



# PORT CAMPBELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



Port Campbell makes history! Inaugural Victorian U/19 Female Surf Boat Champions, 2017.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

## Committee of Management

President	Scott McKenzie
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Sponsorship Coordinator	Andrew Wilson
Social Coordinator	Marina Deppeler



## Sub Committees

<b>Executive</b>	Scott McKenzie Andrew Wilson	Ash Ellemor Jon McLeod
<b>Finance</b>	Andrew Wilson James Green	Tom Walsh Ash Ellemor
<b>House</b>	Phillip Younis Shane Maslin Marina Deppeler	James Green Brett Wallace
<b>Junior</b>	Brooke Barnewall John Ryan Joy Morden	Bronwyn Rantall Georgia Barnett
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Andrew Wilson Jon McLeod	Scott McKenzie
<b>Social</b>	Bronwyn Rantall Rebecca McAuliffe	Cathryn Matthews Marina Deppeler
<b>Training and Assessment</b>	Ian Harris James Green Andrew McKellar Andrew Powell Scott McKenzie Dean McKenzie	Shane Maslin Tom Walsh Ross Powell Dave McKenzie Jon McLeod Lara Falk



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Scott McKenzie

Quite an amazing year for the club.

Membership numbers were stable. Still heaps of Nippers YIPs program kicked off. Top work to Georgia Barnett for coordinating this.

Darcy Tribe did a very commendable thing in organising the Swim for Mitch day. A wonderful event that raised awareness and a lot of money for Kids Cancer charities.

In a sign of the times, Lara did a great job as Club Captain, albeit from ski fields half way around the world! She was ably assisted by Darcy Tribe, on the front line, back in Port Campbell.

We had a Gourmet Food Trail social bus trip, and a social Pier to Pub swim and BBQ.

We hosted a bunch of kids from St Thomas's in Terang for a day of ocean skills, as part of their Tarrangaua Swim School activities.

One patrol audit achieved a perfect score, and the other near perfect.

Po put a heap of effort into getting the coastal map as accurate and informative as he could, and we, and the rest of the local services, now have a highly usable hi-res image of our area of operation from Childers Cove to Moonlight Head.

Three boat crews and one beach-eventer representing the club at the Victorian Titles in Port Fairy. Gold medal for U19 Girls crew. Silver Medal from U19 boys crew

11 kids competed at the Junior State Titles.

A couple of Maz's crew went to the Aussies to row with Angelsea, but the weather put paid to that plan.

Ben Matthews and Holly McKenzie were nominated to attend the U15 Leadership Development Camp at a YMCA camp at Mt Eliza in Melbourne on the 3rd weekend of April. Costs were covered by the club.

Ben told me it was a worthwhile camp and would recommend it for next year.

To quote Holly "I really enjoyed going on the camp. I met all kinds of people from all over the state and I improved my leadership skills doing fun and interesting activities and had a laugh along the way."

Our hard-working sponsorship committee has seen to it that we applied for all available grants, and we were successful in many of these.

- \$7,300 from the State Government covering the full installation of a 5KW solar system
- \$20,000 from Origin for new Nipper boards and some other equipment.
- \$9,385 from the State Government Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program toward an IRB.

- \$5,000 from Bendigo Bank (Cobden) toward the IRB.
- \$1650 from Lochard Energy to support our Youth Involvement Program.
- \$8,914 from Department of Justice toward the new door-lock system.
- \$5,500 from Federal Government Beach Safety Equipment Fund toward rescue equipment.
- \$19,000 from State Government Emergency Management Vic toward a gear shed behind the clubhouse, and Pelican training costs.
- \$9,500 from BRP to cover half the cost of a Commander ATV to tow our IRBs and surf boats on and off the beach.

While it is fantastic to receive all these grants, there is still much hard graft required to keep a steady flow of income coming into the club to cover all the costs that we do not receive grants for. Eg. Bills, insurance, accounting fees, cleaning costs, building maintenance. (You will see in Andrew's financial report the club expenses for the financial year were \$151,030.)

We have also paid back our annual budgeted commitment of the substantial debt still owed to various members, held in the form of debentures.

Many, many people gave up time to help raise money for the club by assisting with Nipper BBQs, Nipper movie nights, selling club apparel, manning the bar for functions, running the swim series, providing water safety for Triathalons, picking grapes, handing out Zooper Doopers (who knew they don't come frozen from the supermarket!) to Great Victorian Bike Riders. All manner of things!

While I haven't named names so much in this year's report, I am no less appreciative of the efforts of every member with whom I have had the privilege of working with again this season.

The club has continued a fifty-three-year tradition of a close-knit committee of passionate members, all working hard to foster club success on the multiple fronts of growth in member numbers, depth in member skills and enjoyment, and providing a safe aquatic environment in Port Campbell and surrounding coastline.

Thank you all.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT: Jon McLeod**

The administrative demands of the club seem to continue to expand each year, but through the hard work of many members, I think we keep this side of the club's operations 'ticking over'.

Earlier this year we began looking at developing a strategic approach to increasing and retaining our membership, especially in the 14 – 25 Age Group. Hopefully this plan will be consolidated by the end of this calendar year.

Finally, Committee of Management Meetings have been regularly attended by a core group of members. Thanks to Scott McKenzie, Andrew Wilson, Marina Deppeler, Ross Powell, Phillip Younis, Blue Joiner, Darcy Tribe, Andrew Vogels, Shane Maslin, Marg O'Toole, James Green, Brett Wallace, David McKenzie, Lara Falk, Georgia Barnett and Harry Howard.

## Membership Report

The figures below represent all **financial** members of the club (who are entered into the Surfguard database)

Category	Total Members	Male Members	Female Members	2015 Season Total Members	Member Retention (%)
<u>Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)</u>	137	77	60	158	86.71 %
<u>Cadet Member (13-15 years)</u>	32	18	14	40	80 %
<u>Active (15-18 yrs)</u>	26	13	13	24	108.33 %
<u>Active (18yrs and over)</u>	55	28	27	56	98.21 %
<u>Reserve Active</u>	4	2	2	4	100 %
<u>Past Active</u>	0	0	0	1	0 %
<u>Associate</u>	36	18	18	38	94.74 %
<u>Life Member</u>	12	11	1	12	100 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>90.69 %</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORT: Andrew Wilson

REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2016 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

The Financial reports will be available to any member who requires a copy at the annual general meeting tomorrow. If you are not attending and would like a copy please let me know so I can forward a copy to you.

It is with pleasure that I present the Treasurer's Report to the club. I will discuss the financial result in detail at the AGM.

This year presented some challenges with income dropping overall. With this backdrop it was pleasing to see we were able to successfully budget for this and manage this throughout the year without any having any cash flow concerns.

With this backdrop, we also were still able to source funds over the last 18 months to make several equipment purchases and club improvements many of which will happen in the next 6 months.

This probably doesn't belong here but I do want to make mention of the sponsorship committee's hard work. While a big amount of this money will be received in 2017-18 the work has been done this year which has allowed many of the improvements to happen. Despite being on the committee I can't take any credit for this.

To thank everyone who has helped me during the year either directly or simply by their hard work, understanding and patience would take forever. However, I do need to make a few thank you's.

To the executive, thanks for your support I really appreciate both the support you give but also the faith you show in me to complete the role. And the finance committee for all your assistance during the year.

Another hugely important part of the role is the interaction between treasurer and booking agent. As you would be aware during the year we decided to bring this role back into the club. A thank you to Laraine Webber for her assistance and efforts.

From my view, now that Marina has taken on the role during this year, the booking process both for the club and for hirer has improved.

Once again, I have found the role extremely rewarding and enjoyable, working with so many great people within the club is a privilege that means much more than you would imagine.

## SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Andrew Wilson

Final figures for 2016-17, a very pleasing result overall with some big grants secured this year.

Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club - Grants 2016-17								
Funding Body	Grant Program	Project Details	Requested \$	Date Lodged	Date of Expected response	Applied by	Status	Granted \$
Australian Sports Foundation	Giving4 Grassroots	Nipper Equipment	\$7,600.00	10/05/2016		Jon	Rejected	
Minister of Police & Emergency Services	VESEP	IRB	\$9,788.00	30/05/2016		Jon	Paid	\$9,386.87
Bendigo Bank	Community Grant	IRB	\$5,000.00	6/06/2016		Andrew	Paid	\$5,000.00
Department of Justice & Regulation	Community Safety Grants	Extra Door Locks	\$8,914.00	1/07/2016		Andrew	Paid	\$8,914.00
Department of Health & Human Ser	Sporting Club Grants - Category 1	Nipper Uniforms	\$1,000.00	21/07/2016		Andrew	Rejected	
SLSA	BSEF		\$5,500.00	28/09/2016		Andrew	Paid	\$5,500.00
Department of Social Services	Volunteer Grant	Blinds and Air Con for F/Room, P/copier	\$5,000.00	12/12/2016	1/05/2017	Andrew		
Fonterra	Community Grant	Nipper Carnival	\$800.00	9/12/2016		Jon	Rejected	
Lochard Energy	General	YIPS (3 Year)	\$1500 py	13/12/2016		Jon	Successful	\$1,650.00
Origin Energy	Regional Comm Development Fund	Nipper Equipment Competition Tent	\$18,210.00	19/12/2016		Jon	Successful	\$20,031.00
Emergency Management VIC	Volunteer Grant	Fuel for Training	\$7,500.00	19/12/2016		Ross Powell	Successful	\$8,250.00
Emergency Management VIC	Volunteer Grant	Clubhouse Extension	\$19,000.00	19/12/2016		Jon	Successful	\$19,000.00
BRP Equipment Fund	Rescue Equipment	Commander ATV	\$9,500.00	15/02/2017		Jon	Successful	\$9,500.00
							<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$87,231.87</b>

On the sponsorship front, we would like to sincerely thank the following businesses and government authorities.

Port Campbell Guesthouse  
 Port Campbell Trading  
 Port Campbell Shopping  
 Forge on the Foreshore  
 Frying Nemo  
 Waves  
 The Alcove Café  
 Cobden & District Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank  
 Philip Younis

Café on Lords  
 Port Campbell Hotel  
 Port Campbell take away  
 Port Campbell Boat Charters  
 12 Rocks Café & Beach Bar  
 Newton's Ridge Winery  
 Ash Ellemor  
 Timboon Provedore  
 Scott McKenzie

David McKenzie  
Murray Joiner  
Victorian State Government  
LSV  
Origin Energy  
Simpson Lions Club  
Pavilion Café & Bar  
Richardson & Dennis  
Popes Buslines

Tom Walsh  
Daryl Lyons  
SLSA  
Lochard Energy  
Timboon Lions Club  
AGL  
PFD food services  
Diamer Signs  
The Vet Group

Ambleside Wealth Advisors

And the many other individuals, families, groups and businesses that have supported us throughout the year



*Club Championships*



*Grape picking Fundraiser at Newton's Ridge Winery*



## CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT: Lara Falk

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who helped me through the season especially Darcy who took over from me while I was away as well Scott, Jon and Georgia.

It was a long season but we achieved many things, I want to thank all of our Patrol Captain and Vice Captains for keeping the momentum going and the enthusiasm high over season.

Over the season we received two Phantom visits for the Patrol audit competition, we score 1000 out of 1000 and 980 out of 1000 with these exceptional scores we placed first in the Western District and most improved as well this placed us 13<sup>th</sup> in the state which is an amazing effort for everyone that was involved. To receive such high scores also reflects highly on our Trainers and Assessors' skills and their high standard in training is a for a reason we can perform and excel when we are put to the test in patrol audits or in rescue situations.

Big thank you Patrol Captains, Che, Josh, Georgia, Marina, Luke, Po, Scott, Will, Matt, James Amanda, Murray, Ian, Harry, Darcy, Andy, Ahliya and Dave for your continued support, commitment and dedication. Without you volunteering for this role we wouldn't have our patrol groups. Overall our patrols were successful this past season having reliable senior patrol groups to lead our junior patrol groups. Congratulations to our top patrolling members we appreciate all at hours you have put in over the summer to keep everyone safe!

Leading Female Patrol Members		Leading Male Patrol Members	
Name	Hours	Name	Hours
1. Lara Falk (ID: 4518602)	42.3	1. Tate Tregoe-Copeland (ID: 4442646)	58.5
2. Georgia Barnett (ID: 4096003)	35.0	2. Ian Harris (ID: 3759259)	51.0
3. Marina Deppeler (ID: 4477348)	31.0	3. Brandon Barnett (ID: 4425204)	48.0
4. Macy Gale (ID: 5517261)	28.0	4. James Matthews (ID: 3759177)	45.5
5. Cathryn Matthews (ID: 3759176)	26.0	5. Benjamin Matthews (ID: 4133658)	36.0
6. Sasha Weston (ID: 4585686)	23.5	6. Joshua McKenzie (ID: 3759275)	35.5
7. Amanda Couch (ID: 3737201)	23.0	7. Archimedes Perriss (ID: 5614536)	35.5
8. Lynda McKenzie (ID: 3759005)	22.3	8. Luke Perriss (ID: 5531926)	33.0
9. Amy Kavenagh (ID: 5683352)	21.0	9. Mitchell Gristede (ID: 4429525)	32.5
10. Shelby Gristede (ID: 4429526)	20.5	10. Darcy Tribe (ID: 4148547)	32.5

We completed 48 patrols from late November till Easter Monday, 1135 hours spent patrolling on the beach as well as 6762 people visited our beach this past summer. Out of those 6762 people who came to our beach we rescued 4 of them, provided First Aid to 7 people as well as completing a total of 21 preventative actions.

The YIP's program was a great initiative by Georgia Barnett, getting the younger members more involved within the surf club! From our U19 Boys and Girls Surf Boat crew to our individual competitors



### **Bronze training.**

as well as our active junior members who patrol this year, we thank you for getting involved, having some fun and learning some new skills. The youth of our club is the future, we want to keep as many of you involved and learning. I'm looking forward to watching this program evolve with our club to ensure our members for the future!

Our club has had a great season it may not have been the hottest summers but we defiantly spent enough time at the beach. I am grateful for all our members I can't thank everyone enough, people's willingness to volunteer their time is defiantly much appreciated. Thank you to all the patrolling members for the 2016/2017 season!

## **RADIO OFFICER REPORT: David McKenzie**

Again this year our radios have served us well. Thanks to all members for their endeavours to continue to use them in the correct manner and also to care for them. As said other years, reliable communication is vital in all that we do at the club. Enjoy the winter.

## **FIRST AID REPORT: Marg O'Toole**

This season was fairly quiet for 1<sup>st</sup> Aid cases. We had a few cases of insect stings and minor cuts and abrasions. There were 2 more major incidents. A fall with an injured hip requiring ambulance transfer, and a case of intense headache with associated change of sensation to limbs, again with ambulance assistance required.

Well done to those involved in treating these incidents and recognising the need to call for ambulance assistance.

We had another incident involving our 1<sup>st</sup> Aid equipment when 'pro' surfer Russell Bierke, was knocked unconscious and received a nasty laceration to his neck, by his board, whilst surfing 2 Mile. He was brought ashore by former PCSLSC member James Bourke via jet ski. A member of Port Fairy SLSC just happened to be at a meeting in the sunset room, saw what was happening, grabbed our resus equipment from the 1<sup>st</sup> aid room, and rushed to aid the surfer. An ambulance was called and after a stint in ICU at Warrnambool hospital Russell recovered. The outcome could have been quite

catastrophic, if not for those involved, being trained in first aid. So just keep in mind even if it seems your 1<sup>st</sup> aid skills are not 'in demand' whilst on patrol, they are skills that can save lives at any time or in any location.

## GEAR STEWARD'S REPORT: Ian Harris

The gear steward's job is to make sure all equipment within the club is in working order throughout the season.

Another season passes by, as usual it was a busy season maintaining gear and equipment around the club. This was made easier by **Patrol Captains** and **Club Members** looking after equipment. Well done!

**Gear inspection** is a vital part of our clubs year. This involves the First Aid equipment and room, IRB's, Trailers, Beach Signage, Radios and Rescue Boards. Equipment has to be inspected and then tagged, by means of a sticker with the current year printed on it. If it is not safe to use, then it has to be repaired and rechecked. I would like to thank Marg O'Toole, Murray Joiner, Jon McLeod, Scott McKenzie, Darcy Tribe and James Green for their continual help throughout the season.



[New board rack constructed by students at Timboon P-12 school](#)

With the purchase of another five soft rescue boards our old heavy fibre glass rescue boards are nearly obsolete. However, we still need to make sure that equipment is used appropriately by members according to their membership category and ensure they have been trained in the proper handling and care of equipment.

Thanks for a great season.

## BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Andrew Vogels

The highlight for the Boaties this year was the Victorian State Titles, with our two Junior crews winning medals and the reserve crew making it into the semi-finals.

The U-19 girls crew of Ahliya Harris, Lilly Hose, Jorja Nieuwenhuizen, Brianna Thompson and Andrew Vogels (sweep) won the gold medal in their division. After winning the first two races, they only had to finish inside the time limit in the 3rd race. They managed to do this, despite being hit by some largish waves which filled the boat and caused a couple of wardrobe malfunctions. This was the first time U-19 girls has been contested at the State Titles, and so the girls have earned themselves a place in history. During the summer, the-U19 girls also won 2 pennants at Apollo Bay and Lorne. The way the girls rowed at Lorne was one of my highlights of the year. Special thanks to Aimee Hose who trained regularly with the girls. Without her help, time in the boat would have been limited.



*U/19 Male Silver Medalists at Vic. Championships, Port Fairy*

The U-19 boys won the silver medal in their division at the State Titles. The first time the boys had competed together, Darcy Tribe, Cam McKenzie, Brandon Barnett, Tate Tregear-Copeland and Scott McKenzie (sweep) handled the conditions well and Scott did a great job with the new crew and a limited preparation. We will be expecting bigger and better from these guys in the future.

The reserve crew looked strong as they had throughout the year, to qualify easily into the semi final. But luck was against them: after their bronze medal last season, they narrowly missed getting into the final. Andy Powell, James Maxwell, David Sheedy, Josh Lees and Shane Maslin (sweep), with summer- fill-in Alex Crosby, showed improvement every time they competed and even had a crack in the A Grade at one carnival. At the Apollo Bay carnival they won the Pennant, which was an indicator of how close they were all season. We are expecting a big pre-season from these guys in preparation for next season.

Much fun was also had during January and February. By my count, 15 ladies came and tried social rowing one night a week. For some it was a chance to relive past glories and for others it was the first time they had been on a boat that didn't have wine and cheese. Hopefully we can develop this enthusiasm into a competitive crew for a couple of carnivals next year.



*Boat crews at the Vic Champs in Port Fairy.*

## **COACH'S REPORT: Jon McLeod**

Once again, this year, the main focus was to provide some coaching to any Nipper who wished to enter surf carnivals or simply improve their skills across a wide range of surf sports.

We offered ten sessions, once a week where we tried to improve the kid's skills and fitness for beach flags, sprinting, beach relays, wading, swimming and board races.

Each week we had between 5 and 22 very keen Nippers. There is no doubt that they showed considerable improvement from beginning to end.

11 Nippers attended the Vic Championships in Warrnambool. All participants worked hard and we almost made the dais in 2 events with Milli Illingworth gaining a 4<sup>th</sup> in Beach Flags and Susanna Ryan a 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2 km run

Special thanks to the parents of these Nippers who took the time to support their children and myself during these sessions.

Thank you also to those members who were water safety officers at various times during these training sessions: (I hope I haven't missed any one) Brianna Thompson, Tate Tregea-Copeland, Ben Matthews, Patrick Ryan Jo Leatham, Brendan Barnett, Darcy Tribe, Monica Ryan, John Ryan, James Matthews, Bronwyn Rantall, Cathryn Matthews, Joy Morden, Ash and Casey Ellemor.

## **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM REPORT: Georgia Barnett**

Each year Surf Clubs around the country are faced with the difficult task of retaining junior members. The Youth Involvement Program (YIP's) is directed upon this issue and provides youth members with a structured, engaging program to keep them motivated and involved in Lifesaving, while providing them with the opportunity to explore a wide range of areas within our club that may not have been previously known. The program builds on the good work that volunteers are currently undertaking in Life Saving Clubs and allows youth members to work closely with committee members to deliver a holistic program, covering all aspects of club life and creating a sense of organisational commitment among these young members.

Originally designed by Anglesea SLSC in 2002, this program has made it to Surf Clubs around the country and for the first time, last year was implemented within our club. This last season, Port Campbell SLSC had an astounding amount of junior members who gave their time and effort into this program. 23 Port Campbell Yipper's between the ages of 14-17 have gotten the opportunity to be involved in various areas of our club including competition, administration, development and lifesaving activities such as water safety and patrols. Some of our Yipper's had even stepped up and taken up the opportunity to support our Nipper groups through being assistant age managers and were involved with water safety each week, in which they devoted their time and effort in ensuring that Nippers remains the fun and educational foundation for surf and beach safety.

Yipper's were always helping out in anyway that they could, whether it was from performing general maintenance around the club, assisting both during and after functions and were involved in numerous activities including pelican coastal runs, mock rescues, various trainings, fundraising events and had a voice in regards to the retention of our youth in a 'retention'-based meeting.

It is a lot of work to get a program off and running and without the amazing, ongoing support from this club, carrying out this program wouldn't have been as smooth as it was. So much work has gone into promoting YIP's, trying to provide stimulating activities and organising rewards for those participants who've earned enough YIP points and patrol hours for the season. Mentors worked alongside our Yipper's to assist in activities and offered supportive advice throughout the season. The mentoring system is not only a great way for the Yipper's to have access to the senior area of lifesaving, but also allows senior members to discover other parts of the club and become more involved in youth activities. Along with continual support from club members, 'Lochard Energy' were also very enthusiastic in sponsoring this program and to see our junior members and the club grow as a whole. Without their generosity, this program wouldn't have progressed as much as it did in its first year.

It has been a busy season and implementing a program for the first time was definitely a challenge but even though we went through many grey areas, we've come out on top and the Yipper's of our club can only be ensured that it gets better from here on out. This program is and will continue to be an exciting prospect for all junior members of this community.

## **JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: Brooke Barnewall**

The Nippers program, starting on the last weekend of November and running 10 weeks until early February, continues to attract strong numbers with 162 Nippers on the books for the 2016-2017 season.

### **Highlights for the season include:**

- Origin Energy agreed to sponsor the Nippers program, and will fund the purchase of 15 transition boards for the U12-U14 age groups
- We had 17 Come and Try participants on the first day of the season, 13 of which registered for the program
- Sally Partridge did a fantastic job with the merchandise, selling a lot of old and new stock. Merchandise was available most weeks, which proved successful
- We had more than 40 Nippers gain their Competition Skills Evaluation (S Badge)
- We had a contingent of 11 Nippers compete at the Victorian Junior Lifesaving Championships in Warrnambool. Milli Illingworth with a 4<sup>th</sup> in flags and Susanna Ryan with a 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1km beach run
- Jon McLeod's training sessions were well supported with 10-15 Nippers attending each week
- Bobbie French, Brianna Thompson and Tate Tregea-Copeland all joined Nippers as Age Assistants
- Tracey Heeps and Brooke Barnewall stepped up as Age Managers
- The BBQ and Fun Nights continued to be a steady fundraiser for the Nippers program



*Lunar New Year celebrations at Nippers*

**Things to think about for next season include:**

- The absence of a local carnival was noticed, as it provides a good opportunity for our Nippers to compete in a more relaxed environment, and experience consistent surf break. Need to get in contact and push for one at either Port Fairy, Cape Bridgewater or Warrnambool next season
- Need more volunteers for the Fun Nights and not the same people
- Club Champs was well received, but need to provide Age Managers with scoring sheets next season to be consistent and accurate
- A 2 hour training session for Age Managers and Assistants to be run on same day as Skills Maintenance to ensure we are all on the same page
- More fibreglass Demons boards for competition

**NIPPERS ATTENDANCES BY SESSION** (According to participation sheets)

AGE GROUP	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 4	Feb 11	TOTAL NIPPERS REGISTERED FOR SEASON*
U7	13	19	13	11	12	10	16	19	18	20	20
U8	13	12	10	8	10	7	11	8	11	10	14
U9	20	18	14	18	18	16	15	21	17	23	26
U10	19	19	17	16	17	13	15	17	16	21	22
U11	15	18	14	15	14	12	12	14	17	17	19
U12	20	21	17	19	17	15	18	21	16	24	26
U13	12	21	12	18	9	13	12	18	15	20	23
U14	10	5	9	9	4	6	6	9	9	11	12
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>162</b>

**NIPPERS AGE MANAGERS/ASSISTANTS**

I want to thank the Age Managers and Assistants involved in the Nippers program.



- U7 – Bronwyn Rantall, Rebecca McAuliffe and Jo Leatham
- U8 – Joy Morden and Jason Beveridge
- U9 – Ingrid Rial and Bobbie French
- U10 – Tracey Heeps and Casey Ellemor
- U11 – Brooke Barnewall and Andrew Vogels
- U12 – Brett Wallace and Brianna Thompson
- U13 – Tom Delaney and Tate Tregoe-Copeland
- U14 – Josh McKenzie

Thanks also to everybody who volunteered with water safety during the season. Volunteers range from those who turn up every week to those who help out when they can.

## **RESCUE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: Ross Powell**

Fortunately it has been a quiet season for Marine Search & Rescue this season. We responded to one callout in May 2016 for a missing person in a combined operation with Vic Pol Search & Rescue.

Congratulations to the three Pelican Probationary drivers, Scott McKenzie, Marina Deppler & Andy Powell, who were successful in gaining their full Pelican Drivers licence this season. 10 out of our 12 Pelican drivers requalified by completing the annual Pelican skills maintenance session.

The Pelican Rescue manual had some small updates and each driver received a hard copy of the document. A major club review will be done prior to next season on the manual and our coastal MS&R operations prior to next season by the Pelican Drivers.

A major project undertaken this season was the production of version two of our coastal MS&R training map. It has map keys, colour coordination, satellite imagery, location reference index with 158 locations and GPS listings, location pointers and coordinates, marked public roads and emergency access tracks. A second map, Version 1 of the Great Ocean Walk was also produced. An A3 map book is also being produced containing all of the information of the two wall maps. These will be the field maps for any MS&R emergency callouts. There Surf Club has provided Port Campbell police with wall maps for the station and A3 map books for Police vehicles, and one map book for Vic Pol Search & Rescue squad. The maps will be used by other local Emergency Service Agencies meaning in a callout all responders will have the same map references and information to follow.

A big thanks to Darcy McGlade from Daimer Signs for the works and attention to detail he put into the production of these maps. Also thanks to PCSLSC members and locals identities who had input to the maps through suggestions, local knowledge and proof reading different drafts of the maps.

On the future scene, Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) has taken over the role as Australian Marine Safety Authority (AMSA) Victorian Marine Search and Rescue body.

Funding for MS&R training, craft, equipment and fuel by EMV is going to be a positive for all MS&R agencies. Our club received a \$7500.00 grant for training and fuel this season, a first for us. EMV have a goal of replacing all MS&R agencies aged craft with new boats in future years, giving these agencies reliable and safe rescue vessels.

There will be minimum operational regulations set by AMSA and EMV which all MS&R agencies will have to abide by. What impact, if any, these requirements will have on Port Campbell SLSC operations at this stage is unknown.

Thanks to PCSLSC committee, Pelican drivers and members for their assistance to me in my role as Rescue Coordinator 2016/17 season.

## **POWER BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Murray Joiner**

Hello once again, Murray here, your power boat captain, with a few words to say about the season just passed. All in all, it was a pretty cruisy year for the crafts. As usual we got off with a couple of repairs to get them all ready for gear inspection. Everyone has been very diligent with the way they have operated the crafts so there was not a lot to do to keep them going throughout the season. Harry Howard is the Vice Captain and helped out when he could, so thank you Harry. Popes Bus Lines helped out with a 200lt drum of petrol which also deserves a big thank you. All the crews that covered the different swim series - thank you, they do not go ahead without you. Next year there are a couple of things in the pipe line already with a new soft hull IRB arriving mid this year, and a 'side by side' coming to help take the problems out of towing the surf boats and IRB to the water's edge and then back up the steep ramp. I think that's all I have got for now so I will finish and I will see you all next patrol season, cheers Murray.



## SWIM SERIES REPORT: Tom Walsh

The shipwreck coast swim series entered its 13<sup>th</sup> year this year. This event has become an integral part of the sporting calendar in South West Victoria. Conditions for all the swims were much better than last year. Port Fairy was perfect. Warrnambool had to deal with a bit of a swell. This resulted in a change to the normal course to keep swimmers inside the breakwater. Navigating this course proved tricky for some competitors but most enjoyed it.

Port Campbell had 159 swimmers. Conditions were very good with a slight swell and overcast weather. As usual the club presented itself outstandingly. Comments from other members of the organising team were along the lines of “things always go without a hitch at Port Campbell”. Port Campbell was represented by the family team in Mitch Gristede and Shelby Gristede who were the first locals home in the male and female categories respectively. Hamish Rowland and Sophie Thomas took out the overall categories.



*2017 “12 Apostles Plunge” – part of Shipwreck Coast Swim Series.*

Thanks to all helpers on the day at Port Campbell. The swim runs like a well-oiled machine and everyone knows their jobs. Entry numbers are staying consistent. Sponsorship through AGL as the gold sponsor and the silver sponsors shown below have helped everyone’s effort to make these events a significant fundraiser for the clubs as well as a fun day for all.

For more information, go to the website and check it out. Google Shipwreck Coast Swim Series or <http://www.shipwreckcoastswimseries.com.au>

### Major Gold Sponsor for Swim Series



### Silver Sponsors for Swim Series



### CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT: Scott McKenzie

Another big year of training and assessing. We re-assessed proficiency of almost 200 different awards during Skills Maintenance days.



*SRC, Bronze awardees, Trainers and Assessor*

We delivered training for, and assessed over 70 new senior awards, and 86 Nipper awards.

We hosted the Mildura club for a couple of days to enable them to complete their Skills Maintenance, and a number of awards.

Thank you to Darcy and Lara for assisting with rounding up candidates for the listed awards, and thank you to each of our Trainers and Assessors for your time again this year. Thank you to Katrina Antony, our Western Area Training and Assessment Officer for her assistance with all things T&A. Also, thank you to Candice Down from Portland for all her work processing our awards.

### **Bronze Medallion**

Ethan Arundell, Alex Crosbie, Sarah Cumming(renewal), Emma Daffy, Guy Faber, Shelby Gristede, Ruby Huggins, Aimee Hose, Amy Kavenagh, Rachel Murfett, Archimedes Perris, Amy Sawyer, David Sheedy(renewal), Josephine Stephens, Tate Tregea-Copeland, Charlie Trotter, Leonie Wallace(renewal), Sasha Western, Todd Baxter, Bobbie French

### **Bronze Medallion Assessor**

Scott McKenzie

### **Bronze Medallion-Mildura SLSC**

Dorraine Bagacay, Tiger Bertalli Gabrielle Bromley Cristiane Dean Timothy Dean Veronica McLaughlan Leah Mollison Lauchlin Slatter

### **SRC-Mildura SLSC**

Ruby McLaughlan & Aysha Tiver (MSLSC)

### **Surf Rescue Certificate**

Michael Brittain, Madison Clarke, Julia Delaney, Liana Delaney, Rose Deppeler, James Hallyburton, Shannon Johns, Holly McKenzie, Sullivan Wallace, Eddie Reid, Hamish Williams

### **Advanced Resuscitation Techniques**

Ethan Arundell, Brandon Barnett, Georgia Barnett, Olivia Bedggood, Guy Faber, Macy Gale, Mitchell Gristede, Joshua Lees, Sean Lenehan, James Maxwell, Campbell McKenzie, Willem McKenzie, Tate Tregea-Copeland, Charlie Trotter

### **Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Training Officer**

Scott McKenzie, Darcy Tribe

### **Spinal**

Matt Bowker, Sarah Cumming, Ailie Bateman, Brianna Thompson, Andrew Vogels,

### **Spinal Training Officer**

Darcy Tribe

### **First Aid**

Andrew Vogels, Ailie Bateman, Sarah Cumming

### **First Aid Training Officer**

Scott McKenzie, Lara Falk

### **Pelican driver**

Marina Deppeler, Scott McKenzie, Andrew Powell

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT: James Green**

Firstly, we need to thank our House committee members who have this year worked hard to achieve the items listed within this report. The committee are trusted with the building that provides the club with security and housing of all our equipment, and the functions that help us raise some of funds we need to provide the services we do. To Brett, Phil, Shane, and Marina – well done.

Secondly, our committee is charged with 2 specific roles; Buildings and Maintenance and Management and Marketing. (The Bar Manager Shane Maslin will comment on the booking amounts and the new system in place in his report). The extensive list below shows how much the committee have achieved this year.

Our expenditure was a little higher than expected, but with the below achievements we believe that our \$3,000 additional expense is worth it.

- Sunset room and Foyer painting
- Door security system
- New roof screws
- New Solar system
- Window repairs
- Stormwater repairs
- Public Toilet repairs
- New Fence
- Security light Upgrade
- Shower head replacements (Vandal Proof)
- Function centre signage
- New shower Fans
- Store shed (planning)
- New Fridge in Members room

Some of our wish list items that we are currently working on to be completed within 2 years are.

- Balcony
- New Guttering
- Reseal Club room floor (wet areas)
- Lintel protection system
- New Kitchen exhaust fan
- New TV / entertainment system
- Upgrade Bar area
- Bar fridge upgrade (rear loading)
- Meeting room Projector
- New external storeroom

From a Management and Marketing position the committee have provided the following

- Updated booking system
- New Radio advertising
- New cleaning staff and system
- New Booking agent
- New Web site involvement

Our committee thanks our Bar Manager and assistant, Shane and Scott, our booking agent Marina, Our treasurer Andrew and our sponsorship committee who have found the needed cash to upgrade some of our facilities.

## **BAR MANAGER'S REPORT: Shane Maslin**

Another good year for the club with just under \$30,000 turnover through the bar. I know I repeat myself every year in my report but we cannot run a successful bar function without the voluntary help of our members and its through their assistance that the Sunset Room is classed as the premier function room in South West Victoria. The views over the bay and beyond are second to none and we should be immensely proud of what we have to offer. One of the most challenging tasks is co-ordinating staff for each event and again a big thankyou to Scott McKenzie for the tremendous job in achieving that

Another big thank you must to Marina Deppeler for taking on the task of booking agent. The professionalism and understanding that Marina shows to all enquiries is significant. It already is enhancing our bottom line which will ultimately make our club stronger.

## **APPAREL OFFICER'S REPORT: Sally Partridge**



It has been my pleasure to have been the apparel officer over the past year. It has been interesting to find out more about the club and, make some changes to the club's apparel.

### **General Apparel**

The introduction of Hooded towels has been well received with 59 units sold over the season. Over the summer, I was able to clear out many old items that have been in storage for many years. This makes room for new items to chosen for the coming season.

For the 2017/2018 season, I am looking at a new range of swimwear, as well as other lines to complement our existing merchandise. After surveying members over the summer, I am looking at coffee cups, sunscreen, general hats and swimming caps.

I am planning to have all merchandise available for order by August, at a “Swimwear Launch”, to enable as many preseason orders to be completed.

Having a small budget to pre-purchase stock before the season made a huge difference to sales and I would like to have the opportunity to do the same thing this year.

### **“Surf Club Shop”**

Having a display of merchandise available each week has been most beneficial in making sure as many members as possible are ‘kitted out’ in our club apparel. I also was able to give local and surf club information to members of the public, even selling some of our items as souvenirs. I am more than happy to continue this next year. It would be nice to be able to offer EFTPOS facilities each week, and I would like to investigate the possibility of this. I have purchased plastic boxes to keep clothing in so that rodents are kept away from stock, but would like to look at a more permanent arrangement next year. Possibly another cupboard similar to the one where the patrol uniforms are stored. I have currently borrowed a clothing rack from the Port Campbell Surf Shop, but would like to get one made as a permanent fixture for the ‘Shop’.



## 2015-2016 Club Awards

**The Stewart Meek Most Passionate Club Member:** This award is in memory of Life Member Stewart Meek. After some discussion it was decided to retire the “Holmes Best club person” cup and procure a new one in memory of Stewart Meek, as this is the highest award the club gives out and Stewart was held in such high regards by the club. *The award is awarded to the member with most votes conducted at the Annual Dinner by the club members.*

**The John Younis Best Junior Club Person:** The premier award to the Junior (U/18) club person in the PCSLSC commemorates the contribution of John Younis to the club. “Johnny” was the inaugural president of the club, a proud life member, and despite his claim to have never actually swum in the ocean; he became a strong and passionate advocate for the fledgling community group. Johnny was a man with big visions and while his early motivation centered on the provision of a rescue service in Port Campbell he became an advocate for the opportunities that the club could provide to young people. He was a great believer in the rewards that could come from effort and the award seeks to recognize those who have contributed in an outstanding manner. *The Club Captain chooses this award.*

**The Nita and George Powell Achievement Award:** Originally this award was called the Nita Powell Achievement Award but was changed after George passed away. Both George and Anita were enormous supporters of the Surf Club. Nita and George were aware that there were always members of the Surf Club who, either by choice or the low profile position they had in the club were silent achievers and thought those people needed to be recognized in some way for their efforts. *The Club Executive chooses this award.*

**The Peter O’Rorke Power Boat Award:** Peter was an active member of the Warrnambool Surf Lifesaving Club and was one of the key figures in the formation of the P.C.S.L.S.C. He was a role model, a mentor and a life-long friend to many of these members. Peter spent many hours on the beach here training some 30 new members in the skills of lifesaving to attain their Bronze medallions. Peter always remained a staunch supporter of our Club and followed its development with pride and interest throughout the years. He held his Life Membership of our Club in very high regard. He was tragically killed in a car accident near Lake Bolac on 26th May 2010. His contribution to the P.C.S.L.S.C. should always be remembered. *The Club executive chooses this award.*

**The President’s “Dunny Seat” Award:** The President’s Award is awarded to the club member who has displayed or performed an unusual (or in many cases, downright stupid) act during the year. *The Club President chooses this Award.*

**The W. “Bill” Pope Most Efficient Patrol Award:** This award is dedicated to the memory of Bill Pope. Bill was an active contributor to the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club from the initial club inception. Bill & his family had active roles in the club over three generations. Rowing & Sweeping Boats, Club Champion, Patrol captains & Club Captain, Bill enjoyed the many roles that his children & grandchildren undertook. Bill Pope’s legacy of supporting the club has been carried. *This award is chosen by the Club Captain and President. The chosen patrol will include the following 6 positions. Patrol Captain, IRB Driver, IRB Crew ARTC, First Aid and SRC.*

## **The Competitor/Competitive Team of the Year. (For Open and Nipper Members)**

It is awarded to the team or individual who:

- Have/Has competed at least two carnivals for the season
- Has been highly committed to regular and focused training
- Has shown significant improvement over the season
- consistently demonstrated sportsmanlike behaviour (respectful behavior to other competitors and officials)
- Fulfilled the necessary responsibilities as an Active Lifesaver member of PCSLSC.

In cases where there are more than one team/individual who could equally meet these criteria, performance and participation in surf carnivals and other SLSA approved events will be taken into consideration.



Young members participating at Club Champs.

### **Club Champions 2016/2017**

OPEN FEMALE:

Ahliya Harris

OPEN MALE

Darcy Tribe

U18 MALE:

Mitch Gristede

U18 FEMALE:

Pia Falk/Aimee Hose

U14 MALE

Nathan Ellemor/Taj Quarrell

U/14 FEMALE

Holly McKenzie

MASTERS FEMALE

Marina Deppeler

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