

# GREENMOUNT GRAPEVINE

## Members Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members

Well unfortunately the Corona Virus has brought a premature end to our Surf Lifesaving season all bar our patrolling services which at the latest communications are still required until the long weekend in May.

Rather than dwell on the way the season is ending I would like to remind everyone of some of the highlights and say thanks to all those that have contributed.

Thanks again to all of our patrolling members for the hours that you have put in so that the club meets its primary obligation and fulfils our mission statement of Keeping Greenmount Safe and Fun.

I say this whilst touching wood for the next 6 weeks but we have again ensured that Greenmount beach remains fatality free between our flags. This is something we can all be very proud of.

Thanks also to our training crew who have been there to keep the continual growth and up skilling of our club happening. We benefit and appreciate everything that you do for us.

Congratulations to our Senior competitors. Although we are not going to have state and Aussie medals to talk about we can cast our mind back to the start of the season when we went back to back with the Australian Masters Pool Rescue title.

Well done to all of our competitors this season particularly those who took it up for the first time to make sure we were well represented on our home beach at the branch titles.

We have set a precedence for next year as we have been confirmed as the host of the branch carnival again. It's never too late to consider taking up competing.

Congratulations also to all of our Nipper kids who have filled our Sundays with lots of laughs and good times whilst learning important surf skills that will be with you for life. Thanks parents for bringing your kids to Nippers it really is a great thing for them And I know there is nothing else you would rather do with your Sunday mornings.

Thanks to the large number of volunteers that make Nippers happen from beach set up to BBQ and fundraising efforts and to water safety and officials at carnivals. We couldn't do it without you. Special thanks to the wonderful people that put their hands up to be on the Board or Age Managers. You give that little bit extra to ensure that the kids experience is a pleasant and rewarding one so for that I say thanks on behalf of the club.

From a competition point of view you also have missed out on your State competition. This is particularly disappointing as there was a lot of excitement around the club with the expectation of possibly our best results at State level.

Well done to all of our competitors that were heading to states, keep up your training and we will get them next year.

Thanks also to our coaches Jason, Kane and Callum for your work with the kids.

I must also mention the fact that Vaughn has been robbed of his fairytale farewell this season. Vaughn is finishing up after having been our Nipper President for eight years.

During this time Nippers as we know it has come a long way and Vaughn is largely to thank for this. He has achieved a lot in his time but the dream of a State All Age Relay Gold medal had eluded him.

This year with two teams from our club gaining entry into the State titles we could not have scripted it any better.



I am going to say that I am sure one of our teams would have won the race and we are sending Vaughn out with his holy grail All Age Gold Medal.

I am sure all Nipper parents past and present will join me in thanking Vaughn and Tara for the sacrifices they have made over the years to build our club up to what we now think is normal. Over 340 kids now enjoy Nippers at THC but when Vaughn started we would have had around 100.

I know he drinks Hahn Ultra Crisp when the pubs reopen.

Thanks to the Old Boys & Ladies for your continued support. You are always at the ready when we need you and that is why other clubs are so envious of us. Well done

Last but certainly not the least thanks to all of the Board members, committee members and the Helens for your input throughout the year. I know it is not always fun but we are building something pretty special that I hope you feel proud to be a part of.

The building committee has done a tremendous job in trying times to get us to the point we are at of hopefully having new facilities for the start of next season. Thanks for your efforts.

Thanks also to the Marty and his staff upstairs in the Supporters club and the Supporters Club Board. Your continued support is crucial to our club and you have been an integral part of our success. I really feel for the staff that have had to be stood down I can only assure you that as soon as we can we will be back up and running.

Tweed Heads and Coolangatta Surf Lifesaving Club is in a very good position to deal with whatever the Corona virus throws at us.

I ask all of our members to stay safe and take measures to ensure that our membership group is not affected by this virus. We have some 700 members and I can't wait to see you all when this is over.

Thanks again for a great season

David Fuller

## VALE



### **DONALD GLEN BEANLAND**

Our condolences and deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of former Surf Club member, Glen Beanland

Glen will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

## REMINDER

### THE SURF CLUB OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Helens will be working from home during this time.

The office email [thcslsc@bigpond](mailto:thcslsc@bigpond) stopped working last Friday. Please make note of our new email address [thcslsc@outlook.com](mailto:thcslsc@outlook.com) (and resend any emails sent to the Bigpond address since last Thursday)

Helen C can be contacted on 0421 751 209 and Helen D on 0413 614 633 during the office closure.

# FROM THE IRB AND TRAINING ROOMS



Hello Everyone,

Hope that you are all hunkered down and dodging the Corona Virus. Please take this social distancing thing seriously as the experts reckon that it does help.

As for training, we had a Bronze/Src course scheduled at the beginning of March, however due to lack of numbers it was necessary to cancel this course. We began an IRB Driver/Crew course on the 14/3/20 with 3 drivers and 2 crew members keen to get their award. We were 4 days into the course when it was decided that due to the possible danger to our members and trainers from the Corona Virus, the course would be cancelled and picked up later in the year.

This decision was very hard and would be very disappointing to the candidates, however we have a duty of care to our people and this duty was exercised. The trainers will keep everyone informed of training schedules when the coast clears but for now all training is suspended. Not much else to say about training

## IRB STUFF.

During our last IRB course we found it difficult to maintain a supply of live patients during training. Wazza Scotman did himself proud by being our full time patient (or crash test dummy) but was a shadow of his former self at the completion of the course, having to jump from boat to boat to perform his task.

We are very grateful for all his help but thought it was about time to give him a rest.

To achieve this, it was decided to try and obtain two Water Rescue Manikins to substitute as patients during IRB rescue training. We asked the BOM about obtaining these and they agreed to the purchase of one of the manikins. Once again, God bless them, the TH and C Old Boys Association came to the party and agreed to the purchase of the second water rescue manikin. The training team are very grateful to the Board of Management and the Old Boys Association for the purchase of these manikins for IRB training, they were not cheap, costing just over \$3000.00 for the two.

We received them last week and busted them out for IRB training on 21st and 22nd March. Naturally we had to give them names so the group decided that the simulated "unconscious" dummy would be named

Dazza, after our vice CTO, Darren Healey, while the simulated "conscious" dummy would be named Wazza, after our live crash test dummy, Wazza Scotman. Dazza is designed to simulate an unconscious patient and can be arranged to flat in the water in various positions, face down, face up, legs down etc. and weighs 40KG dry and 80KG wet. Wazza simulates a conscious patient with his arms up in the air waiting for rescue and weight 20kg dry and 40kg wet. Both challenge the Driver and Crew as they are close to the weight of live patients. By the second day the Drivers/Crew were getting the hang of it and we were able to perform many rescue scenarios as these patients did not complain.

Well we have had to hang up our dummies for awhile now as all training has been suspended, but we will break them out when we resume. The water rescue manikins are not a total substitute for live patients as the assessment requires live patient rescues, so there is still a role for Wazza yet.

The club recently took delivery of a new Mercury 25hp outboard motor. This motor will be stored until next season when it then will be put online and the older Tohatsu motor in our collection will be sold. This motor is in very good condition still, regularly serviced with relatively low hours and it is our plan to roll motors over on a yearly basis if possible, this giving us access to the best equipment we can get. We are very fortunate to be in this position and we thank the Club for this.

The Club is looking at the prospect of selling our Generation 2 Thundercat (Orange Boat) as not many drivers are keen to use it. It is rather flighty and small by comparison to our other craft, and if the sale is made it would be replaced with another Generation 3 Thundercat which drivers seem to like. This is all up in the air at the moment.

In the off season I would like to have our Class 3 Cat Hull craft refurbished. While she is sound she is in need of a bit of TLC as she is the boat of choice when the going gets tough.

That's about it for now, we as trainers are going to have to pull our heads in now and await events to unfold. Take care of each other and stay safe.

Rob Walters.  
CTO/IRB Captain



# SURF SPORTS



Hi everyone, back with another sports update.

**BRANCH TITLES:** on 28/29th February we hosted the senior branch championships which was a great success. Thank you to all our workforce, officials, water safety, first aiders, and old boys for your hard work and in making sure the event ran smoothly. 60 of our members competed at the event, everyone showed great club spirit. It was great to see more of our patrolling members get involved for some fun. We managed 3rd in the overall point score. All results are listed further in the grapevine.

**CLUB CHAMPS:** The club champs were held earlier this month, although we only had small numbers it was a great day for all of us. Thank you to the old boys for putting on a great BBQ for us after.

**STATE AND AUSSIES:** Unfortunately the competition season has ended. The 2020 Queensland Youth, Masters, and Open Championships, and the 2020 Australian Championships have been cancelled due to the escalating health situation.

We also know that the upcoming World Championships have also been postponed to 2021. I know that it is a difficult situation for competitors, many who have trained for most of the year in the lead up to these events.

**CLUB TRAINING:** All club training and club activities have now concluded for the season following the most recent health measures put in place. We had planned to run sessions throughout the offseason however this will not occur. We will advise of any changes at a later date. I would like to thank our head coach Jason for all his efforts this season with all our members. We had a strong and consistent training group this season. We hope that this will continue when we kick off again next.

Any further sport updates will be posted in the TH&C surf sports Team App.

Please stay safe during these difficult and uncertain times. I hope to be back in the surf with you all soon.

Leah Jones

## BOATIES REPORT

Wow, what a strange new world we now live in, elbow taps and hand sanitizer.

Our training and preparation for State and Aussie titles was shut down with Covid-19 outbreak and closures. We are now moving into isolation and border shutdowns. So very little to report from the boat section.

I thank all of our rowers for the training, carnivals and fun we have had to date and also to the substitutes that jumped in and helped out on short notice to keep our crews on the water. We even got club coach Jason, in the boat for a wave on Sunday morning.

On a positive note after the cancellation of State Titles, Stumpy and the Jnr Girls crew went for a break up lunch. At the lunch Stephanie Gilmour got talking to the girls and compared stories and stayed for a photo.

See you on the beach in the not to distant future (I hope), stay safe and healthy.

Steve Mavor





**POINT DANGER BRANCH SENIOR  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
TH&C SLSC  
28th & 29th February 2020**

**U/15 Female Beach Flags**

2nd—Cloe Coombes

**U/15 Female Beach Sprint**

4th—Jazmin Graham

5th—Cloe Coombes

**U/15 Ironwoman**

2nd—Jazmin Graham

**U/15 Female Surf Board**

1st—Jazmin Graham

4th—Nell Thomas

**U/15 Female Surf Race**

2nd—Jazmin Graham

**U/15 Female Beach Relay**

1st—Cloe Coombes, Jazmin Graham, Olivia Kane  
& Lily McClure

3rd—Luka Haley, Amy Hickling, Ruby Sullivan  
& Nell Thomas

**U/15 Female Cameron Relay**

2nd—Jazmin Graham, Amy Hickling, Ruby Sullivan  
& Nell Thomas

**U/15 Surf Board Relay**

2nd—Luka Haley, Danielle Herangi & Lily McClure

3rd—Jazmin Graham, Amy Hickling & Nell Thomas

**U/15 Male Beach Flags**

2nd—Tarkyn Boucher

3rd—Clayton Schilg

6th—Harry Blaser

**U/15 Male Beach Sprint**

2nd—Clayton Schilg

3rd—Tarkyn Boucher

5th—Harry Blaser

**U/15 Male Beach Relay**

1st—Harry Blaser, Tarkyn Boucher, Cimarron  
Crawford & Clayton Schilg

3rd—Cash Cratchley, Ryan Muggeridge, Isaac  
Rogers & Tom Thomson

**U/15 Male Cameron Relay**

3rd—Harry Blaser, Tarkyn Boucher, Clayton Schilg  
& Tom Thomson

5th—Cash Cratchley, Cimarron Crawford, Ryan  
Muggeridge & Isaac Rogers

6th—Cody Douglas, Blake Frattner, Preston  
Georgiou & Hugh Norris

**U/15 Male Surf Board Relay**

5th—Harry Blaser, Tarkyn Boucher & Tom Thomson

6th—Cash Cratchley, Ryan Muggeridge & Isaac  
Rogers

**U/17 Female Beach Flags**

1st—Jordyn Fuller

3rd—Riley Henderson

6th—Jade Somerville

**U/17 Female Beach Sprint**

3rd—Jordyn Fuller

5th—Riley Henderson

6th—Jade Somerville

**U/17 Female Beach Relay**

1st—Jordyn Fuller, Riley Henderson, Olivia Millett  
& Hayley Rowan

**U/17 Male Beach Flags**

1st—Cody Douglas

2nd—Jacob Sands

3rd—Hugh Norris

4th—Hughie Thomas

5th—Mathew Walkerden

6th—Preston Georgiou

**U/17 Male Beach Sprints**

1st—Sol Sheining-Cruz

2nd—Cody Douglas

4th—Hughie Thomas

5th—Jacob Sands

6th—Nicholas Ratcliff

**U/17 Male Beach Relay**

1st—Cody Douglas, Jacob Sands, Sol Sheining-Cruz  
& Hughie Thomas

2nd—Preston Georgiou, Hugh Norris, Jayden  
O'Rourke & Nicholas Ratcliff

3rd—Eion Davidson, Siegfried Frattner, Oliver Paley-  
Mason & Mathew Walkerden

**U/17 Male Surf Board Relay**

3rd—Nicholas Ratcliff, Jacob Sands & Hughie  
Thomas

4th—Cody Douglas, Hugh Norris & Jayden O'Rourke

**30-44 Male Beach Sprints**

4th—James Callaghan

**30-44 Male Surf Board**

6th—James Callaghan

**30-44 Male Surf Race**

4th—James Callaghan

**45+yrs Male Beach Flags**

1st—Callum Taylor

5th—Stephen Mavor

**45+yrs Male Beach Sprint**

1st—Callum Taylor

3rd—Stephen Mavor

5th—Damien Miller

**45+yrs Male Surf Board**

5th—Jonathon Simon

**Masters Female Surf Board**

4th—Charisse Cormack

**Masters Female Surf Race**

2nd—Annette Bungi-Boughton

3rd—Charisse Cormack

**Masters Female Beach Relay**

2nd—Samantha Alford, Annette Bungi-Boughton,  
Isabelle Muggeridge & Joanna Wellman

5th—Charisse Cormack, Sharon Leaney, Allison  
Sands & Karyn Small

**Masters Male Beach Relay**

3rd—James Callaghan, Bradley O'Rourke, Callum  
Taylor & Vaughn Thomas

4th—Shane Bisgrove, Kane Haley, Karl Muggeridge  
& Ian Preston

5th—David Bourke, Stephen Mavor, Damien Miller  
& Craig Sherwood

**Masters Male Surf Board Relay**

4th—Ryan Haley, Kane Haley & Bradley O'Rourke

**Masters Male Taplin 3 Person**

5th—Perry Nation, Bradley O'Rourke & Iain Rogers

**3rd Overall**



## 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.

## RECOGNITION TO 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 thanks the parents and carers (support team) for organising yourselves to ensure your kids were 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. We saw significant progress in the water amongst many former sand specialists!

## THANKS TO STATE TEAM PACK COORDINATION AND UNIFORM ORGANISATION

A massive THANKYOU to Alisha Kordis who sourced the state team kit, to Jai Kordis, Ryan and Ollie Muggerridge 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 super comfortable new addition for the kids to wear



Addison	Free	Elyse	Turner	Molly	Rogers
Ameli	Kordis	Finn	Manahan	Nell	Thomas
Amber	Sullivan	Fletcher	Siagrove	Nicholas	Fearce
Amy	Hickling	Harry	Blaser	Noah	McClure
Amy	Cronk	Indiana	Crawford	Oliver	Muggerridge
Ashlyn	Kennedy	Isaac	Rogers	Olivia	Kane
Ava	Georgiou	Izzy	Boucher	Patrick	Morrison
Ava	Larard	Jada	Barker	Phoebe	Rogers
Avalon	Haley	Jai	Kordis	Rebekah	Ryko
Blaise	Telford	Jasco	White	Ruby	Sullivan
Brock	Osbourne	Jazmin	Graham	Ryan	Muggerridge
Caillie	Eriksen	Jesse	Wellman	Samuel	Hudgokies
Cash	Cratchley	Jordan	Free	Samuel	Gould
Charlie	Norris	Kaelani	Sherwood	Shakyah	Jordan
Cimarron	Crawford	Leah	Herangi	Shelby	Osbourne
Clayton	Schlig	Lily	McClure	Skyla	Keith
Cloe	Coombes	Lily	Alford	Sooke	Paley
Connor	Davidson	Luka	Haley	Tarkyn	Bouchet
Daniel	Holdway	Luke	Hickling	William	Turner
Danielle	Herangi	Matthew	Holdway	William	Sullivan
Elli	Harriden	Max	Blaser		

## 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 and around the club. These are important qualities all nippers can aspire to. The recipients for February are: Will Preston (u9), Jesse Wellman (u10), Avalon Haley (u11), Cash Cratchley (u14). Congratulations!

## BOARD LEASES FOR OFF-SEASON PADDLING

Karl Muggerridge, Gear Steward has kindly offered to help facilitate board leases for those kids wanting to continue to do some individual paddle training in the water from now until the start of next season in August/Sept 2020, when we hope life (as we formerly knew it) returns. Please contact Karl directly on 0408 010 385 or via email [mobile@muggas.com](mailto:mobile@muggas.com). For current u10's who are moving onto short fibreglass boards in season 2020-21, there are a few used boards that the nippers can sell at a ridiculously great price.

Stay safe – Vaughn and the Nipper committee

# A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO OUR 2019-20 SEASON NIPPER SPONSORS

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## YIPS REPORT

Hello all,

As you all know already any TH&C YIPS events, raffles, camps are all postponed.

We had our last YIPS event with beach touch football and pizza night in the training room.

A great night was had by all.

I would like to thank you all for getting involved in all the events this season. You all made my job easy and I walked away from each event saying "what a great group of kids".

Also thanks to Vaughn, Dave and all our parents who helped out at YIPS events and supervising raffles this season.

Take care of yourselves in the months ahead.

Enjoy the extra time at home with your families!

Sam O'Rourke





# "OLD BOYS" UPDATE



G'day to all - Chirpy here with the TH&C/SLSC - Old Boys Update !

Wow – the Challenges just seem to keep on coming for us Aussies and indeed the World right now !

First it was Drought – then the horrendous Bush Fires – followed by some good rains and Flooding - and now it's the COVID-19 Virus we have to contend with – both potentially Health wise and for both our Aussie and the World Economies.

Well we are in “shut down mode “ at present so we all have tasks to do to ensure we do the right thing plus help our where possible and more importantly stay in touch – communication wise.

I was lucky to be able to enjoy our Greenmount Beach last weekend with a couple of beautiful swims from Rainbow Bay to the Kirra Groin – just great with water temperature like bath water at present.

Point Danger Branch Titles / Greenmount Beach – Fri / Sat Feb 28 & 29 - how good was it to Host our neighbouring Clubs in our Point Danger branch for the Annual Surf Club Championships on our home Beach recently !

Thanks to all who helped set up for both the Friday and Saturday and to all our TH&C Competitors who attended and did our Club proud – we hope you all had fun.

The O'Boys had good support for our BBQ ( to feed our Competitors ) on both the Fri Evening Twilight Beach Carnival and then on Sat for the Surf and Craft Events – a big thank you to all who helped make these two days such a special occasion.

O'Boys – Activities – Thurs Mar 5 – our Monthly Luncheon attracted a good crowd of 29 members and Partners.

It was nice to welcome long time O'Boy - Peter Johnson and wife Fay - plus another old Surf Club Member – Jeff Langham ( a local Member from the late 1950's – early 60's. )

The GBC Folk provided a nice lunch – followed by some brief formalities and then a few Beverages and banter to follow – very enjoyable afternoon ( and evening for some ?? )

NOTE – given the recently announced Government Isolation Instruction we will have to sadly defer our Monthly – “ GOB\_DOT” Luncheons until further notice.

We will continue to use both the Surf Clubs - “Grapevine” - plus our O'Boys – “ GOB\_DOT” – newsletters to keep all informed

Special Events – following is the list of Events that were planned with comments as per the current status

1. Fri / Sat Feb 28 & 29 – The BBQ to support the Surf Club for our Branch Championships – great support thank you O'Boys – well done
2. Sat / Sun Nov 7 & 8 – O'Boys AGM / Reunion – Lost - Weekend - yep – please put this date into your diaries for Nov please - Fingers crossed !
3. April 3 – 13 / Quick Silver & Roxy Pro at Snapper Rocks – BBQ event – now Cancelled !
4. June 3 – 7 / Cooly Rocks-On Festival – also Cancelled !

Sunday Luncheon Raffle spot – “On the Deck” – sadly this Fund Raising activity was stopped effective last Sunday – and will continue indefinitely while our GBC is sadly closed for Business.

New Grounds expansion / Screen / Storage Shed project – “Great - some positive news” - Yep – it's all happening now – last week saw lots of the vertical Screen installed – beautiful to see this Project progressing.

GOB-DOT New letter – Well done again ‘Scribe’ – Bronte Bob – this O'Boys Newsletter is now an even more essential conduit to keep us all informed and more importantly in regular contact.

Remember to keep Chirp, Spud, Pete and Bronte Bob in the loop for all O'Boys & Club related matters.

Travelling – Sadly with the current Pandemic has put a Stop to all travel Plans - along with Carmel and Norms trip to Ireland this week put on ‘Hold’ !

Passing of Donald Glen Beanland – “ Beans / Beansa “ – we said goodbye to a dear Mate last week in Brissy. A number of O'Boys ( and Girls ) travelled from the Coast to join us Brissy lads for ‘Beans and Sandies’ - send off.



Its appropriate to register Beans Service to our Surf Club - obtaining his Bronze in Dec 1965, he was one of some 25/30 Members from Brissy at that time – bunking in the Dormitory upstairs for a continuous period of approx. 10 years. His enthusiastic demeanour and willingness to get involved and help out made him a great asset for our Club during this period.

1967 - 'B' Grade Boat Crew - ( Brisbane based ) - at that time started initially under Sweep - Roy – “Chad”- Philip then later, Ray – “ Slaggy” – Harris and in 1967 – our Best year of Competition - from 9 Carnival Starts for the Season we achieved 7 Wins ( including the Branch Title ), a Second ( our first Carnival at Coolangatta ) and a Third ( State Titles at Harbor Beach in Mackay – Buggar - a bad ally and howling NE chop – Memories huh !! )

For the Record the Crew was – Sweep – ‘Slaggy’ Harris, Stroke – ‘Beans’, second stroke – ‘Joe Fats’, second bow – ‘Gunny’ and Bow – ‘Chirpy’ H – ( see photos) - moving on –



Given our current circumstances it is even more important to keep in contact with all Family, Neighbours and Club Members and remember we are ALL here for each other plus we know that great “Aussie Spirit” will prevail as we all work through this next period together.

That’s all for now – keep safe – and above all Keep Smiling !

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