



# CITY OF BUNBURY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

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**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LIFE SAVING IN 2015**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On behalf of the Members of the City of Bunbury SLSC, it is with great respect and pride that our club acknowledges and endorses the important and valued contribution that Phillip and Julie Best, and Phillip Best Plumbing has made and continues to make to our club and community since 1988.

Our wholehearted appreciation is sincerely expressed to Life member Mr Phillip Best and his wife Julie for their sustained and distinguished contribution, dedication, hard work and voluntary service to the City of Bunbury SLSC for over twenty seven (27) years.

To the Bunbury community and wider south west region of WA, Phillip and Julie are not just businesspeople but highly valued and respected members, workers and leaders who contribute substantially to the ongoing development, promotion and support of the City of Bunbury and most significantly our surf lifesaving club.

This valued contribution added immensely to our club being proudly recognised as SLSA Club of the Year in 2011; City of Bunbury 'Community Group of the Year' 2012; 2013 SLSWA Runner-up Club of the Year, SLSWA Patrol Club of the Year; and the recipient of the 2013 SLSWA's 'Haywood Shield' for Administration excellence.

It is the City of Bunbury SLSC club house and associated amenities where I can truly say that Phillip, Julie and Phillip Best Plumbing has gone above and beyond to assist, promote and grow the club. Their expertise and generosity has providing our club and members with many opportunities for success in making our beach safer each summer and in doing so, enabled us to build a better community and raising vital funds for our life saving service.

Our membership continues to expand at a great rate, and attention to providing the best possible amenities and club house for our members to undertake their life saving service dedicated to 'Saving lives, Preventing injuries, Enjoying our Beaches' is a vital necessity. Phillip Best has taken on this mission with pride and selfless diligence since 1988 and his passion and belief in our vital community service remains even more vital to this very day.

Back in 1999, Phillip volunteered his expertise, time and energy to initiate, plan and build our clubs beautiful board walk and bar. The social connections, sense of belonging and fund raising opportunities for our members and club since this time has grown immensely, and with Phill's ongoing passion, belief, expertise and generosity he has ensured the board walk and club remain the hub for social connections and family.





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Season 2013 saw Phill and Julie Best's team of dedicated professionals work tirelessly for over 2 months to ensure the completion of our new solid roof structure was complimented with safe and durable decking for our board walk. His standard of work construction and completion using the best and most environmentally suitable materials in accordance with budget and environmental needs was exceptional. Phill's research, professional knowledge and respect for the environment ensured our members and community were provided with a decking and facility that is suitable for education and training purposes as well as social gatherings for many years to come.

Such expertise delivered by Phillip and his business has been greatly appreciated this season with the planning, supervision and building of much needed storage facilities. Due to his knowledge, time and energy we now have additional storage facilities for vital lifesaving equipment. Phillip undertook all the administrative requirements and planning for council approval and this was indeed a dynamic ingredient to the successful implementation of our much needed building development. Phillip and his team once again volunteered numerous hours of their time and energy to ensure our lifesavers are providing the most efficient lifesaving service to our community. With this new storage facility our lifesavers are more rescue ready than ever before.

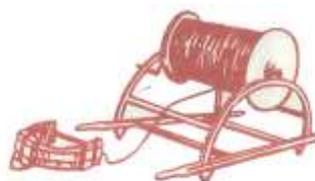
During this very hectic time of planning and implementation Phillip and Julie have continued to provide ongoing maintenance, building expertise and voluntary labour in all our day to day operations. The ongoing maintenance to our change room facilities and service of our gas appliances is critical for us to provide a safe and healthy environment for our members, and is all led and managed by Phillip and Julie over numerous weekends and evenings throughout the year.

From family gatherings to education and training courses Phillip and Julie's foresight, expertise and support has ensured we have provided a building and infrastructure that demonstrates the immense value we hold for our members and the contribution they make to our community.

At the same time that Phillip and Julie's selfless contribution has ensured that the City of Bunbury SLSC has been at the forefront of building a better place and community for its members, Phillip and Julie have continued to undertake their voluntary service to the community.

This year their voluntary service to the community as volunteer patrolling life saver's, has seen Julie complete over 28hours of patrol duty and community water safety for events such as the Busselton Ironman and 70.3 Half Iron Man as well water safety for our 400 juniors on various Sunday mornings.

Julie's valued accreditation as a club Training Officer saw Julie and Phillip assist with a Surf Rescue Certificate course for our U14's from November to December each Sunday morning and then lead a Bronze Medallion Course from January to March which saw seventeen (17) more active





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patrolling lifesavers join our patrol ranks. Due to their knowledge and time we now have more accredited patrolling Life savers ready for patrol action this coming season.

Both Julie and Phillip are also very keen and competent surf sports athletes which sees them training and competing for our club in both state and national competition. This year both Julie and Phillip represented our club at the Australian National Surf Lifesaving Championships held in North Kirra, Queensland in April. Their results were outstanding for our club and assisted us to be recognised on the National surf sports stage.

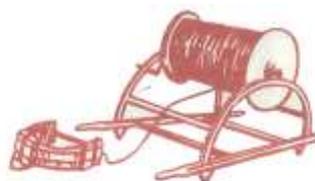
Phillip and Julie have both been an administrator and director on our club's Board of Management – Phillip for four (4) years as Director of House, and Julie as Director of Administration for two (2) seasons and this coming season Julie has been appointed as Director Of Education on our Board of Management. This is a vital role to our club and the education and training of our 800 members. It will involve Julie attending two monthly meetings and numerous quarterly meetings in Perth. A huge commitment but one gladly given with great passion and belief by Julie.

Phillip has been a surf sports athlete and competitor for over twenty two (22) years, and Julie for over twelve (12) years. Phillip has been an assistant education and training officer's for our Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion candidates for the past eleven (11) years, and Julie an accredited SLSWA Training Officer for the past five (5) years. With such roles Phillip and Julie have had an enormous impact on our club that has resulted in increased respect, pride and prosperity for our club in the community, and a greater sense of purpose, belonging and connectedness for our members to their club.

This donation of time, energy and expertise is testament to both Phillip and Julie's community spirit and integrity, and indicative of the very reasons why Phillip was awarded life membership of our club in 2000.

Their impact on our member's emotional and social well-being and the family culture is so evident in our club and acknowledged each season. The personal and business contribution of Phillip Best Plumbing, and Phillip and Julie Best demonstrates their passion for community and our club. Their ongoing commitment to our club is exceptional and greatly appreciated. No job is ever too small or big for Phillip Best Plumbing.

Phillip is a true Life Member. His passion is undeniable, and member's young and old alike respect and appreciate the work that he does and the passion he openly holds for his club. Both Phillip and Julie are much loved members of our club, and the club is the place that they both love and give their all.





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At the City of Bunbury SLSC we are like a big family, and Phillip and Julie are people that make you proud to be part of 'the family' serving the community.

I am proud that we have Phillip, Julie and 'Phillip Best Plumbing' on-board.

I know their contribution to our club and community is reflected in the great respect we hold for Phillip and Julie Best.

Sincerely,

Peter Duncan

President City of Bunbury SLSC.

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2011 SLSA CLUB OF THE YEAR

