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## Brad's \$100,000 surf sweetener

by Ben Dillaway

LITTLE Jaidyn Mainwaring was smiling yesterday and so was the rest of the Southport Surf Life Saving Club.

The club is \$100,000 richer after a generous donation by businessman Brad Sugars who is now the club's principal sponsor.

"We all come to the beach and enjoy it so it's up to some of us that can, to financially support the clubs where we spend our time," said the chairman of Action International, a business coaching company.

"If you do well in life you have to take care of the community that took care of you.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to do this as a long-term thing. I'm looking for it to be an ongoing annual support."

After reading about the recent tragedies on Coast beaches, Mr Sugars said he felt he had to help.

"The increase in tourists here



Brad Sugars with future nippers Jaidyn Mainwaring, left, and Lucas Scammell

is huge so they need more support. Having seen the news headlines from all the rescues over the Easter weekend, our contribution is one of the best investment decisions I've ever made."

While he grew up in Brisbane, Mr Sugars spent his school holidays playing in the sand at Main Beach – and still does.

"As a kid we always came here to the beach. Now I bring my kids down here.

"We own a holiday house at

Main Beach so we'll be having Christmas each year on the Gold Coast, just as we have for the past few years, it is starting to become our family tradition.

"We greatly respect the role of the surf lifesavers and want to ensure Southport remains not only one of the world's best beaches, but also one of the safest."

Southport SLSC president David Mainwaring was ecstatic over the donation.

"I am absolutely stoked, it's something we desperately needed," he said. "It's a phenomenal injection of money . . . everything was getting old and run down. We want to expand our services, and to do this we need more equipment and more members – both of which require more funding."

He said upgrading the club's equipment would be the first thing he would do with the money. A new patrol trailer and a two-seater quad for roving patrols at The Spit also are on the shopping list.