

A FRESH UPDATE

APRIL/MAY 2020

from the President



At the time of writing, there is no further news I can provide on when we can re-open the club and resume normal functions. We all know how severely the season has been disrupted and we can only hope restrictions are eased sooner rather than later. Many members have commented on how much the use of the club is simply taken for granted and it wasn't until access was denied the full extent of the value of the club to all of us is realised. Since there has been no club news, it is an opportune time to remind all members of the good fortune we enjoy in the relationship with our sponsors – both large and small. As a club, our revenues derive from memberships, hall hire and the financial generosity of our sponsors and it is from our sponsors we are able to purchase much needed rescue equipment. During these difficult and uncertain times rather than ask something of our sponsors, we ask *our members to support our loyal sponsors*. Please show the same loyalty to our sponsors as they have shown to us in previous years and when possible, avail yourselves of their products and services as a way of saying thank you for your support.

See you on the beach!

Alan Burns, President

Because of the social distancing limitations in force as a result of COVID-19, it is most unlikely the club's Annual General Meeting will take place on its usual date of the last Sunday of June. As restrictions slowly ease, it is hoped we may be able to hold the AGM early in the new season. The option of conducting the meeting by use of technology such as Zoom will also be considered if social distancing requirements continue to prevent members from attending in person. Notice of the time, date and method of conduct of the AGM will be sent to all members at the relevant time.



New owners of Harbord Beach Hotel

The Harbord Beach Hotel has been the Freshwater Community's local pub since 1928 and a major supporter of our Surf Club for over 40 years. Under new ownership, we continue to be run by locals for locals. We look forward to seeing the pub evolve in the near future and continue its close partnership with Freshie Surf Club.

You can support us directly by purchasing a voucher NOW ready to use when we re open. OR use the easy access drive through to buy all your beverages and also much needed food staples. Can't be easier – drive through and say hi to our staff.

Purchase a pint and get one free:

[Love your Local Pub](#)

Drive through alcohol and food staples:

[Harbord Beach Hotel Drive Through](#)



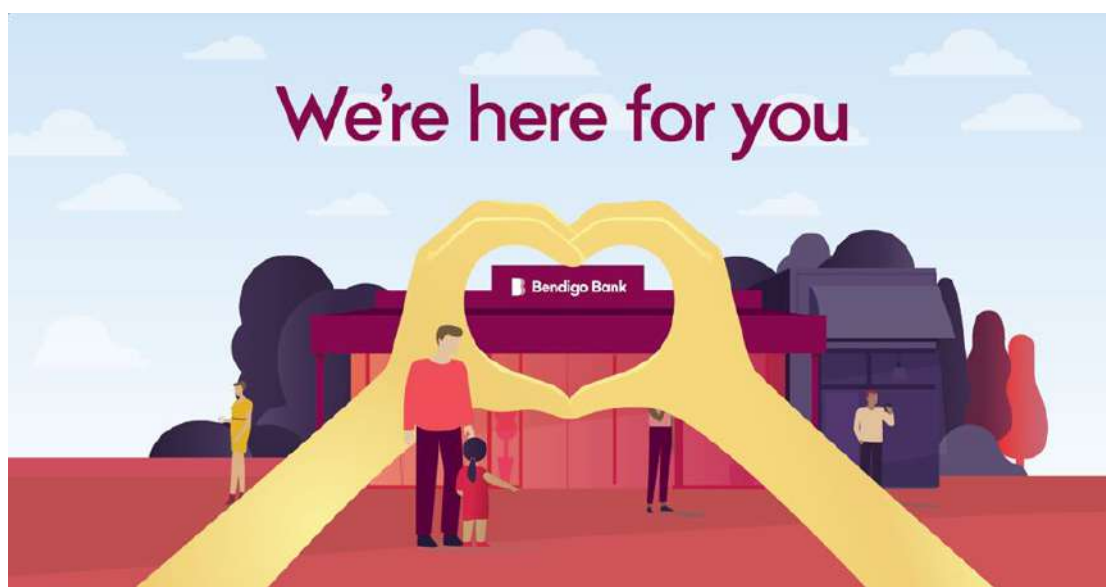
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON

The annual membership renewal process for next season will be proceeding as usual. Members will receive their membership renewal notices at the end of this month.

The almost certain lack of sponsorship support at the same level as in previous years together with no income from hiring the club premises means the club's financial position, while currently healthy, will come under unprecedented pressure this coming season. Continued social distancing requirements may also impact on our ability to offer our normal nipper program. The Executive Committee has agreed that all discretionary spending be halted until further notice.

To ensure the club remains in the best possible position financially, it will be more important than ever that members renew their memberships sooner rather than later for the 2020-2021 season.

All members are encouraged to pay their annual membership fees as soon as possible after 30 June.



Freshwater Community Bank Branch has given over \$3m to 185 local Northern Beaches community groups. The Bank has always had a strong commitment to the Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club community. In past years with replacement IRBs, vital rescue equipment, swim caps or simply coffees served up after a surf, but in these unprecedented times we have assessed our offering and increased our COVID-19 support. So whilst we continue to operate safely respecting strict health and safety procedures we are also offering competitive interest rates, for variable and fixed rate home loans. The interest rate cut applies to one, two and three-year fixed rates for all owner occupier and investor home loans.

We've also extended a range of assistance packages available to customers as a result of COVID-19 to help during these challenging times. Have a look at how we can help [COVID-19 help page](#)

*Stay safe and look forward to catching up with you all face to face soon,
Sandy, Kasey and the Freshwater Community Bank team*

[Freshwater Community Bank Branch](#)





Network Ten

One of our most recent Club sponsors, supporting our Nippers this year, Network 10 have some great family viewing at present. Keep the family entertained by tuning into the new season of Master Chef, Australian favourites Neighbours and Goggle Box and new programs such as Keep Cooking Carry on with Jamie and The Secrets she Keeps.

<https://10play.com.au/>



SEA Smyth Estate Agents

James Smyth has been a loyal supporter of our Club for over a decade. James has been an active member of the Club with involvement in Nippers over the years with his family. Any queries regarding valuation of your property, potential sale, purchase or rental management, call James at SEA.

<https://www.smythestateagents.com.au>



Alan Burns with James Smyth and a replica of the Duke's board



Healthy Care Colds, Flu & Immunity

Buy Healthy Care Colds, Flu & Immunity online at Chemist Warehouse and enjoy huge discounts across the entire range. Shop products online or in store today.



Healthy Care (Nature's Care)

Now more than ever we need to boost our immune system. Healthy Care (Nature's Care) located in Belrose, have been a great sponsor of our Club. Protect yourself, your family and your immunity with the Healthy Care Immunity Range of products, which tackle the symptoms of colds and flu. Pop into any Chemist Warehouse to purchase.

Healthy Care Immunity Range:

<https://www.chemistwarehouse.com.au/shop-online/4516/healthy-care-colds,-flu-immunity>



Our local cafés

Salt Bush: <https://www.saltbushcafe.com> and Pilu: <https://pilu.com.au> continue serving coffee and take away AND if you are sick of cooking try their home cooked take away meals.

