



# SURF SUN & Sand



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# 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!

- 27 JAN BLACKMANS GARDEN BAR & MEMBER BAR OPEN ✓
- 28 JAN BATTLE OF THE BAY SUMMER OF SURF SENIOR CARNIVAL -WARRNAMBOOL ✓
- 29 JAN MOUNT MARTHA NIPPER CARNIVAL ✓
- 28 & 29 JAN CADEL EVANS GREAT OCEAN ROAD RACE FUNDRAISER ✓
- 5 FEB POINT LEO NIPPER CARNIVAL ✓



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# Surf Coast Times

We'd love to offer a special shout-out to the team at the Times News Group for all of the extra support they provided for the Surf Coast Times Jim Wall Iron.

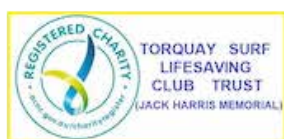
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Julian Sweeney  
President

# President's Report



Torquay SLSC took out a resounding points victory on the day!

Wow, what a month January has been.

In 3 days we showed 'one and all' why the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club is a club to be admired for its teamwork and unity on all levels.

On Friday 6 January at the Cosy Corner Carnival we fed the masses including 120 officials, supplied water safety beyond our quota including an amazingly qualified First Aid team and a host of carnival officials to enable the carnival to go ahead. The Nipper section is a well-oiled machine and was in overdrive from the early morning hours.

On Saturday 7 January the Nipper Presentation and Disco was a blast for all involved including the parents. It has been a long time since we have seen crowds gather like that at the Torquay SLSC.

On Sunday 8 January was the Jim Wall and 'wow'

what a day and what a team. The set up and pack up went ahead with precision rarely seen. PQ and his crew, Tod and the catering crew headed up by the Life Members and nipper support crew shone through.

Our competitors are our heart and our heart beats loud. Our future on all levels looks bright thanks to the devotion of our coaches and the determination of our competitors. (Nippers and Seniors).

Thank you to every single person that contributed across the weekend. We could not have achieved and would not be here if it was not for you/us/we.

2023 has started with Torquay SLSC.

See you at the beach!

THANK YOU.



It was great to see the Club House Full of families again!



Team Torquay was on the big stage that weekend and we certainly delivered beyond all expectations!

# Club Captain's Report

## Grant Matthews

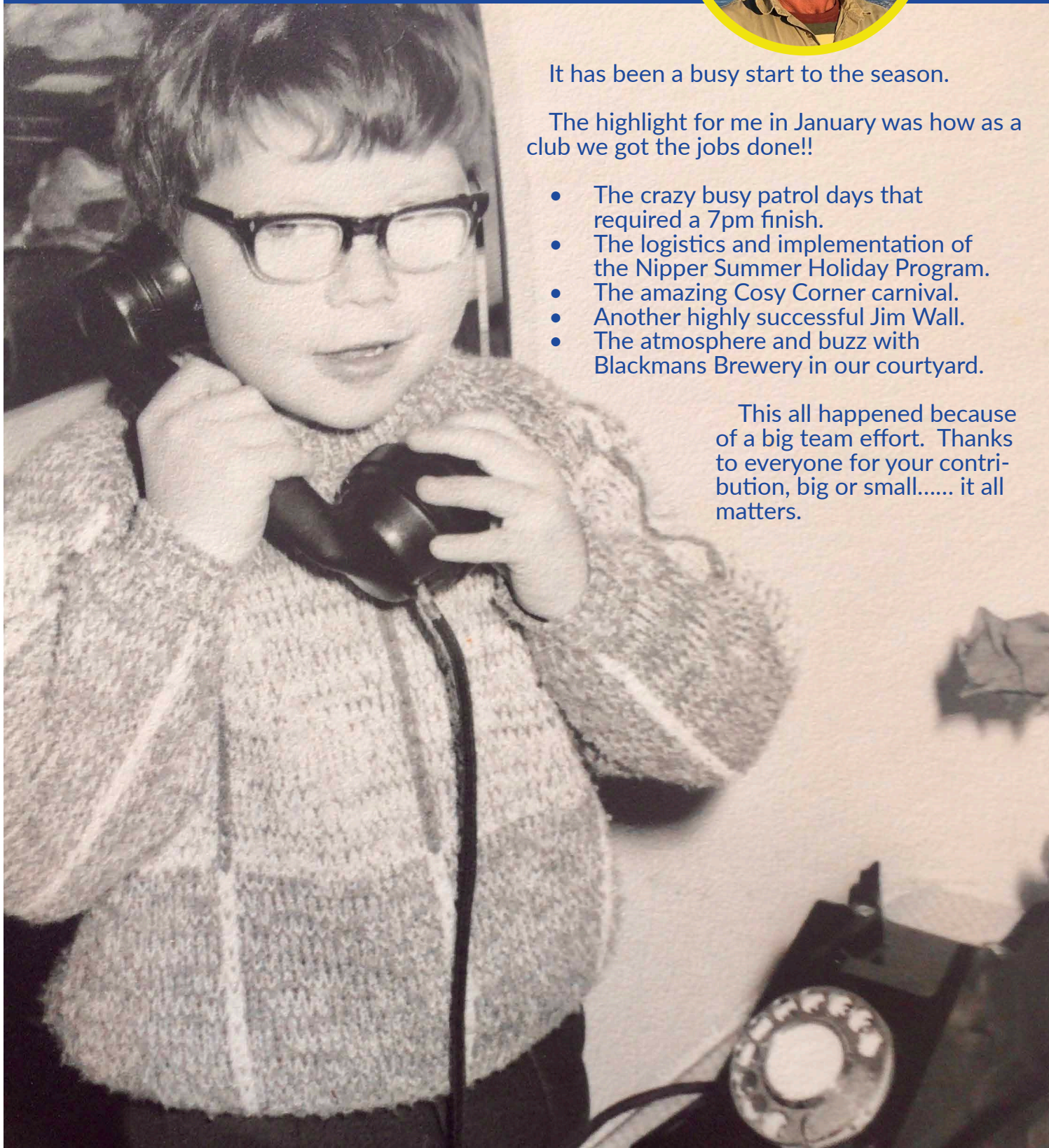


It has been a busy start to the season.

The highlight for me in January was how as a club we got the jobs done!!

- The crazy busy patrol days that required a 7pm finish.
- The logistics and implementation of the Nipper Summer Holiday Program.
- The amazing Cosy Corner carnival.
- Another highly successful Jim Wall.
- The atmosphere and buzz with Blackmans Brewery in our courtyard.

This all happened because of a big team effort. Thanks to everyone for your contribution, big or small..... it all matters.





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# Competition Update

## Peter Quinlan



January 2023 is nearly behind us and we have attended 3 carnivals during the month as well as a number of our athletes putting on the big V to represent their State in either the Super Surf Teams League or the Interstate Champs at Maroubra.

It all started with the Jim Wall event held on Jan 8 where almost 270 competitors attended. There were athletes from NSW, SA, QLD & WA. It was a great day with a thrilling finish in the women's event where Mia Cook from the Warrnambool SLSC paddled past the two girls in front of her to win the

event in an exciting finish.

The men's event was won by our very own Archie Vernon a former Torquay nipper and senior competitor who now competes for Surfers Paradise SLSC. He convincingly won the event in emphatic style. A well-deserved and popular victory.

Many thanks to a team of around 30 members that made the day a success. From the BBQ helpers to the officials, water safety, IRB crew and the set-up crew. It is and remains one of the best carnivals on



# Surf Coast Times



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## JIM WALL 2023 EVENT SPONSORS



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the senior calendar. Also, we need to acknowledge our sponsors who contributed financially to the event. Our major sponsor Surf Coast Times and other sponsors included Guarded Medical, CrossFit Bells Beach, Kieser Torquay, Corks Crew Cellars, Torquay SLSC Foundation, Terry Wall, Aussie BBQ Cleaning, Betty's Burgers, In2 Access Services, Jolyn Australian and Ripcurl.

We have had many interstate competitors come and train with our senior crew and help us with training sessions. Athletes such as Harriet Brown, Matt Gil-

ling, Archie Vernon and Grace Harris. A lot of these guys have gone out their way to pass on invaluable knowledge and advice to the team. Especially Matt who has stayed around a few extra weeks to run the ski training sessions.

Let us not forget our Head Coach Nick Thomas who keeps the board training fresh and upbeat. No session is ever the same with Nick. All the competitors enjoy Nick's sessions and enjoy putting in the hard work. I have no doubt we will perform well at both State and National events this year.







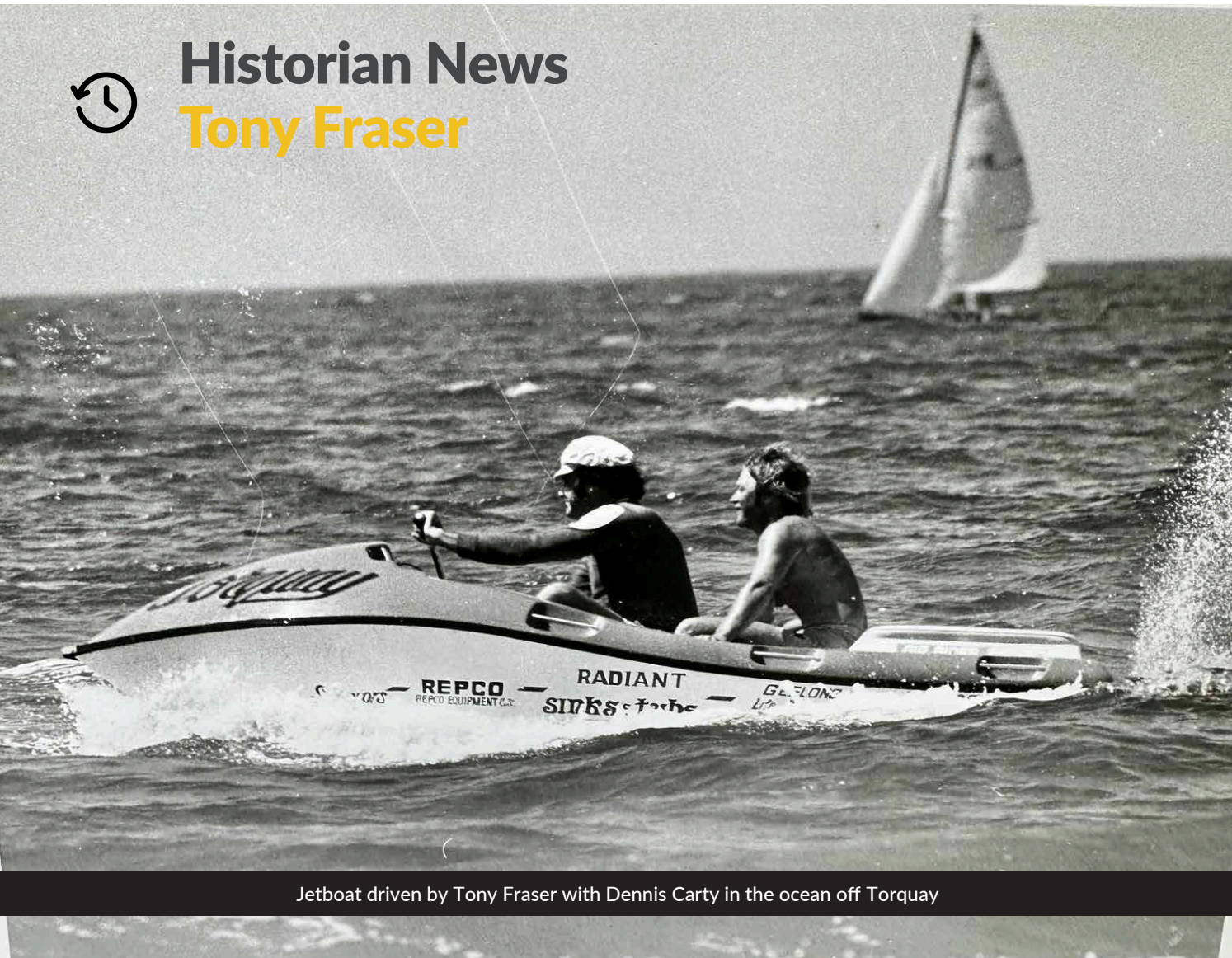
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# Historian News

## Tony Fraser

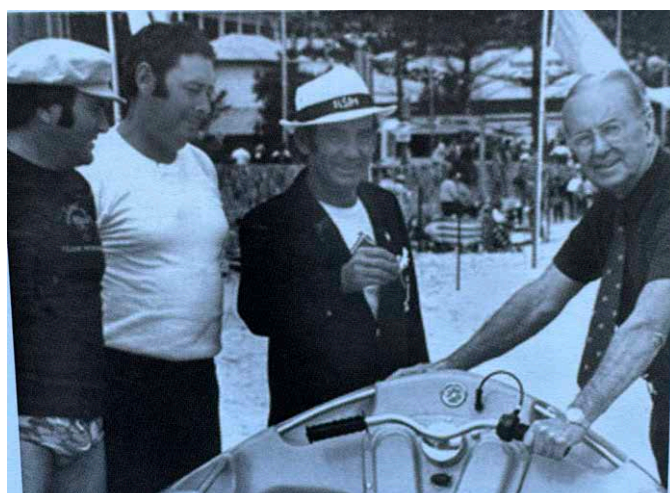


Jetboat driven by Tony Fraser with Dennis Carty in the ocean off Torquay

Before the IRB (Inshore Rescue Boat) came into existence in the late 1970's, Surf Life Saving Australia were experimenting with various powered craft to replace the manually operated 5-person Surf Boat. This craft had been used for 60+ years for mass rescues throughout Australia.

At the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Glenelg SA in 1974 we were lucky enough to win a jet boat in a raffle draw. The engine was an Austrian Rotax 44 HP 2 stroke and was donated by Goldring Engineering.

We received the boat the following season and I was lucky enough to drive it. With big surf at the Jan Juc carnival in 1975 the Jet Boat came in handy with Chris Ralph from Jan Juc assisting on board moving the various buoys at the tide change. The acceleration on this boat was amazing however the unreliability proved its downfall. If the 2 stroke Motor stalled, you would have to wait until the engine cooled to restart.



Torquay SLSC winning the Jet Boat



## Lifesaving Update Mat Blair

The start to January has proven to be a busy one from a lifesaving perspective. With the hot weather coinciding with weekends and public holidays our surf coast beaches have been packed. The high tides, lack of beach and exposed rocks all making the job of looking after our beach that bit more difficult. Our patrols have been doing an amazing job so far with attendance generally high and our experienced patrols passing on practical skills to the newly qualified clubbies brilliantly.

A reminder to our new patrol members, you don't need to be rostered on to patrol. If you're around and would like to help and improve your skills just let the Patrol Captain know and they will happily sign you on. You can't have too many people signed on at Torquay on a busy day.

With the large workload at our beach, we inevitably go through a lot of first aid supplies and gear. If you find someone missing, please let your Patrol Captain know on the day, or if you're finding it an ongoing problem, please let me know using [lifesavingdirector.tslsc@gmail.com](mailto:lifesavingdirector.tslsc@gmail.com)

I'm also asking everyone to take care of our lifesaving resources. As a club we understand things wear out and break through use, but the difficulty in obtaining some items it means we need to get longevity out of everything we have. The current wait time from the factory for a new IRB is 2 years. Even with adequate funding and confirmed orders some things are just not available.



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## Marketing Damian Chappell

This month we had some amazing sponsors jump on board and really get behind the club. I know you'll all be joining me in welcoming our fabulous new Platinum Sponsor - Guarded Medical. The team at Guarded Medical provide medical and emergency services across Australia and are a perfect fit for the culture and messaging that we are fostering at the club. If you are planning a major or corporate event, please drop them a line and see how they can help! Guarded Medical have also reached out to the club and are offering paid work to any clubbies that may want to help at the Paddle Across the Bay event being held on March 4th - You just need a Bronze and need to be licensed and confident on a Jet-Ski. Reach out to me using [marketing.tspsc@gmail.com](mailto:marketing.tspsc@gmail.com) if you're interested.

Also joining us are the awesome team at Coulter Legal Torquay, Offshore Physiotherapy Torquay and a local startup G'Day Torquay. Dealing with sponsors is one of the elements of the job that I enjoy the most as it gives me an insight into what's going on businesswise in Torquay. I'm pleased to say that all of our sponsors are a pleasure to deal with and are very forthcoming with the support that they provide the club. We kind of get spoiled by the generosity of our sponsors and it's great to see how much they care about The Club and Torquay as a whole.

Speaking about caring for Torquay, we are exploring new ways to help new businesses and start-ups here in Torquay and across the Surf Coast. If this sounds like you, or someone you know, drop me a line and I can take you over the support that we're able to provide.

I'd like to tip my hat to PQ and Sarah who did such an amazing job leading the team on Jim Wall. Seeing the beach packed with athletes and spectators, having the events run so smoothly and receiving compliments on a magnificently run event made it a real pleasure to be involved.

Lastly, January wouldn't have been half as amazing without Waz and the rest of the Blackman's Brewery crew who transformed our Club Backyard into such an amazing Beach Oasis. It was an experiment that I think we can all tick off as being one of the best things we've done at the club for quite a while. It was great seeing whole groups of people, new to the club, trying us out and tapping into the vibe that makes Torquay SLSC so special.

We've also taken on board all the feedback about the food, kitchen, food trucks, live music and members bar and we'll be developing a more cohesive plan to keep giving everybody a reason to stop by the club to have a great time!





## Member Profile: Alan “Delly” Dell Life Member

I joined the club in 1977 because I wanted a rack at the club to store my wave-rider. Max Denham who was the IRB Manager at the time and a neighbour in the camping ground, said ‘join up and will get you a rack’. So I did! Max then became President and conned me into taking over as IRB Manager which I did for a few years.

I obtained my bronze and started patrolling in 1978. I obtained my IRB driver/crew, ARC, Radio and then became Patrol Captain. I became an Instructor in 1980 then in 1985, an Examiner. For the next 30 years I trained and assessed many awards at the club, finally giving away about 8 years ago as it became too hard for an old guy.

I was Club Captain for years, Director of Lifesaving for 6 plus years, and I held several other committee positions.

I ran the first “live-in” Bronze camp and continued that for 6 years becoming cook and bottle washer with Peter “Doyley” Doyle. That was a great time at the club. It was hard work but good. I remember one guy failed 3 years in a row just so he could come back for the legendary curried sausages.

I was District Officer for 3 years and worked at carnivals in the water area for 20 years. I travelled to the USA with the Weiland Shield team and managed Team Victoria on the return visit by the USA. I was also Manager of the Victorian Trans-Tasman team travelling to Christchurch. I managed the Victorian Surf League team for 4 years and was a member of the State Patrol Competition Assessors for over 10 years.

Competition was R&R and the odd swim race and March Past. I competed in Masters for silver in the double ski and surf boat. I was also awarded Citation of Merit International Life Saving Federation 2005, Life Membership at Torquay 2008 and Life Membership at Life Saving Victoria 2009.

Outside the surf club, I played footy with Strathmore EDFL, umpired in the EDFL and my claim to fame was swimming in an aged final against the club legend “Tony Strahan” in the 1950’s.

Life Saving is a great movement. I have made many friends and I enjoy the early morning swims with my old clubby mates but I must warn young & old members who use the change-rooms **DON’T GO NEAR THE HOOKS NEAR THE ENTRY TO THE SHOWERS BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL MINE. :-)**

I love seeing all the young members using the club and all the young families that are now running the club and enjoying the friendships they make.

So to all members of the Club, if you see me around come over and say “G’DAY” Delly” because it makes me feel young again. Even if I’m working the BBQ at the club!





## Fundraising Jay Muir

What a summer at our club so far, despite the ups and downs of surf coast weather we've had packed beaches and I can't remember the club and kiosk serving so many people.

# Blackmans Brewery

The Blackmans Garden Bar has been a hit over the busy Christmas period, introducing our club to many visitors who would not normally call in. Most of you by now would have met 'Waz' from Blackmans around the club, and received his standard greeting of 'Gday Legend'. Waz and the team at Blackmans have loved their time at the club, so much so that they offered to stick around for weekends until the end of January! We have learned a lot from the Blackmans gang over this past month and look forward to a long partnership.

## PINK PATROL & LADIES LUNCHEON

The Torquay SLSC is proud to support the annual Pink Patrol again this year with our active patrolling champions celebrating the contribution of girls and women to the lifesaving movement.

We will also be hosting our second Ladies Luncheon. This is an opportunity to share stories past and present, and to inspire and empower future generations to confidently pursue opportunities in lifesaving and aquatics.

We'll be communicating the date and all the details soon!



We partnered up with our mates at Zaccaria Concerts, who hosting the 'By The C' and 'Summersalt' music festivals at Torquay Common February 4 & 5. These gigs were the hottest tickets in town with acts including Ben Harper, The Living End, Hoodoo Gurus and Angus and Julia Stone. We had a fundraising presence at the event and I'd love to thanks everybody at Team Torquay that made the time to participate and rattled those tins.



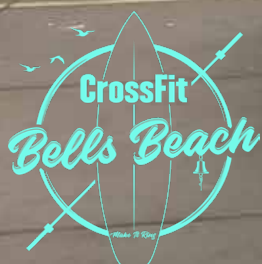
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# Nipper News **Matt Carmichael**



January is traditionally the busiest month at the club and for the Nipper section this was true. We have delivered a massive Summer Holiday Program (SHP) - with almost 600 nippers on the books. We managed once again to average an attendance of 325+ nippers, despite the less than summery weather. It is always rewarding to see the sea of yellow rashies on the beach learning how to be safe in the water in a safe and encouraging environment. We have plenty of future lifesavers in our midst. The 'cherry on top' is of course the support we get from the whole Torquay SLSC to help deliver this program. There were over 45 water safety helpers signed on each day. Along with all the regular season volunteers such as Age Managers, Team Managers, parents helping on the BBQ, kiosk and merch table it allowed us to run a fantastic program for a massive group of Nippers.

A special shout out to all the new parents that took the plunge and completed their Age Manager training or the adult SRC. We look forward to seeing you all on the bronze bridging course next year.

On top of this we were finally able to get a Cosy Corner Carnival across the line after 2 years of hiatus due to Covid. Can you believe this was to be my first ever Cosy Corner Carnival? Well, as it turned out Covid did come along, and both my son and I contracted the dreaded virus and were unable to attend - we are both looking forward to next year already. Torquay SLSC took a massive team of 147 nippers to the carnival. We had some fabulous results meaning that once again we were top of the leader board. We have done exceptionally well for 2 carnivals in a row. Credit to the Age Managers and Team Managers who have filled all the nippers with a sense of confidence to achieve their best. We are also endeavouring to mix up the teams with the aim so all nippers will have a chance of achieving a ribbon to encourage them to achieve their best and develop their capabilities.

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Not only did Torquay SLSC demonstrate the strength of our program at the Cosy Corner carnival but we also demonstrated our ability to come together at short notice. As little as 2 weeks prior to the event LSV did not have a host club locked in. Torquay SLSC stepped up and delivered first aid services, 120+ officials lunches and a massive BBQ for the event. Well done to all sections of the club that helped and really pulled together to show what Team Torquay can achieve.

Speaking of things that haven't happened for a while, we were once again able to offer an end to SHP with a nipper disco this year, and wasn't it a massive event! The SLSC was bursting at the seams with over 600 members jammed into the hall and garden. It was a great event that all the kids look forward to every year and is a great fundraiser for the club. This year the U14, U15 & U16 members had responsibility for picking the theme and decorating the hall and they did a fabulous job.

On other matters we had a number of our U13 nippers participate at the Anglesea senior carnival. We had some great results on the beach and

in the water and it is great to see these kids moving across into senior competition. With enough support and provision of multiple pathways to participate we should see more and more members moving from the nipper section into youth and senior squads at the club.

To round out January we had the Mt Martha Junior carnival on 29 January to which we took a team of approximately 75 nippers. Then we followed up with the Pt Leo carnival the very next week which is always popular with our nippers. As always, the emphasis is on making these carnivals enjoyable for the nippers, helping them to develop their confidence in the water and building fond memories that keep them coming back for more.

Have fun nippers and remember with the energy and the enthusiasm in this section, along with the support we are receiving from all sections of the club, you will be able to achieve your best.

See you on the beach!





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