

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well I guess you are all feeling like me, glad to be rid of winter and ready for warmer days.

We have had a good year and are now ready to start again.

Our presentation evenings for both Nipper and Seniors went well. In the Nippers we were able to recognise the work that the nippers had done during the season with their certificates and age group champions.

It was also time to thank the Age Managers for their commitment to teaching the Nippers water safety and competition.

A big thank you to our water safety team. Without you Nippers cannot be conducted.

During the season John was an outstanding Nipper Instructor, working with all members and parents to make sure the program was enjoyed by all.

As you all know we conduct two can shakes during the season. A thank you to all who have given their time for our Club.

The Committee have had discussions with the Kingston Council and they agreed to assist us with the cost of renovating our change rooms, both Women's and Men's. So, from the dollars the can shakes have raised, and the Council's contribution along with supplying tradesmen and Committee are very excited about what we have been able to provide for all members to use. The new change rooms include; new plumbing, showers and tiled recess, painting and a new floor. We are also putting up new shower curtains.

Our Treasurer Andrew Firmin applied for a grant from LendLease to renovate our First Aid room and this was accepted. We have also taken everything out of the First Aid room and a new floor will be done along with painting, cupboards and benches. A new bed will also be built so that everything has a storage space and it will be a better facility to treat patients.

When you return you will also notice other changes. Our lights now have new covers, we have a large plasma TV to go up on the wall and many other changes.

Your committee have also given their time with meetings with Council and Tradesmen to achieve our new additions for all. A special thank you to Lesley McGurgan for her time working with Council on behalf of the committee.

Thank you to Andrew for the time give in preparing the application and the follow ups.

A thank you to those members who gave their volunteer time for the clean up working bee. It certainly made a difference with time taken on the day. Your time was very much appreciated to assist the Club for better amenities for all members.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again this summer and hearing what you think of our new facilities.

On a personal note I would like to share my news with you.

As most of you will know I hold the position of Royal Life Saving Society Australian President. I have also been elected to the Asia Pacific and also to the Board of International Life Saving Federation (World Life Saving) representing Australia. I am also a Trustee for the Commonwealth Council also representing Australia.

I have had several trips overseas for board meetings this means meeting some of the world Life Saving family and learning what other countries do in Life Saving. I was invited to attend the Australian Life Saving Championships as well as the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. The World Life Saving Championships and the Commonwealth Life Saving Championships have also been held and I was able to be present again.

I like to share my news with you so that you are aware that the Life Saving Family is world wide and during my contribution to Life Saving I have gained more knowledge and experience from meeting new Life Savers; and that there is no limit to what you can achieve.

It also means that I can share my Life Saving experiences with all of you and pass on my new and knowledge gained over 60 years in my career in Life Saving.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Your President

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