# **GREENMOUNT GRAPEVINE**

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello members

Well this season keeps delivering us some headaches.

The carnivals we were meant to host at our beach were taken off us and now the junior state titles have been cancelled because of the weather and are unable to be postponed. To all of our kids who have trained hard for this meet congrats as I know we were in for some great results this year based on your performances at branch.

Despite this we have had some good carnivals of late with the clubs representation at junior branch, senior branch and 8-10's branch nothing short of extraordinary. Thanks also to our water safety and carnival officials that have volunteered time so that our athletes can compete.

Now that the Senior State Champs has been cancelled we are looking forward to the Aussie titles on the Gold Coast in April for ages 13-masters.

On a brighter note we have now completed discussions with the supporters club in relation to the sub lease and are now able to discuss with our members our intentions with the next stage of renovations. As previously raised we would like to confirm the details of exactly what we are doing and the finance required to do so. To hold this meeting we will require 50 voting members in attendance so please once a date is set attend if you can.

Our timelines are tight as we are still looking to starting in May to ensure our brand new first aid room is open for the new season and the supporters club have a brand new function room for Christmas. Yes Christmas is coming !!!!

I have sent out another note to all members but if you didn't see it I am afraid that Wednesday 2/3 is Helen Carter's last day as an employee of THC as she is taking off on long service leave prior to retirement in July of this year.

Helen's contribution to this club has been nothing short of amazing and on behalf of the club and its members I wish her well for all future endeavours and know that we will be seeing our treasured life member around the club.

Thanks

David Fuller President TH&C

### **UPDATE**

### SENIOR/MASTERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS CANCELLED

The 2022 Senior/Masters State Championships due to take place this weekend at Alexandra Headland and Mooloolaba have been cancelled in the interest of competitors' safety.

The decision was made by SLSQ's Carnival Committee earlier this morning after careful consideration. The Sunshine Coast's current beach conditions, including water quality and clarity and debris in the ocean, make competition impractical and unsafe. The Bureau of Meteorology's forecast for the rest of the week also predicts more unfavorable conditions.

The Carnival Committee exhausted all options in rescheduling the championships at a later date but due to pre-existing large-scale events on the Sunshine Coast, it was not feasible to reschedule prior to April's Australian Championships on the Gold Coast.



#### FROM THE <u>NO</u> TRAINING ROOM AND IRB SHED.

Hi everyone, hope you are all healthy and well.

As mentioned in the introduction to this report, there has been no training performed in the training room and none will be scheduled until May or June. The reason for this being lack of interest and/or work and carnival commitments preventing people from undertaking training. We had to cancel a scheduled IRB Driver/Crew course this month as no one nominated for it.

We will have another go in March or June with an Bronze and IRB course. This is a good time to run courses as the beach is much quieter on weekends.

Other than that, there is nothing more to report on this matter.



All craft a going well with all four motors doing their job. We did have a small glitch when it was reported last week that motor No3 was not performing under a load after being at a Carnival and motor No2 had a seized butterfly choke valve. Marine mechanic fixed these on Wednesday 16/2. Problem with No3 motor was that the lower Spark Plug Cap and lead had rusted up where the cap attaches to the plug, resulting in much reduced contact. Both lead and plug cap were replaced.

Keep on using the craft while on Patrol, they hate being left idle, and please report any problems promptly so as they can be fixed in a timely matter.

That's all for now.

Rob Walters CTO/IRB CAPTAIN.



Great to see Finn and Luka Manahan join sister Molly and Dad, Pat on Patrol 12. Finn recently gained his Surf Rescue Certificate & Luka his Bronze Medallion.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED NOT TO PARK IN THE SLSC PARKING BAYS ON PATROL DAYS, UNLESS ACTUALLY PATROLLING!! THIS ALSO APPLIES TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH A PARKING PERMIT





# ALL FEMALE PATROL

Following on from the success of last season's International Women's Day Patrol which earned PDB the Innovation Award at the SLSQ Awards of Excellence as well as Claudia Fien the "Surf Woman of the Year Innovation Award", PDB is once again encouraging our clubs to make this year's "International Women's Day Patrol" bigger and better.

The details of the day are:

What:	International Women's Day Patrol (All Female Patrol)	
When:	06 March 2022 AM session (8.00am-12.30pm)	
Who:	Any and all females in your club	
Where:	Every PDB club	
Why:	To recognize and celebrate the great females in our clubs and encourage	
Females in the community to come and see what lifesaving is all about.		

The aim of the event is to display and recognise the great females we have in our branch. PDB is encouraging all females within their clubs to come down and celebrate how far we have come as women in lifesaving in 42 years.

PDB will look to once again, encourage local media involvement as well. Anyone who will be on the women's patrol who have an interesting or inspiring story about being a women in lifesaving please let the Branch know (for example Female Life Members, Females from the 1980s who gained their BM in the first era of women, Grandmothers/mothers and daughters who patrol, Females who are emergency services workers etc)

Please be mindful that all patrols must fulfil the club's Patrol Service Contract and are required to have minimum 3 BM holders, PC, IRBD, IRBC, ART, FA.

Please let Grant or Jy know ASAP if you would like to be part of the all female patrol.





# **SURF SPORTS**

The horrendous weather has caused so much devastation and chaos over a large area of South East Queensland and my thoughts are with everyone who has been impacted.

Once the water subsides there will be a massive clean up ahead. Members who need assistance during this difficult time are asked to contact the office as I am sure will have plenty of people ready to help.

Unfortunately the weather system caused the cancellation of the State Nipper Championships that was to be held on the Sunshine Coast last weekend. SLSQ had been hopeful they would get competition underway at some stage but to no avail.

This led to many of our nippers and their families being stuck on the Sunshine coast and unable to get home until the roads cleared.

I know our nippers had trained hard and put in great efforts at various carnivals including the Branch Titles so it would have been disappointing for them. They should all be proud of themselves! This will have to go down as one of the most difficult seasons on records, due to covid and mother nature.

News in today that the Senior and Masters State Championships scheduled for this coming weekend on the Sunshine Coast have also been cancelled.



Again disappointing but the early notice is appreciated. SLSQ made the difficult decision for the safety of the competitors with more rain predicted and poor water quality.

There is no opportunity for State to be rescheduled before the Aussies so we will have to keep our fingers crossed for clear skies and great beach conditions for the Aussie Titles.

Thank you to the competitors who provided their entries for Aussies when we emailed out the jot form for early bird entries.

Anyone who intends to compete but hasn't sent in their entries, please do so ASAP.

A reminder that competitors, 16 years and over are required to be vaccinated against covid and have their covid vaccinations noted on Surfguard before they can be compete at the Titles.

There are two ways to do this, members can go into their members area account and upload their covid vaccination report or show Helen or Grant in the office in person or by email and they can add it for you.

Understandably, water training has had to be suspended until further notice due to the poor water quality.

Rod

#### QUEENSLAND STATE BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS Coolum Beach SLSC 22nd & 23rd January 2022 U/17 Female Short Board Riding 2nd—Lily McClure 5th—Luka Haley U/17 Male Short Board Riding 3rd—Isaac Rogers 11th Overall

# SURFSPORTS MEETING

# SUNDAY March 13 at 9.00am

TH&C Training room.

## Anyone who will be attending the Aussie Champs

POINT DANGER SURF RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS Bilinga SLSC 15th & 15th January 2022 Open Female Champion Lifesaver 1st—Mariah Jones

#### QUEENSLAND STATE SURF RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS Bundaberg SLSC 11th—13th February 2022 Open Female Champion Lifesaver 1st—Mariah Jones



POINT DANGER SENIOR BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS Currumbin SLSC 18th & 19th January 2022

**Open Female Beach Sprint** 2nd—Lily McClure **Open Male Beach Sprint** 2nd—Sol Sheining-Cruz 6th—Jacob Sands **Open Male Beach Relay** 1st—Jayden O'Rourke, Jacob Sands, Sol Sheining-Cruz & Hughie Thomas U/15 Female Beach Flags 1st—Lily Alford 2nd—Caillie Eriksen 3rd—Amy Cronk U/15 Female Beach Sprint 1st—Caillie Eriksen 2nd—Lily Alford 4th—Amv Cronk U/15 Female Beach Relay 1st—Lily Alford, Amy Cronk, Caillie Eriksen & Skyla Keith



U/15 Female Board Relav 4th—Leah Herangi, Phoebe Rogers & Kaelani Sherwood U/15 Mixed Beach Relav 1st—Lily Alford, Caillie Eriksen, Brock Osborne & Zeke Zimmerle U/17 Female Beach Flags 1st—Lily McClure U/17 Female Beach Sprint 1st—Lily McClure U/17 Female Surf Race 4th—Tahlia Mitchell-Darlev U/17 Female Board Race 2nd—Tahlia Mitchell-Darley U/17 Female Ironwoman 3rd—Tahlia Mitchell-Darley 30-44 Yrs Female 2km Beach Run 2nd—Joanna Wellman 6th—Lisa Baxter 30-44 Yrs Male Beach Sprint 1st—James Callaghan 45 Yrs & Over Female 2km Beach Run 5th—Amanda Higgerson 45 Yrs & Over Female Surf Race 3rd—Charisse Cormack 45 Yrs & Over Female Board Race 5th—Charisse Cormack 45 Yrs & Over Male Beach Sprint 1st—Stephen Mavor Masters Female Beach Sprint 3rd—Joanna Wellman 4th—Samantha Alford. Masters Female Surf Race 1st—Annette Bugni-Boughton 2nd—Nadene Scavsbrook 5th—Lisa Baxter Masters Female Beach Relay 2nd—Samantha Alford, Lisa Baxter, Annette Bugni-Boughton & Joanna Wellman Masters Female Board Relay 2nd—Annette Bugni-Boughton, Charisse Cormack & Lynette Nisbet Masters Male Beach Relay 1st—Kane Haley, Christopher Morrison, Iain Rogers & Daniel Wellman 2nd—James Callaghan, Stephen Mavor, Jonathon Simon & Aaron Zimmerle 4th Overall



# Congratulation to James Small — O.A.M.

Active Long Service member James Small has been included in this year's Australia Day Honours Awards receiving an Order of Australia Medal. His O.A.M. is for services to Surf Life Saving and at age 71 it is a culmination of a life long commitment.

His first Commonwealth Award was invested in 2010 as a Commendation for Bravery (CBM). James has received a long list of Awards including South Coast Life Saver of the Year 2002/2003, Ulladulla's Best Citizen Australia Day Award 2001, Inaugural and Perpetual Quiet Achiever of the Year 2003, Mayoral Citation for fighting bushfires 2002, Mollymook Patrol Person of the Year 2003/2004/2005, Tweed Heads & Coolangatta SLSC Club Person of the Year 2015, Official Citation from the Indonesian Government for introducing Surf Life Saving to Nembralia High School, Roti Island, West Timor 2015.

In total James has accumulated in excess of 4300 Patrol hours since 2000 signing on in QLD, NSW, WA. and NZ. (12 clubs in total). Nearly 2600 hours patrolling Greenmount Beach.

James (Jim) has volunteered on many patrols at TH&C and in doing so has become a well liked and respected by many club members from our younger members to our masters.

On receipt of an Order of Australia, James provided the following insight and inspirational statements.

"I have found enormous joy mentoring, coaching, career advising, counselling and simply being a friend to our youth. Many mentors have impacted my own life and for their input I am eternally grateful and as such this award is as much theirs as mine. This is history repeating itself! I have been approached on numerous occasions particularly for entry into the Navy, Air Force and Army to issue references."

" My junior years at Maroubra Surf Club under the guidance of my father James Small Snr. (a highly respected Life Member) laid the foundation for my Surf Lifesaving commitment!"

"SURF LIFE SAVING IS A FAMILY OF OLD FRIENDS, NEW FRIENDS AND FRIENDS YET TO MEET!"





# MEMBER PROFILE: Deputy President, Vaughn Thomas

Most of you would know Vaughn and what he does around the club, we have asked Vaughn a few questions to get to know him a little better.

Name Nickname	Vaughn Thomas Thomo
Married Yes / No	Yes
Partners Name	Tara
Kids number & Names	Ivy 22, Hughie 18, Nell 16
When did you join TH&C	07/08 season i think
Why did you join	Ivy who now surfs for a living was refusing to surf, so we said that she was going to do Nippers. TH&C because we live in Coolangatta and Cool- angatta SLSC rejected us coming in for dinner one night, we came to TH&C, got let inand stood at the bar with a Baby in my arms and nobody said any- thing. I thought this is the place I want to be.
Previous roles within the club if any	I went Age manager plus water safety, JAC, Team Manager, Official & Deputy President,
Who do you admire within the club	Everyone that stands up and holds a position in the club. Especially the big ones.
Best memory of club life	Silver in the All age relay four years ago at states at Alex and every moment I have with my kids.
Favorite food	Mexican
Favorite drink	Coffee Thickshake
Favorite movie	Bull Durham or Edge of Tomorrow
What song do you turn up load in the car	Jungle Giants
If you had a super power what wouldit be	Speed
What was your first car	Bright Yellow Nissan Pulsar but I sold i quickly for a forerunner which I was willing to pay 18% interest on
Favorite holiday destination	Snow (anywhere)
Do you like pineapple on pizza	Nope







The past month has been a hectic one with three carnivals held for our Nipper competitors. As you read this we should have just finished our Youth State Champs at Alexandra Headland. We had a super prepared and excited contingent of over 50 talented U11-15 kids head up to the Sunshine Coast to compete for our club. Alas, the tribulations of this season continued, and each day of competition was cancelled due to the extreme conditions. The streets surrounding our accommodation were flooded and it never stopped raining, yet we somehow all had a great time. Our families have been trying to make their way home over the past few days, and unfortunately we've had a few come back to inundated homes. There is no doubt everyone's resilience has been tested this year...

Our older crew did, though, put in a great showing at their Branch carnival at the start of the month that saw us holding a couple of much larger clubs to account on the beach and in the water.

Equally, we saw last weekend that the future of our surf sports is in good hands with our younger team members putting in a brilliant show at the U8-10 Branch carnival. It was great to see swimmers, paddlers and beachies finishing at the front of races – with huge smiles on their faces. If you'd like to see this in action, we'd love you to follow our Instagram page - <u>thcnippers</u> We also saw a number of the Nipper parents strutting their stuff at the Senior Branch carnival last weekend. Both mums and dads showed the kids that they still have it, with a few gold medals going around. Vaughn's ambitions to dominate the old folks relays at Aussies are still intact, with some key talent still to be rolled out. We also learnt that the Boaties have a little work to do if they want to really challenge in the beach events.

Whilst it's great that the surf sports side is gaining momentum, the really pleasing aspect of our Nipper season is that we're looking strong for next year despite the crazy year we've had. We've been continually increasing our membership, we've had some wonderful new families join our club, and we have some great plans to build on the momentum that we're finishing the season with. We've always been proud of the balance between fun, education and performance across our club and this has shown through again this year.

I trust that everyone has managed to stay safe over the past few days - it's great to see how the Nipper families have bonded together through this and it shows what a great club we have.

**lain Rogers** 







#### P3 QLD BEACH SERIES—Round 2 Kurrawa SLSC 18th December 2021

U/11 Female Beach Flags 3rd—Evie Barker U/11 Male Beach Relay 5th—Henry Alford, Maj Bando, Lewis Telford & Zane Zimmerle U/12 Female Beach Flags 6th—Sooke Paley U/12 Female Beach Sprint 3rd—Sooke Paley 4th—Dana Stewart U/12 Female Beach Relay 6th—Evie Barker, Sooke Paley, Bailey Price & Dana Stewart U/12 Male Beach Relay 4th—Jobe Keith, Riley Kippax, Blake Millar & Jesse Wellman U/13 Female Beach Flags 3rd—Avalon Haley U/13 Female Beach Relay 3rd—Shelby Osborne, Sooke Paley, Bailey Price & Dana Stewart U/13 Male Beach Flags 6th—Fletcher Bisgrove U/13 Male Beach Relay 4th—Fletcher Bisgrove, Noah McClure, Patrick Morrison & Jesse Wellman U/14 Female Beach Flags 1st—Indiana Crawford 4th—Ruby Power U/14 Female Beach Sprint 3rd—Indiana Crawford 4th—Ruby Power 6th—Addison Free U/14 Female Beach Relay 1st—Indiana Crawford, Addison Free, Ruby Power & Caitlin Wiggins U/14 Male Beach Flags 6th—Zeke Zimmerle U/14 Male Beach Sprint 2nd—Zeke Zimmerle U/14 Male Beach Relay 3rd—Fletcher Bisgrove, Noah McClure, Brock Osborne & Zeke Zimmerle U/15 Female Beach Flags 1st—Lily Alford 5th—Caillie Eriksen U/15 Female Beach Sprint 1st—Lily Alford 3rd—Caillie Eriksen 6th—Amy Cronk U/15 Female Beach Relay 1st—Lily Alford, Amy Cronk, Caillie Eriksen & Skyla Keith U/17 Female Beach Flags 4th—Lily McClure U/17 Female Beach Sprint 5th—Lily McClure U/17 Female Beach Relay 1st—Lily Alford, Amy Cronk, Caillie Eriksen & Lily McClure All Age Beach Relay 2nd—Lily Alford, Maj Bando, Evie Barker, Fletcher Bisgrove, Indiana Crawford, Caillie Eriksen, Noah McClure, Brock Osborne, Sooke Paley & Jesse Wellman

#### P3 QLD BEACH SERIES ROUND 3 Maroochydore SLSC 8th January 2022

*U/14 Female Beach Flags* 1st—Indiana Crawford 2nd—Ruby Power *U/14 Female Beach Sprint* 1st—Ruby Power 2nd—Indiana Crawford

P3 QLD Beach Series Club Point score Round 1—0 points (NSW members unable to cross the border due to covid restrictions) Round 2—103 Round 3—22 6th Overall—125 points

#### POINT DANGER YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS North Kirra SLSC 5th & 6th February 2022

U/11 Female Beach Flags 3rd—Evie Barker U/11 Female Beach Sprint 2nd—Evie Barker U/11 Female Beach Relay 5th—Evie Barker, Amaya Keith, Siara Noakes & Evelyn Thompson U/11 Male Beach Sprint 4th—Henry Alford U/11 Male Beach Flags 4th—Zane Zimmerle U/11 Male 1km Beach Run 4th—Jackson Wright U/11 Male Beach Relay 2nd—Henry Alford, Benjamin Dickens, Joshua Wellman & Zane Zimmerle 5th—Fynn Baxter, Luca Boughton, Charles Mifsud & Liam Morrison U/11 Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay 3rd—Luca Boughton & Joshua Wellman 6th—Jackson Wright & Zane Zimmerle U/11 Mixed Beach Relay 4th—Henry Alford, Evie Barker, Amaya Keith & Zane Zimmerle U/11 Male Surf Teams 5th—Jeremy Fogarty, Luke Holdway, Liam Morrison Zane Zimmerle U/11 Male Board Relay 6th—Luca Boughton, Luke Holdway & Liam Morrison U/11 Male Cameron Relay 5th—Henry Alford, Luke Holdway, Liam Morrison Zane Zimmerle U/12 Female Beach Sprint 4th—Bailey Price U/12 Female Beach Flags 5th—Bailey Price U/12 Female 1km Beach Run 3rd—Bailey Price U/12 Female Beach Relay 3rd—Evie Barker, Bailey Price, Dana Stewart & Sea White U/12 Female 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay 4th—Evie Barker & Bailey Price U/12 Male Beach Flags

3rd—Jesse Wellman

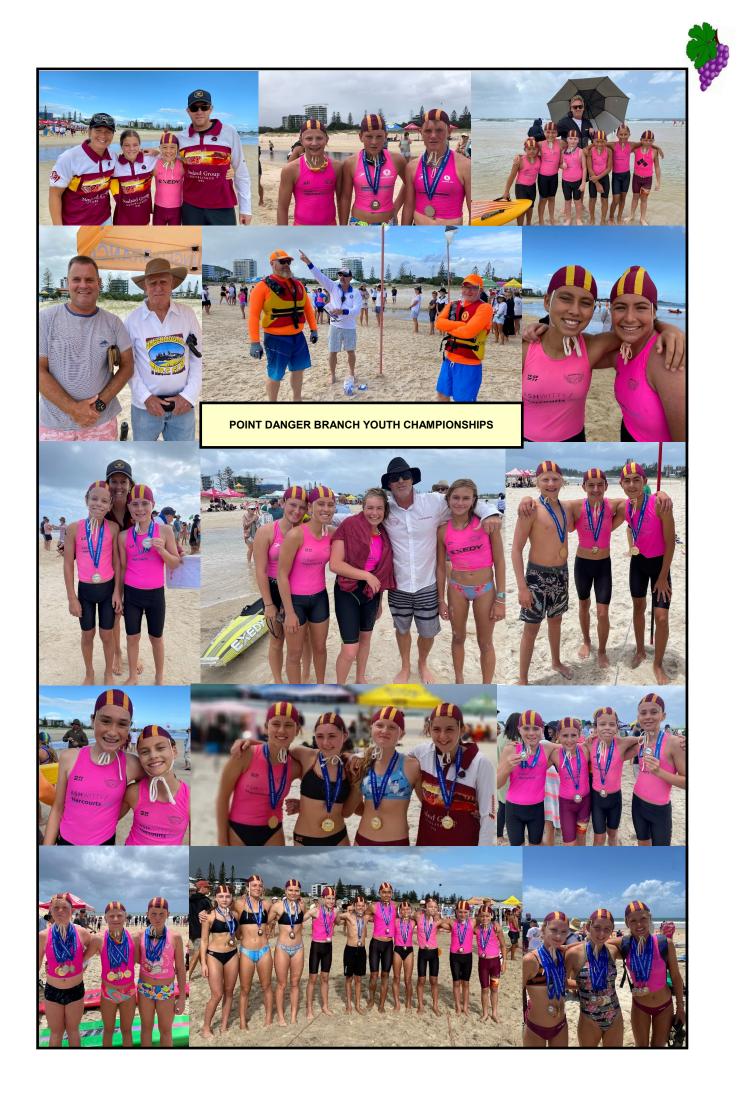


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U/14 Male Beach Flags 2nd—Brock Osborne 3rd—Zeke Zimmerle U/14 Male Beach Sprint 1st—Zeke Zimmerle 2nd—Brock Osborne U/14 Male Surf Race 1st—Daniel Holdway 2nd—Matthew Holdway 4th—Jai Kordis U/14 Male Board Race 2nd—Jai Kordis 3rd—Daniel Holdway 6th—Zeke Zimmerle U/14 Ironman 2nd—Daniel Holdway 3rd—Matthew Holdway 4th—Jai Kordis U/14 Male Beach Relay 1st—Fletcher Bisgrove, Jai Kordis, Brock Osborne & Zeke Zimmerle U/14 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay 1st—Brock Osborne & Zeke Zimmerle U/14 Male Surf Team 1st—Daniel Holdway, Matthew Holdway, Jai Kordis & Zeke Zimmerle U/14 Male Board Relay 2nd—Daniel Holdway, Matthew Holdway & Jai Kordis U/14 Male Board Rescue 1st—Jai Kordis & Daniel Holdway 6th— Matthew Holdway & Brock Osborne U/14 Male Cameron Relay 1st—Daniel Holdway, Jai Kordis, Brock Osborne & Zeke Zimmerle U/14 Mixed Beach Relay 1st—Indiana Crawford, Addison Free, Brock Osborne & Zeke Zimmerle 3rd—Noah McClure, Patrick Morrison, Shelby Osborne & Amber Sullivan U/11—U/15 All Age Mixed Beach Relay 3rd—Henry Alford, Lily Alford, Evie Barker, Fletcher Bisgrove, Indiana Crawford, Caillie Eriksen, Jobe Keith, Noah McClure, Jesse Wellman & Zeke Zimmerle 4th—Luca Boughton, Addison Free, Avalon Haley, Skyla Keith, Jai Kordis, Blake Millar, Patrick Morrison, Bailey Price, Tahlia Wellman & Zane Zimmerle 4th Overall







# **"OLD BOYS" UPDATE**



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

Daily Swims - we had ideal conditions again in February for our morning swim to Kirra groyne with more opportunities to swim around into Kirra beach – just beaut!

"Huey reeks Havoc" - after some Big Surf in January and then beaut conditions in early February – Huey sadly returned with a vengeance last weekend and dumped Flooding rain in most of S E Qld.

All of our Gold Coast beaches were closed last weekend – so bad were the conditions – plus the ocean looking like a huge Coffee Latte with so much fresh and run off from the Tweed River and local Creeks, etc.'

This caused our Nippers State Titles in Mooloolaba to be cancelled with lots our Team/Families stranded on the Sunshine Coast for 4 nights.

Very disappointing after such a good showing at our recent Point Danger Branch Titles!

I am told we had a good show at the Senior Branch Titles and even scored a Masters Gold in the Men's relay!!

End of a Chapter – 'Bon voyage – Helen Carter' – wow - what an innings and a new life chapter just around the corner awaits you!

Thanks for being such an important part of the TH&C – SLSC Family and for all your Effort, Support, Guidance and Enthusiasm for such a long time at TH&C – anchoring – our Surf Club Office while maintaining contact with our Board / Executive Team, our SLSC - Point Danger Branch / State Centre folk - plus all of our internal Surf Club Families – well done.

Time to smell the Roses and take time out for yourself and new pursuits – ENJOY and Good Health!

**GOB-DOT Monthly Luncheons** – very happy to advise our monthly Luncheons recommence Thursday March 10 at our GBC (late change from March 3 due to weather events).

#### Coming events -

- Thurs night Members Draw many our local folk regularly attend our GBC – 'Members draw' - each Thursday evening – come join in the fun ( and possible celebration ! )
- 2. Friday night drinks GBC please join us for our Friday night drinks and raffles session upstairs at the Bar !

- Thurs March 3 our first O'Boys & Partners Monthly GOB-DOT Luncheon date for 2022 to reinstate this monthly get together.
- A. Nov Fri/Sat/Sun Nov 5,6 & 7 2021 ( Deferred – dates TBA ! ) - O'Boys "Lost weekend" – ie AGM / Reunion weekend – still pending.

**Sunday Luncheon Raffle spot – "On the Deck"** – we are seeing good patronage for our Sun Luncheon spot with the Band support (and February is typically our slow month) – a special thanks to our Crew for keeping the O'Boys Raffle presence during the Xmas / New Year period. (Now the borders are open we will be chasing an expanded Raffle Roster please !)

**Greenmount Beach Club** – The Club has recently welcomed back our Local Boy – Ben Clayton - as Head Chef and a new Menu is pending. Welcome back Ben and we look forward to sampling your wares this Thursday for our O'Boys Luncheon !

Let's all remember to support our Greenmount Beach Club upstairs as this is the financial Engine room for our Surf Club. These folk are doing a great job so please do call in for a Beer / chat and a Feed. (Keep smiling Marty D and Team GBC.)

**GOB-DOT** Newsletter – Well done again 'Scribe' – Bronte Bob – thanks for being the O'Boys News conduit plus in the Chairman Role for our Monthly GOB\_DOT Luncheon gatherings.

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

**Not doing so well** – we have Rob Boyd in J Flynn Hospital plus 'Max' Gunthorpe in the University Hospital on the Sunshine Coast – both recovering from Covid encounters - and now doing well.

**Travelling** – Dave Peate back from Sandon River er from his Fishing trip with the lads, Errrol and Lynn Wright back from their Tassie trip (guess who's horse won the Tassie Derby ??) - Norm and Carmel are now on their Melb / Tassy trip for a few months – plus I am sure there are many others out there visiting our amazing Aussie Country side – ENJOY!

We lost an Aussie larrikin last week - its sad to share we lost our former Surf Club and O'Boy Member – Evan - 'Whammy' - Wham last week after a long battle in Hospital on the Sunshine Coast Hospital.



Chirp was able to attend his funeral in Buderim along with former Brissy Member – 'Punchy' McMahon. It was a great send off and also learn just how much 'Whammy' packed into his 80 years ( see separate announcement for full details ).

That's all for now – keep safe – "Enjoy" the Beach / Surf when you can – along with a nice cool bevy/meal upstairs after at the GBC. That's all for now – keep safe – "Enjoy" the Beach / Surf when you can – along with a nice cool bevy/meal upstairs after at the GBC. Happy days Chirpy H – Mob 0419654466 -<u>chirpyh@gmail.com</u> Peter Hargrave – 0478498036 <u>bnnanas@hotmail.com</u> Spud and Di H – 55995873 dianehillery46@gmail.com







21/02/1942 - 14/02/2022 (80 years old !)

Evan gained his Bronze Medallion in 1958 at Broadbeach before joining TH&C in the early 1960s.

His closest mates back then were "Shorty" - Keith Burke, "Punchy" - Kevin McMahon and "Sluggo" Keith Abrahams.

Career - Whammy spent 32 years with the Commonwealth Bank and after his early years in Qld he moved to the NT with the Bank and gained his Pilots licence. He used this for his Bank duties attending remote areas. We were told he had "an incident" while landing in Darwin in the early days and ended up in the ditch - his Flying reputation some what embarrassed.

He then transferred to P&NG in the 1970's with the Bank and resumed a similar role Flying to remote regions for his Banking duties - he stayed for 9 years. His Flying skills were again "challenged" as he luckily survived a serious crash - 'unscathed' - in a remote region where his plane was 'written off' and it seems still there in the jungle "Jordo" - Tony Jordan was also in P&NG for a number of years during this period with Whammy.

Whammy retired to the Sunshine Coast where he started a very successful Body Corporate Management Services Business which he ran for many years.

For those who knew Whammy his two passions were Running and Drinking Beer and not necessarily in that order. He was both a Serious and Capable Runner - completing many Marathons in Aussie - along with the Boston Marathon in the USA and Hawaii featuring. His best effort is seems was the famous - 90 klm "Comrades" marathon run annually in South Africa.

He was a member of the local Sunshine Coast - 'Hash House Harriers' and with some of these folk also instigated a mini Marathon in the Antarctic whilst on a Cruise from South America to visit this remote region. ( one shared definition of these Club Members is serious drinking folk with a Running problem ! )

He also challenged many other areas and fields and circumnavigated Aussie with a mate on a 42ft Catamaran - a feat many of his mates doubted would last more than a few days before he bailed !

Three other significant Bucket List achievements were:-

a. Walking into the Base Camp for Mt Everest.

b. Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro in South Africa - and

c. Walked / ran the Kokoda Trail in P&NG on 3 occasions - the last time doing what is typically taken over 7/8 days - completing in 4 days with some of his mates.

What a wonderful life and adventures he achieved - many of us just dream about such opportunities ??

"Rest easy Whammy - we will miss you mate !"





