

TH&C NIPPER NEWSLETTER



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CONGRATULATIONS VAUGHN ON 8 SEASONS OF STELLAR NIPPER LEADERSHIP!

Hi Nipper and Surf Club families

With our nipper activities completely shut down in the past week and no chance in the near future for a proper send-off, we'd like to take the opportunity to recognise the massive accomplishment and selfless time donated by Vaughn Thomas to lead TH&C nippers for the past 8 seasons – 2012/13 to 2019/20. This is a club record, the longest serving President (JAC) since nippers at our club started in November 1966. Vaughn says the cancellation of Presentation day gives us one gift – that he won't be crying in front of all of us!

Vaughn has been awarded a 2020 Community Achievement for Services to surf lifesaving by Karen Andrews MP, for the Federal electorate of McPherson, after being nominated by the Nipper committee. Thanks to Dave Fuller, Club President for suggesting this. We were able to capture this photo of Vaughn in his flash new embroidered Hawaiian shirt (with Karl Muggers) prior to strict physical distancing rules! It's no secret Vaughn will keep a close eye on us all for another few seasons!

ALL PRAISE TO THOMAS FAMILY SUPPORT

We would like to praise the significant support provided to Vaughn by his family over the many years – Tara, Ivy, Hugh, Nell and Rueben. Tara coordinated all nipper uniforms and merchandise for many seasons, Ivy donated her photography skills to uniforms and over the years Tara (with the help of Hugh and Nell) packed, stacked, racked and stored gear at their house. Nell as an u15 has continued to provide regular water safety support throughout this season. Thanks Ivy, Hugh and Nell!

Last season, Tara always generously provided the nipper committee with nibbles and drinks when hosting meetings at their house. Their family commitment over the 8 seasons has been huge, with running of the nipper club being prioritised over and above other important things – such as house renovations (which finally happened in mid-2018!), for the benefit of other nipper families. Thanks 1st lady for your generous spirit and support!



BEHIND THE SCENES – THANKS TO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FROM THE HELEN’S

Vaughn’s leadership was continually supported by Helen Carter and Helen Doyle, affectionately known as “The Helen’s”. These indomitable, knowledgeable and friendly ladies have dutifully attended to the massive growth of TH&C nippers over the duration of the past 8 seasons. When Vaughn assumed the JAC position in 2012-13, there was only 139 nippers. The nippers have grown 2.5 times the size in this period, with the administrative support remaining steadfast in their service to the club. The job is far from 9-5, with Helen C and Helen D regularly covering Nipper Sunday mornings. There has been an abundance of paperwork and authorisations to oversee, keeping all the age managers on top of their responsibilities to deliver lesson plans and helping out with the budget and invoicing.

NIPPER TRAINER OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY

Trainer of the month recognises consistency, effort, enthusiasm, respect for coaches and encouragement of peers, combined with an overall positive attitude towards training. The recipients for February are: Will Preston (u9), Jesse Wellman (u10), Avalon Haley (u11), Cash Cratchley (u14).

TADPOLE TO PATROL – LUKA HALEY, RYAN MUGGERIDGE, WILL SULLIVAN, ISAAC ROGERS

It’s a big deal to commit to 9 straight seasons of nippers at one club. These four kids managed it, from season 2011/12 as u6’s to season 2019/20 as u14’s. They are now patrolling Greenmount Beach as SRC qualified, which is the central aim of the Nipper program. They are pictured here together as u8’s on preso day. Well done!



STATE TEAM – PARENTS AND COACHES

These kids missed the chance to put in their best effort in the surf and on sand at State titles. We know the medals were due to flow and want to especially thank the parents and carers (support team) for organising for your kids to be regular attendees at the free training sessions provided throughout the season. Thanks to coaches Callum, Jason and Kane who diligently prepared and motivated those kids showing up with the right mindset.

THANKS TO STATE TEAM PACK COORDINATION

A massive THANKYOU to Alisha Kordis who sourced the state team kit, to Jai Kordis, Ryan and Ollie Muggeridge who helped pack the kits and Jo Cronk who assisted organisation of uniforms throughout the season. The long sleeve zipper hoody shirts are amazing, and the new black Kozii togs and jammers have been a comfortable addition for the kids to wear.



BOARD LEASES FOR OFF-SEASON PADDLING

Karl Muggeridge has kindly offered to help facilitate board leases for those wanting to continue individual paddling from now until the start of next season in Aug/Sept 2020, when we hope life (as we formerly knew it) returns. Please contact him on 0408 010 385 or via email mobile@muggas.com. For current u10’s moving onto fibreglass boards in 2020/21, there are a few used boards for sale at great prices.

Stay safe – Vaughn and the Nipper committee

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