



# SURF SUN & Sand



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# President Report

Julian Sweeney  
President



David Mitton (second from the left) rowing at the 2021 Victorian Titles.

The season is quickly approaching and as a result activity around the club has increased. August and September are two of the pivotal months when it comes to getting the club organised for all things Surf Life Saving. The patrol roster is well underway as is the planning for the SRC and Bronze Camps. The nipper committee is well advanced with the planning of the nipper calendar and the competition team continue to train hard.

The club committee has seen many changes during the off season, so we look forward to a fresh new approach from our new directors. Can I please take this opportunity to thank the exiting committee members once again for their amazing efforts to get the club to where it is today?

Sadly, we have had to lay some club legends to rest over the last few months. One of the saddest moments in my time at the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club was saying goodbye to a close friend David Mitton.

Dave, as many people would agree, was a ball of energy and happiness. He always had a smile on his face and loved to make people around him laugh. Dave patrolled, rowed, and achieved great heights as a Torquay member. He touched many people's hearts in his time at the club and will be sadly missed by many of his friends but not least, by his amazing family.

May he Rest in Peace.

Waves roll always.



# Important Dates

## Upcoming Events

Keep up to date with what's happening at the club! Don't forget to check the Club Facebook page or the Torquay SLSC Website for events and updates in case there's any changes or new items that pop up!

- 16  
OCT

**NIPPERS STARTED**


- 21  
OCT

**TSLSC FOUNDATION GOLF DAY**
- 22  
OCT

**ENDURANCE CARNIVAL @ COSY CORNER**
- 1  
NOV

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**



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Good seasons start with good beginnings



**Sparky Anderson**



### Official Clubbies Surf Series Prints!

Clubbies has generously offered us a members special offer! Clubbies donates a percentage of their sales to the club but has agreed to dramatically increase the donation amount if we do a club buy. The best bit is that we also get a 20% Discount on the RRP for all orders that are made through the Club!



#### What You Get

50cm x 70cm screen print. Made with non-toxic, water based inks on pale cream textured paper. Stamped and blind embossed. Frame not included.



#### Awesome Promotion

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# Historian News

## Tony Fraser

Jan Juc Carnival 1965 and Torquay SLSC wins another Surfboat, BP Mariner.

During the late 1950's and 1960's, BP Australia was a sponsor. Initially Torquay SLSC won the 1st surfboat, the BP Protector with the most points scored at Carnivals. However, the state body introduced the handicap system for all Victorian clubs.

The competitors photographed below were mainly swimmers, board paddlers and skiers. The photo was taken when the boat crews were rowing back home.

Holding the winning pennant was our then President Eugene (Titch) Cullity AM and Club Captain Neil Inglis. Eddie Kidd reluctantly wearing the Torquay cap.



Standing: Cam Seward, Brian Singer, Titch Cullity, Mick Wilson (Portsea), Tony Strahan, Maurice Rayner, Tony Knight (dec), Terry Wall, Neil Inglis, John Hayden (dec), Doug Warbrick.  
Sitting: Graeme Neylan (dec), Michael Hayden, Eddie Kidd (Pt. Leo), Eddie Beacham (dec)

## Club Captain's Report Grant Matthews

*Little Darlin, it's been a long cold  
lonely winter.....  
Spring is in the air, winter sports have  
finished, Nippers are on their way back  
and here comes the sun.*

“

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth

”

Muhammad Ali



Lots of planning is going on behind the scenes for the coming season. We would like to recognise all the hard work done by our members and a special shout out to one of our 'elders'...

Thank you John Mercer for all the maintenance and repair work you have done and continue to do to keep our clubhouse usable.

On 15 October John organised the working bee. It was a great opportunity to meet old and new members and get together to care for our club and show our 'love' for John.



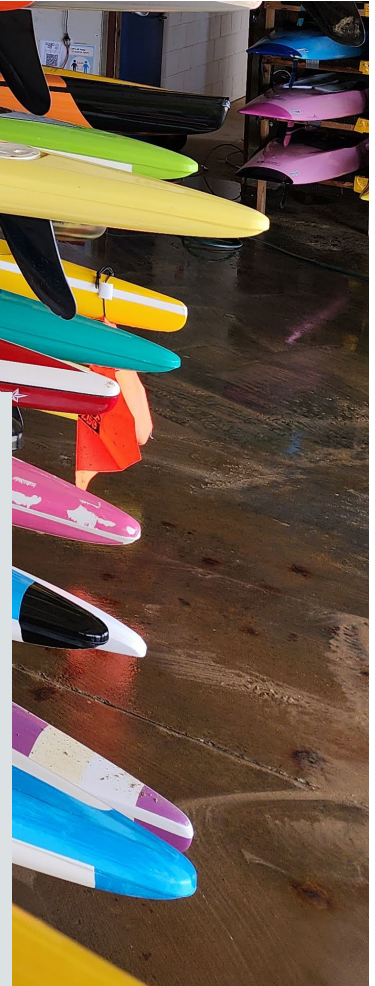
## Competition Update Peter Quinlan

Board, ski and beach training is now in full swing, and we are only a week away from our first carnival which will be the Endurance carnival at Cosy Corner on Saturday October 22.

The next carnival after that is the first of the Summer Series on November 13.

The Jim Wall Carnival is set for Sunday Jan 8, 2023 and planning has begun to ensure that the day will be a success. Please keep that date free as you will see some great racing.

Keep an eye out for skills maintenance dates as they will be upon us soon. We are always on the lookout for extra IRB Drivers and Crew as well as officials to help at carnivals. If you are interested, then please let me know.



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# Nipper News

## Matt Carmichael

Welcome everyone to the new season of aquatic sports training at TSLSC. Thankfully this year there has been 100% retention at the nipper subcommittee level. Hayley, Jay, Dennis, Marisa, Carly continuing on to support me. We would also like to introduce Miranda Hayden who will be acting as our Age Manager Mentor/Liaison and Lisa Allen who will be assisting us with communications and promoting the program.

We would like to extend our greatest thanks to Hayden Real Estate who have once again come on board as our Gold Sponsor this season. We could not run the program without them. Make sure you chat to Miranda or Ben on the beach or pop into their office in town to help with any of your real estate needs.

Nipper numbers are strong again this year, we already have over 435 nippers signed up with lots of new

families across all age groups taking the plunge. We can't wait to see everyone conquering the waves on Wednesdays and Sundays.

We have increased our cap this year so hopefully we will have a spot for everyone who wants to take part. It takes time to build an adequate skill base to deliver the program safely, particularly when needing bronze medallion qualified members to maintain our water safety ratios. With the increased interest coming from the younger age groups, we need to ensure we raise our numbers at a steady rate to maximise the nippers' time in the water and give us enough time to train up those ever-important volunteers.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the beach.



## Help Needed!

As families move on through the program, we are always looking for more parent volunteers interested in helping out. The more parents we have putting up their hands to help, the less each of us must do individually. We know there are more parents out there keen to help, so we are looking at our options for running an adult bronze course as soon as possible. In the meantime, all parents are encouraged to explore the training options at other clubs or via the LSV portal. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more details. Remember, if participating in more than 1 carnival this year it will be expected that families are able to assist filling our LSV ratios as a water safety or technical official volunteer.

Speaking from personal experience, having the bronze qualification put me right there in the water with the kids, seeing them overcome their challenges and the massive smiles that brings. I truly miss being in the water and I try to get in the water with any age group as much as I can. The same is true for being a technical official at carnivals - it truly is the best seat in the house to watch your kids from!



Gold Sponsor



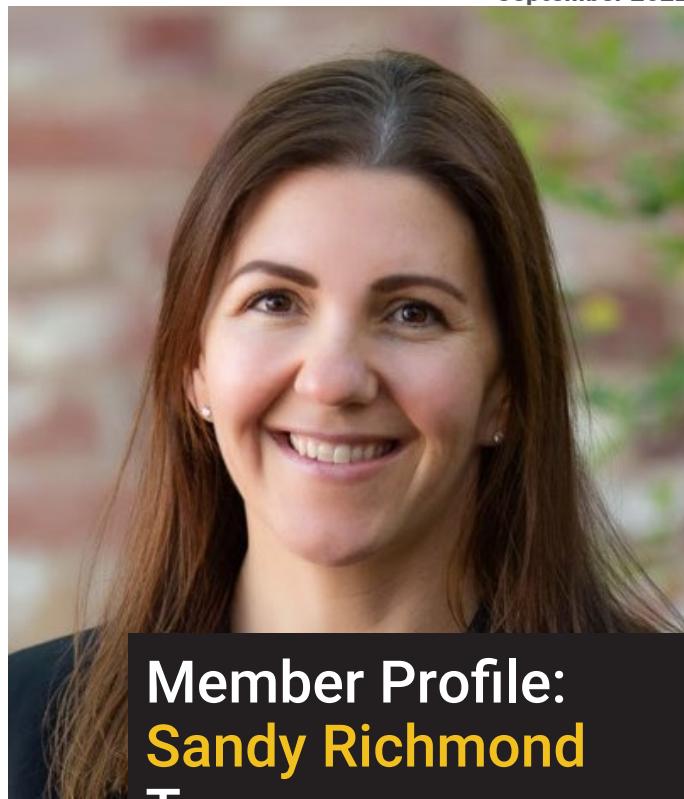
# Our Young Lifesavers Attend Advanced Lifesaving Camp

## Kai Tracey

The Advanced Life Saving camp in Aireys Inlet is an incredible 5-day experience. It is the perfect way to refine your skills as a lifesaver and a potential lifeguard. You learn how to handle emotions in difficult situations on the beach and how to communicate effectively and efficiently with your patrol and LSV. Most importantly you learn what it means to serve the community on the beach and the role you undertake as a lifesaver. You also meet likeminded people from other clubs who you form strong bonds with when doing activities and scenarios. I would 100% recommend it for anyone looking to become a lifeguard or just wanting to advance their lifesaving knowledge.



Kai Tracey and Jake Jenkins



## Member Profile: Sandy Richmond Treasurer

I am thrilled to be taking on the Treasurer role and look forward to getting more involved and meeting more of you at Torquay SLSC.

I grew up in a small country town (Wycheproof) and spent many holidays in Torquay with my family growing up.

I studied accounting and became a CA in Melbourne whilst working at KPMG. My husband Josh and I decided to move to his hometown of Birchip to start our family (after a few years in Ballarat where he taught at Ballarat Grammar and I worked at RSM Bird Cameron). We have four children who love growing up close to their grandparents and cousins.

I am an owner of Wimmera Mallee Accounting (based in Birchip) and Josh is a VCE Maths Teacher at Birchip P12 School.

2021/22 was the first season we became involved with Torquay SLSC and we were blown away by how good the nippers program was. Our children learnt so much and absolutely loved it. We were amazed at the number of volunteers involved that help run the nippers program, and this was a big part of me wanting to get involved and assist where I can. I wanted to give back to the club that has given our children so much already in just one season. This year we will have Sienna in U11, Ari in U7 and Jock in U6, and their little sister Rylie who is almost 3 years old will be watching on keenly no doubt (and probably snacking on some of the delicious cookies from the canteen at the same time).

When we are not holidaying in Torquay, we love spending time with our family and friends, playing tennis (Josh is President of our local tennis club in Birchip), the kids play netball and do Auskick during the winter months and Sienna also loves gymnastics.



## Member Profile: Jay Muir Fundraising Director



Hi there, I'm Jay Muir and I am excited to be stepping into the club fundraising role.

Our family involvement at TSLSC began back in 2013 when our eldest son Harry signed up for the nipper program. I have been part of the nipper subcommittee since 2016 and have seen this section of our club grow to the enormous program that it is now thanks to the efforts of our team of age and team managers, parents and of course our amazing nippers. My younger children Stella and Bede are current nippers, and my wife Paula was Assistant Age Manager last season.

Completing my bronze medallion with Torquay SLSC enabled me to jump in the water supporting our nippers, and to also become a member of the patrol team (all activities which were never on my radar growing up in Melbourne)

Outside of the club I enjoy holidaying with family and friends, live music, watching the Collingwood magpies and open water swimming.

I am really looking forward to exploring some new fundraising opportunities and will be open to any member ideas, plus continuing with our existing streams of fundraising.

## Member Profile: Damian Chappell Marketing Director

Hey members and friends. I'm Damian and I've just been named the new Marketing Director here at TSLSC. Look forward to some exciting new concepts and activities we plan on bringing to the club, club members and to everybody who visits our iconic beach.

Torquay has been part of my life for almost 30 years and after spending nearly 15 years overseas, my family and I are so proud to call Torquay home. You may have seen me on the beach or about town walking our dogs, driving one of our work vehicles or if you know where we live, washing our collection of cars that resembles the set of The Fast and the Furious!

Since returning, my wife Andrea and I have launched Coastal Drone Company and Surf Coast Scent Co. that we run out of Torquay. No doubt you've seen the iconic Coastal Drones Jeep jetting around Torquay or the Surf Coast Scent Mobile making our special deliveries.

I believe in authentic relationships that represent real value and I want to deliver you all a club experience that's right for all of us. If you have any ideas or think you can help or maybe just want experience in advertising, social media, marketing, market planning or any of our other activities, please reach out. Grab me on the street, call me on 0409024099 or email me at [marketing.tslsc@gmail.com](mailto:marketing.tslsc@gmail.com)





TORQUAY RESCUE IS THE 'SPIRIT OF A PLACE'.  
IT IS WHERE WE START OR CONTINUE TO BE  
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THE FUTURE OF TSLSC IS EXCITING  
WITH THIS NEXT GENERATION OF  
CLUBBIES!

# TORQUAY RESCUE

