



Greetings and salutations dear Wobbies and welcome to the (slightly tardy) March 2024 edition of Wobby Warbles. Why so late, I hear you clamour? Why, the weather over Easter was far too spectacular to be tied to a screen, and the time may have somewhat got away from me as well. But here we are! For all the *Game of Thrones* nerds out there, WINTER IS COMING, and I for one feel my knees going giddy with the anticipation of our Port Jackson sharky friends returning to our waters. The seals are already back, and soon we will be blessed with whale song on the whale super highway. So sit back, relax and enjoy this edition of Wobby Warbles!

On to the news of the month.

What's been happening in Wobby World?

March has been super salty for many wobbies, and others have been embracing the nomadic lifestyle that seems to clearly come with retirement. Van-life is how many of our wobby clan spend their days and Sandi has sure been giving her van a good workout on her recent trip to South Australia. We also farewell Irene and Kym on their sojourn to our nation's western-most state, while Brian and Sue have been getting genki in Japan and kooky in Korea! We're all excited to be welcoming everyone's favourite club secretary back to our shores as Julie returns from much-needed family time in Brisbane.



Brian showing the Japanese how real winter swimmers do it

And speaking of secretaries (the segue is strong with this one), this month also saw our AGM take place on 19th March at CJB. I couldn't make it, being extremely busy and important, so it's over to Al to give us the rundown on the who's who of JB Wobbegongs Winter Swimming Club for the 2024 season.

AGM Writeup by Al Byrne

The evening of Tuesday 19 March saw a turnout of approximately 40 Wobbies gather at CJB for our annual general meeting. Prez John S opened the meeting by highlighting our successes at 2023 WSA National (Dee Why), our Melbourne Cup and Christmas social events (thanking, in particular, our Christmas DJ - Martin B), and the well attended Race Day at Nowra's Archer Raceway.

He also noted that we'd gained a number of new members during the year, and that our profile amongst the public was evident in the crowd of onlookers on the beach during the recent annual Oz Day Aquatic Handstand competition. He indicated that he was very impressed with the efforts over the year of Publicity Officer Michelle C, praising her introduction of the monthly 'Wobby Warbles' newsletter, as well as her work on calendar, photography and social media. Following brief presentations by or on behalf of Treasurer, Secretary, etc, etc, and after passing thanks to outgoing committee members, Mr President declared his own and all committee positions vacant, with the following Management and Working Committee members then elected/re-elected:

President - John S

Vice President - Brian P

Secretary - Julie S

Assistant Secretary - Leanne T

Treasurer - Steve P

Assistant Treasurer - Karen D

Club Captain - Al B

Vice Club Captain - Geoff M

Chief Handicapper - Steve P

Assistant Handicapper - Brian P

Publicity Officer - Michelle C

Website Manager - Karen D (new position)

Gear Steward - Ken S

Assistant Gear Steward - Brian P (new position)

Starter - John D

Assistant Starter - Blair K

Chief Timekeeper - Carol R

Chief Judge - Brian H

Social Committee - Dale H, Gae M, Irene R, Sue B, Nu T, Marg O'S and Mark T.

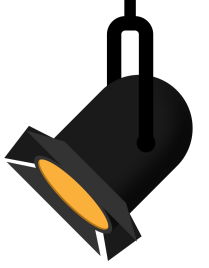
Thanks for that Al, and a big awwww from this author to the Prez for those kind words. It takes a village!

Here's a photo of a wobbegong for filler until the next page.

Taken: Plantation Point afternoon snorkel
Good Friday or thereabouts



Member Spotlight!



It's time to shine the light on another valued and valuable member! This month launch the flare at Geoff! Former club captain, now vice, and all-round lovely man, I was very pleased to learn that Geoff is feeling really well after a recent stint in hospital, especially because this means there will be more choccy biccies post swim as it's generally Geoff with esky in tow! Just kidding Geoff!

Let's learn more about Geoff!

Where are you from and how long have you lived in Jervis Bay?

I lived in the Sutherland Shire in Dolans Bay, near Cronulla NSW. I moved to Jervis Bay in 2016 upon retirement.

How did you become a wobby?

I was riding my bike at Huskisson Beach and noticed a group of people swimming each day. I walked down the stairs and had a conversation with John Stapleton and joined immediately.

Tell us about your swimming history - when / where did you begin?

When I was about 5 years old I fell off a wharf in front of my Grandmother's house at Taren Point and managed to swim back to the beach. As I grew up I was always around water, swimming, sailing, water-skiing and body surfing.

What do you love about swimming with the wobbies?

I love the swimming with everyone, the camaraderie and the great feeling after an early morning swim.

What do you do? If retired, what did you do?

When I left school I wanted to be a boat builder but due to a recession at the time, there were no apprenticeships available. I took a job as a trainee sales person (to prevent my father from making me go back to school) and became a gemmologist and a sales manager for Australia and the South Pacific. Finally I semi-retired at 55 and gained a horticulture qualification and started a domestic garden care business, retiring at 71.

Favourite place to go in Jervis Bay?

Huskisson Beach early in the morning.

If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

With Trish, on my own yacht sailing around the world!

What three words best describe you?

Active, loyal, conscientious.

Thanks Geoff! It's wonderful to learn more about you, and I'm sure we all hope there's space for us on that yacht!



Wobby Woos!

So many Wobby Woos this month! First all, a big WOO! to our Sally, who won a strange game of knocking a small ball into a small hole with an iron stick while wearing plaid. Well done Sally! Also a big WOO! to Jennie, who climbed our highest unspellable mountain, slept overnight, and didn't get eaten by drop bears! A WOO! also to Robyn, who got to have some silence for once as Al had his wisdom teeth out and communication was tough.

There were also some birthdays this month! Leanne T and Leanne R both had a milestone birthday as they fell over the edge of 59! Also happy birthday to Alan and Julie! And because I had no idea who else was born in February in last month's edition, a VERY tardy happy birthday to Nu, David G, Kym and Leonie! (as well as Al and Sal who I did know about!)

That's it from me! I'll leave you with this yummy recipe for a healthsome banana bread which comes from Karen - thanks Karen!

See you on the beach wobbies!

Mish

Club Publicity Person



Banana Health Loaf

Cakes & desserts, Finger food

Prep Time: 20 min Cook Time: 1 hr Source: Karen Davis @ Wobbegongs

INGREDIENTS

1 cup All Bran/Rolled Oats/Muesli
1 cup Milk
1 cup Wholemeal SR Flour
1 tspn Bicarb Soda
¼ cup Brown/Raw Sugar
½ cup Chopped Dried Apricots or Ginger
½ cup Sultanas
½ cup Chopped Walnuts
½ cup Dark Chocolate Bits
½ cup Desiccated Coconut
3 Bananas
2 Eggs

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 170°C

Place All Bran in a small bowl, cover with milk and allow to stand 10-15 minutes.

In a large bowl combine flour, bicarb, sugar, ginger, sultanas, walnuts, choc bits and coconut, and stir well.

Mash bananas thoroughly, add eggs and stir to combine.

Add banana mixture and soaked All Bran to dry ingredients. Mix well.

Pour mixture into lined loaf or square tin and bake for approximately 1 hour or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out cleanly.

NOTES

Fan-forced oven @ 170°C took 55 minutes.