highest COVID distancing standards, I'm happy to say that by season-end cakes were back - hooray! The season delivered Patrol 6 the wonderful Betsy Rumble (soon to step up the Bronte BOM in the education role). It also saw one of our VCs, Tara Wynne, achieve a Gold Medallion (congratulations Tara!). And it brought us Martin Beeche, the aforementioned Sven, Charlie Chirnside, Rob Colghuoun, Corey Dawson, Michael Letts, Ronan Mac Domhnaill and William Syddall, Will subsequently brought us the first Patrol 6 baby for a long time...we look froward to seeing Luna patrolling next season.

**Gaby Naher** Patrol Captain

Elizabeth Mackenzie & Tara O'Reilly

Vice Captain

#### PATROL 7

Another season of mixed weather and surf conditions. Highlights include - Tim finally getting his silver medallion for VC (only took him 20 years), the 20-page ARTC assessment (not!), the fish & chips on wet patrols, the bonding as a team and the post patrol

Probably the busiest day was Australia Day afternoon, 35 degrees, thousands of people at the Beach and Police patrolling a strict no alcohol ban. It started at patrol handover with a dislocated knee and the creation of the "Uber Ambulance" (you should have seen the Uber driver's face when we arrived with a patient on a spinal board and stuffed her into the back seat of his car), continuing through the day with numerous first aids, blue bottle stings and hundreds of preventions but finishing with a sneaky beer in the patrol room at 6pm (just don't tell the Police!).

The patrol strength has grown throughout the season with addition of some newbies which gives us a very strong bond and excellent mix of skills, experience and diversity. Thanks to Sam (x2), Tim, Ben, Will (x2), Tamera, Ilona, Kel, Jon, Emma, Nick, Kylie, Amy, Marnie, Matt and Jerry who make up what I would say in my 40 odd years of patrolling, the best Patrol at Bronte.

See you all back next season and at the Patrol drinks in late March

Paul Johnson (Johno)

Patrol Captain

Tim Azzopardi Vice Captain

Patrol 8



#### **PATROL 8**

Patrol 8 returned stronger than ever after our COVID-abridged season in 2019/20. We were lucky enough to add to our ranks with 4 new members: Daniel Webb (a national's level flat water rower), Giles Robinson (a Kiama lifeguard), Josh Devenny (and his groodle) and Jeroen Boersma (Patrol 8's first Dutch patroller). Grace Franki has stepped up and into second VC and is doing a wonderful job. The next generation of lifesavers is also being thought of with the addition of babies - Leah and Sira...... congrats Tim and Marcos, and baby number two on the way for Eric. We are going to need a full time creche come next season!

It's been a quieter season with fewer tourists but we have been ready and performed effective rescues. Patrol 8 had the opportunity to train hard several consecutive patrols in a row, and as always, we rescued easy. What would a season be without Matt Johnston doing a tube rescue?

Given the quieter beaches, we added back some danger with an unprecedented level of in patrol competition and training - runs, swims, run-swim-runs, boards, IRB drills, sand relays, tug-o-war, flags, cricket, with only a few moderate injuries. We are ready for all eventualities.

Outside of Saturday arvos, the patrol continues to be deeply committed to lifesaving and the Club, with three active bronze trainers (Ruk, Ant, Paul), incoming Head of Nippers (Ant), Director of Surf Sports & Skills (Kimberly); Education Coordinator (Beki), Committee for "will we ever get a new surf club" (Pali). The patrol is also active in keeping skills sharp - Kimberly achieved her Gold medallion, and patrol 8 was well represented at masters carnivals, Garie patrols, Garry swims, Maca sandrunning, and Tuesday board skills.

We are very proud of this team of committed and highly capable lifesavers.

Paul Watchman Patrol Captain

Grace Franki & Kimberly Johns Vice-Captain

#### **PATROL 9**

It is with mixed emotions I write my final end-of-season report for Patrol 9, prior to handing over the reins to our new Patrol Captain. Sophie Valdeck and Vice-Captain Sarah Lyons – who returned to us after a year in WA.

This has been a great season with good weather and conditions throughout. No major incidents and no lives lost

This season we welcomed Sophie Valdeck (Vice-Captain), Andrew Gooch (IRB Driver), Mark Cook, Eduardo Vidal Navarro and David Hetherington (new Club members), Craig Lygoe (from Patrol 6) and Kate Ashton (from the Water Safety team). Each of these new members have been excellent additions to the team and I look forward to their continuing service over the upcoming seasons. Thank you all for your contribution to Patrol 9.

It is a tribute to David Fleeting and Pat Keating, the previous Patrol Captains of Patrol 9, that we have had such a high level of continuous service on our patrol. This season Pat Keating, Helen Bours, Matt Cotton, David Jarjoura and Allan O'Sullivan, having completed ten years with Patrol 9, were granted Long Service membership. On behalf of David, Pat and myself, I would like to thank you all for your service to the Club and the community over those years.

Once again, we also had a large team of Cadet Members attend each Sunday morning. I would particularly like to thank Steve Tindale and Amber Brown for how well organised the Cadets were and for generating their high level of enthusiasm. The Cadets spent time practising their skills as well as monitoring the swimmers in the surf. It was a pleasure to have them join us.

I would like to thank all members of Patrol 9 for making my job as Patrol 9 Captain an enjoyable and worry-free experience. I hope I have been able to do the same for you. I would like to wish Sophie and Sarah all the best in their future roles as Patrol Captain and Vice-Captain, I know the patrol is in good hands, and I look forward to joining you all on patrol next season.

**Garry Luscombe** Patrol Captain

Sophie Valdeck Vice-Captain



Patrol 12

#### **PATROL 10**

The almighty Patrol 10 had another great season of patrolling led, once again, by our fearless leader G.F. and his offsider Ryan Davis. We were fortunate enough to have a massive group of SRC's join our

patrol this season as well as two new bronzies, Donna and Lowana. Due to this influx of new members, Patrol 10 has gone from having 10 regular patrollers in 2019 to 30 patrollers this season!

Our patrol is all about having fun and developing skills and there's no better way to do both of these things that a bit of friendly competition! Every patrol we have a conditions-dependent novelty race run by Will and Sophie, with Graham as the official officiator, all patrollers are encouraged to participate in these races. One of the alltime favourite races is the Shorey Dash to Get Smashed, where the sole goal of the race is to get smashed the hardest by a wave while doing a wade. These are always great fun and everyone gets a laugh out of them. These races also build confidence in the water and on craft in a safe and fun environment.

See you all next season,

Patrol 10 (the best patrol)

**Graham Ford** Patrol Captain

Vice-Captain

Johnathan Hannam

#### PATROL 11

It was great to be back on patrol after beaches were closed in 2020. Patrol 11 came back enthusiastic and ready to enjoy

We had several new patrollers join this season, Jem Knight, Chris Bell, Rene Kesler and Damien Cave. They fitted seamlessly into the team and it feels like they have been with us for many seasons already, which I hope will be the case.

We said goodbye to Daniel Baume, who moved to Victoria and Graeme Anderson who was with the patrol for several years and will

The weather this season was not kind to Patrol 11. We had many a cold, rainy and stormy patrol. Beach closed for dangerous conditions was our calling card. One memorable Sunday morning saw us huddled under the club awning, fending off sideways rain and cold, before we managed to relocate into the clubhouse. It was a long 5 hours.

I would like particularly to call out the efforts of Nick Seale, who is a long serving patroller and dedicated VC. Nick performed two fantastic board rescues, bookending the start and end of the season. The second rescue was in very tough conditions, with an exhausted patient. I was proud of Nick for this rescue.

The backbone of Patrol 11 is the longer serving patrollers, who assist me in creating a positive and welcoming environment that keeps members coming back each season. I enjoy their friendship and the camaraderie on patrol. A big thank you (in alphabetical order) to Dane Parsons, Martin Lynch, Nick Seale (VC), Richard Melki, and Therese Powell, who have all done many seasons in Patrol 11. Together with more recent members, Sofia Jenson, Sebastian Melki, Morgan Jackson, Robert Watt and our dedicated IRB team of Stuart Ryan and Sally Taylor, we had a good season. Thank you for all your efforts and I hope you will all return next season for more fun and

Darren Motum

Patrol Captain

Nick Searle Vice-Captain



Patrol 13

#### PATROL 12

Interesting times we now live in with COVID testing us every step of the way. Congratulations to Bronte SLSC, all patrolling member, Nippers and parents as we were able to come together as a Club and get through the season.

Patrol 12 being a Sunday morning patrol, we were again lucky to be joined by the Cadets under the watchful eyes of Amber Brown and Steve Tindale. Patrol numbers certainly escalated with Cadets, totalling over 30 most patrols. Rotation of patroller is one our biggest challenges, buddying our Cadets with a Senior patrol member, so they could pass on their experiences and get to know each other worked well.

Who's Who in the Zoo: Bastien Wallace - VC - ex-PC, VC, IRB Driver, IRB Crew, current surf boat rower (Silver at Aussies 2021, Gold at Branch, 2021). Daniel O'Sullivan - VC - legal eagle, experienced patroller & good sailor? Hugh Webster (Not Hoppy) -IRB Driver, Crew, Chief Gear Steward (massive job), copes well with injury, volunteered in IRB to assist flood victims! Fiona Ellison (Fifi) - very competent on both board and swimming. David James - Our entrepreneurial member, long time patroller, amazing volunteer. Michael Polich - Good story teller & 10 years' service? John Dawson (JD) - Our Retired (2021) Tent Guy! Mathew Dawson - Dealt with HSC + College (Syd Uni) during COVID! Mike Cullen - Welcome anytime! Rebecca Skeete (Bec) - Our wise member, Nipper parent. great all-rounder. Audrey Ferguson - Scottish, keen swimmer, busy Mum, delightful person. Natalie Moore - triathlete, busy job & family of 4, also delightful. Ken Sedgers - Resident Vet, ocean swimmer + board paddler. Andrew Crestani - New Tent Guy + buddy board paddler with Ken

Highlights of the Season - saving 3 loggerhead turtles (Thx Fifi) & an injured Seagull (Thx Ken). Terrific support of our resident Boys in

Lowlights of the Season - the SLS Operations App. Massive Seas causing damage. Injured patrol members & general public, but nothing too serious.

Thank you to everyone on Patrol 12 for your continued support, devotion to serving the community and to keeping our wonderful Bronte Beach safe.

Coleen O'Neill

Patrol Captain

Bastien Wallace & Daniel O'Sullivan

Vice-Captain

#### **PATROL 13**

The end of the 2020/21 season came around far too fast for Patrol 13. We certainly had an average season weather wise, with five of our nine patrols operating on a closed beach. On a brighter note, we did have an inflow of some great new members to the club, all of which injected a new vitality into us crusty old souls. Welcome to Elizabeth, Kath and Heather - long may you remain valued members of the Patrol!

Highlight of the season was the rescuing a couple of baby loggerhead turtles, as it was a season for wildlife. At last count we had whales, seals, porpoise, penguins, sharks, large and seriously ugly jellyfish, more turtles and of course the ubiquitous blueys...

The only other point of interest was patrolling Christmas Day when the beach was empty... really, not a sole. The park though, had at least 2000 pommies revelling like some continental dance party while the rangers, police and riot squad looked on bemused not knowing how to handle it as if it was an aberrant dog owner refusing to put the pooch on the leash. Seriously weird day.

Bummer of the season was the club development getting knocked back. A desperately needed facility not only for members but the community at large.

Anyway, thanks everyone for another great year. So that's all from me and that's all from Bill.

Andrew Ugarte

Patrol Captain

Bill De Araujo Vice-Captain





Patrol 14 Patrol 15

#### PATROL 14

The October month of 2020 greeted us with warm days and cool water, the most pressing question on the lips of Patrol 14 concerned the viability of patrolling via Zoom for the first patrol on the 4th. Our PC, ever one be dead against the arrival of new technology (troglodyte some might say) confirmed no hours would be attributed from the comfort of your armchair. As with all new seasons we sent out the old and brought in the new, this time our very own pro-athlete Will Munro.

Also, during the summer holiday, we celebrated Jackson Raymond receiving his gold medallion, joining the upper ranks of the patrol leadership. An accomplished waterman and a fine fellow to boot, and not a bad DJ also. The strength of the patrol was needed on the most epic day of the year happening on only the 17th day into the new year. We counted 18 significant rescues with, of particular note, Olivia Rosewall and new Bronzie Sam Conte both pulling people out of the water who were well into the notorious "climbing the ladder". 2 lives saved I would say.

As the schools went back our adventure continued with P14 honouring our very own international women on March 7th with an event at the surf club; which coincided with the resumption of social gatherings with our very own Mardi Gras, at the time the largest public gathering around the globe. Our last patrol in April was a quiet affair offering a good opportunity to reflect on a year past, which had offered a return to normalcy after the chaos of the year before. The year was closed with a cheeky beer at Sepp's, who has now become a master brewer, and then drinks and dinner at the Dog! We also welcomed new bronze medallion members which, I am sure, will feature in next year's report.

(this report penned by Rob Waugh)

**Tim Jeffries** 

Patrol Captain

**Emily Harrison & Laura Sturt-Addicott** Vice-Captain

Our season has been blessed by good whether despite La Nina. While there were plenty of preventions, we have only have had to make a few rescues, though some have been dramatic. One standout included team members dragging a very large man out of the surf who was close to drowning. The poor fellow briefly passed out before vomiting copious amounts of sea water and what looked like to be a small purple fish. Tasty. The team also managed some fairly confronting first aid including broken / dislocated shoulders and a very gnarly case of multiple fishhooks in a heal - ouch.

The patrol has benefited from the steady guidance of VC Cathal Murphy and our VC stand-ins Hamish Carlise, Simon Banks and Simon's 'soft' mullet, which he has trained to talk. Patrol 15 has always been super strong in the water. Our water 'guns' continue to be Matt, Brian and Max. A special well done to Cameron, Phil, Fred, Jessica, and Dane for your superb beach & people management skills.

Finally, thank you to every reliable IRB team, now bolstered by a new crewman, Grant Lovett. Grant starred in the recent NSW floods and now has his own Instagram channel. Andrew Valder and Dave Fleeting were ever reliable, being called out to support some search and rescue operations in rather wild conditions, nearly freezing in the process. You are well hard.

I look forward to seeing you all again next year. You collectively make patrolling deeply pleasurable.

Paul Wenck Patrol Captain

**PATROL 15** 

Cathal Murphy

Vice-Captain



Patrol 16

#### PATROL 16

Another fun year was had by Patrol 16.

We welcomed new members Tom, Tim, Mike S., Mike H. Justin and Christian who slotted in well with our more experienced members. Ryan moved in to Duty Officer responsibilities which allowed Jamie to step up as our VC. Allowing the opportunity for younger members such as Jamie to take on Club leadership positions augurs well for the future.

Our busiest day was the Sunday just prior to Australia day. A hot day with large crowds on a closed beach with treacherous surf created a challenging afternoon. New member Tim can be commended for his text book board rescue, one of at least 10 rescues that happened that afternoon.

Keen observers of the Patrol photo will notice it was taken when the small rock platform at the northern end of the beach was on display, demonstrating the variable nature of our wonderful beach.

We also bonded well off the beach and a season highlight was a fun pub night at the end of the year, a great get together that further strengthened many friendships!

Thanks to all Members of Patrol 16 for your worthwhile contribution to Surf Lifesaving and to the Club. You can all be proud of your efforts. I value your teamwork and friendship; it is greatly appreciated! I look forward to seeing you everyone back on the beach next season.

Tim Ryan

Patrol Captain

Jamie Whatling

Vice-Captain

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# IRB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Where to begin!?!?!?!?

The effects of the COVID-19 shutdown towards the end of the 2019/20 season continued through the off-season and restricted our capacity to hold training. Despite these limitations I was pleased to see Michael Bremner complete his IRB Driver course and assessment (with the assistance of Tama SLSC) and with the lifting of restrictions we managed to complete an IRB Crew course which saw Grant Lovett, Will Johnstone, Will Hartwig and Rob Alexander join the team.

The IRB Team has once again been blessed to have the commitment and expertise of Jochen Valdeck and Jason King who have maintained the boats and engines, with Tim Jeffries replenishing the fuel supplies as and when needed.

Last year it was bushfires, this year floods. The IRB Team was called upon to provide assistance in the north-western suburbs of Sydney, and ably acquitted themselves in a markedly different aquatic environment. Thank you to

Emma Finnerty, Hugh Webster, Grant Lovett and Anthony Burrows for joining me in this effort, ably assisted by Ryan Tindall and James the indefatigable gear-enthusiast.

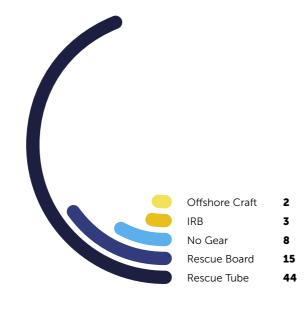
From this season I have decided to formalise what has informally been the position for a number of years and appointed Jochen as Vice-Captain of the IRB Team & Head of IRB Training. His many years of efficiently navigating the bureaucracy of training have been, and will continue to be invaluable.

Speaking of training, thank you to all who have helped out with training and proficiencies... there are too many to mention but you are all appreciated.

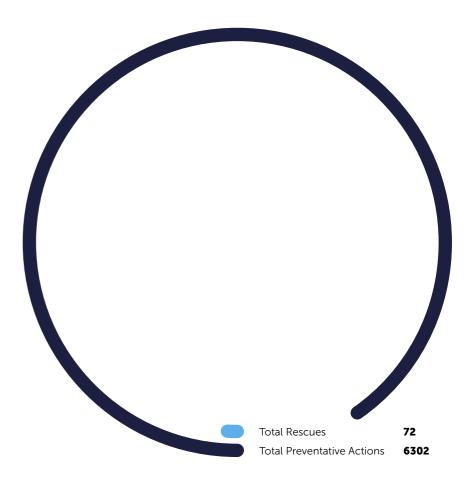
**Dominic Villa** IRB Captain

#### **LIFESAVING STATISTICS AND HOURS**

SUMMARY OF RESCUES & EQUIPMENT USED



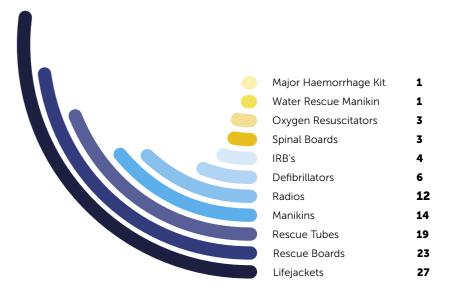
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Raymond, Jackson Johns, Kimberly Jeffries, Timothy Burrows, Anthony	164 127 124 122	Brown, Will von Muenster, Kylie Stone, David Bremner, Michael	91 84 84 80	Valdeck, Sophie Haddock, John King, Jason Jenkins, Sally	57 57 57 56
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Luscombe, Garry McLennan, James Villa, Dominic O'Reilly, Tara	102 102 102 100	Webster, Hugh Hartwig, Will Rosewall, Olivia Valdeck, Jochen	74 72 70 68	Brown, Stephen Davis, Ryan Harrison, Aisling Millar, Ilona	53 52 52 52
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McLennan, James Tindall, Ryan Miocevic, Iljko	197 145 117	Lovett, Grant Murphy, Cathal Harrison, Emily Grice, Stuart	63 63 63 62	Ng, Richard McDermid, Colin Heida, Fred Gooch, Andrew	51 50 50 50
RWC SUPPORT SKI HOURS FOR SYDNEY BRANCH		Ward, Jonathan Harrington, Paul Ryan, Timothy Quigley, Emma	62 61 59 58		
Finnerty, Emma Daisy	74	Brown, Amber	58		

**LIFESAVING** GEAR & EQUIPMENT





# EDUCATION REPORT

This is my last season as CTO at Bronte Surf Club, when I started as CTO in 2017, I had a couple of objectives:

- 1. Increase the number of trainers.
- Ensure the Bronze is engaging to support member retention.
- Expand advance awards.
- 4. Make the SRC a great experience for cadets.

In 2017, we had few endorsed trainers available to train. So Dominic Villa was 'volun-told' that he would be the lead trainer of the Bronze Course on the first day of the session. This season Paul Watchman and Ruk both volunteered to lead train bronze courses. Next season, Betsy Rumble who was on that course will be the CTO. This year we had trainers for every Bronze Course and have continued to expand the number of trainers. As with last year, I have not trained a single Bronze course.

The member retention from the Bronze we have achieved over the last couple of years can be illustrated through our Club Member of the Year – Jenny Austin and the recent bronzies who are training, patrol captains or completing advance awards. This has been further supported with small groups and regular training with Gary, Kimberly, Jackson, Paul Harrington and others giving up time to support additional swim and board training during the Bronze.

Despite the limitation of COVID, meaning we couldn't do an August Bronze, Paul Watchman gave a flash January Bronze a go ably supported by Andrew Ferguson, Will Hartwig, and Kylie Von Muenster. All the candidates enjoyed the course and a new course.

This year Bronte had the most Gold Medallions awarded in the Branch – Tim Jeffries has been a driving force in encouraging members to give the Gold a go, and hopefully even more will put their hand up in the next season. We also had the most ARTC holders in the branch – thank you to Max & Zach – who took the heavy lifting with delivering those courses.

Stephen Tindale was the Trainer of the Year for the 2020. Stephen has transformed the SRC training at Bronte creating a more engaging cadet experience and entry into the surf club. Some of the feedback from cadets and parents were;

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"Steve was brilliant"

"The SRC course came at the perfect time for her. The increase in self confidence, physical confidence and all round pride in herself has been priceless."

"You made it so engaging for her and instilled a deep sense of pride about becoming a Cadet."

It would be remiss to not mention the excellent work of Sophie Valdeck and Emily supporting the SRC course. Stephen also delivered the second Bronze course with the support of Jenny Austin, which incorporated a full advance first aid course for the first time, providing additional benefits for our cadets. This builds on Anthony Burrows work to develop an engaging junior bronze program. The success of these programs has been through the awesome work of Amber in driving the cadets the past couple of years.

Our Assessors put in time to ensure that all our candidates can be assessed, thank you to all of them – particular shout-out to Nicolette Birkhold who was a finalist for Branch Assessor of the Year – her contribution over the past two years would amount to at least 40 hours of assessments!

Basil has been very supportive of the club's education program – one of the things he identified was the need for further administrative support! Step-in, Emily Harrison. Over the past three seasons Emily has boosted the professionalism of the program and streamlined systems as education coordinator – including creating an education calendar, delivering the new proficiency format, and this season ensuring we could deliver covid-compliant education. Thank you Emily for all of your work over the past few years. Emily stepped down to focus on becoming a doctor – enter stage right Beki Dombrowe who is bringing fresh energy to the education coordinator role and further streamlining processes and knowledge management.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to training in Bronte Surf Club over the past four seasons!

#### Sam Stone

Director of Education









#### **EDUCATION AWARDS**

#### **ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES** [AID] (28)

Barnett, Katie Bartlett, Craig Baxter, Jenny Bennani, Thierry Birkhold, Nicolette Bremner Michael Brown, Amber Cullen, Mike Doble, Geoff Finnerty, Emma Daisy Fleeting, David Hutcheson, Tiffany Jander, Felix Johnson, Paul King, Jason Larsson, Benjamin Lawrence, James Morris, Wayne Naher, Gaby Ng, Richard Nolan, Tony

O'Sullivan, Daniel Roche, Tom Smith, Jeremy Tindale, Stephen Ugarte, Andrew Wallace, Bastien Watchman, Paul

#### **ASSESSOR IRB (1)**

Valdeck, Jochen

#### **BRONZE MEDALLION (60)**

Anderson, Chris Ashton, Charlie Austin, Gabrielle Bates, Verona Baxter, Finn Beeche, Martin Bennett, Charlie Boersma, Jeroen Brown Gracie Conte, Samuel Cook, Mark

Devenny, Josh Dihm, Harry Eisenhauer, Ainslie Fitzpatrick, Catherine Foy, Tim Freeborn, Helen Gooch, Jemima Harrington, Paul Hetherington, David lodice, Chris Kanis, Mathias Kendall, Alice Kraefft, Aimee Kuppe, Mathew Leary, Tom Letts, Michael Lightfoot, Samuel Mac Domhnaill, Ronan Maher, Hannah Mather, Jessica Miller, Daniel Moore, Natalie Morison, Asha Mountford, Dylan Nairn, Hugo Nanquette, Ambroise

Nelligan, John Nixon, Timothy Norman-Nott, Jerry Paterson, Alex Querales Pimentel, Carlos Richards, Donna Santeliz, Luis Scotts, Jake Sribney, Michael Staines, Harry Stewart, Dasher Stewart, Ryan Stirk, Lowana Sutton, Ryan Syddall, William Tindale, Jack Turnbull, Margaret Turnquist, Jonah Vargas Arellano, Frank Vidal Navarro, Eduardo Vos, Max Whitley, Justin Wilsmore, Kate



#### **FACILITATOR**

Tindall, Ryan

**BRONZE MEDALLIONS (1)** 

Tindall, Ryan

#### **FIRST AID** [AID] (1)

Gillespie, Thomas

#### GOLD **MEDALLION (4)**

Johns, Kimberly O'Reilly, Tara Power, Ivan Raymond, Jackson

#### IRB CREW (4)

Alexander, Robert Hartwig, Will Johnstone, William Lovett, Grant

#### **PROBATIONARY TRAINING** OFFICER (3)

McEvoy, Zach Raymond, Jackson Rumble, Elizabeth

#### RESUSCITATION [AID] (12)

Austin, Jennifer Burrows, Anthony Harrison, Emily Hartwig, Will Harvey, Nigel McLennan, James Raymond, Jackson Rumble, Elizabeth Stone, Sam Tindale, Stephen Tindall, Ryan Watchman, Paul

#### SILVER MEDALLION **BEACH MANAGEMENT** (18)

Arber, Ric Azzopardi, Timothy Brown, Will Dalziel, Lottie Davis, Ryan Franki, Grace Haddock, John Hartwig, Will Heavener, Norman Lvons, Sarah Mclaughlin, Noel Rosewall, Olivia Smith Kate Valdeck, Sophie von Muenster, Kvlie Webb, Daniel Webster, Hugh

Alexander, Robert

#### **SILVER MEDALLION** IRB DRIVER (1)

Bremner, Michael

#### **SSV OPERATOR INDUCTION (10)**

Brown, Amber Freeborn, Helen Kanis, Mathias Lawrence, James Lyons, Sarah Mclaughlin, Noel Moorhead, Laura Raymond, Jackson Rosewall, Olivia von Muenster, Kylie

#### **SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE (46)**

Aboud, Oliver Anderson, Noah Angus, Edan Baldwin, Benjamin Baxter, Edward Bianchi-Foo, Mikayla Brown, Rosie Burgess-Hoar, Tilly Collins, Mathilde Congdon, Jasmine Davison, Nichol Doble, Alexander Eisenhauer, Maggie Fitzpatrick, Ella Gerahty, Jack Giuffrida, Matteo Gloster, Tom Haddock, Alexandra

Horgan, Lucy Humphreys, Alva James, Poppy Janes, Emma Jenkins, Michael Johnson, Lotus Johnston, Araminta Jones, Lorcan Jones, Rhys Klein, Oliver Livingstone, Millie Lucas, Imogen Lyndon, Oscar Ng, Abigail Norgard, Ruby Oakley, Marlow O'Reilly, Lily Sawyer, Skye Scotts, Lola Stringer, Lucy Talarico, Pollv Tonner, Eloise Vivian, Ariel Waugh, Sylvia West, Alexandra Willis, Sophia Will-Reichman, Lahra

Hatton, Charlie

#### TRAINING **OFFICER BRONZE MEDALLION (2)**

Tindale, Stephen Valdeck, Sophie



#### NIPPERS REPORT

A significant amount of pre-season planning was required to enable a COVID safety compliant plan to be in place for the first Sunday. This reduced the number of participants as only returning nippers were allowed to register, and for the first time, we did not run an U6 age group. We did not hold the usual sprint and flags beach events as Waverley Council approved waterbased events only. Time slots were also reduced from 1 hr to 45 minutes. All of this contributed to a reduced format for the nippers, but still centred activity on children gaining confidence and skills in the ocean.

For many years we have required parents to stick around during nippers and this year we reversed that in the interests of physical distancing and asked parents to 'drop and go' unless they were directly involved. In many ways this seemed to have a positive impact as children were required to be self-organised and ready to swim. If they were hesitant, they had an age manager or assistant to look after them and not mum or dad to hide behind. We will likely continue to take this approach next season. We did, however, have over 100 parents complete the age managers course and this allowed a large contingent of 'yellow caps' to provide support; especially helpful in U7's and U8's. We continue to see a good proportion of parents complete their Bronze Medallion course and provide water safety, and we encourage all parents to consider gaining this accreditation as a life skill.

Bronte Nippers is run by parent volunteers and this helps create great community spirit. Everyone is encouraged to help in any way they can, even if that means doing your bit on the BBQ – this is actually a great place to meet other parents, provide the kids with a post-nippers treat and raise money for the club. A special mention to our board coaches, Al Visch and Ben Nixon, who give up their time to coach the surf team. Next season the beach

team will be revamped with training sessions and a carnival focus. Across all age groups the age managers and assistants play an important role in developing the nippers, our water safety team keeps everyone safe, and a small group of officials help support club championships and carnivals – thank you to all of you and to the Committee that overseas all of the organising that takes place and especially to Jess Stewart who has been the back bone to a difficult season.

Competition was significantly impacted this year as most club carnivals were cancelled, and Branch was called off due to large surf. For many kids, State Champs was their one and only carnival. Despite all that we had some great performances at State and a host of finalists and medals. Well done to those children who achieved success in such a mixed season.

Once again this year we had a large contingent of U14's graduate from nippers with their SRC, many of whom 'survived' their 9 years of nippers since U6's. This is the main objective of nippers: to see our children grow into young adults, confident in the ocean, developing leadership skills, willing to provide a community service and forming great friendships and respect for each other across genders. If we achieve that with your child then we have succeeded as a club.

This year I really am closing off my 5th and final year as the Bronte Nippers Director and passing the baton onto Anthony Burrows, so you are in good hands. Thanks everyone and especially your kids for making Bronte Beach the best place to be on a Sunday morning.

Craig Betts Nippers Director



#### **AGE MANAGERS REPORTS**

#### **UNDER 7 GIRLS**

Chris and I have both been very proud to lead this wonderful group of girls through their second season of Nippers and have been totally overwhelmed by the growth in character, confidence, knowledge and skills of the girls throughout the season.

The season started off with some significant changes due to COVID, but also with some chilly water and relatively big waves for 6 year old's! The girls faced these challenges with tremendous courage and enthusiasm, finding fun in the most hair-raising shore dumper in the Bogey Hole. There was never a boring moment, as the girls launched into every activity with a smile, always ready for more!

There have been so many highlights from the season, and whilst we as parents might remember all the frustrations and limitations associated with COVID, I am sure the girls will instead remember the year of fun they had on the boards and swimming in the Bogey Hole, on the beach or in the pool. They will also surely remember beating the boys, mums and dads in the tug-o'-war, and no doubt will remember the water slide fun on the last session of the season. They will also definitely remember the friendships that have been made and enhanced on Sunday's mornings at the beach!

As our first season as Age Managers, we could not have made it through the year without the tremendous support from Suzi (our fearless and diligent COVID marshal), Martin, Col and those parents that turn up week-after-week to help keep our girls safe and to provide support and encouragement in all their activities. We would like to say a huge thanks to all of you that have supported our girls throughout the season!

Next year Chris and I will be joined by mums Ilona and Laura and we all look forward to leading the girls through another year of fun and growth.

Mathew Kuppe & Chris Davis

#### **UNDER 7 BOYS**

Bronte U7 boys had a good return from the U6 season and an impressive number of the parent group doing their Age Manager course to support the boys through the COVID conditions.

We also had a promising amount of Water Safety within the group, so combined with the parents, really did assist us 1st time Age Managers in kicking off the season well.

Considering the conditions imposed by the COVID restrictions, both the boys and parent groups adapted well. The boys, tentative at first reignited previous season acquaintances and really took to their second season.

The boys had retained the aspects of beach and water safety, looking at the conditions and the safety considerations from their first season and we centralised this theme throughout

Water events were the mainstay of our sessions with pool, wades, bogey hole swims, wave diving/swims and the ultimate favourite, boards. The boys really thrived and grew in confidence with ALL of our group managing to do 4 lengths of the Bronte sea pool by the end of the season. We were also able to introduce beach skills towards the end which increased their enthusiasm from the restricted COVID zones, and we could see that the group as a whole will be strong competitively as we step into competition for under 8's.

Overall, the standouts have to be their camaraderie and progress. The boys grew close and strong, and considering the different schools and area's they come from, was really heartening. Their progress and confidence was really impressive – we were blown away by the last pool swim!

As always, couldn't have done this without the support and guidance, and the parents really stood up to support with a good number doing their bronze - Kudos!

Stu Werner with white shirt support: Tim Nixon and Andrew **Bullivant (both excellent!)** 







#### **UNDER 8 GIRLS**

After it looked like Nippers might not happen it was great to see the girls back for the 2020/2021 season in big numbers. The Club did an amazing job navigating the restriction and protocols and once we got into the swing of things the new format had no impact on the girls getting down to the beach and having fun. We spent plenty of time in the pool and Bogey Hole and it was wonderful to see the massive improvement in swimming and board paddling as the season progressed. We regularly did the wade and the first club champs finals were completed in very challenging conditions with brave girls getting smashed by a rogue set!

Congratulations to our Club Champion Beatrice Emanuel, 2nd place Rosie Rugendyke and 3rd place Willow Sharma. We also congratulate Sophie Chia on the Club Spirit and Claudia Green on the Junior Surf Lifesaver Awards. There are plenty of talented athletes in this group and we look forward seeing the girls have the opportunity to complete in Carnivals next season.

A huge thank you for the support of a great group of parents who put their hands up for water safety and official duties – we couldn't have done it without you! We looking forward to seeing you and the girl's back next season!

Jacqui & Guy

#### **UNDER 8 BOYS**

Congratulations to all of the U8 boys for another great year at nippers!

The boys really enjoyed themselves this year – making new friends, learning new skills and racing in the water and on the sand (after the inevitable struggle to get them out of bed or away from the screens on a Sunday morning).

The boys had an amazing year building their water skills – the whole group are now confident paddlers (we still need to do a bit of work on the rescues!), are able to swim confidently (and do fantastic cannon balls in the pool!) and are getting to understand how the surf works (they will have to teach our helpers how the dodge the shorey!).

We were really proud to see the boys bring it all together and show off how much they had learned at the competitive end of the season.

The boys, the Age Managers, and our growing cohort of water safety are super excited about next year, when we graduate from the bogey hole and the fun begins in the ocean.

Stephen Brown

#### **UNDER 9 GIRLS**

To all the U9G nippers, parents and carers, thank you again for your great support during the year. What certainly stands out for us is everyone's progression and willingness to give all our ideas a go.

Just seeing how far the girls have come this season is one aspect, when in September and October we were talking about swimming and boarding in the Bogey Hole, then off the main beach on boards for the first time in November, our first club champs ocean swim in December and finishing off on a magic day in March. The day we jumped in the north – south rip and zoomed along the beach before hopping out was another highlight.

Likewise, well done to the State team, Eloise, Molly, Tyla, Abi, Betsan, Bowie, Matilda and Georgina, who faced up to very tough conditions on the Thursday and thankfully much better conditions on the Friday of the carnival with all of you making it to at least one State final and some of you to two!

Special thanks also to our Bronze team and volunteers, Courtney and Chris, as COVID and carnival marshals, and congrats to our club champs: Betsan 1st, Bowie 2nd and Matilda 3rd, the lifesaver award, Molly McGilp, and our club Spirit award Samara Colquhoun.

As for next season, let's build on our skills and confidence, and see if we can paddle out to a dolphin or two. Look forward to seeing you then!

Danielle, Daan & Brad.







#### **UNDER 9 BOYS**

This was a big season for the U9 boys as they transitioned from the Bogey Hole/pool into the ocean for the first time. Conditions were generally good prior to Christmas with the boys having opportunities to swim or paddle out to an ocean buoy for the first time. The period after the Christmas break was more challenging with ocean conditions often restricting the boys to the Bogey Hole and pool.

Despite these challenges, and the limitations associated with COVID, Ben and I were really pleased with the way the boys handled this step up. In the case of the swim and board, the boys took on the ocean with confidence and demonstrated improving surf skills. In the case of sand activities, once we moved beyond the COVID limitations in the early part of the season, the boys also showed great effort in both sprints

On the competition front, we had some great results at the Nipper State championships with George Nixon winning gold in the board race and our swim team taking bronze. We were also proud to have one of our boys, Levi Meinrath, awarded the Dave Finimore award for his efforts in assisting a lady in difficulty in the surf at Bondi. This is what nippers is all about building surf skills which ultimately translate to being a surf life saver

In summary, another fantastic season with the boys making a great transition to the surf, which, as you know, is challenging at Bronte. A big thanks to the parents that have supported us this season with water safety and attending carnivals. This is much appreciated. Ben and I look forward to seeing you all again in October.

#### Paul Bricknell

#### **UNDER 10 GIRLS**

Neither COVID or Bronte Surf conditions can hold back the U10 Girls. The girls faced all sorts of extra challenges s well this year to once again prove their resilience, enthusiasm and skill. More than any other year, the participation rate was incredible. The stern looks of concentration during the activities were followed by huge grins when survival was assured!

The girls adapted to many variations to a normal year dealing with huge surf, limited ability to run sand events, cold water. blue bottles and rain. But what a year it was. Congratulations to the girls that went to the state titles who represented Bronte with great enthusiasm and determination in very testing conditions. Stand out performances include Lexi, Lauren,

Rosa and Jade making the final of the Surf Teams, Lexi, Rosa and Jade making the final of the Board Relay and finally Rosa making the final and Jade finishing 2nd in the Surf Swim.

Thanks to all the parents for incredible support and for encouraging all the girls to try their very best. It would be great to see all of the girls back again for the 2021-22 season that will helpfully return to a more normal format and which will include iron woman events for the first time.

Grant Lovett, Al Visch, Robert Watt, Cameron Martlew and Phil Grantham

#### **UNDER 10 BOYS**

COVID, La Niña and a pack of eager 9 and 10 year old nippers, what could possibly go wrong!

This year saw the boys display fantastic courage pushing themselves to swim and paddle out the back in what was a season plagued with an often closed beach and high surf. On the flatter days and with a little peer pressure from their mates, the boys learnt the correct technique to jump off the back of the Bronte pool and swim into the beach.

Our competitive nippers made the most of what was a protracted club championship with Morgan 'lightening' Sharma taking out gold, Henri 'fish' Delesclefs taking silver and Edward 'super gromet' Foletta and Finley 'flags' Mulligan tying for bronze. Joe O'Reilly collected the Club Spirit Award for his persistence at training and surf skills while the Junior Lifesaver Award went to Marlow Moffitt who went from hesitant swimmer at the start of the season to successfully swimming from Tamarama to Bronte at seasons end.

At State Championships Morgan Sharma, Finley Mulligan, Jack Burrows and Sam Burrows took silver in the sprint relay at the beautiful Redhead Beach. Battling treacherous surf at Swansea Belmont that flipped a number of IRBs, Charlie Silvester, Joe O'Reilly, Henri Delesclefs, Riley James and Nicholas Patakas all competed in the water events and are hero's in our eyes.

Thanks as always to the water safety crew who are there week in week out in the shore break giving the kids enough confidence to take the leap into the Bronte washing machine.

With the Nipper COVID plan in place, Ronan Mac Domhnaill stepped up as our awesome COVID marshal to keep us sanitised, social distanced and accounted for.

Bring on 2021 we say!

Ant Burrows & Jen Jeni Delesclefs

#### **UNDER 11 GIRLS**

It was definitely a different nippers this season but the U11 Girls came out of COVID strong and definitely made the most of their time on the beach this Season. All girls appeared to revel in their new independence with limited parent involvement and we saw some amazing improvements in the water where the majority of our focus was this year. They took on some tough conditions with improving confidence on the fibreglass boards and when the surf conditions didn't allow us to head out, they improved their fitness skills with some runs around Bronte, beach touch football and some lifesaving skills. Congratulations to those girls that represented the club at outside competitions and to our State competitors....you did us proud. Thank you to all the parents for bringing the girls down in these more difficult circumstances, for helping out as COVID Officials, at competitions, as water safety, officials and

Congratulations for this season's age champions Ashleigh Aboud, Lily Orange and Siena Joshi-Kraus and for Sophie Nash for Club Spirit and Amelia Cave for the Junior Lifesaver Award. All U11 girls should be proud of their efforts and we look forward to another awesome season in 2021/22.

#### Ollie and Woz

#### **UNDER 11 BOYS**

A fantastic and challenging season! The U11 Boys relished every opportunity to get into the surf with their water and surf skills developing really well. Every boy is giving it a go and there was great confidence this year in tough conditions. The COVID restrictions meant for a few extra games of touch football to keep up on our toes, we have some fine union and league referees in the making. Thanks to our brilliant team of volunteers, COVID Safety officer Mary and as ever our brilliant water safety team who jumped in each week.

Club Champs were disjointed this year albeit extremely competitive. Yet again it came down to the last race of the season to separate our top placings with all the usual suspects performing well and a solid group of boys who finish in 4th, 5th and 6th pushing everyone. We have a great spirited group of kids who clearly are spending a lot of time in the water outside of nippers.

Carnivals were very sparse this year and our competitive sand team were not able to repeat previous glory due to covid rules. Geoffrey, Clancy and Evan were our top three in the Club Champs, with Evan's Silver medal in the 1km elevating him to overall Club Sand Champ. Finn Byrne was awarded the Club Spirit award for being a loyal and very capable nipper and Max Hack was our Junior Lifesaver, Max has improved out of sight and his surf skills continue to improve week on week.

The confidence of all the boys has improved massively this year putting us in good stead to continue to improve on the fibreglass boards next season. Every week despite the conditions and restrictions we had a solid contingent of boys who couldn't wait to hit the water, it's great to see and looking forward to next year.

Jono, Iain, Colin and Dugald

#### **UNDER 12 GIRLS**

2020/21 was the year to be thankful for the things in life we could do, like Nippers! So, despite crazy COVID and crazy weather, our U12 group continued to show up in force and we had a lot of fun on our Sundays. We made the most of our time including swimming to Tama and back, big board paddles. jumping in the Men's bogy hole, runs to Clovelly or working on our signals and CPR. Truly awesome to see their confidence in the water grow out the back and their smiley faces and fearlessness in all conditions. We say it every year but Water Safety you are next to none and the girls love and trust you! And an extra thanks to Libby and Sonja for taking up the mantle as our COVID Marshalls - sincere appreciations! Special mention to our newbies; Eliza Hayward, Milly Zeiderman. Both threw themselves into it and joined all activities and Milly even came up for State.

Fantastic to see the huge number of girls having a crack at all events at Club Champs - even the Iron-woman - on top of individual and board, swim and sand. Meanwhile, this was our third year of Carnival competition for our girls but unfortunately, we didn't get to compete as much as we'd like due to mad conditions! Big thanks Russ and Johno who took the helm for our sand competitors at Branch - such a great job from the girls given we hadn't been able to do much sand training at that point.

A shout out to Poppy, Charlie, Sophie and Alex who came to Cronulla and competed in the Iron and Board Rescue qualifiers. Congratulations to Charlie and Poppy for making it through to represent Bronte at State and getting into the final. Meanwhile. State was a very different affair with Sand and Water and age groups split but the U12 Girls truly gave it their

As ever please try to get the girls to keep up the swimming over winter - I know it's hard with the cold. For the coming season: we are always short on officials so if your child is competitive, it would be great if you could sign up to an official's course or if you are keen to get in the water, sign up for the next Bronze course (check with the office for details).

Thank you, parents and girls, for making it another special and rewarding season for us.

See you in October if not before!

#### Georgie, Tara, Fiona

#### **UNDER 12 BOYS**

Congratulations to the boys for the 2020/21 Season!! It certainly was unique with COVID check ins, no beach events and a greatly reduced Carnival program however the boys took it all in their stride and once again were fantastic in how they grew in skill and confidence in the water. It was particularly pleasing seeing all the boys get out the back on boards on a couple of the big surf days (even when we not supposed to!) and smashing the swims.

It was great seeing the boys again having a massively successful State Champs with Gold in the Board Rescue (Flynn Visch & Harrison Nixon), Bronze in the Surf Team (Joe Hatton, Aston Lake, Flynn Visch & Harrison Nixon) and Bronze in the Board Relay (Joe Hatton, Harrison Nixon & Flynn Visch). Congratulations also to all the other boys who competed at State with a number reaching finals and semi-finals. Hopefully next year the Carnival program will open up again and more of the boys will have an opportunity to compete in more of the local Carnivals.

It really has been a pleasure to take the boys again this year and a huge thank you to the support of the regular crew of parents who put their hands up for water safety and official duties – we couldn't have done it without you! We looking forward to seeing you and the boys back next season!

Al Baxter and Guy Lake

#### **UNDER 13 GIRLS**

Firstly, a huge thanks must go out to the Nipper committee who were able to work with the council and provide us with the opportunity to deliver a Nipper season under some very challenging circumstances. With new "areas" and fluro. vests in play (Thanks Jess and Mary!) our season was off and running.

Our group of girls remains pretty consistent now and we focused on continuing to work on the girl's water skills and begin the preparation for SRC next season.

We had some trying water conditions again, but we managed to get creative using the bogey hole and the occasional water polo ball to keep us in the water.

The girls continue to grow in confidence, and I am confident that they will be an outstanding group as they enter the challenges of SRC this coming October for their final Nipper season

Congratulations to the award winners this year Charlie, Lily, Freya, Matilda and Polly D.

Special recognition must also go to Clara and Lily for being announced as the female Nipper Club captains, we know you will be awesome! I would like to thank Jono Perry for being the ever-present assistant age manager this year as well

Finally, to the parents and support crew who are there every week jumping in to lend a hand in the true Bronte Community Spirit, a big thank you. Without you our Sundays could not be

Look forward to seeing you all again for next season

#### Nick Nairn

#### **UNDER 13 BOYS**

Another enjoyable season at Bronte for the U13 boys. Water conditions again played havoc with our water time with the odd day or two spent running to Clovelly for a swim and game of touch footy but otherwise it was rewarding to see the boys develop their water skills to the stage that they are comfortable in negotiating the Bronte conditions and can rescue the age manager. Unfortunately, the water conditions also affected our participation in Branch and other commitments at State Carnival time prevented us from sending a team. The boys have promised me they will be available for next season's State titles.

Apart from their skills in the surf the highlight of the season for me was the boy's sportsmanship and development of friendships amongst a group that has been together for eight years. Competition brings out the best in these boys but in a couple of cases when racing in the club championships we had unusual issues hindering the results. Be it a sea urchin in the foot at the start line or a 4 year old accidentally crossing into the path of the leaders as they raced to the finish line in the ironman the boys gladly offered to share points to those effected. That is truly a wonderful act and deserves acknowledgement. On the subject of competition our award winners were.

Club championship

- 1st Will Bull
- 2nd Lachlan Doble
- 3rd Hugo Bendeich
- Spirit award Sonny Cryon
- Lifesaver award Lachlan Jones

It was wonderful to see Liam Skeete being acknowledged for his efforts at State Championships. Well done Liam, you bring a smile to all that share time with you and seeing you leading the beach sprint after a sly bribe to the handicapper will be a lasting memory.

A big thanks to all the helpers especially our assistant manager Kate Lyon, and my regular water safety experts Stuart Ryan, Rebecca Skeete and Adam Morison. We may be thin on numbers but we are high on quality ... thanks guys.

Congratulations to our new captains for 21/22. I'm told by the selection committee that it was a difficult choice and they were impressed by all the applicants' attitudes at the interviews. The winners were:

Club captain- Cooper Duque

Vice Captain- Carrig Jones

Congratulation's boys, we look forward to your leadership next

We are in the final straight and 21/22 will be a big season, our last at Bronte as Nippers. Its only short but it's intense and it's going to be a bit of hard work for the boys to get to the final goal. I'm confident all the boys are up to achieving the right result and look forward to working in with Nick Nairn and his group of girls.

Look forward to seeing you all back on the beach soon.

#### **Bruce Jones**

#### **UNDER 14 GIRLS & BOYS**

The combined U14 boys and girls (37 in total) spent the first half of the season taking on the demands of the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). They showed dedication and commitment in this challenge under the guidance of Steve Tindale who was the lead trainer (and of course assisted by a great water safety

With dry training occurring each Sunday morning, the group practiced their board and water rescues on some stunning Wednesday and Friday mornings. We were fortunate with the conditions, which helped everyone to grow in confidence and ability. After a speedy 4 weeks, and with the help of a mock assessment, all of the group successfully completed the SRC and are now qualified lifesavers. In addition to their training, they were also on the beach as active water safety members and are fantastic role models for our younger Nippers.

Alongside training for SRC, some of the group continued board and swim training on Wednesday mornings throughout the season and an U14 contingent was assembled to compete at the state champs in Swansea. It was a great weekend away and all thoroughly enjoyed their last junior carnival. Congratulations to Emma Janes with a gutsy silver medal in the 2 km sand run.

A special acknowledgment goes out to our club captains Maggie Eisenhower and Edan Angus and vice captains Ella Fitzpatrick and Lorcan Jones who led the U14 crew and assisted in organising various events throughout the nipper season. Maggie deservedly received acknowledgement by being awarded the Junior Lifesaver of the Year for the Sydney Branch - well done and a first for Bronte!!

All in all, a great bunch of cadets who we look forward to seeing grow into great leaders and lifesavers in the future.

#### Johno and Chris

#### NIPPERS AWARDS

#### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS**

Age Group		1st	2nd	3rd
U8	Girls Boys	Beatrice Emanuel Rafferty Mulligan	Rosie Rugendyke Arki Foletta	Willow Sharma Cameron Romans
U9	Girls	Betsan Leary & Bowie Whittle	-	Matilda Mills
	Boys	George Nixon	Nicholas Fasol	Oscar Barrow, Sam Goold & Jarvis Karlson
U10	Girls Boys	Sadie Eisenhauer Morgan Sharma	Rosa Hayward Henri Delesclefs	Jade Visch Edward Foletta & Finley Mulligan
U11	Girls Boys	Ashleigh Aboudl Geoffrey Gibbons	Lily Oranje Clancy Walsh	Sienna Joshi-Kraus Evan Rowbotham
U12	Girls Boys	Charlie James Harrison Nixon	Margot Hindmarsh Aston Lake	Poppy O'Reilly Flynn Visch
U13	Girls	Charlie Bonne- O'Gorman	Lily Rowbotham	Freja Gaston
	Boys	Will Bull	Lachlan Doble	Hugo Bendeich
U14	Girls Boys	Lola Scotts Edan Angus	Abi Ng Charlie Hatton	Lily O'Reilly Lorcan Jones

Age Group		Club Spirit Award	Junior Lifesaver Award
U8	Girls	Sophie Chia	Claudia Green
	Boys	Jamson Floch Lelard	Beau Clark
U9	Girls	Samara Colquhoun	Molly McGilp
	Boys	Oscar Martinez Tevfik	Flynn Gilmore
U10	Girls	Amelie Medniuk	Lexi Smith
	Boys	Joe O'Reilly	Marlow Moffitt
U11	Girls	Sophie Nash	Amelia Oliva Cave
	Boys	Finn Byrne	Max Hack
U12	Girls	Ashleigh Innes	Hanna Weber Hernandez
	Boys	Sean Coughlin	Alec Bates
U13	Girls	Polly Dyer	Matilda Emanuel
	Boys	Sonny Cyron	Lachlan Jones
U14	Girls	Lotus Johnson	Ariel Vivian
	Boys	Oliver Klein	Oscar Lyndon

Ford Fa	Ford Family Award (Overall Water Champion)		
Girl	Jade Visch		Girl
Boy	Harrison Nixon & Flynn Visch		Воу

Bill Moyes Awards ( Overall Sand Award)			
Girl	Emma Janes		
Boy	Evan Rowbotham		

#### **Dave Finnimore Award**

Edan Angus & Levi Meinrath



#### **CADETS REPORT**

What a year for our Bronte Cadets! We've had 120, 13-18 yearolds active on our patrol roster this season. This participation is a considerable achievement, and recognition must go to the Nipper Age Managers who have maintained strong groups throughout their tenure, the Sunday morning PCs & VCs for their backing of our program, the Sunday morning patrollers for their engagement and willingness to join in with some of our activities and Club management for their enthusiastic support of our plans. Mostly though, the Cadets themselves, who have shown commitment and energy throughout the season.

Steve Tindale has been absolutely pivotal in the flourishing of our program this season. His presence on Sunday mornings and leadership of the SRC and Cadet Bronze training has been key to their success. His dedication to training the Cadets, his level head and extraordinary competence, have brought a new degree of stability and energy to our activities.

This season we finessed our patrol routine: setting up the patrol tent and joining the briefing, followed by training drills and swimming or paddling exercises and a couple of hours of patrol activities. Always essential to the morning a hot chocolate and bacon and egg roll break!

Our vision for the Cadets program is for our kids to develop as competent, effective lifesavers and leaders within their spheres of influence. To that end, four of our members joined the Sydney Branch Youth Leadership weekend program in May - Sophie S, Verona, Jack & Will represented Bronte with maturity and respect. We're looking forward to implementing some of their learnings as we progress into next season. We also had three of our members nominated for Sydney Branch recognition awards: congratulations to Will Hartwig, who was a finalist as the Youth Volunteer of the Year, and to Will Brown, awarded the Youth Lifesaver of the Year (and we're going to claim Maggie as the Junior Lifesaver of the Year too!). Each of these kids had to complete a panel interview as part of their nomination process, and we couldn't be more proud of the achievements of all of them.

We were represented at Aussies by a small team of Mitch, Gaston, James & Charlie. They all performed strongly for our Club and enjoyed a taste of the larger competition. Thanks to Jason for the road trip and the fun!

Several Cadets joined the club-wide events throughout the season, particularly the newly returned Club swim and Sunday afternoon run. Notable mentions to Gaston and Charlie A for their swim results and Lily O and Verona for their running achievements. And, congratulations to everyone who gave their parents and all the oldies a run for their money in either event.

We closed this season with the inaugural World Championships @ Bronte. This event included team races on the sand (fill-the-bucket relay), in the water (the always popular wade relay and a Nipper foam board relay) and a tugof-war. The points tally was a little controversial, but the Blue team were declared winners and awarded significant quantities of lolly-snakes. Following the competition was an awards presentation, another first for the Cadets. Congratulations to everyone acknowledged for patrol hours, patrol leadership, all-round excellence and outstanding contribution to patrol. Special mention to Sophie Stanton awarded our Bronte Youth Patroller of the Year. Sophie patrols with enthusiasm, engages with all the training drills and is a dedicated and fun mentor to the younger patrollers.

Once again, I have thoroughly enjoyed this season with the Cadets, particularly Sunday mornings on the beach and all the action they bring. Enjoy the break everyone, and I'm looking forward to more challenges, more fun and more learning next

Amber Brown Director of Cadets















#### **SURF SKILLS AND SPORTS REPORT**

My first year as head of Surf Sports and Skills has been a wonderful whirlwind. Following in the supersized footprints of skilled waterman and club legend, Dave Finnimore, was daunting to say the very least. Those are some big flippers to fill. Luckily for me, and for the Club, Dave left an awesome foundation from which to keep building and a clear focus on providing opportunity for all members to up-skill, not just those keen on competing. I am very pleased to report we have not deviated from that path.

We set out at the beginning of this season to provide a weekly calendar of options for club members to keep fit and improve their skills. This includes Monday AM "Softies" soft sand with Maca. Tuesday Boards (and push ups and swims and a few runs to the wall...) with Ant Burrows, Wednesday Swim with Garry at Bondi, Thursday lunchtime swim at Bronte and Friday Board and Swim skills sessions with Jackson. Saturday is the day to get all your chores done so you can come back on Sunday for Barry's Sunday Surf Race in the morning and either Bronte Joggers or a social paddle in the afternoon.

On top of the skills and fitness sessions we also offered Monday AM and Tuesday PM "Back on Boards", a structured 6-week refresher course to develop and embed basic board skills. We had over 40 club members join these groups and it was a privilege to see their skills and confidence grow throughout the program. That's 40 members that are more rescue ready than they were last season! Thank you to Jackson & Tim for leading Mondays and to Phil & Paul for leading Tuesday afternoons.

After a hiatus of about 8 years, we managed to convince Barry to bring the Sunday Surf Race back and what a resurgence it has seen! An average of 20 swimmers per week put their toes on the line, with up to 40 participants at the height of the season and 200 members in total taking part. As well as the racing, participants under Barry's guidance (and buoy placement), got to know our beach and reef a lot better and made some new friends to boot! The handicap system meant everyone had a chance of winning and it was great to see Cadets, Long Service members and everyone in between having a crack! Congratulations to Tamera Lang for taking out the title, just pipping Jenny Austin and Gaston Aidoud on points in the very last race of the season. Thank you to Barry, Will Brown, Vanessa Power and all the other helpers.

While surf sports (carnivals) weren't the objective, it was evident there was some appetite for competition when 33 members signed up for the Sydney Branch Carnival. Our team truly spanned the decades, both in years and experience. There were thrills, there were spills and through it all there were smiles miles wide. Many medals were won, but it was the Bronte team spirit that shone brightest of all. A smaller team represented Bronte at the State Titles and what they lacked in numbers they well and truly made up for in skills with every competitor coming home with a medal. Stephen Ford's Gold in the 40-44years male single ski especially sweet! The Bronte flag flew high at the "Aussies" this year too: Harries cleaned up in the surfing (yet again!) and a team of 4 Cadets proudly represented the Club at their first national event. Thank you to

coach Jason Gavin for not only training the boys, but for taking them the long way there via a surfing road trip!

Our Surf Boats team doubled this year with a fresh batch of young rowers joining the club, gaining bronze and training hard under the wise counsel of our master's boat crew. Both teams had a super year. Congratulations to the Berserkers who took out 4 titles this season. Read all about it in the Surf Boats

Bronte Joggers was well attended this season with many club members taking the opportunity to have a Sunday run and then catch up on all the goss at Sunday Sips. Thank you to Judy & Martin Green, Ally Woodford and Geoff Doble for your tireless efforts to keep the joggers running (so to speak!)

I say "we" throughout this report. All of the above is only possible because of the mammoth voluntary contribution of so many individuals, some mentioned some not, thank you ALL. Specific thanks to Tim and Jackson for their huge support and contribution this season. Finally, to Dave who has been a sounding board, voice of reason, and vitally, he encouraged me to make my own footprints in the sand

#### **Kimberly Johns**

**Director of Surf Sports** 

#### THE SOFTIES

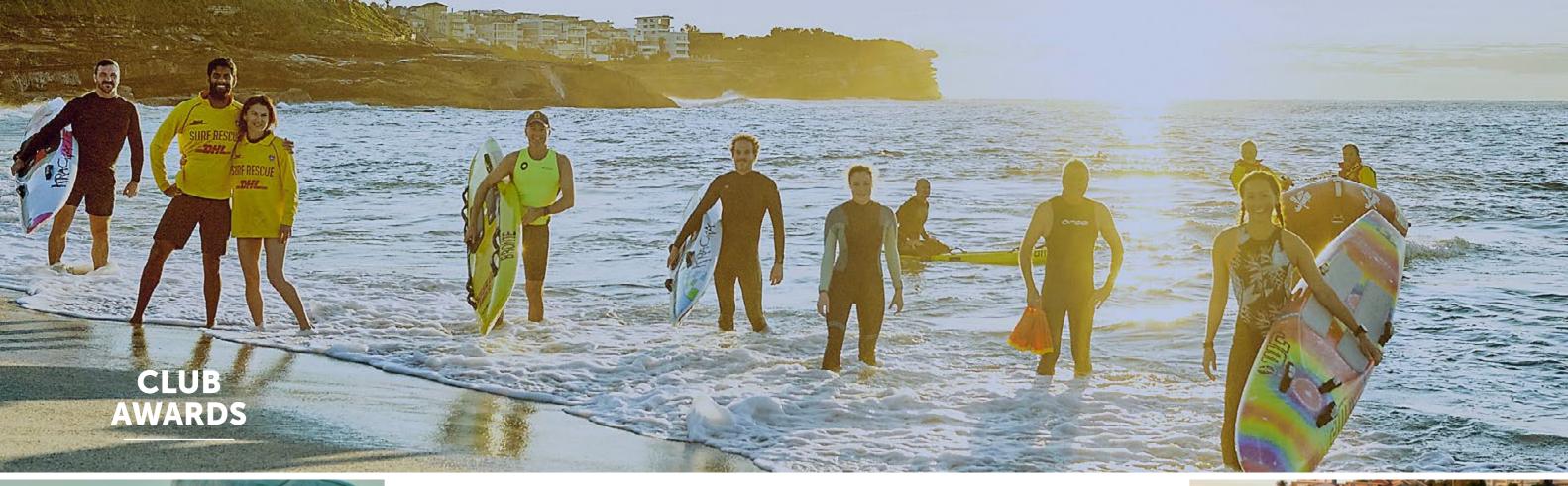
The Softies, are the toughest bunch in the Club. If you have ever tried running on soft sand, you will understand. They are inspiring. They push themselves to the limit and improve their fitness levels each week. By 7am this amazing bunch has already crammed more into an hour than most of us in a day. It is well known that we were meant to be barefoot as humans and our bodies were adapted to run long distances. The effect Monday-mornings-Softies-sessions have on one's health can only be positive.

This year the group has been its biggest yet, with growing numbers and a star shaped shell awarded to the 'Softie of the week'. We welcomed some newbies and had over 20 people in the warmer months. We are aiming to grow and progress through the year to prepare those that are keen to be 'competition ready' and for all to be 'rescue fit'.

I would like everyone who comes to a Softies session to remember that it is not about being better than someone else or comparing ourselves to what others do. It is about competing with yourself to be better than you were 5 minutes ago, a week ago, five years ago. We see this level of persistence and motivation day in and out at our Surf Club during the season and off-season.

I hope the Softies grow as our Bronte SLSC numbers continue to grow and that it becomes part of other members' weekly routine.

Maca





#### OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD: RORY FAGAN

When we called for volunteers from the Bronte SLSC community in August 2020 to form a Silver Salties group, Rory Fagan of Patrol 5 attended the first brainstorming meeting with a friend. 'Salties' as it's affectionately known, is a program for youthful over-sixties to meet up each week and make new connections in their local community. While we had, by then, emerged from Sydney's first lockdown, COVID restrictions were on everybody's mind and our first meetings were around a picnic bench in Bronte Park.

A number of the volunteers for Salties talked big, but Rory's enthusiasm for the project and track record as a patroller made him the obvious 'volunteer' to run the inaugural Bronte Silver Salties. Rory agreed to take on the leadership role with considerable humility. The very first Bronte Salties met for a walk and talk on September 18th and the group still meets weekly. Rory's gregarious nature, innate generosity and significant commitment has seen this group flourish as a walking, talking, coffee drinking local phenomenon.

Since September, Bronte Silver Salties have walked from Bronte Surf Lifesaving Club to Coogee, Queens Park, Ben Buckler/Bondi Beach and to Bellevue Hill. There's been a lot of camaraderie, stretching and coffee stops to accompany the walking, as well as a number of informal dips in Bronte's Bogey Hole. As the group moves around the area, Rory often breaks away to tell other older people about Silver Salties and encourages them to consider joining. Rory is an excellent leader and turns up every week, rain, hail or shine to lead the Salties on a new adventure. He is a very deserving recipient of Volunteer of the Year.

#### OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD: NOEL MCLAUGHLIN

All the images of this year's award winners are the work of this man. For the past 3 years, Noel has generously provided his professional photography and post production services to the Club with zero expectation of renumeration or reward. As well as "shooting" numerous Club events, for two weeks each year he turns up to Bronte Beach as the sun rises to capture our annual award winners before he rushes off to family commitments and paid work. Anyone who knows Noel knows this is the ultimate in self-sacrifice, as he is without par, the biggest "frother" in the East. Yet for two weeks he willingly forgoes his daily surf ritual, with only a fleeting wistful glance at the waves. A most outstanding club member and volunteer!

The care, time and effort Noel puts into both taking the photos as well as the post production work before he is happy to hand over the finished image, is significant to say the least.

Noel has truly gone above and beyond in the most selfless, humble way, so recognising his enduring efforts is the least we can do. It is actions like these which inspire others to step up, give a bit more and have pride in their club and encourage members to keep coming back year after year ... after year!



#### **CADET OF THE YEAR (13-15 YEARS): ALEXANDRA HADDOCK**

Alex is a shining example of our Bronte Cadets program. Having been a Nipper since the Under 6's, she completed her SRC in November 2020 and has since completed over 30 patrol hours. She is an enthusiastic member of Cadet Patrol 10. keenly contributing in skill development sessions and patrol duties.

Alex is always the first on patrol to put her hand up for a paddle, swim or soft sand run and ensures she is making a contribution wherever she can. Congratulations Alex, we're looking forward to many more seasons on patrol with you.





#### JUNIOR OF THE YEAR(15-18 YEARS): WILL BROWN

Will joined Bronte Surf Club as a Nipper in 2010 and is now an invaluable member of Patrol 10. He has recorded an impressive 233 patrol and water safety hours in just 4 seasons since attaining his SRC. This includes regularly fulfilling IRB Crew shifts for patrol teams that don't have a dedicated IRB Crew

Will strives to learn new skills and develop as a lifesaver, he holds his Bronze, IRB Crew award and recently attained his Silver Medallion Beach Management. He has been keen to achieve this award for 2 years but had to wait until he turned 17! He enthusiastically attends Bronte outreach patrols at Garie Beach, taking the opportunity to apply both his lifesaving and water skills in an unfamiliar location. Next season, he will be old enough to drive the ATV down there!

An extremely skilled board paddler with a desire to help others develop their skills, he can be found helping to coach early morning Cadet paddle sessions each Wednesday. He is a knowledgeable lifesaver and encourages and supports cadet engagement and participation in patrols, doing so without fanfare or obvious desire for recognition. It is this quiet confidence, sense of fun and leading by example that inspires other young lifesavers.

External to his significant Bronte lifesaving contribution, Will regularly spends time on the NSW south coast in an area devastated by the 2019/20 bushfires. During the Christmas 2020 break, Will was speaking to some locals and discovered that many didn't know how to use a defibrillator. At the first available opportunity, Will took it upon himself to organise and invite locals to attend a basic First Aid. CPR and Defibrillator "how to" at the beach. He had approximately 30 people participate and has committed to repeat the demonstration

This display of maturity and ability to engage with a wide range of ages and backgrounds is typical of Will's contribution to all aspects of surf lifesaving. Will is without doubt an emerging leader of Bronte Surf Life Saving Club. As well as being recognised as Bronte's Youth Lifesaver of the Year, Will was selected from a field of nine outstanding candidates to be Sydney Branch Youth Lifesaver of the Year.



#### 2020/21 GOLD MEDALLION HOLDERS: TARA O'REILLY, KIMBERLY JOHNS, JACKSON RAYMOND, IVAN POWER, JAMES MCLENNAN, ANDREW UGARTE

While not a Bronte Club award as such, gaining lifesaving's highest qualification, the Gold Medallion, merits real recognition. A combination of skills, fitness and complex scenario management are all assessed. With no formal training program, this requires personal drive, physical fitness, surf skills and extensive pre-requisite knowledge.

To qualify for assessment, candidates must hold the following awards: Bronze Medallion, First Aid Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and Silver Medallion Beach Management. They must also complete a pre-requisite swim of 800m in under 14 minutes. At the assessment, candidates are required to complete a "mission" consisting of a 400m ocean

swim, 800m soft sand run, 400m board paddle and finally, an 800m soft sand run, all in under 25 minutes. This is followed by a series of complex rescue scenarios.

To retain the award, holders must complete the full assessment each season.

Congratulations to this year's new award holders: Tara, Kimberly, Ivan and Jackson, and to re-qualifiers: Andrew, James and Tim. We hope your achievement inspires others to 'go for Gold'. Special mention to Tim who provided unwavering encouragement, support and mentoring to our first timers





#### IRB TEAM MEMBER: MICHAEL BREMNER

Every year a handful of people go above and beyond their usual rostered patrols and fill the gaps that inevitably arise because of injury, unexpected work or family commitments. This season one person truly stood out.

Michael Bremner is a long-standing member of the IRB team. Unable to complete his driver qualifications during the last course conducted by Bronte, he took an opportunity to complete his training with Tamarama. Not only did he commit to the hours required to complete his training, he has volunteered to fill gaps in the roster ever since, often at short notice. This was more than community service; it was a genuine desire to gain more experience in a variety of surf conditions

We are particularly grateful to Michael for volunteering to drive at the State Nipper Carnival in Swansea where the remote location, coupled with COVID restrictions, made rostering water safety a logistical nightmare. Thank you, Michael.

#### TRAINING TEAM MEMBER OF THE YEAR: **STEPHEN TINDALE**

The Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) marks the transition from being an U14 Nipper to a Cadet Lifesaver. Over the past two seasons, Steve has transformed the SRC course at Bronte, and in the process, trained a whopping 88 new Bronte Lifesavers. A true Bronte boy, Steve used his extensive knowledge of the beach and surf to create an engaging and practical learning experience for the Cadets. He took the training well beyond the basic syllabus and was personally on the beach and in the water every single Sunday after graduation, leading the Cadet patrols with passion and commitment. One parent summed it up perfectly: "Steve made it so engaging for my daughter and instilled a deep sense of pride about becoming a Cadet".

As if that wasn't enough of a contribution, Steve also trained the Cadet SRC to Bronze Medallion course after the patrolling season ended. Steve, you're a superstar!



#### PATROL OF THE YEAR: PATROL 1

Patrol of the Year is a special, core Lifesaving award as it recognises and promotes the efforts of Lifesavers bonding and working as a team in the service of others. It is always hard to give this award to a singular patrol, however this season, Patrol 1, the 'Rainbow Patrol' took public safety, community and inclusion to a new level. So much goodwill and firepower exist in this patrol, commendably led by Nicolette, excellently Vice-Captained by Kiwi Kate and Jen Penguin, and supported from a strong mentoring base by Ivan Power. Their active involvement both leading up to and during Mardi Gras is a testament to their inclusive 'beyond the flags' approach to Lifesaving.

When Patrol 1 wasn't leading the way with social goodwill and environmental clean-up ventures, they were providing an exceptionally high level of care to the community. On numerous occasions this season the Patrol dealt with critical incidents with professional speed and compassion. In doing so, they earned positive commendation from the Waverley lifeguard services and attending paramedics. A special note goes out to Jasmine Birkhold for her mature and professional level of engagement with a critical patient's highly distressed partner. Jasmine not only calmed them down, she expertly managed to extract key, sensitive medical information to assist the Patrol and Paramedics with the provision of specialist needs care. A future Patrol Captain in the making there ... watch out Nicolette aka mum:-).

Congratulations Patrol 1 for finally knocking Patrol 5 off their perch and raising the bar in the process.



#### PATROL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR: PAUL WENCK

Congratulations to Paul Wenck for being awarded Patrol Captain of the year. A very deserving recipient, Paul has steadily built-up Patrol 15's skills and camaraderie over several seasons. The consistently high standard that Paul holds himself to means he could have taken this award out any year. Incident management can test even the best of leaders: Paul's proven ability to communicate and focus his team effectively during critical incidents is a testament to his well-rounded leadership capabilities. Equally, Paul's kindness, thoughtful member care follow-ups, thorough incident reporting and timely, honest mentoring is commendable.

Beyond his own patrol team, Paul's passionate commitment to the weekly 'Back-on-Boards' up skill sessions, as he aims to bring others along on the 'Train Hard – Rescue Easy' journey, is very much appreciated.

Congratulations Paul for this well-deserved and overdue recognition of your commitment and service to others as a Patrol Captain and Bronte SLSC Leader.

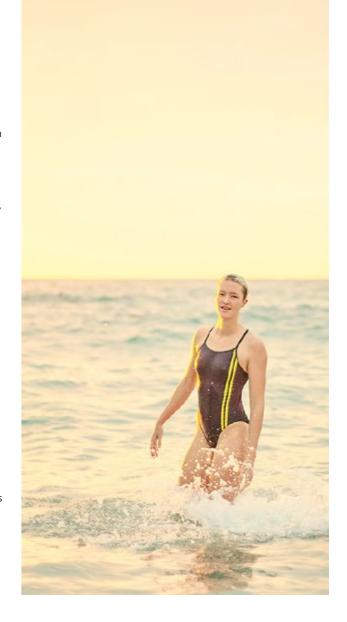
#### PATROLLER OF THE YEAR: GRACE FRANKI

From their first day of patrolling, Grace has proven to be an extremely competent, diligent and proactive lifesaver, who unbeknownst to them was quickly identified as a Club leader of the future. In September 2020, Grace was offered the opportunity to step up as a Vice-Captain of Patrol 8. In a display of humble maturity well beyond their years, Grace didn't automatically agree to the position and instead asked to have time to reflect on whether to accept the increased responsibility. Grace explained that they were concentrating on building their career and they were unsure they could dedicate the time and focus they felt necessary to do justice to the position of Vice Captain.

Ironically, it's this considered approach which put them in the sights of the Lifesaving Committee in the first place! Thankfully, Grace accepted the position and has subsequently excelled in it. Eager to test their developing leadership skills, Grace requested to take on the role of Patrol Caption for one of Bronte's outreach patrols at Garie Beach in March 2021. On an unfamiliar beach, Grace briefed and led a team of lifesavers who hadn't previously patrolled together with confidence and humility whilst exerting their own stamp of leadership. With patrollers as outstanding as Grace, the future of the Club and community is in good hands.

#### PATROLLERS WITH IN EXCESS OF 100 HOURS 100+ CLUB

This award recognises the 11 Club members who have dedicated 100 or more qualifying volunteer hours (water safety or patrol) over the season, and who have earned their place in the illustrious 100+ Club. These are the familiar faces you see on the beach year-round and are the backbone of our club's Education, Skills Maintenance, Lifesaving and Surf Skills development programs. We extend our most humble thanks to each and every one of you. Special mention to first time inductee, Jackson Raymond, who this year topped the list with a whopping 164 hours, followed by Kimberly Johns (127) Tim Jeffries (124) Anthony Burrows (122) Rukshan de Silva (109) Paul Watchman (109) Jenny Austin (104) Garry Luscombe (102) James McLennan (102) Dominic Villa (102) and Tara O'Reilly (100).







#### **RESCUE OF THE YEAR: BEYOND THE FLAGS -FLOOD RESCUE SUPPORT**

Dominic Villa, Anthony Burrows, Emma Finnerty, Grant Lovett, Hugh Webster, James McLennan, Ryan Tindall

While not a "regular" rescue associated with surf lifesaving, this Bronte Team made a significant contribution to the flood rescue efforts that took place in March 2021. In the process they proved that the skills we learn and apply on the beach each and every week are well and truly transferrable to many critical situations. Thank you to every single one of you who helped out. You represented Bronte so well and we are extremely proud.

To read the full account, go to page 17.

#### SURF SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR: **BRONTE BERSERKERS**

The Berserkers is a group of former A-grade rowers who came together in 2020 to train for the George Bass marathon after a period 'out of the boat'. An extended squad trained for 9 months in preparation, clocking up to 80Km a week on the rowing ergs to regain fitness. In the end, the event was abandoned after 2 days as it was located in the centre of the fires that destroyed the southern NSW coast.

Half the group stayed together to compete in the regular 2019/20 season, much of which didn't happen due to COVID. The 2020-2021 season finally provided some regular racing.

The crew, with an average age of 45+, rowed in the 180yrs division. To gain additional competition experience they also entered the Reserve Grade events. This proved quite fruitful and they were finalists at the Manly Carnival, semi-finalists at the ASRL, and guarter finalists at the Aussies.

In their 180 years division, the Berserkers hold every major trophy this season. They are the current Sydney Branch Champions, NSW State Champions, ASRL Champions and Aussies gold medal winners. They have not lost a race in the heats or finals for over a year. They are also the Open Men's Champions for Sydney Branch.

All members of the crew are long service. One of the crew rowed in the 1994 open men's final and another won gold in the Under 21 Aussies final on the same day at Blacksmiths Beach. The other 2 members have rowed in State and Aussies

Although they have dominated the Masters, they have been very competitive in the Reserve Division against crews that are generally at least 20 years younger. It has been their application to training and physical fitness that has allowed this to happen and they are strong role models for any aspiring athlete who has been out of competition for a while, as to what is possible.

#### **VISCH FAMILY ROOKIE** LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR: PAUL HARRINGTON

Paul Harrington epitomizes one of the quiet Club members (before a few beers anyway!) who just gets on with the job, helps others before themselves, pitches in when required and doesn't make a big deal about it. After completing his Bronze, Paul went straight onto providing water safety for the next Bronze course's Wednesday swim, Thursday board and Saturday wet skills sessions. He subsequently joined the Board Repair Team, logged over 60 patrol and water safety hours in 5 months in his first season and is currently doing his IRB crew course. Paul has not only rapidly integrated into the team, he has done so with the good-natured humour and clarity of a Veteran, providing a much-needed extra set of eyes and hands that proactively recognises and fills gaps.

To win Rookie of the year is an amazing effort for Paul especially given the "massive setback" he suffered during his Bronze course (he may or may not have been "'reluctantly' rescued by Harries at Bondi one morning after suffering a crippling leg cramp). Leaving the best till last: what cements Paul's name into the Club awards yearbook is the little-known fact that before joining Bronte Surf Club, Paul played an instrumental role in the after-hours mass rescue in February 2020. It turns out the Paul was the mystery 'guy out the back' who helped to rescue multiple patients. His selfless actions while witnessing those of others on that evening, inspired Paul to join Bronte Surf Club, to give back, and to help train the next generation. The fact that Paul only let slip his involvement in the rescue quietly over a beer one evening, after finishing his Bronze, speaks volumes of his character and worthiness of the Rookie of the Year accolade.

#### **PATRONS AWARD: JAMES MCLENNAN**

There are those members who go above and beyond, and then there is James. As well as logging 102 hours in his role leading the Club lifesaving team as Club Captain for the 5th consecutive year, James took on even more responsibility this season. As a Sydney Branch Duty Officer, he logged an astonishing 197 voluntary hours, providing on call support and guidance to patrol teams dealing with major incidents across the Waverley and Randwick Beaches. Further, as an experienced drone pilot, James has stepped in to provide relief cover for the Sydney Branch Drone Coordinator and has mentored some of the newer pilots. Perhaps his most significant contribution this season, was the role James played in the Western Sydney flood evacuations as part of a combined emergency services response.

James was engaged by Surf Life Saving (SLS) in the preplanning phase, then deployed on the ground with the hybrid taskforce as the Forward Commander and planner of Rescue Support Operations for SLS. From the ground, with a makeshift communications network of mobile phones and various agency radios, he led a combined team of 12 IRBs from Sydney Branch and Sydney Northern Beaches Branch. His ability to adapt quickly, integrate, communicate and coordinate activities with SES, Police, Ambulance and SLS was extraordinary.

Once the ground crews were settled, James relocated to the SES Incident Command Centre, helping to coordinate rescue teams for an additional two days. Again, all of this was undertaken on a voluntary basis.

This outstanding contribution to Surf Life Saving extends well beyond our Club and is beyond all expectation.





#### FRANK NORTON CLUBMAN: JENNY "PENGUIN" AUSTIN

Co Vice-Captain of Patrol 1, patroller for the IRB Team, Trainer for the Cadet Bronze, Water Safety for the Wednesday Bronze training swims, IRB crew for the Nippers State Championships, Garie outreach patrol co-ordinator, and member of the Board Repairs Team - what doesn't she do?

Jenny is a highly skilled lifesaver. She holds Bronze, Silver Medallion Beach Management, First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and IRB Crew awards and is aiming for the Gold Medallion. Despite only being exposed to the surf environment since moving to Australia in 2017, she has worked extremely hard to develop excellent water skills both as a surf swimmer and board paddler, and is a regular participant at Club training sessions to ensure she is always rescue-ready. She is a Monday soft sand runner, Tuesday board paddler, Wednesday swimmer, Friday Pilates disciple and Sunday Surf Race competitor.

Jenny is a highly organised, proactive Co Vice-Captain of Patrol 1 and fosters a supportive environment for all members of her patrol team. She willingly volunteers for IRB Crew shifts additional to her regular patrol team and is highly regarded within the IRB Team. Jenny has a very positive, enthusiastic and infectious disposition and encourages everyone to achieve their personal best.

In January and in April of this season, major incidents occurred during Patrol 1 shifts: On both occasions Jenny was acting Patrol Captain and took the lead on managing the incidents. She proved to be calm and professional in her approach and directed her team with confidence. During both incidents she considered and respected the privacy of the patient and was aware of the possible emotional impact upon team members. Jenny led a team debrief for both incidents and followed up with individual team members in the proceeding weeks to ensure member welfare.

In a selfless act, going well above and beyond the call of duty, Jenny volunteered to cover a double IRB Crew shift at the Nippers State Championships which Bronte had been unable to fulfill. This enabled 80+ Bronte Nippers to participate at the

Unsurprisingly Jen is a member of the 100+ Club. Basically, if it's got anything to do with the Club, Jen's there.

Thank you, Jenny, for all that you do, we thank our lucky stars that you chose Bronte!





#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD: IVAN POWER

From the moment Ivan joined the Club, he has been an incredible contributor on patrol and in many other facets of Club life. He is an excellent lifesaver and team leader, is co Vice-Captain of Patrol 1 and holds lifesaving's highest qualification: The Gold Medallion.

This season, with the support of many Club members, he spearheaded the Rainbow Inclusion Day. The theme of "everybody's welcome" was embraced by Bronte members on patrol and beyond with an excellent turnout for the rainbow festooned Nipper paddle out, Sunday Surf Race and Wednesday swim.

Ivan worked closely with Lifesavers with Pride to coordinate these activities, and his efforts ensured they were a resounding success for both Bronte and all the Waverley Clubs that chose to participate.

As if that's not enough, year-round, for the past two seasons, Ivan has led the Board Repair Team ensuring that our lifesaving boards are always rescue-ready. He and the team also maintain the Club's bronze medallion training boards and racing mals, spending hours each week repairing the inevitable damage that comes with such high usage. This work is always undertaken with a smile and a positive disposition. He is a dedicated volunteer and we are extremely fortunate to have him at our club. Thank you, Ivan.













## **BOATIES REPORT**

The club fielded two crews this season – the Bronte Beserkers (Men's 180's/Reserve Grade) and a group of newly minted Bronzies forming up the Bronte Mumblers for their debut season. It was a relief to compete after a Bushfire & COVID plagued 2020 and 2021 turned out to be a very successful season.

The Beserkers, well & truly the wrong side of 40yrs, did not lose a Masters race the entire season. Considering the ups & downs of any surf sport and the big conditions at most carnivals during the season, this was quite some feat. Winning gold at the Aussies was special. As a Boatie you typically compete in one event so get one shot at a title. The sport is littered with good crews who miss out on Aussie Gold due to events on the day not falling their way. At the time of writing, Bronte holds the 180 Men's Master's titles for Branch, ASRL, State & Australian Championships. The Beserkers also competed in Men's Reserve Grade throughout the season consistently making it through to QFs at the major carnivals. In heavy conditions at the Branch Championship, they pulled a 'Bradbury' to beat the fancied Elouera, Coogee & N Cronulla crews and take out the Open Men's Title. A new identity as the 'Burglars' was contemplated & it Bronte is first Open Men's title since 2016.

The Bronte Mumblers made a statement at the Branch Championships winning their first race together. Not wanting to overdo things they then focused on the Aussies getting through to the QFs of the Men's short course. The Mumblers are the right side of 30yrs and have good potential as a competitive A crew in addition to boosting the Boaties contribution to the club's patrol hours.

#### 2020/21 Results:

Bronte Beserkers: Chris Pike, Titus Day, Daniel Morris, Jared Antony, Peter de Szoeke

- Australian Championships:
   Gold Men's 180yrs, QF Men's
   Reserve Grade
- NSW Championships: Gold Men's 180yrs (2020 as 2021 event cancelled)
- ASRL Championship: Gold Masters 180yrs, QF Men's Reserve Grade
- Sydney Branch: Dual Champions: Open Men's & Masters
- Bronte Mumblers:
   Darren Morrison, Ryan Stewart,
   Alex Paterson, Chris Anderson,
   Dylan Mountford
- Australian Championships: Competed in Open Men's & QF Men's short course
- Sydney Branch: Reserve grade finalists

Winning titles in Surf Boats is not easy and the results come from the support of many. This season Peter 'Pedro' de Szoeke stepped into the role of Chief Maintenance Officer putting in time & care to prepare our equipment for competition & keep it in order - thanks Pete your work is appreciated. When Darren 'Mumbles' Morrison was laid out for some corrective surgery, Chris 'The Beaver' Pike and Tojo stepped up/out of retirement to coach the Mumblers & enable them to compete. Jared 'Jerry' Antony, without needing to be asked, stepped up to single handedly lead the athletic, strength and competition program, keeping us all on our toes.

Finally, the support from the club is always appreciated. The equipment upgrades this season have made a difference and thanks Jess, Kimberly and Peter for help with entries and keeping everything together.

Chris Pike

Boat Co-ordinator

#### **BRONTE SOCIAL**

#### **BACK TO BRONTE DAY**

Sunday May 2nd saw around 100 past and present members meet up at the Club for a day to remember. There were members dating back to the 1950's & 60's in attendance regaling one another with stories from the last century.

Club Life Member Ross Miles was in fine voice on the microphone, giving his annual roasting of former teammates. President Basil Scaffidi updated all, highlighting the Club's fabulous current membership and their rescue achievements both between the flags and out of hours. The sense of pride of being part of Bronte Surf Life Saving Club's wonderful history was evident as were the strong bonds. Life Member Gus Reeves, made the trip from the Gold Coast to receive the prestigious 60 year SLSA service pin. A great afternoon spent reminiscing.

#### **40 YEARS OF WOMEN IN SURF LIFE SAVING**

On 7th March the Club invited all our current female Lifesavers, Age Managers, Trainers, Patrol leaders, Water Safety, Competitors and of course our two female Life Members, to a joint celebration of 40 years of Women in Surf Life Saving as well as to mark International Women's Day. It was a great day celebrating the history of Women is our Club but also in Surf Life Saving. A wonderful afternoon capped off by some inspiring women leaders in our Club.



















#### **DERBY DAY**

After 6 months living with restrictions and uncertainty it was great to be back at the club, as a community, dressed up and ready to celebrate Spring Racing Carnival in style and at our Club. Perfect weather, unrivalled views and a few lucky punters. Another great day.

#### **MARDI GRAS AT BRONTE**

What a fantastic roll up we had for the Sunday Mardi Gras themed "everyone is equal in the ocean, , and everyone is welcome at Bronte" swim. There was colour everywhere you looked and a community proud to be inclusive and one. Thanks to Ivan for leading us on this journey – may we be a part of Mardi Gras for years to come.





#### **FINANCE MANAGER'S** REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the audited financial report for Bronte Surf Lifesaving Club ("the Club") for the year ended 30 April 2021. As has been noted elsewhere, the Club experienced significant disruption during the financial year from issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This had a considerable impact on the operations and financial results of the Club.

#### FINANCIAL RESULT

The Club reported a deficit of \$81,145 for the year ended 30 April 2021. Activity levels and resulting income and expenses were lower across the Club due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, a significant provision for legal costs of \$287,000 was recognised in this financial year in respect of the settlement of five historical legal claims against the Club. Fortunately, prudent financial management over many years has left the Club well positioned to absorb these costs.

#### **OPERATIONAL RESULT**

Activity was lower across most areas of the Club's operations, largely due to COVID-19 and associated issues. This resulted in a reduction in income of 17%, and a corresponding reduction in operating expenditure, before legal expenses, of 20%. The operating result includes various COVID-19 government assistance packages.

Key aspects of the operating result include:

- Subscription and joining fees were down due to lower Nipper membership revenue. Several COVID-19 safety protocols were introduced to the Nipper programme this year. This included the introduction of caps on numbers across all nipper age groups and the under 6s age group, traditionally a large cohort, was not offered. Pleasingly, subscription and joining fees other than nipper memberships were consistent or higher than the prior year, testament to the Club's strong membership base and broadbased member engagement initiatives.
- BBQ fundraising receipts and merchandise sales were down. Both activities were affected by the implementation of COVID safety practices, reduced nipper activity and lower footfall on Sundays.
- Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim fees were lower. The timing of the swim coincided with significant government-imposed restrictions on crowd numbers for outside organised events, and the Club decided to take the B2B swim virtual. The event was a great success and was well supported by our sponsors. Swim entry fees were well down due to a muchreduced entry fee price and lower numbers of competitors.

- Bar sales were down as fewer functions were held due to the impact of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions throughout the year. Fortunately, the Club was still able to hold its regular Sunday Sips with the introduction of appropriate COVID-19 safety protocols. This was an important way to maintain social connection in the Club at a time when many other club social functions throughout the year were cancelled. However, Sunday Sips bar sales were almost half of the prior year due to restrictions on room capacity.
- Hall Hire income was lower. Restrictions on room capacity as well as other required COVID-19 safety protocols led to a significant decrease in Hall Hire activity.
- Kiosk income was down due to poor weather conditions over the busy season of October to March and lower footfall due to COVID-19.
- Donations, which tend to vary significantly year on year, were lower consistent with broader economic conditions. The prior year also included two large one-off donations.
- Bank interest was also lower due to lower market interest rates on term deposits.
- Sponsorship income was broadly consistent with the prior year. The Club is grateful for continuing sponsor support through this challenging period.

Legal costs were high as these included the cost of settling five historical legal claims brought against the Club.

#### **FINANCIAL POSITION**

Prior year surpluses coupled with maintaining prudent levels of reserves means that the Club remains in a strong financial position despite this year's reported deficit. Cash reserves as at 30 April 2021 are \$2.1million and the Club has retained funds of \$2.3million.

The Club will continue to maintain prudent reserves to fund future Club activities, the Club's renovation plans and any unforeseen circumstances.

The Club would like to thank its sponsors and donors for their continued strong support throughout this year despite the significant impact that COVID-19 has had on the local business community. It is only with their generous support that the Club is able continue to provide important lifesaving services to our community and to develop our future surf lifesavers through the delivery of our nipper programme

I commend the accounts to the members.

#### Vanessa Power

Finance Manager

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021**

Your Board of Management submit the financial report of Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. for the financial year ended 30 April 2021.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

The names of Board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

- Basil Scaffidi
- Vanessa Power (appointed 23 August 2020)
- Amber Brown
- Gaby Naher
- James McLennan
- Sam Stone
- Craig Betts
- Kimberley Johns (appointed 23 August 2020)
- David Finnimore (retired 23 August 2020)
- Roland Tyrrell (retired 23 August 2020)

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. during the financial year were to provide surf lifesaving protection to members of the public and to provide sporting facilities to its members.

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### **OPERATING RESULT**

The deficit of Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. for the financial year amounted to \$81,145 (2020 surplus of \$185,313).

#### **AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

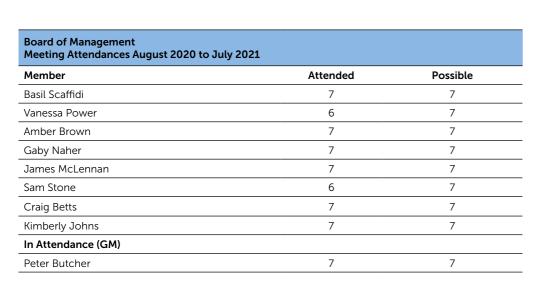
The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 April 2021 has been received and can be found below on this page of the financial

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management:

**Basil Scaffidi** President

Vanessa Power Finance Manager

Dated this 23rd day of July 2021





# **AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

Auditors' Independence Declaration to the Board of Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

I declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 April 2021, there has been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit, and
- no contraventions of APES110 code of ethics for professional accountants in relation to the audit

Kirk Maynard

Maynard Kearns

Suite 6 Level 1, 432 Chapel Road, Bankstown NSW 2200 Dated this 23rd day of July 2021

# **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

#### **AS AT 30 APRIL 2021**

	Note 2021	2020
INCOME	\$	\$
Bank Interest	16,498	27,762
Bar Sales	140,246	259,832
BBQ Receipts	21,177	36,890
Bondi-Bronte Ocean Swim Fees	20,320	112,644
Club Social Functions	8,921	20,433
Donations	34,460	69,827
Government Stimulus Package	43,232	10,000
Grants	62,721	60,712
Gym Membership	10,300	13,490
Hall Hire	74,677	122,233
JobKeeper Payments	257,100	27,000
Kiosk Income	29,764	38,206
Management Fees	15,000	15,000
Miscellaneous Income	6,274	495
Promenade Dinner Fundraiser	-	39,176
Sale of Club Articles	49,457	106,623
Sponsorship	153,851	176,500
Subscriptions & Joining Fees	142,690	185,101
Training Fees & Education	30,350	17,180
TOTAL INCOME	1,117,038	1,339,104



#### **AS AT 30 APRIL 2021**

EXPENDITURE         \$         \$           Accountancy Fees         9.200         7.500           Administration Costs         21.374         21.459           Bank Charges & Merchant Fees         8.606         14.115           Bar Services & Expenses         95.390         118.653           BBO Expenses         11.750         14.830           Board & Ski Expenses         7.845         3.088           Bondi Bronte Ocean Swim         28.682         67.987           Cadet & Junior Programme         4.803         9.659           Caretaker Expenses         4.000         5.550           Cleaning         2.005         4.711           Club House Expenses         12.009         14.522           Club House Expenses         12.309         14.522           Club House Expenses         12.309         14.522           Consultancy Fees (Building Masterplan)         14.262         34.800           COVID-19 Expenses         19.138         -           Depreciation         25.054         20.498           Depreciation         35.4         48.176           Electricity         16.769         24.085           Employment Expenses         115.178         17.2226
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Senior Competition Expenses 5,729 5,747
Sponsorship Expenses 1,250 4,725
Sunday Sips 13,192 35,016
Surf Training Fees 520 482
Telecommunications 7,968 6,282
Training & Education 31,100 14,448
Water Rates         1,242         1,472
Web Maintenance         1,755         5,540
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1,198,183 1,153,791
Net surplus/(deficit) (81,145) 185,313
Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year 2,379,378 2,194,065
Retained funds at the end of the financial year 2,298,233 2,379,378

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### **AS AT 30 APRIL 2021**

	Note	2021	2020
ASSETS		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,085,704	1,960,075
Trade and other receivables	4	59,728	50,555
Inventories	5	58,256	57,288
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,203,688	2,067,918
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	411,640	426,290
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		411,640	426,290
TOTAL ASSETS		2,615,328	2,494,208
	Note	2021	2020
LIABILITIES		\$	\$
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	30,095	24,830
Provisions	8	287,000	90,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		317,095	114,830
TOTAL LIABILITIES		317,095	114,830
NET ASSETS		2,298,233	2,379,378
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Retained funds		2,298,233	2,379,378
TOTAL FUNDS		2,298,233	2,379,378





# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers, members, donors and grants		1,397,610	1,694,652
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,280,014)	(1,544,584)
Interest received		16,498	27,762
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	14	134,094	177,830
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Property, plant and equipment		(8,465)	-
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(8,465)	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		125,629	177,830
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,960,075	1,782,245
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	3	2,085,704	1,960,075

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

The financial statements cover Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. as an individual entity. Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is a not-for-profit association incorporated in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and domiciled in Australia.

#### **1 BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The Board of Management have determined that Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. (the "Association") is not a reporting entity on the basis that, in the opinion of the Board members, there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy, specifically, all of their information needs. Accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose financial report, which has been prepared solely to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Association's Board members, the requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the Association's constitution.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies described below and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

Other than those accounting policies and disclosure standards referred to above, no assessment has been made as to whether the financial statements comply with all Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated

### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### INCOME TAX

No income tax is payable by the Association as section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 exempts charitable institutions from income tax.

#### **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

#### **REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME**

#### For comparative year

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specification criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

#### Sale of Goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

#### Subscriptions

Revenue is recognised when a member is entitled to the benefits belonging to the Association.

#### Sponsorship, Donations & Grants

Unconditional sponsorship, donation and grant revenue is recognised in the income and expenditure statement when it is controlled. When there are conditions attached to the revenue relating to its use for specific purposes it is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until such conditions are met or services provided.

#### For current year

The Association has adopted AASB15 for the year ended 30 April 2021. The adoption of this standard has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Association.

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

- Identify the contract with the customer
- 2. Identify the performance obligations
- 3. Determine the transaction price
- 4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
- 5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred.

Generally, the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of finds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

#### Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Association are:

#### Subscriptions

Membership subscription income is recognised over the period in which the services are rendered and corresponds to the satisfaction of performance obligations and transfer of control to the customer.

Amounts received in advance are recognised as deferred income and credited to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the expected subscription period.

#### **Donations**

Donations collected, including cash and goods for resale, are recognised as revenue when the Association gains control of the asset.

#### Grant revenue

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of the benefit.

#### INVENTORIES

Inventories comprise goods for resale. Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in first-out basis and are net of any rebates and discounts received. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use

#### Depreciation

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the Association. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The depreciation method and useful life of assets is reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.

#### **IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS**

At the end of each reporting period the Association determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset or CGU.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss.

#### **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or a period deemed appropriate for the needs of the Association

Bank overdrafts are shown on the balance sheet as current liabilities under borrowings.

#### TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowance for uncollectable amounts. An allowance for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that the Association will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

#### TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables are carried at their invoiced cost and represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of the recognition of the liability.

#### **PROVISIONS**

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable than an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

#### **3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Current	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	4,700	4,700
Cash at bank	330,744	99,159
Term deposits	1,749,930	1,856,216
	2,085,704	1,960,075

#### 4 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Current	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	40,260	7,472
Other receivables	-	27,000
Input tax credits	19,468	16,083
	59,728	50,555

#### **5 INVENTORIES**

Current	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Stock on hand - Bar	15,914	21,208
Stock on hand - Gear & clothing	33,220	30,022
Stock on hand - Kiosk	9,122	6,058
	58,256	57,288

#### **6 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Current	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Clubhouse Building Contributions	580,396	583,957
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(221,134)	(209,729)
	359,262	374,228
Gear & Equipment	-	27,730
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-	(27,730)
	-	-
Boats & Trailers	11,710	11,710
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(9,846)	(8,675)
	1,864	3,035
Fixtures & Fittings	17,305	62,321
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(5,122)	(53,787)
	12,183	8,534
Kiosk Fit-out	65,254	65,254
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(26,923)	(25,292)
	38,331	39,962
Plant & Equipment	-	19,315
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-	(18,784)
	-	531
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	411,640	426,290

#### 7 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Current	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Current borrowings	-	403
Trade payables	10,538	6,903
Other payables	6,930	9,047
GST payable	12,627	8,477
	30,095	24,830

#### 8 PROVISIONS

Current	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Provision for legal settlement	287,000	40,000
Provision for board & ski expenses	-	5,000
Provision for club masterplan	-	40,000
Provision for training & education	-	5,000
	287,000	90,000

#### 9 RETAINED FUNDS

Current	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year	2,379,378	2,194,064
Net surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the Association	(81,145)	185,313
Retained funds at the end of the financial year	2,298,233	2,379,378

# 10 INFORMATION AND DECLARATIONS TO BE FURNISHED UNDER THE CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING ACT 1991 (NSW)

The following fundraising appeals were conducted by the authority holder:

2021

2020

• Bondi-Bronte Ocean Swim

Aggregate gross income

- BBQ
- Direct Marketing
- Fundraising Events

received from all sources		
	\$	
Bondi-Bronte Ocean Swim	20,320	112,644
BBQ Income	21,177	36,890
Social Functions	8,921	20,433
Direct Marketing and other donations	188,311	246,327
	238,729	416,294
Total expenditure associated with all appeals	2021	202
	\$	
Bondi-Bronte Ocean Swim	28,682	67,987
BBQ Expenses	11,750	14,830
Club Social Function Expenses	12,309	14,526
	52,741	97,343
Net operating surplus from fundraising	185,988	318,951

The net surplus from fundraising activities was used to meet other costs used in the provision of surf lifesaving services.



#### 11 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 April 2021. The legal claims disclosed as contingent liabilities in the three previous annual reports have now been settled and the financial effect of these settlements is recorded in the results of the Association for the year ended 30 April 2021.

### 12 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

No matter or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

#### **13 STATUTORY INFORMATION**

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. Bronte Beach

Bronte Road, Bronte NSW 2024

#### 14 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Net Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the Association	(81,145)	185,313
Non-cash flows in profit: Depreciation	23,054	20,498
Changes in assets and liabilities  decrease/(increase) in trade receivables	(9,173)	(31,343)
decrease/(increase)     in inventories	(967)	7,221
(decrease)/increase     in trade payables	5,325	(13,859)
(decrease)/increase in provisions	197,000	10,000
Cashflows from operating activities	134,094	177,830

# STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management has determined that Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. ("the Association") is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the financial report:

- a. presents fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 April 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements;
- at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the Association with respect to fundraising appeals;
- the Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeals:

- the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the Regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with; and
- the internal controls exercised by the Association are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Association from any of its fundraising appeals,

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management and is signed for and on behalf of the board by:

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**Basil Scaffidi** President Vanessa Power Finance Manager

Dated this 23rd day of July 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION, BRONTE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

#### **QUALIFIED AUDITOR'S OPINION**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2021, the income and expenditure statement for the period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by Board of Management.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 30 April 2021 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009, Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 April 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

(b) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.

(c) the financial report gives a true and fair view of the Association's financial result of fundraising appeal activities for the year;

(d) the financial report has been properly drawn up, and the associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991 and Regulations;

(e) money received as a result of fundraising appeal activities conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991 and Regulations; and

(f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

#### BASIS FOR QUALIFIED AUDITORS OPINION

The Association, in common with many others of similar size and activity, derives a substantial proportion of its income from activities which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered in the accounting records, and are therefore not

susceptible to independent audit verification. Accordingly, our audit in relation to these areas was limited to the amounts recorded in the books of the association and we offer no comment on the status of control of the Association.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission 2012, which has been given to the Board members of the association, would be the same terms if given to the Board members at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **EMPHASIS OF MATTER - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

We draw attention to note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Board of Managements' financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board of Management of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determine necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence

the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Association to express an opinion on the financial report.

We communicate with the Board of Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our



Kirk Maynard Partner

Suite 6 Level 1, 432 Chapel Road Bankstown NSW 2200

Dated this 23rd day of July 2021



# **OUR MEMBERS 2020/21**

Category	Male	Female	Indeterminate Gender	2020/21 Season Total Members	2019/20 Season Total Members	2018/19 Season Total Members
Probationary	1	1	0	2	9	0
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	266	286	1	553*	819	736
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	41	55	0	96	84	68
Active (15-18 yrs)	17	10	0	27	43	39
Active (18yrs and over)	246	106	1	352	363	353
Award Member	0	0	0	1	0	2
Reserve Active	7	2	0	9	18	21
Long Service	98	12	0	110	110	104
Past Active	1	0	0	1	2	1
Associate	28	20	0	48	50	46
Life Member	23	2	0	25	24	23
General	189	136	0	325	455	392
Honorary	2	0	0	2	4	3
Leave / Restricted	4	4	0	8	5	10
* Gommunity Meno filere wer	e no U6 <sup>1</sup> Nippe	ers 1	0	2	0	0
Total	924	635	2	1561	1986	1798











### **OUR LIFE MEMBERS**

Adams, V + Anderson, BJ+ Ashton, H+ Benning, Mervyn Brignell, Barry Brooks, T+ Burke, MJ+ Campbell, J+ Clancy, Michael Conlon, Robert + Corbett, H+ Cowling, J+ De Groen, LS+ Doolan, P+ Dorman, W+

Fahy, E + Fitzgerald, W + Fleeting, David Ford AM, Graham Foster, JT+ Foster, K + Frazer, A + Geaney, JJ+ Gibbins, RH+ Gibbons, H+ Gladstone, Mervyn + Grace, Kevin + Graham, Warren Hill. J L + Johnson, Paul

Kenny, Jim + Keys, G+ Maguire, John + Marshall, William + May, LE+ Mc Callum F + McDermid, Colin Menzies Alex Miles, Ross Milne, Dennis Morrison, E H + Morrow, Jim Murtagh, Mick Nixon, GT+ Norton Frank +

O'Neill, Coleen Patterson, AB+ Pike, G + Price, Glenn Pugh, W+ Quinton, R+ Reeves, Gus Rhodes R + Riley, RB+ Riley, Warren Scaffidi, Basil Singleton, Maurice + Stewart. Jim Stone, David Taylor, R H +

Tipper, A H + Tyrrell, Roland Vesper, John Vesper OAM, Stan Visch, Kerrie Walker, LJ+ Wallace, Bill + Wallace Bruce Williams, G+ Woodhill, H+

+Deceased

#### LONG SERVICE

McLennan James

McMahon, Jack

Miles Cameron

Mooney, Gary

Morrison, Darren

Mossman, Anthony

Morrow, Stuart

Miller, Peter

Boyle, Jason

Braun, Marc

Ambrose Peter Antony, Jared Appleyard, Peter Baker, John Barnett, Katie Bassett, Sarah Benson, Douglas Birrell, Frank Blades, Keith Bos Warren Bours, Helen Bowden, Andrew Braun, Marc Brookes, Kevin Burke, Lvnne Byrne, Peter Cafe, Kenneth Carroll, Anthony Casselden, Adam Clemesha, Peter Clifford, Greg Colguhoun, Alan Cordin, Kevin Cotton, Matthew Cullen, Mike D'Agostino, Nino Darragh, Quinn Dawson, John Day, Titus De Szoeke, Peter Digges, David Dobrow. Walter Donohoe, Jon Dorman, Bob Dryburgh, Robert Duggan, Paul Elder, Denise Ellison, Fiona Eltham, Matthew Ferenczi, Peter Ferguson, Andrew Finnimore, David Ford, Fiona Ford. Stephen Fox. Lizanne Hallinan, David Hamilton, Reginald Hart, Phil Harvey, Nigel Hedderman, Virginia Higgins, Scott Hopkins, Bruce Hunt. Samuel Irwin, John Jarjoura, David Jeffries, Timothy Johnson, Maxwell Jones, Bruce Jones, David Kaldor Rupert Keyes, Robert

Kilmurray, Melvin

Lawrence, James

King, Nigel

Latter, Jeffery

Leamon, Philip

Leitch, Robert

Lowe, Robert

Lynch, Martin

Maloney, Paul

Mcintyre, lan

McCormick, Robert

McGrath Patrick

McLellan, Robert

Munro, Scott Murphy, Michael O'Sullivan, Allan Paterson, Simon Perrott, Bruce Peter, Cameron Pike, Christopher Pyke, Roger Raftery, Larry Raine, Richard Raymond, Jackson Roche, Tom Rogers, Robert Russell Brian Ryan, Jane Serpa Gonzalez, Maxwell Smith, Ross Spooner, Mark Stewart, Troy Tindale, Stephen Unsworth, Herman Vesper, Gary Vesper, Steven Visch, Alastair Visch, Hans Visch, Jacqui Wallace, Bastien Watson, John Widerberg, William Wilson, Sam **ACTIVE (18YRS** AND OVER) Adams, Wayne Aldridge, Henry Alexander, Robert Allan, James Anderson, Chris Anderson, Graeme Anderson, Lisa Angus, Robert Arber, Ric Ashton, Ben Ashton, Kate Ashton, Phoebe Austin, Jennifer Austin, Max Azzopardi, Timothy Baker-Finch, Simeon Banks, Simon Bates Justin Baxter, Al Baxter, Jenny Beeche, Martin Behling, Matthew Bell Chris Bennani, Thierry Bennett, Samantha Betts, Craig Bianchi, Coco

Birkhold Nicolette

Black, Bryson

Blair, Craig

Blackett, Simon

Boersma, Jeroen

Bolomey, Sven

Bremner Michael Brennan, Laura Jane Brennan, Thomas Brickell, Paul Broderick, Eimear Brown, Amber Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Brown, Tim Burrows, Anthony Byron, Georgina Campbell, Angela Campbell, Matthew Caprino, Nicola Carlisle, Hamish Cave, Damien Chirnside, Charles Ciesla, Alison Ciesla, Michael Clancy, Victoria Clark, Ryan Clegg, Edward Clifton, Morgan Collins, Jason Colauhoun, Rob Conte, Samuel Cook, Mark Couquaux, Jade Crabb, lan Crestani, Andrew Cross, Bryce Daly, Peter Dalziel, Lottie Davis, Richard Davis, Ryan Davison, Steven Dawson, Corey De Araujo, Bill De Groot, Anne de Silva, Rukshan Delesclefs, Jeni Devenny, Josh Doble, Geoff Doble, Scott Dombrowe, Rebecca Double George Downing, Annabel Druce, Sarah Duane, Riley Ebbott, Andrew Eberle, Danyella Eckhardt, Andrew Edwards, Geoff Eggleton, Wallace Eisenhauer, Ainslie Fisenhauer Tim Ervin, Anthony Etherington, Tom Fagan, Rory Fava. Tim Fearman, Mark Fearon, Georgina Ferguson, Audrey Findlay, Holly Finnerty, Emma Daisy Firmo, Afonso Fox, Jonathan Foy, Tim Franki, Grace Freeborn, Helen G Puga, Marcos

Galvin, Andrew

Gangur, Benjamin

Garratt Max Long, Oliver Gaston, lan Lovett, Grant Loxton Matt Gavin, Jason Gavin, Mackenzie Lugli, Denni Gerahty, Richard Gibbons, Colin Lygoe, Craig Gilder, Sophie Lyndon, Grant Golovsky, Geoffrey Lyons, Sarah Gooch, Andrew Goold, Jon Gordon, Brett Grantham, Phil Grice, Stuart Hack, Steve Mahony, Sue Haddock, John Hannah, Georgina Marr, Dugald Hannan Lauren Marr. Eleanor Harrington, Paul Harrison, Aisling Harrison, Emily Harrison, Kent Hartwig, Shane McEvoy, Zach Harwood, James Hatherall, Richard Hatton, Christopher McLeod, Pip Heavener, Norman Hegarty, Tim Melki Richard Heida, Fred Millar, Ilona Hendrie, Michael Miller, Daniel Hersee Cray, Ellen Miocevic, Iljko Hetherington, David Miranda, Kate Hodgson, Michael Moore Natalie Horscroft, Duncan Hutcheson, Tiffany Inglis, Murray Morris, Daniel Innes, Mark lodice. Chris Morris, Wayne Jackson, Morgan James, David Jander, Felix Jenkins, Rob Jenkins, Sally Jenson, Sofia Johns, Kimberly Naher, Gaby Johnston, Matthew Nairn, Nick Johnston, Paul Johnstone, Charles Nash, Joanna Jolly, Rebecca Kammerer, Eric Macarena Kanis, Mathias Nelligan, John Karlson, Russell Ng, Richard Kendall, Alice Kernot Christian Kesler, Rene Khanbeigi, Sepehr King, Christopher Noble, Kel King, Darrell Nolan, Tony King, Jason O Dea. Brian King, Robyn King, Steven Klein, Nick Knight, Jamielle Koslowski, Finn O'Gorman, Lee Kraefft, Aimee O'Neill, Cheryl Kuppe, Mathew Oranie, Daan Lake, Guy O'Reilly, Tara Lang, Tamera Larsson, Benjamin Lawrence, Cristina Palfrey, Martin Leary, Tom Palin, Jon Letts, Michael Parsons, Dane Leyland, Alex Paterson, Alex Liersch, Elizabeth Livingstone Penelope Paulin Sophie Livingstone, Warren Paxton, Archie

Luscombe, Garry Mac Domhnaill, Ronan Mackenzie. Elizabeth Mackie, Lovaine Mackley, Caroline Maher, Hannah Manolas, William Martlew, Cameron Mather, Jessica McCallum, John McCosker, Alice Mclaughlin, Noel McLennan, Kirsty Meehan, Cormac Moorhead, John Moorhead. Laura Morison, Adam Motum, Darren Mountford, Dylan Munro, Rebecca Munro, William Murphy, Cathal Murray, Kathleen Nanguette, Ambroise Navarrete Balart Nicholas, Jeremy Nicholson Kane Nixon, Benjamin Nixon, Timothy Norman-Nott, Jerry O'Donnell, Martin O'Donnell, Rebecca Offord, Heather O'Sullivan, Aaron O'Sullivan, Daniel Patterson, Matthew



Penny, Adam Petersen Aden Phillips, Susannah Podgornik, Andrew Polich, Michael Powell, Therese Power, Ivan Power, Vanessa Querales Pimentel. Carlos Alfonso Quigley, Emma Quinlan, Troy Quinn, Greg Ralph. Andrew Raoux, Julie Raptis, Elissa Read, Sarah Richards, Donna Rincon Acosta, Nicolas Robbins, Brittany Robinson Giles Robledo, Rafael Rosen, Dane Rosewall, Olivia Rumble, Elizabeth Rvan, Emily Ryan, Georgina Rvan. Stuart Ryan, Timothy Salter, Ryan Santeliz, Luis Schregardus, Marc Seale, Nick Sedgers, Ken Shepherd, Gavin Simpson, Annabelle Singer, Michael Skeete. Rebecca Smallbone, Morgan Smith. Jeremy Smith, Kate Smith, Matthew Soraya, Jessica Spies, Tim Spinks, Simon Spooner, Matt Sribney, Michael Stewart, Jessica Stewart, Kate Stewart, Ryan Stewart, Sam Stirk Lowana Stone, Sam Story, William Studholme, Ingrid Sturt-Addicott, Laura Sutton, Rvan Syddall, William Tallon, Courtney Taylor, Andrew Taylor, Sally Thomas, Richard Tindall, Ryan Tonner, Gregory Tourle, Mitchell Townshend, Phillip Turnbull, Margaret Turnquist, Jonah Ugarte, Andrew Valdeck, Jochen Valdeck, Sophie Valder, Andrew Van straalen Jack

Vargas Arellano,

Paxton Chris

Frank Alexander Varnier, Claude Vidal Navarro, Eduardo Villa, Dominic von Muenster, Kylie Vos. Max Ward, Jonathan Watchman, Paul Watt, Robert Waugh, Robert Weber, Bradley Webster, Hugh Wenck, Paul Weste-Angus, Kerry Whatling, James Whitley, Justin Whittle, Danielle Wilsmore, Brent Woodruff, Palitja Wright, David Wright, Kenny Young, Oliver Young, Tamara

#### ACTIVE (15-18 YRS)

Anderson Finn Betts, Jasmine Birkhold, Jasmine Brown, Will Ferguson, Darcy Finnimore, Noah Gaston, Oliver Gillespie Thomas Hartwig, Will Hughes, Samuel Johnston, Hannah Johnstone, William Lightfoot Samuel Love, Nicholas McKenzie Amy McLellan, Luke Melki, Sebastian Morris, Sarah Nolan, Emily Perica Dane Regan, Marnie Scaffidi, Sophie Staines, Harry Stanton, Sophie Webb Daniel Wenck, Max Witty, Isabel

# CADET MEMBER (13-15 YEARS)

Aboud, Oliver Adams Mia Aidoud, Gaston Anderson, Noah Angus, Edan Ashton, Charlie Austin, Gabrielle Baldwin, Benjamin Bates, Verona Baxter, Edward Baxter, Finn Bennett Charlie Betts, Francesca Retts Gabrielle Bianchi-Foo, Mikayla Boyle, James Brown, Gracie Brown, Rosie Burgess-Hoar, Tilly

Congdon, Jasmine Coombe-Swanson, Alex Cvron, Lilv Davison, Nichol Dihm Charlotte Dihm. Harry Doble, Alexander Eisenhauer, Maggie Espie, Molly Fitzpatrick, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Ella Gavin Mitchell Gay, Grace Gerahty Jack Giuffrida, Matteo Gloster, Tom Gooch, Jemima Haddock, Alexandra Hatherall Felix Hatton, Charlie Hindmarsh, Darby Horgan, Lucy Humphreys, Alva Jackson, Alexandra James, Poppy Janes, Emma Jenkins, Michael Johnson, Lotus Johnston, Araminta Jones, Lorcan Jones, Rhys Klein, Oliver Lafferty, Coco Lefebvre, Lucia Livingstone, Millie Lucas, Imogen Lyndon, Oscar Marouani Fitan McCarthy, Tessa Melki, Jemima Morison, Asha Morison, Jaya Morris, Aoibhe Nairn, Hugo Ng Abigail Nguyen, Zachariah Nicholas, Xavier Oakley, Marlow O'Reilly, Lily Penny, Callum Puntigam, Kai Rashid, Harun Read, Archibald Sawyer, Skye Scotts, Jake Scotts, Lola Smith. Willow Stanton, Nicholas Stewart, Dasher Stratton, Eliza Stringer, Lucy Talarico, Polly Tindale, Jack Tonner, Eloise Venetoulis, Nicholas Venetoulis, Paris

Vivian, Ariel

Waugh, Sylvia

Willis, Sophia

Wilsmore, Kate

West, Alexandra

Will-Reichman, Lahra

Chick Fmilie

Collins, Imogen

Collins Mathilde



Woodruff, Liam Zeiderman, Jonah

Al-Bassam, Kareem

Bakarich, Vanessa Elise

#### **ASSOCIATE**

Beckman Karl Blomberg, Julie Burrows, Clare Butcher, Peter Byrne, Annie Chappell, Paul Cullen, Gary Dawes Seumas Devine. Kit Dixon, Michael Ebner, John Greatorex. Dave Grogan, Andrew Hardy, MaryJane Howell, Mary Kelaher, Anthony Kelaher, Gary Khuman, Manrai King, Kerry Landsberg, Barbara Lewis, DLeanne Lockwood, Dennis Love, Madeleine Lunney, Bridie Lunney, James Maidment, Greg McGuinness. Reavmond Meagher, Linton Muir, Kate Muret, Julien O'Brien, Barbara Plante Gilles Ralphs, David Ries Holly Scaffidi, Catherine Seigel, Amber Singleton, Jack Stephens, Mark Stewart Marie Stratton, Edwina Sward, Don Vanderplank, Gavin Walker, John Watson Natalie Webb, Paul Whatling, Gary

Woodford, Allayne

#### LEAVE / RESTRICTED

Eyeson-Annan, Ballant Gruszka, Chloe King, Stuart Klonsky, Drew Schaffner, Wilfried Scotney, Joanne Smith, Sophie Williams. Erica

#### HONORARY

Pisani, Roland Vesper, Matt

#### JUNIOR ACTIVITY MEMBER (5-13 YEARS)

YEARS) Aboud, Ashleigh Adamik Mark Aidoud, Edgar Anderson, Eoin Andreatta, George Angus, Mae Ashton, Molly Bagheri, Jethro Barlow, Samuel Barnett, Macy Barnett 7eke Barrow, Oscar Bartlett, Georgina Barton, Cael Clark, Gigi Bassaly, Bonita Bates Alec Batson, Benjamin Batson Samuel Baxter, Henry Beavis, Benjamin Bell. Louis Bendeich, Hugo Bennetto-Miller, Holli Berkery, Orla Betts, Alannah Bianchi India Billings, Owen Blair Lottie Bolomey, Jonas Bolomey, Sacha Boon, Jake Borthwick, Matisse Bosch, Natasha Boyle, Ivy Crawford Henry Brennan, Betty Brennan, Maeve Croft, Eve

Brickell, Angus Crompton, Joseph Crotty, William Brickell, Charlotte Brown, Andrew Cruikshank, Charlotte Brown Lucy Cunnington, lvy Buckley, Charlie Curtis, Ada Budge, Leo Cyron, Sonny Budge, Mia Da Cunha, Raphael Bull, William Dargan, Roisin Bullivant Isaac Darragh, Ryder Burreket, Grace Darragh, Xavier Burrows, Jack Davis, Imogen Burrows, Sam Davis, Ivy Bush-Brady, Callum De Barnholt Werner, Buxton Jack James De Barnholt-Werner, Byrne, Finn Campbell, Angus Henrik Campbell, Edward Dekell, Noah Campbell, Jessie Delesclefs, Henri Canning, Yasmin Delesclefs, Lucy Cantlon, Neela Dempsey, Isla Canty, Estelle Dempsey, Jack Casselden, Madeleine Derwin, Cleo Ceccato, Georgia Derwin, Jade Chami, Weston Deutscher, Archie Cheng, Sebastian Deutscher, Oscar Chia, Isabelle Dihm, Sophie Chia, Sophie DiLallo, Madison Disney, Colette Chirnside, Lucinda Chirnside, Sam Doble, Finn Doble, Hugo Chivers Imogen Clark, Beau Doble, Lachlan Clark, Charlie Dole, Ayumi Dorney, Alice Dorney, George Clark, Juliette Clark Leila Dorney, Oliver Clark, Sabine Dos Remedios, Kiki Clark-Jago, Alice Dumduz, Nico Clegg, Christo Dumduz, Zeki Clegg, Jago Dungey, Ella Duque, Carter Clegg, Sandy Clifton, Carter Duque, Cooper Clifton, Isabella Dver. Harriet Clifton, Kelly Dyer, Pauline (Polly) Coffey, Clementine Edwards Hill, Lila Edwards Hill, Tilley Cohen, Isla Ren Collins, Jemima Eisenhauer, Oliver Eisenhauer, Sadie Colguhoun, Samara Congdon, Lillianne Emanuel, Beatrice Corcoran, Benjamin Emanuel, Matilda Coughlin, Rory England, Leo Coughlin, Rose England, Ted Coughlin, Sean Ervin, Emily Court, Stella Etherington, Ivy

**Evans Grace** 

Farquhar, Byron

Fasol, Alexandra-Elka Fasol, Nicholas Fearman, Lily Ferguson Rhys Finnane, Lachlan Fish, Moxie Fitzpatrick, Celt Flick, Siena Flitcroft Oliver Floch Lelard, Jamson Foletta, Arki Foletta, Edward Forrest, Ryan Foster Annabelle Foster, Katia Fourter, Spencer Foy, Harry Foy, Hugh Foy, Jack Garben-Thew, Sacha Gardiner, Jonathan Gardner, Luna Garrett, Harland Gaston, Freja Gauci-Cook, Thomas Gay, Aine Gay, Brendan Gelle. Blake Gibbons, Billy Gibbons, Geoffrey Gijselman, Evelyn Gijselman, Patrick Gillespie, Reggie Gilmore, Flynn Gloster Will Golovsky, Sol Golovsky, Talia Golovsky, Zac Goold, Samuel Goulter, Neeva Gower, Chloe Gower, Lucy Graczer, Hugh Grantham, Ava Grantham Jack Gray, Scott Gray, Sophie Green, Boyd Green, Claudia Greiner-Sharp, Tully Grice, Anna Grice. Olivia Guyatt, Majenta Rose Hack, Frankie Hack, Maximus

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Haddad, Analise Haddad, Esme Haddad, Finn Haddock, Luke Hahn, Isaac Hamilton, Grace Hamilton, Lucy Hamilton, Sophie Hancock, Noah Hannify, Lola Hannify, Scarlett Harris, Dylan Harris, Madeleine Hart, Max Harwood, Charles Harwood, Oliver Hatherall Ivv Hatherall, Josephine Hatton, Joe Hatton, Zach Hawkins, Rocky Hawkins, Sidney Hawter, Dominic Hawter, Jacob Hayward, Eliza Hayward, Rosa Hayward, Thea Heavener, Marni Heida, Skylar Heras, Ines Hermens, Mischa Hermens, Stella Hetherington, Leila Hindmarsh, Margot Hodge, Hugo Hodge, Jasper Hoggett, Scarlett Holt, Lulu Hough, Freddy Hubbers, Ethan Humphreys, Fred Hutchinson, Xander Innes, Ashleiah Innes, Madeline Ireland, Angus Jackson, Kassandra Jaffers, Jez Jagger, Thomas Jagger, William James, Charlie

James, Maisie James, Riley Jelicic, Ella Johnson, Edward Johnson, Marley Johnson, Phoenix Johnson, Xavier Johnston, Angus Johnston, Sadie Jones, Abigail Jones, Carrig Jones, Lachlan Jones, Xavier Joshi-Kraus, Sienna Joyce, Scarlett Kalofonos, Dion Kamat Mira Karlson, Jarvis Karlson, Remy Kaspar, Jonathan Kelliher, William Kelly, Aidan Kennedy, Frederick Kesler, Emilie Kesler, Gabriel Kilmurray, Tyla King, Elke King, Morgan Kirievsky, Anna Kita, Stella Kivader, Lilly Rose Klaiber, Bowie Klaiber, Sierra Klein, Beniamin Klinedinst, Maya Knight, Arabella Knight, Emilia Kolenc, Penny Kroon, Harper Kuppe, Matilda Lacroix, Auriane Lafferty, Anouk Lake, Aston Lake, Estelle Lambert, Alice Lang, Odette Lastro, Isla Lastro, Ruby Leadston, Max Leary, Betsan

Leary, Gwilym Letts, Hannah Levy, Sophia Lewin, Jackson Levland, Lewis Levland, William Livingstone, Alice Livingstone, Ivy Llimos Garcia De Oteyza, Chloe Llimos Garcia De Oteyza, Pablo Llimos Garcia De Oteyza, Tristan Lopes, Ayrton Lopez Crestani, Ruben Lovett Nate Lovett, Sia Lubonski, Sofia Lucas, Max Lyndon, Winter Ma. Minvuan Mac Domhnaill, Oscar Macan, Theodore Macan, William Macartney, Abigail Maddock, Alexis Mallett, Albert Mallett, Poppy Mancuso, Luca Mancuso, Xavier Mann, Jack Marouani, Noam Marr Archie Marr, Hamish Marten-Coney, Ethan Martinez Tevfik, Henri Martinez Tevfik, Oscar Martinez Tevfik, William Martlew, Amity Mather William McCallum, Jack McCallum, Marley McCarthy, Summer McGilp, Molly McGovern, Tom McHerron, Oscar Mclaughlin, Mae Medniuk, Amelie Medniuk, Noah

Meinrath, Levi Merryweather, Malia Merryweather, Tallis Metzl, Rowan Migliorini, Audrey Miklos, Ivy Miklos, Vienna Miller, Sabine Mills, Matilda Miocevic, Grace Miocevic, Hugo Moffitt, Marlow Monaco, Ludmila Moorhead, Ethan Moorhead, James Morastico, Betty Moreton, Asher Morison, Taj Morris, Ciara Morris, Liam Morris, Roise Mudie, Darcev Mudie, Owen Mulligan, Finley Mulligan, Rafferty Munro, Krew Murphy, Emily Murphy, Ethan Murphy, Hugo Murphy, Leo Murphy, Maud Nairn, Ali Nanquette, Casarie Nanquette, Octavie Nash, Sarah Nash. Sophie Nearn, Max Nelligan, Laura Newell, Elijah Newell. Erin Ni Flvin Nic Domhnaill, Alannah Nic Domhnaill, Daire Nicholas, Paloma Nicholson, Oscar Nicholson, Rufus Nixon, George Nixon, Harrison

Nixon, Henry

Nolan, Caylee

Norgard, Ruby Norman-Nott, Finley Nott, Finley Oakley, Jarvis Oakley, Tindall O'Connor, Mia Okeefe, Georgia Okugami, Marcus Oliva Cave, Amelia Oranje, Eloise Oranje, Lillian O'Reilly, Joseph O'Reilly, Poppy OSullivan, Grace OSullivan, Thomas Palin, Sophie Pallett Rosie Palmer, Annabel Palmer, Ayrton Park, Chloe Pashley, Annalise Patakas, NIcholas Patterson, Shoshana Perrignon, Clementine Perrignon, Eloise Perrignon, Evie Perrignon, Ted Perry, Arabella Perry, Tom Phillips, Lucy Phillips, Victoria Plante, Imanol Podgornik, Frank Prichard, Grace Quartermaine, Dyllan Rashid, Anya Rashid, Zain Read, Edward Read, Samuel Reid, Magnus Reuss, Clementine Reuss, Matilda Richards, Lilv Rink, Anil Rink, Neela Riva, Georgina Rizk, Joey



Rolfe, Ines

Rolfe, Josephine

Romans, Cameron

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Yamani, Giselle



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Foletta, Hamish

Hutchinson, Yolande

Ireland, Cameron

Jackson, Sarina

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Hughes, Ann Rafte, lan

#### **PAST ACTIVE**

Keane, John

#### **RESERVE ACTIVE**

Bartlett, Craig Carter, Matthew Faddy, Matthew Ford, Patricia Miles, Nishara Ryan, Paul Shubitz, Anthony Tyrrell, David Whillier, Warren



Minning, Deborah

Moffitt, Andrew

Stewart, Scott

# **VALE**

#### **ROSS WADDELL**

Ross was 77 years old, born December 1943 and died in July 2021 and had not enjoyed good health over the past couple of years, sadly with the return of prostate cancer that had previously gone into remission.

Ross joined Bronte Surf Club in the 1959 - 60 season, he was a patrolling member and boat crew competitor at carnivals until 1967/68, before moving to the Sawtell/Coffs Harbour area where he remained until his passing.

He was a bit of a larrikin with a good nature and sense of humour, always smiling. Many will remember one of his more mischievous exploits after a Garie Beach carnival when Ross swam across the weir with a tomahawk in his mouth!

#### **PETER GARLICK**

Peter was a Life Member of the Bronte Nippers Club, having been appointed in 1989. Peter and his wife Pat, were around in 1974 when the Nippers were formed for Bronte boys only and they helped manage the Nippers continuing past season 1980/81 when young girls were welcomed. Both Peter and Pat went on to be Carnival Referees for Bronte Surf Club and both took up positions on the Sydney Branch Management committee.

#### **PAUL SZABO**

Surf Club member Paul Szabo sadly lost his brave yearlong battle with cancer.

Paul joined the Surf Club in 2005, he was actively involved in Nippers, often driving the board trailers and helping out wherever he could. He looked forward to his much-loved Christmas morning patrols with his kids. Paul gained his Bronze in 2007 and performed 190+ Patrol hours over 8 years.

#### **PAT MCGRATH**

Pat McGrath was a longtime Club member. Pat joined Bronte SLSC in 1952 and attained his bronze medallion in the same year. Pat went onto to be a most accomplished athlete and competitor for the Club. Pat was a member of the successful Junior Surf Team that won gold at the 1953-54 national championships. He was also a member of the R&R and March Past teams and competed for Bronte in the shuttle tennis and beach football teams.

Pat was instrumental in assisting Bob Miller to establish the Bronte Nipper program back in 1974 and he also initiated the Bronte Joggers that still run each Sunday.

#### **CHARLIE HITCHINGS**

Charlie Hitchings, a character of Bronte Surf Club during his era passed away in July 2020. Charlie first joined Bronte in the 1954/55 season, and gained his Bronze Medallion very soon after. Charlie was very active within the Club, always very generous with a helping hand whenever required, as well as a sponsor to the nippers. Charlie was a keen Club competitor, holding various swimming and belt championships. He led the Bronte IRB team to NZ in 1986, contesting the NZ IRB National Championships, where the team won the mass rescue event.

#### JOHN "GINGER" WEBER

John Weber, Bronte Club member since he joined in 1952, passed away in September 2020.

John gained his Bronze Medallion in 1953 and went on to be a most respected and successful Club member throughout the 1950's and 60's being Club Captain for a period. John was the standard bearer for the Bronte March Past team for ten years, a member of the Club beach football team, a swim competitor for the Club and won gold in 1954-55 season at the Australian Titles as a member of the successful Junior Surf Boat crew. Remarkably, he was also the 1957-58 Australian SLS Pillow Fight champion. John was acknowledged for having carried out a memorable and amazing surf rescue, showing incredible strength and surf skills.

#### MICHAEL "MICK" MORONEY

Long-time club member Mick Moroney, aged 87 passed away in September 2020.

Mick was a proud and very active member of the club having accrued an astounding 67 years consecutive membership with Bronte SLSC. In his prime, he shared a double ski with Kevin Grace, competed at State level, as well as holding senior leadership roles in the club including secretary, gear steward and vice-captain. Mick also represented Bronte at shuttlecock in competition and played football with local teams alongside other surf club members.

For the past 17 years Mick was an active patrolling member of Rainbow Bay SLSC volunteering an average of 80 hours a season, only "retiring" in 2019.

