



# PORT CAMPBELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



Water Safety Officers for the '12 Apostles Plunge' Swim

## ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

## Committee of Management

President	Scott McKenzie
Vice President	
Administrative Officer	Jon McLeod
Treasurer	Andrew Wilson
Immediate Past President	N.A.
Club Captain	Darcy Tribe
Vice Club Captain	Brianna Thompson
First Aid Officer	Samantha Delaney
Chief Instructor	Scott McKenzie
Gear Steward	Ian Harris
Rescue Coordinator	Ross Powell
Radio Officer	David McKenzie
Power Boat Officer	Murray Joiner
Vice Power Boat Officer	Harry Howard
ATV Coordinator	David McKenzie
Competition Coordinator	Andrew Powell
Boat Captain	Andrew Vogels
Swim Series Coordinator	Tom Walsh
Publicity Coordinator	Lara Falk
Surf Guard Administrator	Jon McLeod
Membership Registrar	Jon McLeod
Secretary (previously Public Officer)	Andrew Wilson
Historian	Gav Deppeler
Junior Coordinator	Brooke Barnewall
YIP Coordinator	Georgia Barnett
Apparel Officer	Sally Partridge
Life Saving Operations Council Delegate	Scott McKenzie
I.T. Officers	John Ryan/Josh McKenzie
Bar Manager	Shane Maslin
Assistant Bar Manager	Scott McKenzie
Equity Officer	Josh McKenzie/ Georgia Barnett
By-Laws Coordinator	Jon McLeod
O.H.S. Officer	Ian Harris
House Coordinator	James Green
Sponsorship Coordinator	Andrew Wilson
Social Coordinator	Rebecca McAuliffe
Membership Protection Officer	Joy Morden
Special Events Coordinator	Darcy Tribe



## Sub Committees

<b>Executive</b>	Scott McKenzie Jon McLeod	Andrew Wilson
<b>Finance</b>	Andrew Wilson James Green	Tom Walsh
<b>House</b>	Phillip Younis Shane Maslin Marina Deppeler	James Green Brett Wallace
<b>Junior</b>	Brooke Barnewall John Ryan Georgia Copeland	Bronwyn Rantall Sally Partridge
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Andrew Wilson Jon McLeod	Marina Deppeler Gary Askew
<b>Social</b>	Rebecca McAuliffe Marg O'Toole	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 Lara Falk



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Scott McKenzie

On reflection, I find my role as President quite comparable to sweeping a surf boat. We have a committee of very competent hard-working members all pulling together to keep the club moving forward.

With such a talented team my role comes down to steering the boat through the surf, and offering words of encouragement now and then.

It's not like I was training a new crew of 'rowers'. Some committee members have been at it for a long while. Blue

has done 21 years running as Power Boat Captain. Dave has done 23 years straight as Radio Officer. Maz has done the 17 years since the 'new' building was opened as Bar Manager.

(It's hard to believe that most this year's Bronzie's weren't even born when the current building was opened)

It is also very good, of course, to see some younger members becoming a regular part of the team. Tribey had done a great job as Club Captain. Tribey also had a vision last year of a Special Events Team who would provide fun activities for members and the community to participate in. Tribey, and his SE committee made that vision a reality. Many fun evenings of volleyball happened, and a novelty swim, that otherwise would not have occurred.

Tate Copeland-Tregea attended an Under 18 Leadership Development Camp through the summer and found it a very worthwhile weekend. I look forward to seeing what challenge Tate next sets himself within the club.

Big Dave had a vision of a club where young kids did not have to bust themselves after every rowing training to get the surf boat off the beach, and Patrol members did not have to manually drag the IRB on and off the beach every Patrol. He followed that vision through, and with the generous financial assistance of members of our local community, we could cover the portion of the purchase cost of the ATV that was not covered under the SLSA grant system.

After personally benefiting from the ease at which the ATV gets surf boats on and off the beach this summer, it is one of those things that made me think 'why didn't we do this years ago?'

On the social side, the idea of an Oktoberfest was bandied around early in the year. The Social Committee enthusiastically supported the concept, and turned an idea into a fun and entertaining night. (Hold onto your Lederhosen because with thanks to John and Julian at The Sow and Piglets Brewery, it will be back again this October!)

Membership numbers are still strong. We have had many new members join and Nipper numbers continue to be high. Nipper attendance at the Junior carnivals this year was also good.

Interest in rowing has seen four crews competing at carnivals through the year. The first time in many years we have had four. The U19 Women's crew made state-rep' selection and went to Sydney as the selected U19 Women's crew for Victoria. A great effort for a small club like ours.



This season we were able to purchase a third IRB motor for the new IRB. This will make training much more efficient, and allow those doing training to take two IRBs to Warrnambool for training, while still leaving one for Patrol.

Po has continued to show the passion for the clubs Coastal Rescue Service, that he, and others, have worked so hard to develop over the years. With the completion of the Coastal Map books, a new revision of the Pelican manual, and much time spent ensuring the club can maintain the Coastal Rescue Service we currently provide, after the Victorian Marine Search and Rescue changes come into place later this year, Po has overseen a lot of work in his Rescue Coordinator and AMSAR delegate roles.

Along with various grants, we have kept the income stream going with another successful Shipwreck Swim Coast Swim Series, numerous bookings for the Sunset Room and Meeting Room at the Club, Nipper BBQs, the Special Events Committee Beach Volleyball nights, grape picking, the Oktoberfest, the Essendon AFL players raffle.

There is significant cost in running a Club like ours. There is a lot of financial acumen required to keep accurate tabs on all the incoming and outgoing monies over the year. We are lucky to have Andrew Wilson keeping a constant, and close, eye on all things financial. Andrew, and fellow Finance Committee members James and Tom, oversaw a large annual club budget that came in virtually right on target. They are already working on the look-ahead budgets for the next five years.

I've singled out a few individuals here, which I am always a bit loath to do, at the risk of appearing less appreciative of the rest. That is, of course, not that case.

It takes more than just a handful of people to run a club like ours, with the services it offers. Take a moment to look down the list of names of club position holders. The different sub-committees. The un-named BBQ cooks. The water safety helpers. The members who put the bins out or assist with the Swim Series. The many members who readily assisted through sleepless nights doing the fire emergency in March.

To finish off on another surf boat analogy, all these people play a crucial role in pulling our club along on a continued wave of success. Let's all keep it going, lest we drop of the back of the wave and flounder on the sand bar!

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

There were a few changes to our by-laws this year that were approved at different committee meetings. They include:

- ATV Policy and Procedures
- Role Description for Special Events Committee
- Guidelines for Merchandise and Apparel Sales
- Changes to our Pelican Operations Manual

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, Brett Wallace, David McKenzie, Lara Falk, Georgia

Barnett, Sam Delaney, Joy Morden, Sally Partridge, Ash Ellemor Josh McKenzie, Tom Walsh and Harry Howard.

## Membership Report

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

Membership Category	Male Membership	Female Membership	Total Membership	2016/2017 Membership	Member retention.
Junior Activity (5-13 years)	70	54	124	138	89.86%
Cadet Member (13 -15 years)	9	16	25	32	78.13%
Active (15 – 18 years)	21	16	37	27	137.04%
Active (18 years +)	32	34	66	58	113.79%
Reserve Active	2	2	4	4	100%
Associate/Social Membership	24	26	50	36	136.11%
Life Member	11	1	12	12	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>103.58%</b>

It is particularly pleasing to see a significant increase in our Active Membership (15+) this year.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: Andrew Wilson

REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2017 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

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 has continued a really good period for the club with income increasing across the club, thanks to everyone else's hard work and attention.

This has allowed the club to invest in new equipment and improvements. You only have to walk in and see the 'squeeze' to fit everything in to see the results of these new acquisitions. The new extension will help considerably in future storage.

At the same time we have accelerated our debt reduction this year.

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

To Scott and Jon, thanks for both the support you give and the faith you show in me to complete the role. Also to the finance committee for all your assistance during the year.

Another hugely important part of the role is the interaction between the treasurer and booking agent. Bringing the role back into the club and the enormous work that Marina is doing has made

things much easier from my end with the bookings being sorted with no need to chase up loose ends.

Another side of this is the relationship between the treasurer and bar manager. From my view this works well, even if Maz is sick of hearing my message bank message (Maz if you ring @ 5:15 on a workday it won't happen – I finish @ 5:30 ☺ )

As I said last year (and probably every year),but it's true, the role continues to be both rewarding and enjoyable, working with so many great people within the club is a privilege that means more than you can imagine.

## SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Andrew Wilson

Final Grant figures for 2017 -2018

Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club - Grants 2017-18								
Funding Body	Grant Program	Project Details	Requested \$	Date Lodged	Date of Expected response	Applied by	Status	Granted \$
Corangamite Shire	Community grants	Eat Well! Move Well! Be Well!	\$1,000.00	30/05/2017	31/07/2017	Jon	Paid	\$1,100.00
Department of Justice & Regulation	Community Safety Grants	Extra Door Locks	\$9,000.00	1/07/2017		Jon	No	\$0.00
Corangamite Shire	Quick Response	Projector	\$500.00	31/08/2017		Jon	Paid	\$500.00
SLSA	BSEF Grant - Yr 4		\$5,500.00	15/09/2017	31/10/2017	Andrew	Paid	\$5,500.00
Lochard Energy	Equipment Purchases		\$1,000.00	10/02/2017	20/02/2017	Jon	Paid	\$1,000.00
SLSA	BSEF Grant - Yr 5		\$5,500.00	1/02/2017	15/02/2017	Andrew	Paid	\$5,500.00
							<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,600.00</b>

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

AGL  
 Breakwater Insurance Brokers  
 Budgie Smuggler swimwear  
 Copeland, G. & Tregea, A.  
 Deppeler, G. & M.  
 Falk, D. & C.  
 Forage on the Foreshore  
 Gorge Chocolates  
 Great Ocean Road Wildlife Park  
 Ian White Excavation  
 Joiner, M. & C.  
 Lady Bay Resort  
 Lyons, D & Molan, J  
 McKenzie, D. & M  
 McKenzie, S. & S.  
 Milk & Honey  
 Pavilion Café & Bar  
 Port Campbell Anchors  
 Port Campbell Guesthouse  
 Port Campbell Shopping  
 Princetown Institute of Sport  
 Sow & Piglets Brewery  
 State Government of Victoria

Apostle Whey Cheese  
 Brendan Hickey Electrical  
 Café on Lords  
 Corangamite Shire  
 Diamer Signs  
 Federal Government of Australia  
 Genr8  
 Grass Roots Café  
 Heytesbury Stockfeeds  
 Jason Lamb's Splash Factory  
 Kangarooie Meats  
 Loch Ard Energy  
 McAuliffe, R.  
 McKenzie, L. & B.  
 McLeod, J. & Leatham, J.  
 Origin Energy  
 Popes Timboon  
 Port Campbell Constructions  
 Port Campbell Hotel  
 Port Campbell Trading Co.  
 Sea Foam Villas  
 Spence Australia  
 The Vet Group

Timboon Distillery  
Timboon Lions Club  
Trees Adventure – Otway Park  
12 Apostles Helicopters  
Waves Restaurant  
Younis, P. & Schofield, A

Timboon Ice Creamery  
Timboon Plumbing & Pumps  
12 Rocks Café & Beach Bar  
Walsh, T.  
Wine at Tilly's

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



*Some of our IRB Drivers and crew*



*U/18 members before the swim*



## **CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT: Darcy Tribe**

I would like to thank all the patrol captains and vice captains for making sure that their patrols were the best they could be throughout the season. It made my job pretty stress free.

State Centre decided not to do the competition based phantom this year, it was more of just a general check-up. Never the less we passed in fine form.

We have completed patrols from the start of December to the end of the April school holidays. 1882 hours were spent patrolling the beach. We had a big number of people visit our beach this past summer. We rescued six patients, provided first aid to ten people as well as completing a total of 46 preventative actions.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time over this season. Enjoy your winter.

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

Good communications again proved invaluable during our season.

We were advised earlier this year that the new radios and radio system were to be operational at the start of 2018-19 season. It will be interesting to see if this eventuates.

In the mean-time our current radios are in good operational condition. It is important that we continue to maintain them and treat them with good care.

I say it in every report, and will continue to say it,

“Reliable Communications are vital in any rescue operation.”

All members are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have operated our radios this year.

## **ATV CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: David McKenzie**

This year saw the introduction of a new Can-Am ATV to the Club.

We were very lucky to obtain a grant for \$10,000 and with the support of very generous sponsors another \$10,000 was raised and, in actual fact, the machine was purchased with no cost to the Club.

It has been well received by the members and has taken away the ‘gut-busting’ of getting the boats and the duck to and from the beach.



Many members have made the effort to get the club endorsement to drive the can-am.

Just a reminder – if you have not been inducted, or are not a registered member of the Club, please DO NOT travel in the vehicle as the Club Insurance does not cover us.

Also, please remember the vehicle is registered and all road rules must apply.

We have a small beach and it is often covered with many people so please continue to operate the Can-am in a responsible manner.

We are very much under the scrutiny of Parks and the general public.

## FIRST AID REPORT: Samantha Delaney

For the summer season of 2017-2018, there were 10 cases logged in the first aid log book/incident book. The majority of them were low acuity cases which only required very basic first aid. These included splinters in feet, grazes to limbs post mechanical falls and sprained ankles. There was one patient who had an exacerbation of asthma during nippers who was well managed by all involved and transported to Warrnambool Base Hospital via ambulance. Well done to those who were involved and thank you for your first aid skills.

Although done really well throughout the season, just a reminder for everyone for future seasons ahead to contact the first aid officer when anything has been used, especially things such as the oxygen cylinders. It's also important to log everything in the first aid log book located in the first aid room of the surf club so we have a record of everything and so that I know what has been used. If someone has forgotten to tell me that they have used from the first aid room, I can just check the first aid log book and see what has been used and what needs to be replaced.

With the patrol and nipper season finished up for the year, it is important to remember that the first aid room and the equipment located inside it are still available for use for those who are members of the surf club and have access to it. There are two public defibrillators located in the Port Campbell, one being in the first room of the surf club and the other located on the outside wall of the Port Campbell General Store. Early, effective CPR and defibrillation save lives. I strongly encourage everyone to access any of the two defibrillators located in Port Campbell if witnessing or attending to someone in cardiac arrest in the nearby area. If the first room or its equipment is utilised during the off season, just contact me and let me know and I can replace anything that has been used.

Lastly, I just want to say thank you for making me feel welcome during my first year as first aid officer and for always keeping the first aid room nice and tidy after patrols and nippers each weekend.

## 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 busy 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 club's year. This involves the First Aid equipment and room, IRB's, trailers, beach signage, radios, rescue tubes 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 Scott McKenzie, Darcy Tribe, Sam Delaney (First Aid Officer), David McKenzie, James Green, Murray Joiner and Jon McLeod for their continual help throughout the season.

With the purchase of softer 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 another great season.

## **BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Andrew Vogels**



*U/19 Female Crew: 2018 Victorian Representatives for ASRL Championships, Elouera; Silver Medalists, Victorian Championships, Apollo Bay.*

It was a grand season all round for the Port Campbell boaties. We kicked off all the way back in October when 7 junior members and myself travelled to Anglesea for the junior development camp. It was great to get feedback from very experienced sweeps and coaches and spend time just concentrating on rowing and catching some nice waves at Point Roadknight.

Our crew competed regularly throughout the season and obtained some great results. At one stage both the reserve women and U19 girls led the point score for State representation.

The reserve women crew earned themselves a silver medal in the 180 division at the State Masters. They were competitive in the reserve women division all year, making the semi-finals at the Vics. They trained regularly at Port all summer, no matter what the weather. Kenz and his Kittens are looking forward to the world Life Saving Champs in Adelaide in November as a kick off to bigger and better things next summer.

Our U19 boys had a season of skills improvement, which was noticeable in how well they handled the windy conditions at the Vic titles. They also teamed up with St Kilda to enter a team in the surfboat

relay, taking the bronze medal. They were at most carnivals, even if their training sessions together as a crew were limited. The boys filled in with training and competition with other crews when asked. Hopefully they can get some new recruits to Port and field two U19 crews next summer.

The reserve men competed at several carnivals including the State titles where they made the semi-finals. Not a bad effort considering their limited training due to work commitments.

The U19 girls had a great year, winning at Portland, Anglesea and Ocean Grove carnivals., making the State team as the U19 girls crew for Victoria, and coming away with a silver medal at the state title.



*Reserve Grade Women: Silver Medalists 180 division, Victorian Masters, semi-finalists Vics.*

The trip to Elouera for the Australian Surf Boat Championships was a highlight for the girls. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the interstate race, against the best U19 crews from the other states and rowed well in their leg of the interstate relay. They caught the biggest wave of their lives from outside the gate cans to the beach in the open event. Maz officiated at Elouera and did a top job on the judge's stand under difficult conditions.

Port Campbell also won a set of oars to the value of \$5000 at the Victorian surfboat open. The new oars are a lot lighter than the old oars we had been using and are a great asset to our rowers. Many thanks to the Victorian Surf Rowers League and the Royal Australian Navy who put up the prize.

At the end of last season my hope was to get 4 crews to at least 2 carnivals. We did this easily and were competitive across all grade we competed in. Looking forward to next season, we as a boat section should be aiming for 5 crews regularly competing. There is a large depth of surfboat knowledge in the club and plenty of enthusiastic people to help make our crews regulars on the podium.

Many thanks to Jon McLeod who officiated at all Victorian carnivals involving boats. Without his help, and the help of people like him, carnivals wouldn't happen.

Personally, I would like to thank all the parents, partners, children, sponsors and anyone who I didn't thank during the year for making the season what it was.





*One combination of the U/19 Male Crew:*

## **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 also providing them with the opportunity to explore a wide range of areas within our club that may not have been previously known. This 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 amongst these young members.

This season 15 Yipper's of our club, between the ages of 14-18, have had the opportunity to be involved in various areas of our club including competition, administration, development and lifesaving activities such as water safety and patrols. Yipper's were always helping out in any way that they could, whether it was from performing general maintenance around the club, assisting both during and after functions, helping out at surf carnivals, fundraising events and various trainings. Some of our Yipper's have continued to step up and take on the opportunity to support our Nipper groups through being assistant age managers. Many were involved in 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.

As a group we would like to thank the Club for everything they continue to do and provide for this program and also a special thank you also goes out to, 'Lochard Energy' who were also very enthusiastic in sponsoring this program and to see our junior members and the club grow as a whole. 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, continued to attract strong numbers in 2017-2018 with 141 Nippers on the books. There was an average weekly attendance of 93 Nippers during the 2017-2018 season, a drop from 116 Nippers in 2016-2017.



*Milly Illingworth: Beach-Flags U/13 Silver Medalist, 4<sup>th</sup> Beach Sprint, Victorian Championships*

Highlights for season included Milly Illingworth's silver medal in the flags event at the Victorian Junior Lifesaving Championships in March, the new transition boards which were well utilised, a successful Club Champs, and 27 Nippers participating at the Port Fairy 'Australia Day' carnival.

Our new start time of 11 am was well received, with an end-of-season online survey showing that 71% of respondents preferred an 11 am start, 9% a 12 pm start, and 20% a 1 pm start. The majority of Age Managers preferred the 11 am start.

We continued to develop and encourage the

small group of Nippers wanting to improve their skills or compete at carnivals. We had 40 Nippers gain their Competition Skills Evaluation (S Badge). A squad of around eight Nippers attended Jon McLeod's training sessions and competed in Lorne and the State Championships in Warrnambool.

Delivering the Nippers program continues to be a massive team effort. Georgia Copeland did a brilliant job on the barbecue this season, organising a parent roster and easing workload. The barbecue is our major fundraiser each year, putting approximately \$3,500 back into the club and helping to keep uniform costs low for families. Sally Partridge managed apparel and uniform this year, making it very easy for new members to get sorted.

I want to thank the Age Managers and Assistants involved in the 2017-2018 Nippers program:

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



Jason Beveridge stepped up to Age Manager this year and Pat Ryan came on board as an assistant. I want to single out Brett Wallace, Tracey Heeps and Josh McKenzie. All have been Age Managers for several years and will be moving on now that their kids are no longer Nippers. This is sad.

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.



*Getting ready for a Nipper Wading Race*

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

2017/18 season has been a busy one for our Coastal Rescue Service.

### **Search & Rescue Responses.**

There have been 5 incidents we have responded to this year.

1. Tow of a Professional boat broken down off the Monument at Peterborough back to Port Campbell Bay.
2. Recovery of a fishing boat against the cliff base off the "Bowl" with 2 males on board and towing them to safety.
3. Setting an observation patrol of the cruise liner "L, Austral" visit to Port Campbell and being requested by Vic Pol to present a report to Senior Constable Caldow, committee member of the Corangamite Council Emergency Management Committee. We had concerns about its anchorage location and the safe portage into the bay by the landing craft.
4. Responding to 4 persons at Sherbrook Beach who were dragged out to sea in a rip.

5. Responding to a boat broken down 3km offshore west of Boat Bay with 2 males on board and towing them back to Boat Bay.

## **Coastal Maps**

Edition 2.1 the PCSLSC Coastal MS&R Training map and map books were finally completed for the summer of 2018. An enormous amount of work went into this project, but the result made the effort worthwhile. With over 180 GPS recorded locations in the map book, it will enable Emergency Service Agencies to accurately locate incidents and find the most appropriate routes to travel to the incident.

*Features of this project.*

- Four Coastal Map Boards and four Great Ocean Walk Maps boards have been installed at four different Emergency Agencies headquarters.
- Nineteen Map Books for vehicle use have been distributed to the:
  - Port Campbell Surf Club
  - Port Campbell Police
  - Victoria Water Police
  - Port Campbell SES
  - Parks, Port Campbell
  - Ambulance Victoria, Timboon
- A coastal rescue map showing 60 km of coastline from Moonlight heads to Childers Cove.
- A detailed Great Ocean Walk map from Ryan's Den to The Apostles Car Park.
- A key showing colour coded labels for roads, fire and walking tracks, towns, car parks and beach access points.
- Map pages with latitude and longitude reference lines on each map page in degrees and minutes.
- Reference Index page, detailing every location recorded with degrees, minutes and seconds.
- Instructions on how to read the map book as a conventional map
- Instructions on how to use the map coordinates to find and verify a location.
- Map Scale

The club is indebted to Darcy McGlade of Daimer Signs for the additional time he has donated to ensure the project could be completed and his attention to details to make such a high-quality product.

Thanks also to the many members of our club and locals outside the club for their assistance in proof reading, correcting, suggesting and therefore ensuring the project ended up with the correct details in the maps.

The map books have been successfully used on two occasions, once by Surf Club members and once by Ambulance Timboon, resulting in praise by these users in finding and directing them to the correct location in the shortest time.

## **PCSLSC Coastal Rescue Service Review**

Pelican drivers again reviewed our Coastal Rescue Service operations pre-season. Main focus was on driver and crew requirements and a change to our Pelican Trainer and Assessor prerequisites for new driver awards.



A definition page was added to the Pelican Rescue Manual defining the correct driver and crew qualification and adding a deckhand title for the third member in the Pelican.

The Trainer and Assessor officers now have to be an SLSA awarded IRB Training Officer and/or IRB Assessor. Both IRB Trainer and Assessor must be a qualified Pelican Driver to hold the award.

These changes were voted in at the January committee meeting and are currently awaiting endorsement by LSV.

### **Marine Search and Rescue reforms in Victoria (MS&R)**

PCSLSC has been having discussions with LSV and Emergency Management Vic (EMV) regarding the future of our Coastal Rescue Service.

EMV is in the process of reforming MS&R in Victoria to meet the national requirements of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). These reforms are going to be implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

PCSLSC at this stage is not able to know how the reforms are going to affect the future operations of our Coastal Rescue Service. The PCSLSC vessel (the Pelican) is registered with LSV and our Coastal Rescue Service is a SLSA operation.

PCSLSC Coastal Rescue Service current operations are inshore, not offshore, and the skill required for our rescue service are to operate in surf or behind the surf break (Surf Life Saving skill sets).

Proposed changes by EMV for MS&R are complex and involve a strong desire by EMV and LSV for PCSLSC to commit its members to providing an offshore MS&R operation (3 nautical miles to 30 nautical miles offshore).

Please read the following position statement from the minutes of the May 2018 PCSLSC committee meeting after discussing the Coastal Rescue Coordinators report to that meeting.

*PCSLC Committee decision, May 3rd, 2018*

- *There is no change to the club's initial position of doing everything possible to enable us to continue the operation of our CRS as a SLSA operation.*
- *Therefore, if PCSLSC obtains backing from LSV, the club aims to continue our lifesaving and community service roles by applying for the AMSA exemption Clause R as a SLSA agency.*
- *That PCSLSC will ask both EMV and LSV personnel to come to Port Campbell together, to discuss with club members the implications of the MSR reforms. At this meeting, the club would hope more clarity will be provided about our options.*
- *PCSLSC is prepared to discuss and gather information, at the EMV/LSV meeting in relation to the desire of EMV for PCSLSC to be implemented into the MS&R reforms.*

Once all necessary information is made available the club will call a Special General Meeting to make a final decision about our Coastal Rescue Service

A meeting with LSV and EMV representative is to be held at the Port Campbell SLSC on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May so they can present to our club what we must commit to so far as awards, training, accreditation, reporting, skills maintenance, funding, etc.

A special general meeting of the PCSLSC will be called so that members can discuss the requirements of the MS&R reforms as presented to the 17<sup>th</sup> May meeting. A decision must be made on how if and how we can continue our Coastal Rescue Service in a sustainable way in the future.

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

Hello to all you clubbies, another year has passed us by without too many dramas in the water. We have had a few changes in the shed however, a new Thunder Cat soft hull IRB has been purchased with a very kind sponsorship donation from the Cobden and District Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Another big purchase for the club was a big yellow Can Am 4x4, it was made possible through the kind donations of many local businesses and people, including Port Campbell Anchors, Ian White Excavation, Heytesbury Stockfeed, L & B McKenzie and Timboon Lions Club. We also purchased a Tohatsu 25hp engine for the duck via the BSEF grant from the the Commonwealth Government.

The sponsorship committee do a fantastic job to keep an eye out for the available deals. No good having all these wonderful machines if they don't go. For that, as per the last "god only knows" years, Popes Bus Lines have again supplied all the fuel for the IRBs and the Can Am. For that I say a mighty thank you from the club.

The two Harry's have done a lot of work with the boats to help keep them in the excellent going order that is required to patrol and keep our beach safe. Thank you.



No good having the equipment going if it doesn't get looked after by all the drivers and crew, so thank you also. Enough rambling, see you all next year.

## SWIM SERIES REPORT: Tom Walsh

The Shipwreck Coast Swim Series has become an iconic event on the local summer sporting calendar. The core group of swimmers makes up the bulk of the field at each swim. They keep coming back every year. It is interesting to watch the older super veteran (above 60) age group get bigger and more competitive each year. Just goes to show how good swimming is for you.

The 1200m Port Fairy Moyneyana Ocean Swim was on 30<sup>th</sup> January. There was a total of 216 swimmers finished the race. Jordan Merriles finished 4 seconds ahead of his swimming partner, Olympic gold medallist, Mac Horton. The swim went well despite some major hiccups with the timing system and getting race results catered. Ebony Ebenwaldner was the first female home.

The 1400m Warrnambool Tony Ryan Memorial Swim as held in very hot conditions and a strong Northerly wind. This resulted in an altered course to the usual U-shaped event. 188 swimmers finished. Local Hamish Rowland took the honours. Sophie Thomas came in third overall and first female.

The 1200m Port Campbell Twelve Apostles Plunge went off without a hitch. The club displayed its usual professionalism in presenting this event to the world. Even though it looks easy it is the result of everyone turning up early, knowing their job and working as a team. It is always a joy to behold. Special thanks to John Ryan for doing the race results at the Warrnambool and Port Campbell events. Also Andrew Wilson for being the money collector at each event and overseeing the series budget. Thanks, especially to those who provided water safety at Port Fairy and Warrnambool.

Planning for next year is underway. One major change being explored is purchasing our own timing system to enable easier implementation and less reliance on one person (JR) to make it work properly. Warrnambool is also looking at moving their date back into February as was previously the case. This first with Wunta and seems to attract more people than the January date.

### Major Gold Sponsor for Swim Series



### Silver Sponsors for Swim Series



## **Breakwater**

Insurance Brokers

### **CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT: Scott McKenzie**

Skills maintenance days were well organised, and efficiently carried out again this year.

We had quite a big assessment day in December with 18 of Harry's SRC kids being assessed, and 19 Bronze Medallion candidates going through. There was a smaller bronze group of 4 put through in March.

Chris and Tim from Mildura were down for a week of intensive IRB driver training, and thanks to Po and Andy were able to go back to Mildura as qualified IRB drivers.

We had some ad-hoc training of our own IRB drivers and IRB crew people but did not get to the point of putting on an assessment.

David McKenzie, as ATV Officer, put through over 20 ATV operators to ensure all Patrols had someone who could use the vehicle.

I'm afraid I ran out of time and energy to put through any ART/1<sup>st</sup> aid/Spinal days this year, but I will work toward arranging those training days next season.

List of awards as follows.

#### **ATV Operator Certificate**

Mat Bowker, Amanda Couch, Marina Deppeler, Lara Falk, Ahliya Harris, Ian Harris, Harry Howard, Murray Joiner, Cath Matthews, Jim Matthews, Sam Matthews, David McKenzie, John McKenzie, Lynda McKenzie, Scott McKenzie, Jon McLeod, Sally Partridge, Richard Partridge, Bronwyn Rantall, David Sheedy, Darcy Tribe, Andrew Vogels, Brett Wallace, Leonie Wallace, Phillip Younis

#### **Bronze Medallion**

Jayden Askew, Nerida Baker, Todd Baxter, Michael Brittain, Wouter Bruining, Lily Delaney, Pia Falk, Bobby French, Aaron Giblett, Kobe Henderson, Steph Hibburt, Megan Jolly, Ben Matthews, Chelsea Matthews, Katy Millard, Jazzie Negrello, Tom Partridge, Sam Rial, Pat Ryan, James Spriggs, Lewis Stone, Ash Tregea, Mitch Trotter, Sharna Whitehand

#### **Surf Rescue Certificate**

Chris Bowker, Lara Brown, Lewi Brown, Ned Deppeler, Tarsha Duro, Sophie Gale, Tamara Giblett, Sophie Gleeson, Kira Gordon, Kobi Lindsay-Collins, Iagan McKenzie, Johanna McKenzie, Charlotte Meade, Emily Morden, Susanna Ryan, Maya Steere, Abbey Trotter, Mitchell Wallace



## SPECIAL EVENT'S REPORT: Darcy Tribe

This season was the first season for the special events committee. Thanks to Ash, Mark, Ben and Kobe for making it a successful one.

For anyone who may of missed what the special events is for. Here's the official role description:

Goal: Promote physical activity, health, wellbeing through recreational social events,

- Organise and coordinate recreational events and activities with a focus on promoting physical activity, health and general wellbeing.
- Organise events not under the auspices of the social committee. (ie. events involving the function room or that have a primary focus or social interaction in an indoor environment).
- Organise and coordinates fundraising events that involve beach or water activities outside of competition, Junior Committee events or swim series.

We tried a couple of new events over summer as a fundraiser for the Surf club.

### *Swimming Raffle*

This was our 2nd swimming raffle. After the success of last year's swimming raffle, we knew it was a fun event to run and participate in. They're was a junior and open sections, which in total raised \$400 for the club. Thanks to all the local business who donated a prize to this raffle.

### *Beach Volleyball.*

**Twilight Beach Volleyball** 6.30pm start  
Teams of 4  
\$20 per team

*Round Robin every Friday*  
29/12/17  
5/1/18  
12/1/18  
19/1/18

Enquiries  
Darcy Tribe  
0459 556 153

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The Corangamite Shire gave us a grant to purchase some sporting equipment to get our beach volleyball off and running. Beach volleyball was run over 4 weeks in January on Friday nights, earning \$400 for the club. Each week there were different teams playing for the prestigious golden headbands. Cost of

\$5 per person, \$20.00 per week per team was a barrier to some younger teams competing. There may be options next year to seek out a sponsor of the series to return a dividend for the club . Next year we will look at trying to get more participation from a wider target audience. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and pack up at any stage during the volleyball.

We had a lot of fun getting this committee off the ground this past season. We didn't get to try out all of ideas we had this season. That means there will be more to try next season.

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT: Brett Wallace**

Once again, this year has been quite a busy season in and around the clubhouse. Our building is now 17 years old and continues to need a fair bit of both required and preventative maintenance to ensure it meets our needs going into the future.

A grant was sourced at the beginning of the year to increase our storage capabilities by building a shed in the rear corner of the clubhouse opening out onto the car park. This space is intended to store items that are not regularly used and will free up more space downstairs. Despite initial optimism that it would be completed pre-season, certain extenuating circumstances have delayed the completion date but we hope to be using the facility in the coming weeks.

Late October we were contacted by LSV informing us they would be conducting yet another maintenance audit on Surf Clubs throughout the state. Whilst the previous audits have amounted to nothing, this year a funding source from the State Government has allowed LSV to prioritise items that need attention and allocate some funding. The first round of funding will pay for the replacement of rusting lintels above the windows, supply some new external door handles and address some safety issues we currently have with our two timber staircases. Quotes are being sourced for this work and we hope to commence work early in the new financial year.

Other ongoing works were also completed including the replacement of two air conditioners, installation of additional keyless door locks, glazing to the function room windows, installation of block out blinds, and general maintenance items.

From an operational standpoint, the club has had another successful year with many bookings and functions bringing much needed revenue. To all of the people that put their hand up to volunteer for bar duty and to Sarah for organising the roster, the club is extremely grateful for your effort.

Late last year the committee put forward a new proposal to alter our charges for hiring the meeting room and function centre. This seems to be working quite well with prices clearly stated on the webpage and booking sheets. Marketing is an area that has been identified as needing improvement and we hope to work to address this in the near future.

Thanks to all who pitched in and helped this season to make our role an easier one but special thanks must go out to a couple of our members. Maz continues to fill the role as bar manager and commits a lot of time and effort to ensure it is always stocked and runs smoothly. Marina has taken on the role as booking agent this year and has been instrumental in adopting our new fee and booking structure. This is no small task in keeping all of our clients happy and informed and it has not gone unnoticed.

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

A great year for the bar grossing just under \$39,000 (30% increase on the previous year) which is fantastic rewards for all the volunteers who donated their time to ensure that all functions were run efficiently and professionally. I know at times serving behind the bar is an arduous task so please accept my sincere thanks for all your efforts in raising much needed revenue.

A big thank you to Sarah Cumming for taking on the role of Bar Staffing Coordinator for this season – a big, and at times difficult task. At times a lot of frantic calls at the death knock and a little help from Scott always got us there.

Another big thanks to Marina Deppeler, our booking agent. I have no doubt the increase in revenue can be directly accredited to Marina's professional way of handling and following up the many enquires that come her way.

Long term plans are to have a back loading fridge in the bar serviced by a cool room in the rear store room. However, with the number of weddings and the failure of the backup fridge another two door fridge was installed in the back store room. This gives us the required fridge space to cater more efficiently. This makes my job slightly more pleasant and perhaps encourages me to put my hand up for another year.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT: Rebecca McAuliffe**

The Oktoberfest Beer was flowing freely – and the seams of the lederhosen were put under significant strain as the good folk of our community let their hair down at the inaugural PCSLSC Oktoberfest on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. It was fantastic to see everyone get into the spirit of the night and don their dirndls, lederhosen and long socks (& German Shepherds).



Bavarian inspired food from caterer Andy Dunn of Port Fairy assisted in a small way to absorb some of the alcohol content of the exclusively brewed Oktoberfestbier by Sow & Piglets Brewery. However by about 10pm – the beer had well and truly kicked in as the blue and white bunting on the roof was jumping with all the knee slapping and toe tapping hitting fever pitch.

Alex Yarosh, the professional musician from Melbourne turned on a magnificent show getting everyone in the spirit of the night with some traditional Oktoberfest music and beer tent songs, as steins bounced on the tables and beer splashed on aprons. After some fast paced polkas – Alex threw in some contemporary favourites to please the picky of ear and those weirdo “Nutbush” lovers (hehe).

A local father/daughter duo even made an appearance on their piano accordions – wowing the crowds with their synchronisation.

A big thank you to all who contributed to making the inaugural Oktoberfest such a hit! It was decided that after such a successful and fun filled night – there will be another Oktoberfest in 2018 – so dust off those costumes...

Another highlight on the social calendar was the Melbourne Cup High Tea. The frock & fascinator wearers in attendance were treated to delicious high tea delicacies by Kylie Treble at The Place of

Wonder. Entertainment included the fashion parade by Milk & Honey (great job by our beautiful models), hat display and millinery presentation by Spence, sweeps, the race of the day on the big screen and of course the blue-ribbon event – The President’s Cup – Hobby Horse event. One jockey nearly took out some nearby spectators and a wall as she was thrown from her mount! The Fashions on the Field competition was another highlight – judged by our special guest and experienced Fashions on the Field judge (Spence). A big thank you to all the ladies who dressed up and supported the day and also to all those businesses that donated prizes. Thanks also to Forage on the Foreshore for supplying the coffee on the day

## **PUBLICITY OFFICER’S REPORT: Lara Falk**

This past season we mostly sent out information/communicated with our club members over our closed Facebook group and SurfGuard text messages. In November we started our Club’s own Instagram page that, has also been another way to let people know about the club and different events we participate in as well as the many success our club had this past competition season.

Over the winter we will be starting a new Public Facebook Page for the club in the lead up to the start of the Nipper season. The aim will be to see if it easier to spread the message about nippers to new families and or new future members that would like to join the Club through that pathway.

If anyone has any suggestions about how we can better communicate to our members please let me know

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

It has once again 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.



**“Surf Club Shop”**

### **General Apparel**

The introduction of Long Sleeve T-Shirts has been well received and it always makes me smile when I see one out and about in the community. They are being enjoyed by all ages.

The new swim wear looks fantastic and has proved very popular. Next year I hope to expand the new range to include a one piece female range, to compliment the two piece costume.

The new hot drink reusable cups have been slower to sell than I had hoped, but are well used by those who have purchased them, and I am sure will continue to sell throughout the coming year.



Having a display of merchandise available each week has once again 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. This year I have been able to purchase plastic boxes to keep clothing in so that rodents are kept away from stock, which has meant that a new cupboard for stock was not necessary. We are still borrowing a clothing rack from the Port Campbell Surf Shop, and the addition of a light weight rack has made the presentation of stock more attractive.

### **Patrol Uniforms**

Making sure that all patrol members were dressed in current uniform this year has been a bit of a challenge due to the increased number of new Bronze Medallion participants and SRC members. For this reason an extra \$361.74 was spent on uniform not covered by VSL. Next year our allocation should be increased to boost our stores for the future.

### **Budget**

Last year \$5000 was made available to pre-purchase stock. This year I would like to have \$6000 allocated to cover the next order of swimwear and top ups of existing lines. After these initial orders, further stock will be able to be ordered on a pre-paid minimum order arrangement.

## **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.

### **Club Champions 2017/2018**

OPEN MALE	Darcy Tribe
U18 FEMALE:	Brianna Thompson
U18 MALE:	Sean Lenehan
U15 MALE	Zac Ellemor
MASTERS FEMALE	Casey Ellemor
MASTERS MALE	Mark Cuthell
VETERAN FEMALE	Katy Millard
VETERAN MALE	Jon McLeod

*Thank you to all the photographers who have helped keep our Facebook pages interesting, and whose photos have been used in this report. In particular Raelene Wicks, Coralee Askew, Andrew Berry Photography, Scott McKenzie.*

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