

February & March 2023



SURF SUN & Sand



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!

25
MAR

BLACKMANS GARDEN PARTY
@ BLACKMANS BREWERY TORQUAY



25
MAR

THE AUSSIES



7
APR

FISH FRIDAY @ THE CLUB
FEATURING STAR MAILEE

7/8/9
APR

BLACKMAN'S BREWERY GARDEN BAR
OPEN AT THE CLUB

8
APR

BODYJAR & FOAM DUST MOVIE SCREENING



Want your photo or artwork on the cover of Surf Sun & Sand? Email your graphics through to marketing.tslsc@gmail.com

Remember the artworks have to be original and belong to you. We also need them in a format suitable to be blown up to A4.

We'll feature your name as the creator and/or photographer and include your contact details so that people can reach out to you.

“

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself

”

Henry Ford

Special Thanks

Rinske Durocher, please take a bow! Your amazing photos from the Nippers States in this edition, in the Surf Coast Times and across our Social Media accounts were simply amazing. Thanks a heap for all the great camera work you do for the club!

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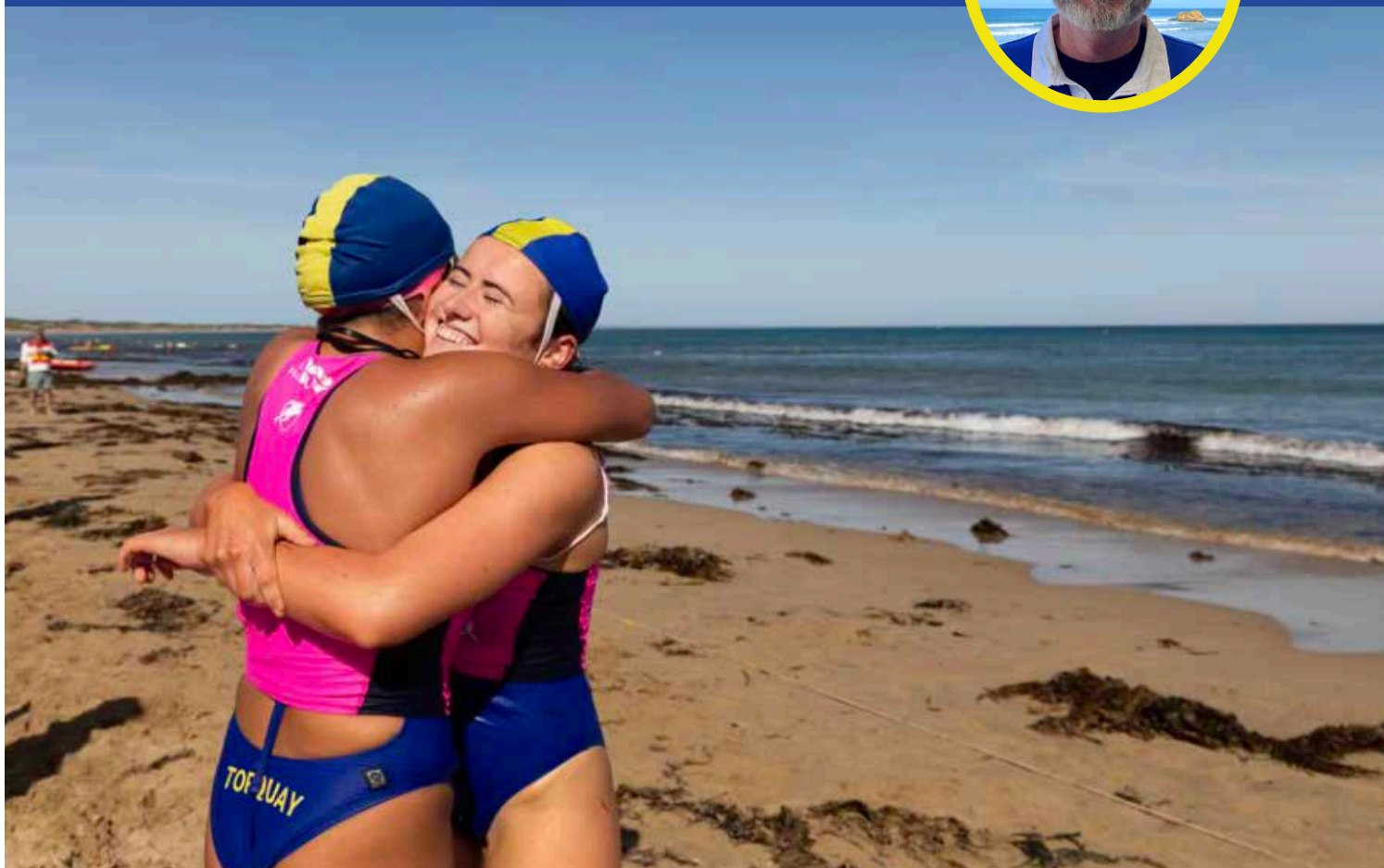


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President's Report

Julian Sweeney
President



Summer 2023 has come and gone including the hordes of tourists cramming onto Torquay beach. As the leaves start to fall from the trees and water temperatures begin to drop the season of Surf Life Saving continues in full swing.

Volunteer patrols in March remain a necessity as our competition teams continue to push towards the ultimate dream.

The Victorian Championships for nippers and seniors was an event to behold, as members of all ages competed to the best of their ability in the 'blue and gold'. We had tremendous success this year and it was great to see all the hard work rewarded with such an amazing result. We'll do a special report in the next edition.

I'd like to celebrate, congratulate, and thank each and every competitor, each and every parent and each and every member that contribute to the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club.

As we moved towards 'Aussies 2023' and the end of the patrolling season later this month, the club thanks every one of you for being here, being available and being able to share in the experiences of contributing to our community.

We aren't quite done yet so let's push hard to the line and show one and all why we are a club to be admired. We are the Torquay Surf Life Club.

Can I please take the time to also celebrate the lives of members we have lost. David North is one such member that continued to give back to the club through his amazing children and his beautiful partner Julia.

We thank David for the memories, may he Rest in Peace.

Waves roll always.

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Details:

- Submit your design as a JPG, PNG, PSD, SVG, PDF or TIFF
- The design needs to be at least 1920x1920 resolution (preferably at 300dpi)
- Send your design to marketing.tsllsc@gmail.com
- A template of the sticker can be downloaded from: <http://bit.ly/NippersStickerTemplate>
- If you prefer, you can hand draw your design on an A4 piece of paper and drop it to the club. We've provided a template that you can print out or you can take an A4 piece of paper, draw a 10cm circle on the page and design away. Make sure your name and contact details are on the paper and hand it in at the office. **DON'T FOLD OR CREASE THE PAPER!**
- The final design will be printed on a 10cm Round Sticker and we will resize or crop the design to fit if needed
- We may also add extra writing or design elements to the design so that it is uniquely identifiable as a Torquay Surf Life Saving Club Sticker
- The design has to be uniquely yours and if you include any pictures, they have to be yours too!
- The Torquay Surf Life Saving Club Director's Committee will decide the winning design and we'll notify the winner before making a public announcement. All judgements are final
- By submitting your design, you give permission for the club to use it in any way and in perpetuity
- If you prefer, we can refrain from identifying you as the winner by name, but all submissions need to include your name and contact information
- All members of the club are eligible to submit as many designs as you wish
- Entries close 17:00 15th April 2023

Club Captain's Report

Grant Matthews



My first summer as Club Captain has come to an end. Autumn brings change, mild days, & gentle winds call in the winter swell. 'No more onshores'.

It is time to reflect on the past season and start looking forward to the next.

- To all members who have been in the club 'forever'.... you can't turn back the clock, but you can wind it up again.
- To all members who are beginning to 'stack' up the seasons.... it's too late to turn back now.
- To all 'fresh' members.... Mi Casa, Su Casa.
- Now for the finale....
- Patrollers. Keep up our high standards of safety at one of the world's most famous beaches.
- To all our nippers, families, and friends. We love you all and hope you had the time of your lives at your Victorian Championships.
- To our team going to 'The Aussies'. Be proud to represent the past, the present & the future of our club.



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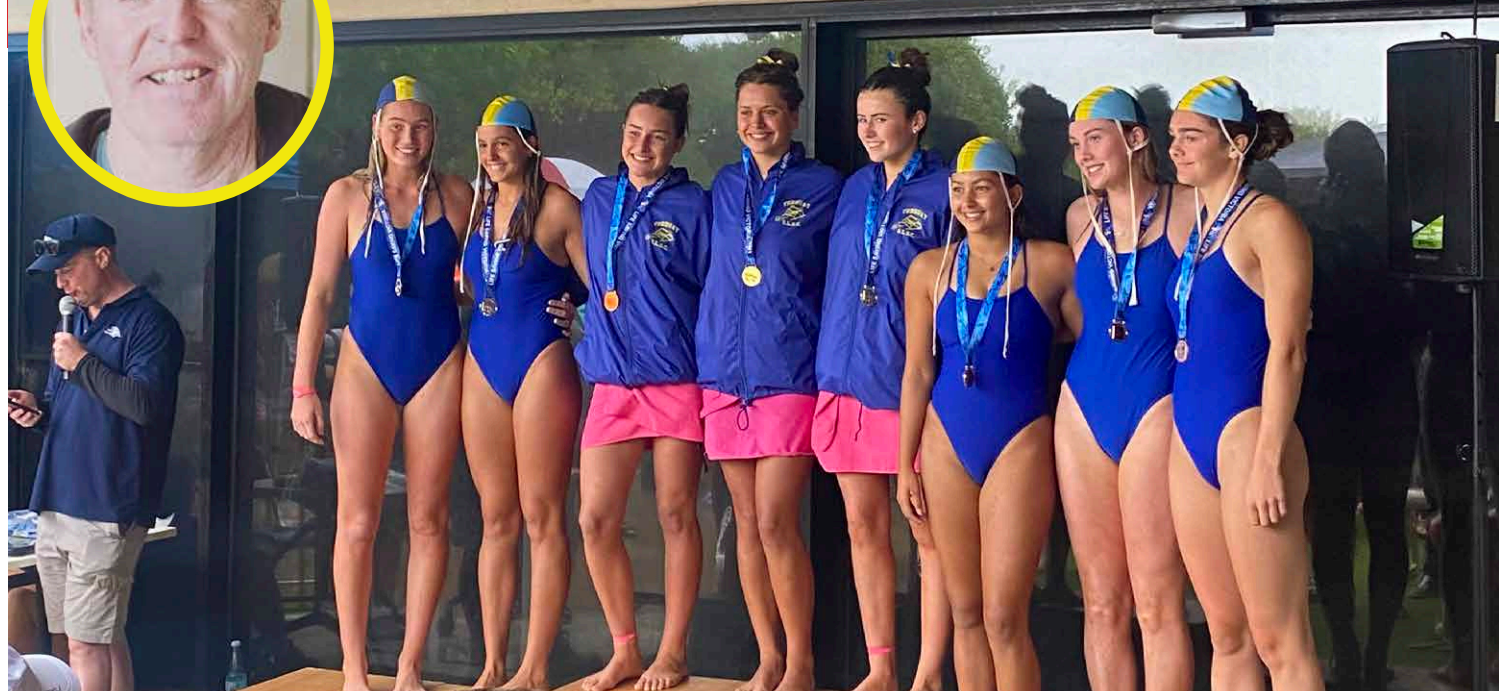
We know everybody is excited about Torquay SLSC Merch! We're well on the way to restocking inventory in the Merch Store! Stay tuned for more updates via the website & Facebook!

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Want to show your support to the Club? Looking for brand exposure & brand affinity that's second to none? We're always looking for ways to engage in partnership agreements that bring benefits to both you and the Club. Drop a line to info@torquayslsc.com.au and we can get the ball rolling!

Competition Update

Peter Quinlan



The local season was completed, and all wrapped up a few weeks ago finishing with the Victorian Championships. The club finished in 5th place in the overall club points score, just 11 points behind 3rd place. In a very tight battle, we fought for every point from the first event held on the Friday to the last event on the Sunday afternoon. Full credit to every competitor who stepped up to the line to compete for the blue and gold. Congratulations to Jemima Asher who won the Maurie Raynor Award for the best performed U19 athlete at the Victorian Championships. Jemima won the U19 Surf Race, Board Race & Iron and finished in 2nd place in the Ski Race. She was also a member of the winning U19 & Open Board Relay, U19 Surf Teams, Taplin & Board Rescue and to cap it all off she finished 2nd in the Open Iron Race. There were also some other great individual performances. Ashton Schram won the Youth Board and teamed up with Cassius Allen to also win the Youth Board Rescue. Harris Henderson found himself in 3rd position In the Open Iron only to be caught by more fancied competitors in the last 100 meters of the race. Our U19 girls were dominant in their age group

winning the Surf Teams, Board Relay, Taplin Relay, 2 x 1km Run Relay and Board Rescue and a 3rd place in the Double ski. We will have around a dozen competitors that will travel to Perth at the end March to compete at this season's Aussies and we will update you with results as they flow through.

Also, congratulations to former competitor Grace Harris who finished in 18th place in this season's Nutri-Grain series. Grace will have to requalify for next year's series, but the experience gained from racing against the best will no doubt help her to do that.



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Historian News

Tony Fraser



From left Linda Meehan, Julie Smith, Zandra Wallace, Donna Parker, Lisa Orwin, Louise Briody, Peta Denham, Tracey Cracknell and Sue Hodgson.

surfer girls to t

The Surf Life Saving movement is one of the last male strongholds. Or is it?

For the first time in the 58-year history of the association, the possibility of admitting females is being discussed at official level.

Clubs around Australia are being asked their thoughts on the fairer sex becoming fully fledged members.

It would mean that if they passed the association's testing surf bronze award, they would join the males on patrols and associated duties. The move is expected to be discussed by the various State Centres later this year.

The only provision for females is the nipperettes. But it only applies up to 12 years of age. The only avenues open after that are auxiliaries, which are heavily involved in money raising.

However, the women have achieved something of a breakthrough at Torquay. Last weekend 11 teenage girls gained a special club award called a qualifying certificate, it was based on an associated examination.

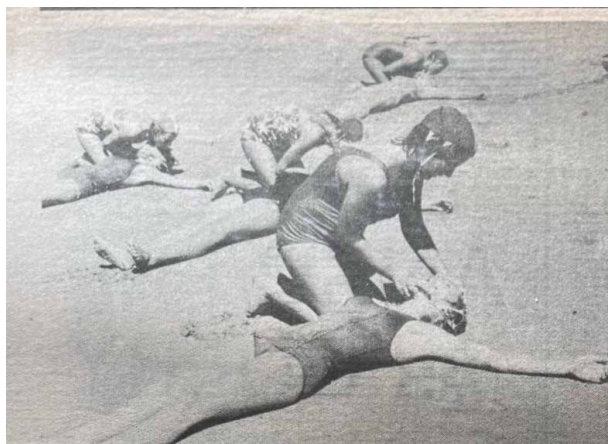
Also called a qualifying, the SLSAA award is for boys up to 15 and is a forerunner to the important surf bronze.

It involves a full knowledge of resuscitation, beach drill, first

aid, a belt swim and rescues.

The girls who passed the test with flying colours were Julie Smith 14, Louise Briody 15, Tracy Cracknell 15, Zandra Wallace 16, and Linda Meehan 13 all from Geelong. And sisters Sue 14 and Fiona Woollard 13, Sue Hodgson 15, Donna Parker 13, Peta Denham 15 and Lisa Orwin 13 all from Melbourne.

They put in 6 weeks hard training under club instructor Ron





the rescue

Woollard, father of Sue and Fiona Woollard. Their examiner, was the association's district supervisor Gary Titter.

The special Torquay award points to a change of attitude within the association to female life savers. Chief instructor at Torquay Mr Jack Doolan said yesterday " I believe there is a place for girls in the movement, providing there is no lowering of the standard. But without sounding too chauvinistic , I cannot see many completing their surf bronze belt swim It is extremely difficult and 200 metres is a lot further than the 40 metres for the qualifying. However, we hope they will be given the opportunity next year. It would give them an occupation within the club"

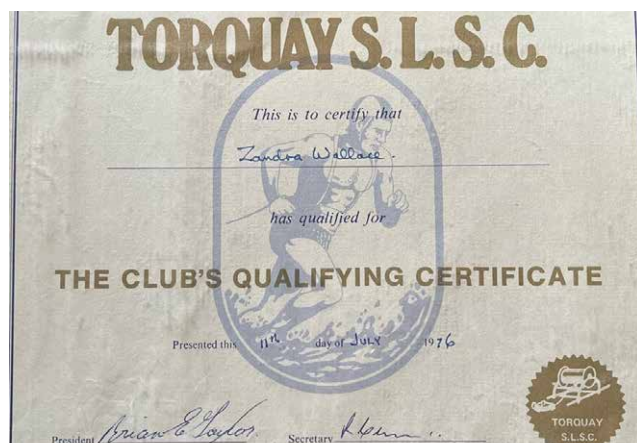
Mr Doolan said the girls had proved more capable than their male counterparts in some of the tests.

The Victorian Centre's PRO Mr Peter Grant described the Torquay move as "great, a step in the right direction". "Not only are they creating interest in the club but doing the community a service by training more people in resuscitation" he told The News.

"There have been various requests to admit women, and possibly they are bearing fruit - it is the first time discussions have reached such a level". "In winter I think we can expect a definite Yea or Nay". "With patrols becoming more and more difficult, and membership falling off, women could be a real advantage".

NOTE: This is not the first history-making move by Torquay. It was the first club in which women gained their Advanced Resuscitation Certificate. 14 passed the examination, which entitles them to use oxygen equipment but not engage in patrols.

And the 11 girls who won their qualifying are not resting on their laurels. They have set up their own group, complete with Captain, Vice-Captain and Secretary, to 'stay together' and get more girls interested.





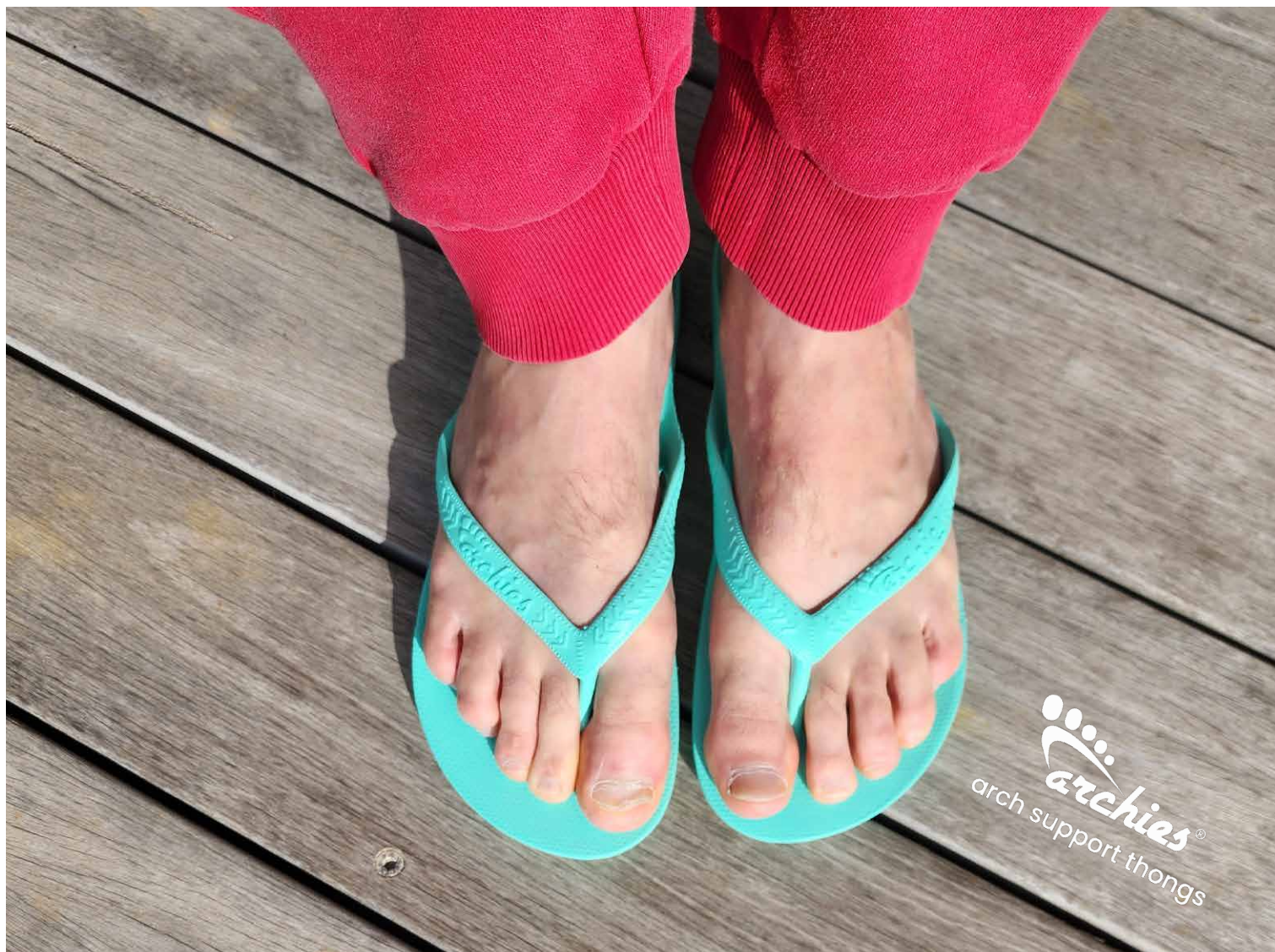
Lifesaving Update Mat Blair

With the senior Victorian Championships run and won and 5 weeks to go in the patrol season, we are nearing the end. Patrols at Torquay will run until 25 April, and we still need to provide great service to the community until then. We have had a great season so far, with many of our patrols filled with new 'SRC's' and 'Bronzies' gaining valuable experience from the more senior members.

Can every patrolling member please try and make it to your last few rostered patrols this season. With Aussies in WA and a full patrol roster for the Easter school holidays there may be some gaps. If you're around please consider doing a voluntary patrol, you never know who you might run into!

Life Saving Victoria are continuing to run training courses through until the end of the financial year. Courses aren't limited in numbers and it's a great opportunity to add a qualification before the start of next season.

There's also still a tonne of Archies thongs available at the club in mixed sized and colours that are free for patrolling members. Stop by and pick up a pair!



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Marketing Damian Chappell

The busy period for the club will soon be coming to an end. But that's not the end for us. This Easter is going to be a bumper time as the Rip Curl Pro is back in town and the traditional easter crowd moves into our little town. At the Club we'll be celebrating with Fish Friday, the Footy will be on and we'll be featuring Star Mailee singing live. Star is a local Torquay singer and songwriter and we couldn't be more pleased to have her at the club. She's just 15 but her original songs and her covers of her favourite songs are just amazing.

We'd love to get a great turnout and give her a crowd to play to and entice her to keep coming back to play regularly at The Club. Torquay is our town and we'll do everything we can to support locals. If you'd like to play live at the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club on a Friday night drop us a line and we can see what we can work out! Then there's Sunset Sounds on Saturday and BodyJar and Tracks at The Club on Saturday night. Let's also not forget our dear friends, Blackman's will have the Blackman's Beach Bar open all Weekend!

On the back of the Nippers States Win we've commissioned a new banner for the Beach Garden area and we can't wait until it arrives and we can show it off. It will go perfectly with the new lighting scheme we've deployed in the Beach Garden area. Come and check it out. It's fantastic!

Yes we're heading into winter soon and the cold winds and rain will be ravaging the coast. But we plan on running a calendar of events all the way until the start of next season. Stay tuned to Instagram and Facebook for the details. Every \$\$\$ we earn in the off season through events, fundraising and functions lets us run a better program for Nippers and Beach Patrols next season. Plus it's just plain awesome to see The Club full of people.

We've already received some entries for our Nipper Champs Sticker and we're blown away by the creativity and skills of our Nippers! Keep the entries coming in and we can't wait to announce the winner. Not only will the winner get their design printed and distributed across all of Torquay we'll also be giving a \$50 Ampol Gift Card so you can help pay back Mum and Dad for driving you to Nipper trainings and carnivals!

As I indicated in the January SSS we have a new sponsorship option for local start-up businesses. Please drop me a line if you're interested and we can have a conversation about how the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club can get behind your business and get you some extra exposure.

On the topic of extra exposure, we're looking for some assistance on the Social Media front. If you have some experience, or even a desire to learn more about the ins and outs of social media, please drop me a line. We're looking to establish a sub-committee for social media that can help us grow the accounts, attract a larger following and continue to entertain, inform and promote our great club.

We're well under way planning our Awards Night, Annual Report and AGM. We'll be communicating all the dates and details in the coming weeks. So exciting.

Next Issue we'll do full coverage of the Nippers States and The Aussies. Coming Soontm





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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

Our mates at Blackman's Brewery threw us a great party on 25th March at the Brewery in Torquay. It was great to see the many club members who visited, yapped and had a great time. It was great to see the Blackman's Brewery Beer Garden with Blue and Gold represented!



All of the proceeds from the first keg and BBQ were collected by The Club and we're so chuffed that Blackman's has been giving us a helping hand ALL Summer.



As a reminder, Blackman's is back giving us a hand running the Beer Garden at the Surf Club all Easter Weekend. The whole Garden Bar experience will be back and it will be great to see you all there!

FRIDAY. SATURDAY. SUNDAY. YIPEE!

Sunset Sounds

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ONE DAY OF NON STOP HITS

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JACK JONES **THE CHANTOOZIES** **MATT FINISH**

EASTER WEEKEND
SATURDAY 8 APRIL
TORQUAY COMMON, TORQUAY, VIC
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There is another music festival coming to town this Easter, Sunset Sounds will hit Torquay Common on Easter Saturday April 8th.

Ten Aussie acts including The Black Sorrows, Eurogliders and Daryl Braithwaite will be smashing out all their hits.....Howzat?

Book your tickets using this link or Scan The Code and proceeds from the ticket sale will be donated to The Surf Club!

<http://bit.ly/TorquaySunsetSounds>

The legends at Handshake Management want our club front and centre, to spread the word about beach safety and to raise some funds. We are still working on how this will look, but expect a call out for volunteers very soon.



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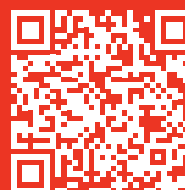
TRACKS x FCD PARTY

Featuring BODYJAR & Foam Dust Movie Screening.

For nearly 20 years now, Bodyjar have built their local & international following with relentless touring demonstrating their blistering high energy live shows, that have made them one of the most respected punk rock bands in the world.

Join us for a night of live music, art displays, and a screening of FCD's new film, Foam Dust, celebrating 25 years of FCD Surfboards. There will be good food, drinks and great times, including an icy cold Blackmans Brewery beer upon entry to the party.

<https://events.humanitix.com/tracks-x-fcd-party>



SATURDAY
8TH APRIL 6PM

TORQUAY SURF LIFE
SAVING CLUB

SURF BEACH DRIVE, TORQUAY



MATCH
STARTS
4:20PM

Nipper News **Matt Carmichael**



The end of the nipper season is fast approaching, and it is great to see strong numbers continuing to show up for our regular training sessions. I have been spending some extra time with the U11's joining in and doing all the drills they do. Let me tell you - it is hard work! It is great to see all the smiles on the faces down at the beach and I hope the nippers have enjoyed the program as much as we have enjoyed delivering it.

We have been doing well at all carnivals this season with large numbers of competitors representing our club and some great individual results. The best part for me is seeing how well behaved and respectful our nippers are to the officials and their fellow competitors.

The Age Managers have not only been helping our nippers develop their skills and give them the courage to have a go but have also been teaching them how to be great human beings.

We have put in a lot of hard work this season and all nippers should be proud of their development and success over the season. Below is a summary of the team results for the 5 carnivals this season leading up to States.

	1	2	3
OCEAN GROVE (@ LORNE)	TORQUAY 348.83	OCEAN GROVE 329.33	JAN JUC 139.50
COSY CORNER	TORQUAY 245	ANGLESEA 134	LORNE 125
MT MARTHA	MORNINGTON 314.67	POINT LEO 292.33	TORQUAY 250.33
POINT LEO	TORQUAY 336	POINT LEO 299	OCEAN GROVE 227.50
ANGLESEA	TORQUAY 400.33	JAN JUC 238.50	ANGLESEA 225.67



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The focus then shifted to Victorian Championships at Warrnambool from 10-12 March. It was great seeing our magnificent March Past team in action for my first time. There isn't an LSV official I talked to that doesn't mention how good our uniforms look!

The big news is that we were took the Championship. I can't overstate how immensely proud we all are not only in taking the title but the way we do so. We'll spend some more time in the next edition of SSS talking all about the Championships!

We wish all the competitors well and thank all the officials, water safety and volunteers that have been contributing their time to help our Nippers compete. We couldn't do it without you.

We also wish to thank all our sponsors including Hayden Real Estate, Villawood Properties, Hudson Ridge Builders, Betty's Burgers (Torquay) Kings Funerals, Coulter Legal and Offshore Physiotherapy.

As always with the U13 cycling up to 'Youth' next season we will be losing some of our volunteer water safety and officials - so if you are looking for something to do during winter, please logon to the SLSA portal and complete the Officials course. Next season we will be ensuring there is an even representation of officials from each age group so LSV quotas at carnivals are met. If you would like to support Team Torquay please make sure you complete the online training.

We have not yet finalised our nippers 'End of Season' event, date location and plans. Details will be advised through Team App as soon as possible. If all goes to plan, we will once again be able to have a fantastic cross section of the club in attendance and it will be a fantastic day for the nippers to see all the different pathways available to them.

It's been a great year and we can't wait to celebrate!



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