



CLIFTON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

“PREMIER CLUB”

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi all Cliftoners

We look forward to people attending our Annual General Meeting which has been set down for Sunday 26th July, 2020 T 11:00am at the Surf Club.

Please note: following the AGM we will hold our annual awards function and invite everyone to stay around after the AGM to congratulate the winners from 2019/2020 season. We understand that currently, the numbers inside will be limited to approximately 75 people but it would be great to get that many people along to the AGM or definitely to the awards function commencing at approximately 12 Noon.

For those who are unaware, I have great privilege in announcing that one of our life members Mr Steve “Fatman” Gray has been awarded life membership from the Australian Surf Rowers League on Saturday 27th June, 2020.

I was lucky enough to attend a function at Steve and Sarah’s place in Mount Stuart with some of Steve’s close friends including Clifton Life Members Mal O’Brien and Barney Reardon (see picture) together with past President Mel Bush.

It is a great honour for our Steven as he has always been known for his surf boat announcing both here in Tasmania and on the mainland.



**Wording by Alan 'Griffo' Griffiths
Nomination seconded by Bert Hunt**

Fulfilling an early life ambition, Steve joined Clifton Surf Life Saving Club at 17 years of age in 1967. He was a perfect fit for Club life and this was the start of a star-studded career in surf lifesaving with a particular emphasis on surf boats, which saw him reach the highest of levels. He gained universal respect for his dedicated involvement which had an outstanding influence on the administration and competition of surf boats in Australia. There was a particular interest generated on surf boats in Tasmania where he was the State's inaugural ASRL President for six years from 2009 to 2014. During this time, he was particularly influential in establishing a firm base for the ASRL both within Tasmania and also in representing the State at National level.

Steve's capabilities and reputation became widely known and was no doubt enhanced by his taking up of carnival announcing duties quite early in his career. This was a result of an accidental act of volunteering his services which was typical of Steve's "ready to help" nature. This pleasant nature and overall knowledge had given him the attributes of an "announcing natural." He grew with it until he became one of Australia's longest serving and best beach Announcers. His forte of course was surf boats.

I first met Steve and worked with him at the Aussies at Moana in 1986. He had become a part of the National Announcing Team and was paired with me to work the surf boats. I could not believe my luck – he was an absolute joy to work with and he remained a member of the Aussies Team for 33 years. And so, commenced what has been acknowledged as the longest serving announcing duo in surf life saving's modern era.

Announcing gives you a lot of exposure and has a lot of hidden demands. These include not only speaking with credibility to the masses but speaking to and about dignitaries and current and prospective sponsors of Australia's wonderful sport of surf boat racing. This is in addition to the basics of knowing the rules of boat racing, details of the history of previous performances of clubs, crews, and individual crew members. There is much more to announcing than simply race calling. From time to time announcers are obliged to deal with a wide range of carnival officials and other services. These include Referees, Sectional Referees, Chief Judges, Marshalls, Recorders, Support Services and Emergency Personnel, and also Coordinators. Accordingly, they must have acute knowledge of organisational and functional structures of the workings of boat carnivals. Steve could always be relied upon to provide correct assistance when a request was made. His interpersonal skills are excellent.

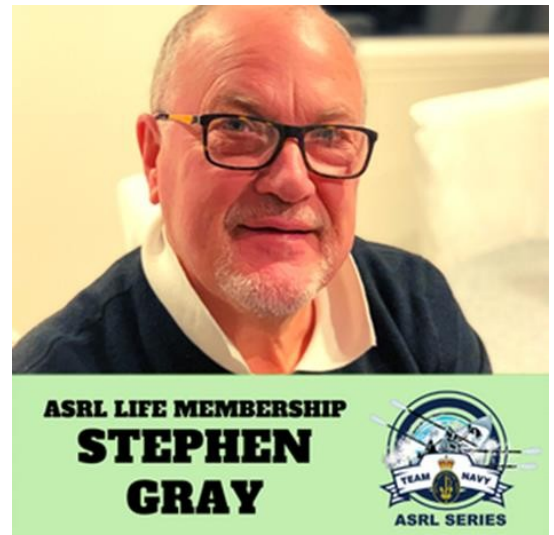
Many hours of research can be justified before major and also minor carnivals. Steve's energetic preparations always made for good listening. His voice was always at a pleasant pitch and understandable with well mannered, sensitive content even in an exciting boat race finish. His unselfish ability to combine with others was always at the highest order and was well appreciated by fellow Announcers and listeners. He was particularly active during National Boat Series Events like the Breakfast Cereal Series during which he undertook announcing at each State and for each of Tasmania's annual Navy Series of events, over a period of several years. This series is Australia's prime surf boat series which is still current in partnership with the ASRL in all States.

The ASRL open carnivals commenced in the late 90s with the first commentary team provided at Dee Why 1998. Steve became involved in these annual events at Fingal Bay in 2001. As a highlight, his excellent call of the open final at Broulee Surfers 2009 won by Jan Juc is always remembered. He participated continuously until 2013 at the Stockton ASRL Open where he suffered a severe aneurysm of his aorta while actually announcing on the Saturday. This nearly took him from us and required open heart bypass surgery. He survived some intricate procedures and two prolonged periods in hospital.

He retained a desire to return to announcing and was able to participate for a lighter period of duties at Shell Harbour 2014. He continued in this mode until Elouera 2018 when it became obvious that his health could be irreparably damaged should he continue in the demands of an Announcing role. He still attends all ASRL events in Tasmania and also major events in other States. These majors included the most recent Open's at Elouera and Mollymook. In total he has participated in 18 annual ASRL Open Carnivals.

Steve is generally credited with giving the ASRL in Tasmania the impetus and drive to become a force to be reckoned with during the six years of his foundation Presidency. His participation also lifted the standard of ASRL announcing. There was particular interest generated in the administration and competition disciplines in Tasmania during Steve's involvement. This included the authorisation and commencement of the enormously popular female surf boat racing.

His greatest asset however is that he is a quality human being who has been a credit to the ASRL since joining some twenty odd years ago. Bert and I feel he is well deserving of the Life Membership accolade.



On a more sombre note we were sad to hear of the passing of Mark Matar (Face) and we extend our sympathy to his family and to those who knew him. The following advertisement was placed in the Mercury on Saturday 16 May,



Date listed: 16/5/2020

MATAR, Mark

The President, Life Members and Members of the Clifton Beach SLSC are deeply saddened at the passing of Mark 'Face' Matar. Mark gained his bronze in 1972 and was an active patrol and club member. His commitment and loyalty to past and current members will always be remembered.

Publication: The Mercury

We hope that everybody is looking forward to the commencement of next season together with the opening of our Club House. We will keep everybody updated via our social media outlets.

Cheers **Rogo**

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Preparations are being made to open the Clubhouse, we are in the process of finalising the SRC course for the current U13.

We have submitted applications for 12 of the 13 categories in this year's Surf Life Saving of Tasmania Annual Awards. That would be the biggest submission made by the club since I have been involved with the club.

Cheers, **Simon**

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS REPORT

Hi everyone,

So this will be my last report as your Junior Activities Coordinator. My time in the role has come to an end, and I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past five years.

It has been a real team effort to get us to where we are, and there have been countless hours put in by a host of people to make sure we have a program that kids can find accessible and enjoyable. I'm not exactly running away, but will be doing other jobs around the club so fortunately, or unfortunately, you will still see me around.

There will be a new Coordinator elected in at the AGM and I am sure you will be just as supportive to the new person taking it on as you have been to me.

With the easing of restrictions, there will be more opportunities for training to begin for those keen to improve their fitness and skills.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details as they are released. Also, it would be great to see as many of you as possible as we start to put on some social functions as the year goes on.

And just remember, it's only four months until Nippers begins!!

See you on the beach.

Anthony

Annual General Meeting 2019-20

Clifton Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.

Members are notified that the Annual General Meeting of Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is to be held on Sunday the 26th July commencing at 11.00am

All Members are welcome to attend.

Please find below the committee positions and nomination form.

If you are looking to become more involved in the Club and wanting to give the committee ago. Please complete the below form and return to:-

Vanessa by email secretary@cliftonbeachslsc.com.au by 24th July 2020 or in person prior to the meeting.

Vacant Committee Positions

1. Committee members

The Members shall elect, as provided for in clause 29, the following Committee Members:

- (a) The President;
- (b) The Secretary ;
- (c) The Treasurer;
- (d) The Club Captain; and
- (e) 2 other Committee Members.

1.2 Club Officers

The Committee may elect or appoint the following Officers:

General	Member Services	Finance
Patron	Junior Activities Co-ordinator Youth Captain Junior Activities Captain Transitions Officer Junior Activities Team Manager	Registrar Clubhouse Officer Sponsorship Co-Ordinator Fundraising Officer Grants Officer Bar Manager Canteen Manager Merchandise Officer
Administration	Lifesaving	Competition
Communications Officer Newsletter Editor Webmaster Social Co Ordinator	Patrol Officer Training Officer First Aid Officer Radio Officer Water Safety Officer	Coaching Co-ordinator Senior Team Manager Boat Captain Craft Captain

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Nomination Form

I hereby nominate

For the position of (please circle)

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Club Captain

Committee Member

Other

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Signed by the nominator.....

Signed by the Seconder

Nominations close with Vanessa Copeland prior to the meeting

Email: secretary@cliftonbeachslsc.com.au

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Spots for this course will fill quickly, so if you are interested have a read below and fill out the EOI.

For more information see Circular 20-13 on SLST website:

<https://www.slst.asn.au/media/81385/20-13-rescue-services-flood-swift-rescue.pdf>

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