
VIKINGS VOICE



THE LITTLE CLUB ON THE ROCK

MARCH

2023

CBV CLUB
NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING
CBV CULTURE
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MIGHTY MIGHTY VIKINGS

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

This month's Vikings Voice is a study in contrasts.

The positives are everywhere to be seen from the awards and recognition within the Junior Activities and Nippers program, to the celebration of the Supporters' Kitchen Staff team who have given 58 years of collective service to the Club, to the fantastic results at the Junior and Senior State Championships.

And what a show of support for Tara Cahill and her fundraiser for breast cancer research as Currumbin beachfront was set awash in a Sea of Pink.

But for all the highs, there has been the devastating blow of losing our Ray "Freddy" Fien. This edition of the Vikings Voice is lengthy because really there aren't enough words to describe Freddy and what he contributed to the Little Club on the Rock.

I am proud of the way the Club has put its arms around the Fien family at this difficult time.

As each of the usual season's events roll around, it's very hard to imagine Freddy not being at the centre of things.

So, I call on all of our Vikings athletes at The Aussies to "do it for Freddy". Give everything you've got; show amazing sportsmanship; and above all support each other.

Let's hear the chant of "Mighty Mighty Vikings" in the flags arena bellowed out loud and proud. Just like Freddy did for all of the years we were lucky enough to have him.

Be Mighty.

Benny Munro

**Benny Munro
Club Newsletter**



VALE RAY 'FREDDY' FIEN

29 MAY 1962 - 2 MARCH 2023

As a Club and family, we are mourning the unexpected and sudden loss of a great lifesaver and friend in Ray 'Freddy' Fien.

We pay tribute to the massive and unwavering contribution Fred made to the Vikings, Point Danger Branch and Surf Life Saving Queensland over many years. His legacy will never be surpassed.

Freddy's celebration of life took place on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. As a number of the speakers noted, Freddy would have absolutely loved that the Convention Centre was needed to hold everyone who came out to say goodbye. Always the centre of attention.

Freddy's family encouraged attendees to 'Dress like Fred' in Manly colours, surf lifesaving gear or party shirts. A kaleidoscope of colours met Freddy and carried him amongst the tributes and tears as he was transported through a guard of honour of his friends and family for one final standing ovation.

There are few in our Club who won't have a favourite memory or story about Freddy. He was a positive influence within every area of our Club and his presence will be missed at every carnival, patrol, committee meeting, and presentation night for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their support for Donna, Samantha, Taylor, Claudia and Olivia over the past couple of weeks. We will continue to keep them in our hearts.

Following the service, the CBV Junior March Past Team honoured Freddy with a final March and a minute's silence in front of his family and friends at the Club to celebrate the life of a Mighty Viking.





VALE RAY 'FREDDY' FIEN

FREDDY'S SURF LIFE SAVING ACHIEVEMENTS



SURF LIFE SAVING RAINBOW BAY SLSC:

- Joined Surf Life Saving as a Cadet in 1975
- Gained Bronze Medallion in 1977
- Junior Club Captain: 1978-1979
- Chief Instructor: 1980-1981
- Club Captain: 1982-1987
- Appointed Life Member of Rainbow Bay SLSC in 1987
- Club President: 1992-1993
- Judiciary Chairman: 1996-2001
- Junior Activities Chairperson: 2003-2012
- 35 Year Patrol Service Award: 2014
- 10 Year National Age Manager Award: 2014

CURRUMBIN SLSC:

- Patrol Member, Official (advisor) and Assessor
- Supporters' Club Committee Member

POINT DANGER BRANCH:

- Member of the Branch Board of Examiners since 1983
- Deputy Superintendent: 1986-87
- Acting Branch Superintendent: 1986-87
- Vice President (Councilor): 1992-93
- 30 years Assessor Service Award: 2010-11
- 40 years Officials Service Award: 2021-22
- District Supervisor - North Kirra /TH&C / Kirra / Bilinga
- Representative Team Manager 1992-1995 and 2012-2016
- Selection Committee: 2012-2022
- Level 2 Official - Sectional and Carnival Referee
- Patrol Captain - Branch Roving Patrol Team
- Life Member: 2008
- Patrol inspection and life member honorary committee member

SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND:

- Instructor at SLSQ inaugural "crash course" Bronze Medallion in early 1981
- Instructor / Assessor for inaugural year of BLS
- Junior Activities Advisor: 2009-2022 longest serving in this role 13 years
- Interview Panel Chairman for U14 Junior Life Saver of the Year and other volunteer recognition awards 2009-2022
- Membership Services Committee: 2009-2022
- Education Panel: 2009-2022
- Andy Frizzell OAM OBE Award for Service to Junior Activities: 2010
- SLSQ Volunteer of the Year: 2010/2011, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022
- SLSQ Clive Hammond Medal (Silver): 2011
- Implementation of Family Participation Program for Junior and NAA Life Member #166: 2019
- 1 of 4 to receive recognition of 50 years anniversary of Nippers
- 1 of 3 to receive President's Award: 2022





VALE RAY 'FREDDY' FIEN

29 MAY 1962 - 2 MARCH 2023



Eulogy by Ben Munro

When I first met Freddy, I'd just become the new President of the Currumbin Beach Vikings Surf Lifesaving Club. What I'd inherited was a world-class beach sprints and flags programme. Within that programme was an up-and-coming young athlete named Liv Fien. Liv was just a beautiful kid. And man, could she motor! She had more front than Myer. She was cheeky and confident. As I was to learn, genetics are real.

I heard Fred before I met him. Sometimes you meet people who are like mice. You need to lean in to hear what they're saying. Fred wasn't one of those. So, I heard Fred first. And what was he doing? He was barracking of course. It sounded as if a wild male moose had escaped from a zoo and was on the loose between each run of the flags event.

I've looked at the definition of barracking. The traditional definition is to cheer or support a sporting team. But I prefer a more recent definition from the Australian National Dictionary that has come down in favour of the Northern Irish derivative of the word "barrack". Which is to "brag or boast of fighting powers". Now that's getting much closer to what Fred brought to the table. Who could forget the terrifying war cry he brought to the Point Danger Branch Team: "PDB - Woo Woo Woo!" That one really had the other teams running for cover.

I wrote recently that I think Fred adopted the Vikings. Once he arrived, what a force of nature he was for us. He seemed to embody being a Viking. For one thing, he was large and imposing and you certainly always knew he was coming. His shadow seemed to arrive a couple of seconds before he did. I used to worry for the safety of the smallest Nippers as they ran and played around Freddy's legs, much as one might worry about loggers at the base of the giant Redwoods.

But for all his size, Freddy was the gentlest of giants. They say the tallest man is he who stoops lowest to speak to a child. That was Fred.

He made a huge difference educating parents to become Age Managers in our Nippers programme. And what about the little faces when they met Fred for the first time? I could never get the little darlings to stop throwing sand. But not when Fred was standing in front of them. They were all wide eyes and silence. Then again - I've seen adults react the same way. The man had an aura which was undeniable. Kids say the darndest things. I once heard a little first year Nipper say to his mum after meeting Freddy, "Mummy, was that a giant?"





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Another Vikings trait possessed by Freddy was loyalty. Well, perhaps it was something beyond loyalty. Everything was "Mighty, Mighty". He had a stringent belief that if you were wearing Green and White, you had some superpower, which could never be truly understood but could never be defeated either.

When I last saw Fred, we were at the State Championships last month in Mooloolaba. Some genius thought it might be nice to give Fred a break from being an Official and to allow him to provide commentary at the Surf Boats. Nadia Comaneci, the famous Romanian gymnast showed amazing balance. It's fair to say that with a microphone in hand, Freddy was nothing like Nadia Comaneci. Everything was "Mighty, Mighty" or "Vikings" or something about "the little Club on the rock". He'd even call the Vikings crews who were coming last, "That's something you don't see every day, a Vikings crew not winning". As I left, the last thing I said to Freddy was "Don't you let me hear you call another Club's name, Freddy". "No chance of that, son", he replied.

I also understand that Vikings perhaps liked a party. That's another similarity with Fred. Freddy was like a cruise ship. You could see him from miles away and you knew that pretty soon, that's where the party would start. He had a gravitational pull to him. And once you were caught in its power, it was very difficult to get away. Every year before the Point Danger Branch Awards dinner I would say to myself: "Not this year, leave early, just stay away from him". And I'd usually do pretty well early on. In the end, to be polite, I'd go and see Freddy to say goodbye. Then he'd say: "Good on you, son. Just before you go, I got you something". Then he'd shove a schooner of VB in my hand. And before you knew it, it'd be Freddy and me with half a dozen others who also couldn't get away from his "gravitational pull" propping up the bar for last drinks.

Freddy was a member of the Vikings Supporters Committee. Even in that capacity, he was all about the welfare of the staff. He was always the voice of the people. Whatever grand scheme we had to increase profits, it would be Freddy who would raise his hand and ask: "But how will this affect our people? What will it mean for the team?"

Others will talk about what Freddy gave to lifesaving. And his legacy there is colossal. I doubt it can ever be surpassed. But more than being a lifesaver and a Viking, Freddy was just the most wonderful human being. Freddy attracted people. And that was because it was obvious that he loved other human beings. When you met him, it was as if he was waiting just for you to arrive. The irony was that everybody felt like that. Five minutes with Freddy just made you feel better. About yourself. About the world.



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He was generous with his time, but more than that, he was generous in spirit. He lifted you up. If Fred said you could do it, then of course you could do it. Chin up. You're doing great, he would say. His stock in trade was inspiration and belief. These are commodities that are sometimes hard to find. Fred seemed to have an unlimited supply. It seemed that Freddy measured his success by whether you were succeeding. He took obvious joy when the people that he loved and respected were doing well. I think that's what perhaps gave him his life force and his own energy. He just plugged into the positive energy that he drew from the success of others.

I think when we lose someone like Freddy, it causes us all to take stock of where we're at in our own lives. Are we focusing on what's important? Are we living with purpose? Are we having conversations with the people we love? Are we making a difference? Are we having fun? That's what Freddy gave us. He gave us the blueprint for a life well lived.

Fred's legacy is undeniable. He loved and he laughed. He was a wonderful father and a loving husband. And a better friend you'll never find. I think these are the things we should focus on.

To Donna and the girls, I believe we owe you a huge debt of gratitude. It would have been easy to want to keep Freddy all to yourselves. But how lucky we all were that you were generous enough to share him with us.

When someone like Fred leaves us, it's all the more surreal because he was larger than life. But just like that cruise ship, even when the ship itself passes over the horizon, the energy of its wake is left behind. It continues, and travels to distant lands, glistening in the sun as it breaks across the sandy shores. There'll be people long after today and in faraway places who remember the glistening gift that was Freddy Fien.

The Mightiest of the Mighty.

*Love You
Freddy*





CURRUMBIN BEACH VIKINGS

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



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ikings take responsibility and always do what we say

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always think 'one club' and 'team first'

K

keep being a positive influence

I

always have my fellow Viking's back

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never forget to have fun

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genuine open and honest conversations

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support and respect everyone





WHAT'S ON...

COMING UP IN MARCH / APRIL



MARCH / APRIL PATROLS

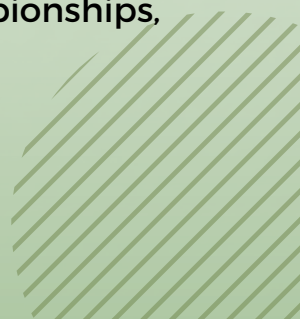
Sat 25 March - Patrol 8 (AM) & Patrol 2 (PM)
Sun 26 March - Patrol 12 (AM) & Patrol 9 (PM)
Sat 1 April - Patrol 1 (AM) & Patrol 3 (PM)
Sun 2 April - Reserve (AM) & Patrol 10 (PM)
Fri 7 April - Patrol 13 (AM) & Patrol 14 (PM)
Sat 8 April - Patrol 5 (AM) & Patrol 4 (PM)
Sun 9 April - Patrol 11 (AM) & Patrol 7 (PM)
Mon 10 April - Patrol 9 (AM) & Patrol 12 (PM)
Sat 15 April - Patrol 8 (AM) & Patrol 6 (PM)
Sun 16 April - Patrol 2 (AM) & Patrol 1 (PM)
Sat 22 April - Patrol 3 (AM) & Patrol 14 (PM)
Sun 23 April - Patrol 5 (AM) & Patrol 13 (PM)
Tues 25 April - Vol (AM) & Patrol 10 (PM)
Sat 29 April - Patrol 4 (AM) & Patrol 7 (PM)
Sun 30 April - Patrol 12 (AM) & Patrol 9 (PM)
Mon 1 May - Patrol 1 (AM) & Exec (PM)

MARCH / APRIL CARNIVALS

Sat 25 to Sun 26 March - Australian Youth Surf Lifesaving Championships, Scarborough SLSC, WA
Sun 26 March to Thu 30 March - Australian Board Riding Championships, Trigg Island SLSC, WA
Mon 27 to Tues 28 March - Australian Masters Surf Lifesaving Championships, Scarborough SLSC, WA
Mon 27 to Tues 28 March - Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships (Lifesaving Events), Trigg Island SLSC, WA
Tues 28 to Sun 2 April - Australian Surf Boats Championships, Scarborough SLSC, WA
Wed 29 March to Sun 2 April - Australian Open Surf Lifesaving Championships, Scarborough SLSC, WA



CURUMBIN BEACH VIKINGS
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB





THE AUSSIES

25 MARCH TO 2 APRIL 2023

SCARBORO SLSC & TRIGG ISLAND SLSC, PERTH

The final preparations have commenced and the countdown is on for the ultimate event on the surf sports calendar. With members from Australia's 314 surf clubs congregating to compete in more than 480 beach and ocean events, the Aussies is the largest event of its kind, comparing only with the Commonwealth Games.

This year, the Aussies is being held at Scarborough and Trigg Island SLSCs in Perth and we have a strong contingent of 110 Vikings competitors making the cross country journey to represent the Little Club on the Rock.

The competition kicks off on Saturday, 25 and Sunday 26 March with the Youth Championships encompassing our U13 to U15 athletes. On Sunday, 26 March, the Surf Board Riding events start and will be battled out over the week. Over Monday, 27 and Tuesday, 28 March, the Masters and the Lifesaving competitors take the stage. The Boaties take the water from Tuesday, 28 March with the Open athletes joining the fun from Wednesday, 29 March, culminating in Super Sunday on 2 April.

The Aussies will be livestreamed on SLSA's Facebook page from 8am AWST on 25-26 March, and then 29 March to 2 April. All results from the water, beach and surf board riding events will be updated on Live Heats.

We look forward to barracking for our Vikings competitors who have a number of titles to defend and those who are courting a shot at glory to make history on the big stage.

Our social media pages will be updated with Vikings results and we encourage everyone to jump on and send their support to our Club mates.



In the meantime, we look back on some of the iconic images from the 2022 Aussies showcasing the Viking's spirit. Go you Mighty Vikings!





Good Luck

T O A L L O U R
M I G H T Y V I K I N G S



Coming together is the beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.

HENRY FORD

#AUSSIES2023 #THEVIKINGSARECOMING #MIGHTYMIGHTY



SEACLUSION WEDDINGS & EVENTS

Wedding Open Day

SUNDAY 26TH OF MARCH | 10AM - 3PM

**THE GOLD COASTS PREMIER INTIMATE
OCEAN SIDE WEDDING VENUE**

FREE ENTRY

**MEET OUR EVENTS MANAGER & HER TEAM
EXPLORE OUR PREFERRED VENDORS
ENJOY MENU SAMPLES**



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EASTER

RAFFLE 2023

The Lucky Winner Takes Home...

MEGA EASTER HAMPER

DRAWN WEDNESDAY

5TH OF APRIL 2023 AT 7 PM

- YOU DON'T NEED TO BE HERE TO WIN! -

Tickets on sale now at Reception

\$5 FOR 10 CHANCES | \$10 FOR 20 CHANCES | \$20 FOR 50 CHANCES | \$50 FOR 150 CHANCES





CBV WOMEN

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PATROL

In celebration of International Women's Day, our Currumbin Valkyrie's covered the morning beach patrol on Sunday, 5 March 2023.

It's wonderful to see our Valkyries come together in service of our community and showcase our female lifesaving members.

This was a particularly poignant patrol, also paying tribute to the great man, Freddy Fien. Fred's daughters, Samantha, Taylor, Claudia and Liv invited members to join them on patrol between 11am and 12:30pm to honour and remember Freddy. Freddy was always proud to patrol with his four daughters together and no doubt would have been with them in spirit.

The Valkyries were joined by Team Fien and other Vikings members to reminisce some great "Freddy" stories and to celebrate International Women's Day together.





TARA'S TRIBE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FUN RUN

On Sunday, 12 March, the Vikings community joined our much loved member and friend, Tara Cahill, to participate in a 5km walk along the Currumbin / Tugun ocean way to raise funds for the Mater Foundation who support women with breast cancer.

It was a Sea of Pink as the Tribe gathered and paraded along the beach front to support this worthy cause and celebrate International Women's Day in true style.

The fun run is Australia's largest IWD event and this year had the largest participation numbers in the event's history with over \$2million in total raised.

Tara, you are bound within the fabric of our Club and community and we are all with you along your journey. You have given countless hours to support various areas of our Club and we honour and support you in your recovery.



Thank you to all those who participated and donated to this amazing cause. Tara's Tribe smashed their fundraising goal which will go towards funding life-saving research to better understand and treat breast cancer now and into the future.

Raised
\$3,914

Our Goal
\$3,000





CBV PATROL & LIFESAVING

CBV & PDB SUMMER PATROL STATISTICS

Thank you to all our patrolling members who have helped to keep our beach safe this summer season.



7407

TOTAL VISITORS

9



TOTAL FIRST AID



234

TOTAL WARNINGS

TOTAL PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS

138



TOTAL RESCUES



3

2022/2023

SUMMER PATROL STATISTICS

3 MONTHS OF PATROL

45 RESCUES

1714 PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS

451,865

BEACH VISITATIONS



364 FIRST AIDS

136

MARINE STINGS



16,793



PEOPLE WARNED

PDB

MOST RESCUES - FEBRUARY (17)

MOST RESCUED BY BOARD (24)

PDB

ART COURSE - 16 APRIL 2023

For those members who are interested in participating in the next ART course, please review the invitation details on the following page. RSVP's are due by 7 April 2023 at midday. A maximum of 12 candidates will be accepted into the course.

All members wishing to attend the course must already hold the new First Aid (HLTAID011) unit of competency (if this has been gained externally, a Credit Transfer Application needs to be submitted). SLSQ are NOW accepting members who hold the current ART [AID] award. Members will be checked and contacted if they do not meet the criteria.



COURSE INVITATION : ART

COURSE INFORMATION

WHEN	SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023
TIME	8:00am – 4:00pm
WHERE	POINT DANGER BRANCH OFFICE
FACILITATOR	TONYA PADE
COST	Nil for members participating in an active role (patrols) Members must hold an award and be actively patrolling
WHO	Must be 15 years and over
PREREQ	Must be a registered member of a club Members over 18 MUST have a Blue Card, CYRMS & Child Safe ALL candidates must have a Unique Student Identifier Members MUST hold First Aid (HLTAID011)
RSVP	Friday 07 April 2023 @ MIDDAY You must RSVP via QR below OR this link ART Course RSVP.16.04.2023
OTHER	Please bring a pen and lunch with you Maximum of 12 people per course only
PROVIDED	Resources
CONTACT - PDB	
PHONE	07 5534 6077
E-MAIL	pdbsurf@slsqpointdanger.com.au





CBV SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY STAFF APPRECIATION AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to **James Stevens**, our February 2023 Vikings Staff Appreciation Award Winner. James is a Kitchen Hand and was nominated by his peers for always being willing to help, always going above and beyond his duties, for being so friendly to all those around him and for having his teammates' backs - all in true Vikings Spirit. We are extremely lucky to have such a great guy on our team. Well done, James!



Other special nominations this month went to:

♥ **Malia Kennedy** - for her outstanding work ethic and for being such a wonderful team player. Malia, you are such a bright person who will shine in the years to come, and we are so glad you are a vital part of our team.

♥ **Tamar Tane** - for always smiling and for always being so helpful. Tamar is so well respected by her peers for her hard work and can-do attitude. Tamar, you are a pleasure to work with.

STAFF APPRECIATION AFTERNOON

Our Supporters Staff took a well-deserved break from the Club on Tuesday, 21 February, to celebrate each other and enjoy an afternoon of lawn bowls, drinks and nibbles at the Tugun Bowls Club. Congratulations to our wonderful Vikings team for a cracker summer season!





Congratulations!

10+ YEAR KITCHEN CREW

**EACH CELEBRATING 10+ YEARS OF SERVICE AS
CURRUMBIN BEACH VIKINGS**

This month we are proud to share with you our Vikings Kitchen Crew members who belong to a very special and exclusive club.

Together, Mark Durlach, Glen Dwelly, Warren Dwelly, Kenji Tokui and Brenton "BJ" Pearce make up our 10+ Year Kitchen Crew. Each of these Vikings has been with our Supporters' Staff for over 10 years and collectively, they hold over 58 years of service. This milestone would be remarkable for any one individual. But to have a group of 5 staff who have worked together over this many years is a testament to the bond they share as a team.

While rarely in public view, our Kitchen Crew are the heart and engine of the Supporters' Club and we truly appreciate the contribution they make to the team every day.

We celebrated their achievements recently with a presentation of personalised chef knives in recognition of their invaluable service to the Club.



- ♥ Mark Durlach, Chef - 15+ years service
- ♥ Glen Dwelly, Cook - 12+ years service
- ♥ Warren Dwelly, Chef - 11+ years service
- ♥ Kenji Tokui, Chef - 10+ years service
- ♥ BJ Pearce, Chef - 10+ years service

*Thank You
Mark, Glen,
Warren, Kenji & BJ*





CBV NIPPERS

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - MOOLOOLABA

Congratulations to all our Nippers athletes who participated in the Qld Youth Championships in February. A huge thank you to our Junior Activities Committee for all the work put in to get the team ready for State. Thank you also to our amazing Coaches, Age Managers, Water Safety, Officials, Gear Stewards, and Parents for your continued support.



Congratulations to our **JUNIOR VIKINGS**

2023 Queensland Youth Championships

2nd U15 Board Race - Vern Winter

2nd U15 Flags - Zoe Nichols

2nd U12 Sprints - Coco Kent

2nd U11 Cameron Relay - Hunter Gaffney, Milla Clark, Navah Holmes, Eliza Vickery

2nd U11 Board Relay - Hunter Gaffney, Navah Holmes, Eden Holmes

3rd U12 Board Race - Ivy Artz

3rd U15 Sprints - Zoe Nichols

3rd U12 Board Relay - Ivy Artz, Loni Turnbull, Sena McCabe

3rd U12 Surf Teams - Ivy Artz, Loni Turnbull, Bronte Brennan, Sena McCabe

QUEENSLAND BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had a 15 strong contingent of young Vikings hitting the waves and showcasing their skills at the 2023 QLD Board Riding Championships at Miami on 11 and 12 March.

Congratulations to our Gold medal winners, **Navah Holmes** in the U11 Short Board and **Cooper Rana Smith** in the U14 Short Board, as well as a Silver medal placing for **Gidget Kowalski** in the U12 Short Board.

Incredible results continuing the proud history of Vikings surf riders!





CBV NIPPERS

PRESENTATION DAY - 18 MARCH 2023

Our Vikings Nippers finished the season on Saturday, 18 March with their Presentation Day at the Currumbin Alleygators. Our little Vikings enjoyed an afternoon of fun with an inflatable obstacle course, sausage sizzle and live music. There were so many deserving award winners and it's great to see the next generation of Vikings never forgetting to have fun! We look forward to seeing you all next season.



One of our most important Nipper traditions is the presentation of Jerseys to our U15 members who have represented Currumbin Nippers from U8's. In fact, most of this group have been at Nippers since U6's.

We were proud to present jerseys to **Caiden Moana, Max Clark, Vern Winter, Jordy Wildman, Julia O'Shea, Zoe Nichols and Penny Stringer**. Each of these Vikings are now active patrolling members and still involved in various pathways throughout the Club.

Thank you to their former Age Managers, Sean Winter and Matt Wildman for presenting their jerseys.





CBV NIPPERS

PRESENTATION DAY - 18 MARCH 2023

THE INAUGURAL JED CAHILL LEADERSHIP & CULTURE AWARD

This year, the JAC was honoured to present the first Jed Cahill Leadership & Culture Award. This award was conceptualised and named after the incomparable Jed Cahill who we sadly lost last year. Jed was the embodiment of good culture and leadership and personified the Vikings Way. Jed inspired a generation of Vikings Nippers and his legacy will live on through this award.

We are pleased to announce the inaugural winner of the Jed Cahill Leadership and Culture Award, **Bobby Kennealy-Flegler**. We were grateful to have Jed's wife, Jacinta, and his children, Ruby, Max and Willow present the award to Bobby.

Bobby was voted in as Captain of the Junior Club by his peers and has been a great role model for the younger Nipper members. Bobby was recognised for the many ways in which he sets an example of good culture including setting up and packing up the Beach area (flags) on Sundays, demonstrating and organising the younger age groups in the Beach area, performing Water Safety on Sunday mornings and assisting at the SWELL BBQ fundraiser.

Bobby has shown strong leadership this season by supporting junior Vikings members at carnivals by cheering them on or congratulating them for their efforts. Not only does Bobby demonstrate good sportsmanship in the competition arena, he also achieves amazing results, winning the U14 Male Beach Flags and 4th in the Beach Sprints at the recent PDB carnival. Bobby also jumped into two water events (for the first time ever!) simply to make up the numbers to allow the teams to compete. Congratulations, Bobby. You are a deserved recipient of this award and an inspiration to the Club and your fellow Nippers. Well done and we look forward to watching your leadership journey for many years to come.



CONGRATULATIONS!



NIPPERS PRESENTATION AWARD WINNERS 2022 - 2023

Special Recognition Awards

Dimity Goss Top Female Water Competitor: **Hunter Gaffney**

Maynard Top Male Water Competitor: **Jackson Brennan**

Quennell Top Male Beach Competitor: **Cal Fischer & Bobby Kennealy-Flegler**

Col Alchin Top Female Beach Competitor: **Coco Kent**

Shearer Most Individual Carnival Points: **Ivy Artz**

Grant Frost Top Surfing Competitor: **Navah Holmes & Cooper Rana-Smith**

Dick Family Club Person of the Year: **Richie Ferris**

President's Trophy: **Sarah Maritz**

Bruce Smith Memorial Trophy (Battler): **Flynn Bremner**

Volunteer of the Season: **Jennifer Fischer & Allecia Brodie**

Brett Dowker Top Pool Rescue Competitor: **Myla Naylor**

Tony Vitiello Memorial Pool Rescue Award: **Abigail Eveleigh**

Bendigo Future Champion (U8-10): **Sam Ludbrook**

Jed Cahill Leadership & Culture Award: **Bobby Kennealy-Flegler**

Most Improved Awards

Most Improved Senior Male: **Rohan Kelly**

Most Improved Senior Female: **Lily Hassall**

Most Improved Junior Male: **Dylan Musk**

Most Improved Junior Female: **Madison Chromy**

Coaches Awards

U8-10 Boys Water: **Lincoln Ryan**

U8-10 Girls Water: **Halle Crossman**

U11-14 Boys Water: **Leroy Ferris**

U11-14 Girls Water: **Neive Kelly**

U8-14 Boys Beach: **Jack Tomblin**

U8-14 Girls Beach: **Coco Kent**

CONGRATULATIONS!



NIPPERS PRESENTATION AWARD WINNERS 2022 - 2023

UNDER 8 MALE

Rising Star: **Lewis Hayward-Turner**
Most Improved: **Shun Shinotsuka**
Age Managers Award: **Tyler Clifford**

UNDER 9 MALE

Rising Star: **Digby Booth**
Most Improved: **Bon Ravis Baz Lane**
Age Managers Award: **Stirling Hall**

UNDER 10 MALE

Rising Star: **Charlie Ferris**
Most Improved: **Noah Campbell**
Age Managers Award: **Joe Fischer**

UNDER 11 MALE

Rising Star: **Smith Masson**
Most Improved: **James Sutherland**
Age Managers Award: **Jackson Wildman**

UNDER 12 MALE

Rising Star: **Koa Brodie**
Most Improved: **Aaron McEvoy**
Age Managers Award: **Leroy Ferris**

UNDER 13 MALE

Rising Star: **Cooper Clarke**
Most Improved: **Alex Keed**
Age Managers Award: **Cal Fischer**

UNDER 14 MALE

Age Managers Award: **Jackson Brennan**

UNDER 8 FEMALE

Rising Star: **Ella Lawrence**
Most Improved: **Mia McWilliam**
Age Managers Award: **Chloe Mace**

UNDER 9 FEMALE

Rising Star: **Florence Gaffney**
Most Improved: **Iris Hart**
Age Managers Award: **Lucy Moore**

UNDER 10 FEMALE

Rising Star: **Ella Parslow**
Most Improved: **Piper McIntyre**
Age Managers Award: **Willow Hayward-Turner**

UNDER 11 FEMALE

Rising Star: **Navah Holmes**
Most Improved: **Grace McEwen**
Age Managers Award: **Eden Holmes**

UNDER 12 FEMALE

Rising Star: **Ivy Artz**
Most Improved: **Neive Kelly**
Age Managers Award: **Bronte Brennan**

UNDER 13 FEMALE

Rising Star: **Myla Naylor & Stephanie Brown**
Most Improved: **Maddison Gallagher**
Age Managers Award: **Myla Naylor**

UNDER 14 FEMALE

Age Managers Award: **Marlie Clark**



CBV NIPPERS

IT'S A RIPPER TO BE A CURRUMBIN NIPPER

CULTURE CHAMPION - SARAH MARITZ

This month's Nippers Culture Champion is Sarah Maritz. Sarah came on board as the Nippers Secretary two seasons ago and does an amazing job. As Secretary, she oversees correspondence, attends all Junior Activities Committee meetings, prepares notices and agendas, and also records and forwards all minutes of meetings. Sarah also updates and

monitors the JAC Action Matrix - Business Arising to ensure post-meeting resolutions are actioned and resolved. In addition, Sarah is an Age Manager for the Under 10's group and when she can find time, she also jumps in as an Official at carnivals. Sarah is a true Culture Champion and is the recipient of this season's Nippers President's Trophy.



J.A.C. & VOLUNTEERS BOWLS NIGHT

As a thank you and end of season celebration, the Junior Activities Committee members, Age Managers, Officials and Water Safety volunteers and their partners enjoyed an evening at Tugun Bowls Club in March. The theme was to 'Don Your Bowling Whites', with teams drawn at random to allow volunteers to mix and meet other members they may not know. A fantastic initiative by the JAC and so well deserved for everyone involved in this season's CBV Nippers programme.





COMMUNITY CENTRE / NIPPER CLUB REDEVELOPMENT

FEBRUARY - MARCH PROGRESS UPDATE



Over the last few weeks, the project team have completed the first floor suspended slab with works now progressing on the extension of the rear retaining wall and the structure for the first level.

Works onsite have experienced a minor delay due to subcontractor availability, in particular the blocklayers and concreters, which is a consistent theme across most building projects in the current market. However, the project remains on track for expected completion in late June 2023.





QLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR STATE - MOOLOOLABA 24-26 FEBRUARY

What an awesome weekend of Vikings results at the QLD Senior State Championships in late February.

From our Beachies to the Salties and wrapping up with our unstoppable Boaties, it's safe to say there were Vikings raids happening on the medal podiums all weekend long.

One of the highlights of the State Championships was the Lifesaver Relay on Sunday morning, combining the boats, a swim, board, ski and finally a sprint up the beach. Such is the depth in the Vikings, we had two teams compete in the Relay, taking out the Silver and Bronze medals. Proving the wisdom of experience, what a joy to watch **Hayden White** put on a surf ski masterclass to almost pull off a gold winning ski leg. Outstanding Whitey!

Congratulations to all our medal winners and the spirit in which all of our athletes competed and supported one another.

CULTURE CHAMPION



This month's Culture Champion is **Ryan Green**, one of our Salties competitors. Ryan joined the Vikings this season and displays a great attitude and sportsmanship in the way he competes in the water. However, it was Ryan's off-water actions which caught the eyes of the State Championships Officials. We were delighted to receive feedback from an Official about the way Ryan personally thanked a number of the Officials at State for doing their job and allowing the athletes to compete. The appreciation from the Officials was evident and is an example of how a simple act of gratitude and recognition can make a huge impact. Well done, Ryan. A great example of 'Keep being a positive influence' and 'Support and Respect everyone'.



QLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR STATE - MOOLOOLABA 24-26 FEBRUARY

Once again, the indomitable **EJ Forsyth** took out Gold in the Open Women's Beach Flags. She was barely challenged in each run of the finals and dominated her way to the Gold. EJ also claimed Silver in the Open Female Sprints.

Following her win, EJ said "I was really happy with how I ended up racing out there today. It's always tricky to peak at the right time of the season and you always get a bit nervous when you do come into that pointy end but I'm really happy with today and it's looking good for Aussies".



A fantastic result also for **Tahlia Sunderland** who claimed Gold in the U19 Female Beach Flags and Bronze in the U19 Female Sprints.

On her Flags win, Tahlia said "I've been wanting it all season, I haven't won yet so it's a big one to win at States".

It was an electric atmosphere and we're so proud of EJ and Tahlia for putting on a display of their power and strength while staying humble and focussed. It was great to see so many of our Vikings athletes at the Beach arena following their own events to cheer on and support EJ and Tahlia to their titles. #oneclub



Congratulations to our Masters competitors, **Rob Dorrrough** and **Michael Chase Smith**, who won Gold in the 60-64 Board Rescue, with Rob also claiming Silver

in the 60-64 Single Ski.

Our own Benjamin Button aka **Chris Maynard** won Gold in the 55-59 Board Race. Rob, Michael and Chris also combined to claim Silver in the 170 Years Taplin and Bronze in the 170 Years Board Relay. Well done also to **Warren Artz, Jason Searle** and **Len Cook** who won Silver in the 170 Years Surf Teams.





QLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The Salties kicked off their medal haul with Golds in the U19 Male Rescue Tube Rescue Race (**Callum & Riley Brennan, Hugh Munro and Nick Green**) and the U17 Belt Race (Riley Brennan, self-dubbed Australia's premier first linesman **Hugh Munro, Jack "the Difference" Eveleigh, Luke Cahill** and Chris Maynard). The boys also claimed Silver in the U19 Male Belt Race (Callum Brennan, Hugh Munro, Jack Eveleigh, Nick Green and Chris Maynard).



Riley Brennan, **Tai Smith, Jay Hyland** and **Herb Winter** combined to win Gold in the U17 Male Surf Teams. Jay, Riley and Tai also combined for Silver in the U17 Male Board Relay. Awesome effort by **Lucas Berezwick, Ryan Green** and CJ Brennan for their Silver medal in the U19 Male Board Relay, and **Kobi Holden** and Riley Brennan for their Silver in the U17 Male Board Rescue. A powerful run saw Nick Green and Hugh Munro claim Silver in the U19 Male Double Ski.

In the individual results, Team Brennan was on fire with CJ Brennan claiming Gold in the U19 Male Surf Race and Riley Brennan winning the U17 Male Surf Race. Congratulations also to **Holly Holmesby** who took out Silver in the U19 Female Surf Race.





QLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS


SENIOR STATE - MOOLOOLABA 24-26 FEBRUARY


Why have one Champion Boat Crew when you can have **SIX!** In fact, six Champions doesn't even begin to describe the utter dominance of the Vikings Boaties at the State Championships when we also acknowledge five Silver and three Bronze medal placings, including a white wash of the Reserve Females. The results of our Boaties are a testament to **Dave Dwight** and the culture of teamwork and fighting spirit in this group. There were no easy wins and it was pure determination and skill which saw many of our Crews get over the line in pole position.




A special mention to **Matt "Chookie" Wildman** who swept a number of our winning Crews in back to back finals on Sunday. Well done to his boys, the Huskies (**Blaze, Ryan, Callum and Kalani**) who won the U19 Male Surf Boats in their first ever State competition. A shout out for the exceptional effort by the Wolfmothers who won the Female Masters and then backed up with a Silver in the Female Reserve Grade. Simply inspirational!



-  **Huskies** - U19 Male
- Wolfmothers** - Female 180yrs Masters
- Cowgirls** - Female Reserve Grade
- Huscarls** - Male Reserve Grade
- Hunters** - Open Female
- Harbingers** - Open Male

-  **Chilli Pepperz** - U19 Female
- Spartans** - Male 200yrs Masters
- Wolfmothers** - Female Reserve Grade
- Wulflings** - Male Reserve Grade
- Barbarians** - Open Male

-  **Comets** - U23 Female
- Savages** - Female Reserve Grade
- Cockatoos** - Open Female





APRIL LIVE MUSIC



SATURDAYS

3pm - 6pm

1st - JON WHITTEN

8th - EASTER SATURDAY

15th - MATT SPARKZ

22nd - TIFFEN GRACE

29th - RICK BARRON

SUNDAYS

3.30pm - 7.30pm

2nd - RED ROCK

9th - REWIND

16th - HODADS

23rd - WOO HOO

30th - MOJO RISING





CURRUMBIN BEACH VIKINGS

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

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