

## **Presidents Report 2018-2019**

On behalf of Beachport Surf Life Saving Club I am proud to present you with the 2018/2019 annual report.

In the 2016/2017 season we became incorporated under Surf Life Saving South Australia which was an amazing achievement. At that time we were focussed primarily on our Nipper and Youth program, which was seeing consistent attendance of approximately 40 Nippers and 10 youth per session. Concurrently, we were training as many members as we could to achieve their Surf Rescue Certificates and Bronze Medallions.

Moving into the 2017/2018 season we had some very tight timelines to adhere to in achieving our primary season goal of putting patrols on our beaches. This goal was critical for a number of reasons. Firstly, it expanded our scope of activities and opened our club up to a wider range of people who could be part of it. Secondly, it was necessary to continue to expand the clubs activities to not only keep existing club members but also to expand our membership.

Moving into the 2018/2019 season, we have grown in numbers and equipment. This was the second year that we were able to provide patrols and we have branched out to roving patrols.

This season saw our equipment, facilities and machinery and membership grow. We installed 2 shipping containers and our iconic logo at the Surf Beach. These containers, while basic in nature, have given our members an increased sense of pride in that we now have a base out at the surf beach to call our own.

Our nipper and youth equipment also expanded to the point where we now have almost everything we could possibly want for a club of our size. Furthermore, at the end of the season we took possession of our new ATV which is now ready to be deployed in the coming season.

Our club also grew from about 100 members to over 120. This was in part of an increase in adult participation and I think the lure of the IRB certainly was a major drawcard for many.

Our club successfully hosted the 2018 and 2019 IRB state carnival which was an overwhelming success and put our small club on the South Australian and Victorian maps.

We have received success in the club, youth and members receiving individual awards for their ongoing volunteering and excellence to the community.



Moving forward with a strategic plan, we intend to achieve the following for next season:

- Construction of the third shipping container at the surf beach
- Continue to encourage members development in the various aspects of our club that include:
  - Surf Sports
  - Upskilling in qualifications
  - Continue to assist with Community events
- Creation of club webpage
- Retention of membership numbers
- Increase in SRC / Bronze Medallion / IRB drivers and crew.

Our club has a lot of new equipment and new facilities to house that equipment. But the club is nothing without the amazing work of the committee who work tirelessly all year round to ensure the club remains sustainable and continues to track towards achieving our objectives as listed in the strategic plan.

I would like to personally thank all committee members who have given so much of their personal time in making this club so great. In my opinion we are now a club of choice and the increase in club members wanting to be more and more involved is a testament to our committee members.

Regards

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