



# PORT CAMPBELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



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## ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

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SRC Members up at Bondi SLSC – thanks to Beach Energy Sponsorship

## Sub Committees

<b>Executive</b>	Scott McKenzie Jon McLeod	Andrew Wilson James Maxwell
<b>Finance</b>	Andrew Wilson James Green	Tom Walsh James Maxwell
<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	Shane Maslin
<b>Social</b>	Rebecca McAuliffe Marg O'Toole	Cathryn Matthews Marina Deppeler
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Scott McKenzie**

The many positives of the 2018-19 season were of course entirely overshadowed by the tragedy of losing Po and Andy and very nearly losing Fuzz.

The support for our club in our darkest hour has been incredible. From our local, and broader community, and all levels of Life Saving there has been an overwhelming level of care shown to help us get through the immensely trying times since Easter Sunday.

On behalf of all our members I express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has helped out in some way, including the many, many messages of support.

The club also appreciates your patience and understanding during investigations into the incident over coming months.

To the rest of the year in review....

There has been a real positive feel around the club in general.

Brooke has done a great job at the head of a wonderful group of people who ensure the kids all have a ball over the ten weeks of Nippers.

With the financial help from Beach Energy we were able to send Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 18s off to Leadership and Development camps.

We also sent a group of Cadets up to Bondi Beach for a weekend of SLSA history and Patrol activities on one of Australia's most famous beaches.

It is my hope that that these programs give the Nippers something to aspire to, and will help retain more of our Junior members in the club.

The surf boat section grows stronger each year. It has been great to have Gary Askew come onboard to help sweep some of our crews. We even ran our own surf boat carnival in the bay. Voges will cover more of the boats in his report.

Darcy has done a great job again with Patrols and Special Events. I am pleased he will take on these roles again next year.

The swim series went really well again. Thank you again to all the members who pull together to make this happen.

We got a bunch of people trained and qualified in SRC, BM, IRBC, IRBD and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid.

Sean and Che qualified for, and worked as, paid Life Guards, on our beach and other Western district beaches on a Monday to Friday roster.

The Sunset room bookings have been steady through the year. Great work again by Maz, Marina and Sarah for making that very important side of the club continue to run smoothly and professionally.

After the Patrol Season finished Wal and his Port Campbell Construction lads got straight into helping with replacing the lintels along the front of the club. This has all come up great and gives the building a new lease of life. The cost of the work was covered by the Lifesaving Facility Urgent Maintenance Project.

Andrew has continued his great work to ensure all things financial are kept under close scrutiny, and on budget.

We were very fortunate to enter into a very beneficial three-year partnership with Beach Energy.

The success of the application to Beach Energy was largely due to the focus of the money being asked for going to junior member development and retention. As I mentioned it allowed many of our young members to go off to the excellent camps run by LSV, and a trip to Sydney for a group of kids at no cost to their families.

We were also able to purchase many new nipper boards, two new rowing machines and a new surf boat.

I look forward to seeing the next batch of juniors reap the benefits of the ongoing partnership with Beach over the coming two years.

## 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:

- Changing the eligibility for members to be part of the Committee of Management.
- Policies finalised to attain Good Sports Level 3 Accreditation:
  - Smoking Management Policy
  - Alcohol Management Policy
  - Safe Transport Policy
- Changes to our Pelican Operations Manual
- Social Media Policy
- Nipper Board Usage guidelines
- Patrol Management guidelines

Committee of Management meetings have been very well attended all this season, with many important decisions having had to be made about the current and future operations of the club.

## 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	2017/2018 Membership
Junior Activity (5-13 years)	66	46	112	125
Cadet Member (13 -15 years)	9	12	21	25
Active (15 – 18 years)	16	5	21	37
Active (18 years +)*	30	39	69	66
Associate	21	20	41	50
Life Member	12	1	13	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>315</b>

\*Includes Active Reserve

## TREASURER'S REPORT: Andrew Wilson

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2018 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

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.

Once again 2018-19 continued a really good period for the club with income increasing across the club and spending also increasing, thanks to everyone else's hard work and attention.

We should also particularly thank Beach energy. The 3 year agreement, entered into this year, has brought quite significant changes to both what we have and what we can do in terms of member development and retention.

This has allowed the club to invest in new equipment and improvements.

At the same time, we continue to head towards being debt free in the next couple of years.

To thank everyone who has helped during the year, either directly or simply by their hard work, understanding and patience would take forever. But to all - this is my thank you.

As I said last year and probably every year, (but it's true) the role continues to be both rewarding and enjoyable, and like every season the next year will have its own challenges and opportunities.

This year has reminded me even more the many great people within the club that make having this role a privilege. This means more to me than you can imagine.

## SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Andrew Wilson

We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses and government authorities.



Beach Energy  
DJ's Cafe  
Newtons Ridge Winery  
Simpson Lions Club  
Life Saving Victoria  
Surf Lifesaving Australia  
Emergency Management Victoria  
Victorian Government  
Department of Justice  
Victorian Surf Rowers League  
Greencon Australia Pty Ltd  
Port Campbell Constructions  
Hickey Electrical  
Kangarooie Meats  
Sow and Piglets Brewery  
Australian Federal Government  
Popes Bus lines

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

## CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT: Darcy Tribe

This season showed how strong the club is travelling since its beginning 56 years ago. This is shown with the patrol roster being able to expand to 10 patrol groups from 9 groups the season prior. Also having 8 more junior patrol groups and then another 14 people on the active reserve and remote student list as reinforcements. This makes it easier for everyone, spreading the work load between more people.

Thank you again to all patrol captains and vice captains. You all make me job so much easier because you are all on top of your patrol groups. This season we have had 7 new captains and vice captains step up into these new roles. 6 of them are under 20 and are great role models for younger members.

Patrol audits returned this year and we did very well both times we had one. The first one we scored 970/1000 and the second time we scored 985/1000. These show the standard of training coming from our trainers and assessors. A credit to all!!

Now here's the fun part, the statistics! This season, we have almost tripled preventative actions for seasons prior to 102! Now that's a safe beach! We had one minor first aid, yep only one in 1978 hours of patrol time! Harry Howard had the most patrol hours with 51.5 hours to his name with Sean Lenehan hot on his tail (50.5 hours) and Guy Faber not too far away (45 hours). Lara Falk had the most for females with 43.5 hours.

Thank you for everyone doing something extra this season. It's good for you!

### Club Champions 2018/2019

Our club's top athletes battled it out in harsh conditions in the club championships. But to be the best you must be willing to compete in the worst conditions. These athletes competed in 3 grueling challenges to decide the best of the best. Here are your club Champions.

#### The Champions

Rachel Morden	<b>U/15 Female</b>
Zac Lenehan	<b>U/15 Male</b>
Zoe Neal	<b>U/18 Female</b>
Pat Ryan	<b>U/18 Male</b>
Brianna Thompson	<b>Open Female</b>
Mitch Trotter	<b>Open Male</b>
Joy Morden	<b>Masters Female</b>
Ash Ellemor	<b>Masters Male</b>
Hairy Harry Harrison Harris	<b>Fossils Male</b>



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

As we all will be aware we have a new radio system. All the SES radios have been removed and replaced with brand new LSV owned radios.

I would like to thank VICSES for the use of their radios and transmitting frequencies that have served us so well for many years

I urge all members to familiarise themselves with our new radios. The operating procedures are explained in a print out on the wall in the tower. If you have trouble understanding the operation of these radios please ask your patrol captain or seek me out and we can go through their operation with you. These radios are very similar in operation to the ones we have had. Perhaps the major difference is that we can now talk direct to LSV comms. in Melbourne. These radios are owned by LSV but any damage to them becomes the responsibility of the club, so we must look after them and make sure they are in good operational condition at all times. Don't ever underestimate the value of reliable clear communications in everything we do.

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

Our Can am has again proven to be a great asset to our club. It has taken the gut busting out of getting our watercraft onto and off the beach. I urge you to keep up the very high safety standard, all operators have demonstrated this year. Always remember the Can am is a high profile and potentially dangerous machine working in a confined and sometimes crowded environment, so always expect the unexpected. Keep up the good work. Remember only club inducted drivers are permitted to drive.

## FIRST AID REPORT: Georgia Barnett

Well done to everyone throughout this last patrol season. Just a reminder for everyone for future seasons ahead to contact the first aid officer when anything has been used. It is also important to continue to log everything in the first aid logbook located in the first aid room, so that we have continual records of events.

With the patrol and nipper season finished up for the mean time, 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 Port Campbell, one being in the first aid room and the other located on the outside wall of the Port Campbell General Store. I strongly encourage everyone to access either of the two defibs if witnessing or attending to someone in cardiac arrest in the nearby area.

Early, effective CPR and defibrillation save lives.

## 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.



BBQ after club event!

## BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Andrew Vogels



Vic Champs 2019. Silver Medallists – Boat Team Relay

The season started off for the Boaties with our master's women's crew, the Kittens, travelling to Glenelg Beach in Adelaide for the World Life Saving Championships. In very ordinary conditions Bronwyn Rantall, Leonie Wallace, Brooke Barnewall, Tracey Heeps and Scott McKenzie (sweep) performed well in both masters and Reserve grade events. Overall this crew had a great season, winning a silver medal in the 180 division at the Victorian State Masters Titles.

As the weather began to warm up, two junior boys crews began to train and then compete at Victorian carnivals. One of these crews travelled to Elouera for the ASRL titles in February. They took on much more experienced crews and some large surf and gained valuable experience for next year.

A new women's reserve crew also began training this year. They competed at a few carnivals and the Vic Titles and with some new rowers and some winter training are looking forward to next year.

The reserve men were again swept by Maz. They had some good results during the year, just missing the finals at the Vic Titles.

At different times during the summer 15 girls also began their surfboat journey. Learning the basics on the ergos and in the boat when the bay was flat enough. They are looking forward to the next season when they can begin competing.

The summer held some key highlights for the Port Campbell Boaties: the first being the purchase of a new surfboat through our sponsorship with Beach Energy. The new boat was launched at our own beach on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, with crews from Apollo Bay and Port Fairy coming along for a row and to help us celebrate.

Another highlight was the State Titles. Port Campbell won silver in the Team Relay with the reserve men, reserve/masters women and U19 boys teaming up to finish second behind Torquay. This was an awesome effort and shows the depth we are building through the Boaties at the club. The U19 Boys crew of Cam McKenzie, Tate Tregea-Copeland, Charlie Trotter, Brandon Barnett and Gary Askew (sweep) took home the silver medal in their event.

The third highlight was Port Campbell holding its own small carnival in December. It involved all Port Campbell boat crews and crews from Apollo Bay, Port Fairy and Ocean Grove in round robin handicapped racing. The focus was improving our skills and getting together for a drink and BBQ afterwards with our surf boat colleagues. The day was a great success. Looking forward, hopefully next summer we can send more crews to the ASRL and maybe make a return to the Aussies after a few years' absence.



Victorian Titles: Men's Reserve Grade 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 these junior members 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. Throughout the season Yipper's were always helping out in any way that they could, whether it was from performing general maintenance around the club, patrolling, participating in surf carnivals, fundraising events and various trainings. Many of these juniors were also 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.

Congratulations to those junior members who continued with the program for the 2018/19 season.

## 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 healthy numbers with 144 Nippers on the books for the 2018-2019 season.

### Highlights for the season include:

- We had 25 new Nippers in the U7 age group, which was a big number
- We continue to have good numbers in the U14 age group
- New foamies (purchased with Beach Energy sponsorship) allowed us turnover some of the old waterlogged foamies. The new ones were used by Nippers at the Port Fairy carnival
- Nippers were given free pink vests for the season and a beach towel through Beach Energy sponsorship
- 33 Nippers participated at the Port Fairy 'Australia Day' Carnival
- Club Champs were successful with a good turnout.
- We had 36 Nippers gain their Competition Skills Evaluation (S Badge)
- We had a small contingent of Nippers compete at the Junior State Titles in Lorne – Tyra and Nate Sambell, Nathan Hallyburton, Jack Matthews, Daniel and Tom Ryan
- Tate Copeland stepped up as Age Manager for U13s. Matt Bowker joined as U12 Age Manager. Sharna Whitehand and Ash Tregea joined as Age Assistants.
- Jon McLeod ran a series of Skills Sessions on Wednesday nights which were well attended and valued by participants and parents
- We purchased new age group coloured flags and rashies for the Age Managers, making it easier to identify between Age Managers and water safety
- Fun nights banked \$1,117.80. BBQ banked \$4,164.50

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

New sign in / out app launched by LSV early last season. This app records all Nipper details including preliminary assessments, Competition Skills Evaluation, attendance, contact details etc.

Possibility of purchasing some new fiberglass surf skis to replace the existing plastic ones

Water safety and succession planning for Age Managers – recruiting new parents to help out

Proposal to run a cadet's program for U15s and U16s. This would be every Saturday during Nippers program. Instead of doing lots of patrols, cadets turn up at 11 am to do water safety for Nippers. From



1pm, they do specific activities – pelican, trips to Crofts with blue boards, Point, Princetown estuary on surf skis. They can run a Movie Night and BBQ at the Twelve Apostles Plunge.

### NIPPERS ATTENDANCES BY SESSION 2018-2019

AGE GROUP	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26**	Feb 2	Feb 9	TOTAL NIPPERS REGISTERED FOR SEASON*
U7	22	25	22	17	16	18	16	9	23	18	25
U8	10	9	8	9	7	9	7	2	9	9	10
U9	14	17	16	14	14	15	13	7	20	16	20
U10	15	18	17	13	13	15	14	6	18	11	19
U11	14	16	17	13	13	12	14	3	15	17	20
U12	14	16	17	16	8	11	13	3	16	13	19
U13	13	12	12	13	7	11	11	2	10	10	14
U14	12	9	15	11	9	8	13	1	14	11	17
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>144</b>

\* According to participation sheets

\*\* Australia Day Carnival was held in Port Fairy on 26 Jan with 33 participating

Average weekly attendance of 109 Nippers in 2018-2019.

### NIPPERS AGE MANAGERS/ASSISTANTS



Nippers at Port Fairy fun carnival

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

- U7 – Bronwyn Rantall and Jo Leatham
- U8 – Joy Morden and Bobbie French
- U9 – Rebecca McAuliffe and Sharna Whitehand
- U10 – Tracey Heeps and Ash Tregear
- U11 – Brooke Barnewall and Andrew Vogels
- U12 – Matt Bowker and Casey Ellemor
- U13 – Tate Copeland and Ingrid Rial
- U14 – John Ryan / Brett Wallace

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.

In particular, thank you to Lynda and Dean McKenzie, and Cath Matthews who filled gaps most weeks.

## RESCUE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: Brett Wallace

This season, talks continued with LSV and AMSAR about the new national regulations regarding search and rescue organisations and how this would affect our Coastal Rescue Service. Multiple meetings were called to discuss the issue with discussions focused largely on whether the club was exempt due to our belief we operated as an inshore (less than two nautical miles from the coast) operation. LSV and AMSAR expressed their desire for the operation to move into a larger craft and extend our range to 30 nautical miles - similar to that of a coast guard. Over the past 35 years of operations, all but one of our callouts have been inshore and PCSLSC believe the added burden of training for our limited volunteers would be both unachievable and unwarranted given the larger craft would weaken our inshore abilities. Following countless emails and

correspondence between Ross, LSV and AMSAR we were granted temporary exemptions from the new regulations while talks continued.

From a rescue perspective this season saw two reported callouts.

The first was an IRB search for two children who had not returned from a snorkeling trip at the western point of the Port Campbell bay. Both boys were located shortly afterwards when they returned to the pier.

As you all know, the second callout involved a swimmer in distress at the Sherbrooke River mouth on Easter Sunday. The result of this tragic rescue has been well documented.

All members involved during the operations on that fateful day should be extremely proud of their dedication and application during this incident. Unfortunately, Ross and Andy paid the ultimate price for their selfless actions and Fuzz was seriously injured.

Moving forward, the club has some big decisions to make with regards to the form of our continued service. There is no doubt our Coastal Rescue Service is vital for our coastline; this is reinforced by the multiple lives saved during rescues over the past 35 years.

## POWER BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Murray Joiner



Harry Howard and Blue during a training run

Hi to all, let me say from the outset that this report is written with a very heavy heart on the passing of two of most valuable members, keen power boat operators and good friends, sadly missed.

We got off to a good start with a positive grant for a new duck and a new engine, both of which should be here for the start of the new season. We had new drivers and crew members put through their training and later gaining their qualifications mainly with the help of Scott McKenzie, congratulations and thank you all in one. The members have all been very diligent with the way they operate the crafts and on the reporting of problems, boats and engines had some issues with break downs but were able to be fixed mainly with the help of Harry Howard, so thanks go out to him also. Again, I cannot go past the extremely generous donation of the duckie fuel from Popes Bus Lines, we go in there to get our fuel and they say that they are so happy just to do a little bit and be members of our club.

I have put my hand up to do the job next year, so I will see you all then, Murray(blue)Joiner your Power Boat captain.

## SWIM SERIES REPORT: Scott McKenzie



Perfect Day for the 12 Apostle's Plunge 2019

This year's swim series was a great success again.

It was the year of passing the baton on to someone other than John Ryan as the primary 'systems expert' for entries, race results, and swim times.

Michael Artz from Warrnambool SLSC did a fantastic job introducing an entirely new system and coaching people through its use.

We were lucky with the weather for the three events and participant number were high

The 1.2km Port Fairy Moyneyana Ocean Swim was on January 5. There were 223 competitors, followed by another 49 jumping in for the short course swim. Johanna and Holly McKenzie were 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Junior Female category.

The 1.4km Warrnambool Tony Ryan Memorial Bay Swim on January 19 had 156 swimmers enjoy flat sunny conditions.

Sophie Thomas crossed the line first in 14:24, 22 seconds ahead of the first male swimmer. Our own super-fish Johanna McKenzie came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Female (10<sup>th</sup> female overall), with big sister Holly two places behind her. Jon McLeod was 6<sup>th</sup> in the Super Vet' category.

Our own 1.2km 12 Apostle Plunge was on February 3.

Sophie Thomas was the first of 177 across the line, a mere 2 seconds ahead of series rival Sebastian Christie-Crane.

Jo and Holly were again separated by two places in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Junior Female. Steph Hibburt and Shelby Gristede were 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in open female. Mitch Gristede was 6<sup>th</sup> in open male, and it was great to see plenty of Port Campbell names in the overall list of entrants.

After the main swim 19 people jumped in and did the 500m shorter lap of the bay. Great to see them all participating and having a go at open water swimming.

Thank you very much to all those members who gave up their time once again to assist in making the swim series such a success. Particularly those who travelled to Port Fairy and Warrnambool to assist with their swim. Harry, Harry, Jon, Jo and Andrew thank you. Another mention of thanks to Andrew who does the books for the whole series and ensures all the monies ends up in the right places.

### Major Gold Sponsor for Swim Series



### Silver Sponsors for Swim Series



## CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT: Scott McKenzie



### Bronze/SRC training 2019

There were quite a few awards put through this year.

Thank you to David McKenzie for putting through another group of ATV operators. This allowed more coverage across the Patrols, and for rowing training.

They were James Green, Macy Gale, Brooke Barnewall, Sean Lenehan, Mitch Gristede and Shane Maslin

With the school revamp and consequent disruption Harry's school based SRC group did not run, so there was a smaller number of kids doing the SRC this year.

Those who did sign up for the SRC joined in with the Bronze squad and were a great bunch of kids.

The SRC recipients were Olive Andrew, Kris Gristede, Zack Lenehan, Zac Ellemore, Alice Halliburton and Taj Quarrel.

Bronze Medallion awards were achieved by Lachlan Bowker, Chistopher Bowker, Julia Delaney, Tarsh Duro, Amber Griffith, Holly McKenzie, Charlotte Meade, Hana Price and Neele Franzenburg

Lara Falk and Sean Lenehan successfully completed their IRBD award.

John Ryan gained his TOC certificate, to add to our list of trainers.

Michael Brittain, Shelby Gristede, Lewis Stone, Brianna Thompson, Aaron Giblett, Guy Faber, Ben Matthews and Rachel Murfett all completed their IRB crew certificates.

Basic Beach Management was attained by Sean Lenehan, Guy Faber, and Mitch Gristede.

All of our assessors have done, or are in the process of finishing off, the upgrade units to allow them to continue assessing into the future.

Thank you very much to all trainers and assessors who have given their time once again to our club, and fellow Western district clubs.

## **SPECIAL EVENT'S REPORT: Darcy Tribe**

The Special events team celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> year this season with more thrills, more action and most importantly, more fun!

Special thank you to Mark Cuthell and Ash Ellemor, who do a lot of behind the scenes. Mark knows all the business contacts and Ash is the master of setting up and getting people to have fun. Thank you to everyone who came down and participated in anything we ran this season.

Swimming raffle has made to its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Surprisingly nobody has stepped on one of the 300 ping pong balls yet! The swim raffle is a win win. It's a fun easy event to set up and run and brings in funds for the surf club. This season the swim raffle made \$430.

Thanks to all the sponsors who donated something to contribute to the swimming raffle.

- Port Campbell Guesthouse
- Brendan Hickey Electrical
- Budgie Smugglers Australia
- Waves
- Spence Australia
- Jurassic Creatures
- Port Campbell Shopping
- Great Ocean Road Wildlife Park
- Otway Fly Ziplines
- Otway Lighthouse
- Kangarooobie Meats

Beach volleyball was again successful over the school holidays. We ran it for four weeks from the Friday night after Christmas until the Australia day long weekend. Weather did not affect participant numbers, with the coldest night having the best turn out and the balmiest night having the worst. Competitors came from far and wide, some from Newfield, others from the Europe and one from South America. We had different prizes each week from the winning team on the night ranging from a bag of sour cream and chives chips to drink coasters. Very big stakes.

Teams of 4 played in a round robin each and our expert team determined who would play in the grand final. We also accidentally started a couple of competitive family rivalries, these will have to be sorted out next season. So, start training over winter and we will see you ready to go again next summer! There's plenty more to come.

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

2018-19 proved to be another successful year for the house committee with our income slightly exceeding our budget and our expenditure coming in well under the budgeted figure. The function centre accounted for more than \$50,000 income but with an ageing facility those funds are quickly consumed by maintenance costs and unfortunately contribute less and less to the day to day running expenses of the club.

In summary, this year saw:

- The replacement of two gas hot water systems.
- Installation of a new two door fridge for the bar.
- New air conditioner to the function room.
- The completion of the new storeroom at the rear car park.
- Installation of the final six electronic locks throughout the club.

A lot of work has also begun around the club regarding the external façade, including works to brickwork, guttering, facias and eaves and will be completed prior to the start of next year's patrolling season. A maintenance grant of \$20,000.00 from LSV and the state government has made this possible.

During the year members of the house committee met with a newly established branch of Parks Victoria to discuss our current commercial lease agreement. Ongoing talks will discuss increasing our current footprint to include the grassed area from the front of the club to the foreshore wall. Initial talks have been well received and will continue into next year.

Thanks once again to Shane Maslin for his ongoing commitment as the bar manager and to Marina Deppeler as our booking agent for the many functions and meetings that take place at the club. These roles both require a great deal of time and effort and for that the club is forever indebted. This is no small task in keeping all of our clients happy and informed and it has not gone unnoticed. Thank you also to all of the volunteer bar staff that have given their time during these functions to ensure they remain profitable to the club.

This season also saw the appointment of Belinda Drayton as our new full time cleaner.

Belinda has done a great job cleaning up after our many functions and keeps the function centre in immaculate shape. Thank you.

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

A great year for the bar grossing just under \$30,000 which is fantastic rewards for all the volunteers who donated their time ensuring all the 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 continuing the role of Bar Staffing Co-ordinator for this season – a big and difficult task. At times a lot of frantic calls at the death knock. However, a little help from Scott always got us there.

Another big thanks to Marina Deppeler, our booking agent. I have no doubt Marina's ability to deal with all enquiries promptly and professionally has resulted in the many bookings we have gained.

Long term plans are to still install a back loading cool room for more efficient alcohol handling. However, the 2-door fridge that was installed last year has eased the problem.

Look forward to seeing you all doing your turn behind the bar, for the coming season

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT: Rebecca McAuliffe



Colour Day at Timboon P-12 School

Oktoberfest was the highlight of our social calendar again this year. Despite numbers being a little down on the previous year – those in attendance enjoyed a great night of Oktoberfest Beer and Bavarian inspired food topped off with the knee-slapping, stein swaying sounds of Alex Yarosh (professional Melbourne musician).

Almost all in attendance recycled their lederhosen or dirndls from the year before – however there were a few new fashion statements including a giant German sausage and a lycra-lederhosen bodysuit wearing athlete whose sheer cover didn't leave very much to the imagination!

This year the special guest performer tortured the crowd with her bell ringing renditions of Edelweiss & My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean – I'm sure the bells will not be coming out again soon.

A big thank you must go to Social Committee members Marina Deppeler, Cath Matthews, Bronnie Rantall and Marg O'Toole for their assistance and can do attitudes throughout the year. Also, to Andy Dunn of Port Fairy for the delicious Oktoberfest food, Sow & Piglets Brewery for their generosity with Oktoberfest beer & donation of door prize and again to Alex Yarosh for travelling down from Melbourne to entertain us with his fantastic music.

As always if you have any ideas for future social gatherings or would like to be involved in the Social Committee – please let myself or President Scott know.

## PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT: Lara Falk

This past season we have changed the way we use our Social Media Platforms such Facebook and Instagram.

The introduction of TeamApp to our club is slowly taking off, however this upcoming season I am hoping most if not all active members/parents take advantage of it.

To date we have 265 'Likes' on our Public Facebook page, 389 'Followers' on our Instagram page and 27 members using TeamApp

This summer I started creating our own Social Media Policy, to help the future Publicity Officers of our club progress safely on Social Media platforms which we use to communicate with our members and the boarder community.

With recent events it is evident that Social Media is vital to our club. It helps us convey information to our members and it lets the wider community connect with us. Not only does it let us show the world why our club is special, but also why we are involved..... it brings us together.

Social Media plays a big part in many peoples' day to day lives. As we progress in the future we need to keep up with the ever-changing platforms, not just with our current members but with past and future members as well.

I feel that the aim of our clubs Social Media Platforms is to connect, be inclusive as well as provide up to date information for those who seek it.

If anyone has any idea's or would like to become more involved in the club's publicity please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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

It has once again been my pleasure to have been the apparel officer over the past year. In sales, it has been a slower year for a few reasons. With the Beach Energy sponsorship, we were able to give away not only new pink vests to all nippers, but also a plush beach towel to each child. These were very well received, but reduced the need for parents and carers to purchase anything else new for their children. I was also not available to man the shop for the first week of nippers, as well as three mornings later in the season. This did then limit the exposure of the merchandise to members, especially new families.

### **General Apparel**

We have continued to fit-out Port Campbell in as many black tops and red hoodies again this year, and red and black coffee cups are still popping up about the place.

We added to some one-piece ladies' bathers to the swimwear range this year and from all accounts, they are very comfortable to wear.

Due to the beach energy sponsorship providing pink safety vests and towels to all participating nippers, we did not restock the red hooded towels this year. There were enquiries about them, and I aim to restock next year.

### **"Surf Club Shop"**

Having a display of merchandise available most weeks 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. We were using a borrowed clothing rack from the Port Campbell Surf Shop, which has now been returned, so a new rack might need to be acquired for next year to keep the display attractive.

### **Nipper Uniform**

With the sponsorship from Beach Energy coming after the initial purchase of pink vests, through the early purchase deal, we have ended up with an excess of 'unbranded' pink vests. I will be looking to get these reprinted through the off season. We were able to supply 138 towels to our nipper participants as well as bright new safety vests. Our nipper/club skull caps were once again sourced through Thelma Hose, and I would like to acknowledge the support she has given the club for many years. We will have enough caps for next season, but will need to find a new supplier for the 20/21 season.

### **Patrol Uniforms**

Making sure that all patrol members were dressed in current uniform this year has been an easier job this year, with the cupboard fully stocked from last year's influx of members. Trucker style caps have proven to be popular. It was decided to just charge \$10 for all patrol headwear, not \$12 for some, as there was some confusion, and problems with available change etc. As I am not around for all patrols, an honesty system has been used for payment of caps and hats, which might need to be reviewed for next year.

## **2018-2019 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 Ross and Andrew Powell Achievement Award:** This award was previously called the Nita and George Powell Achievement Award but has now been altered (with the family's blessing) to recognise the significant contribution both Ross and Andrew Powell made to the Surf Club. The Powell family have always been aware that there were 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 on by the family. *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.

*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, Georgia Barnett and Scott McKenzie.*

*"The Kittens" Masters 180 Women's Silver Medallists.*



## PCSLSC LEADERS OF TOMORROW BONDI TRIP 2019: Lynda McKenzie

Early this year Kenz approached Dean and I asking if we would consider taking 8, 14/16 yr old junior members on a weekend to Sydney with him. The club had been generously sponsored by Beach Energy to take junior members, who identified as potential future leaders within the club to experience surf lifesaving outside of Port Campbell. Bondi Surf Bathing Life Saving Club, Australia's oldest surf lifesaving club on Australia's busiest beach was the decided destination.

After lots of planning with the assistance of those who are listed later, the weekend arrived and along with the 8 selected members: Mitchell Wallace, Iagan McKenzie, Christopher (Bobby) Gristede, Abbey Trotter, Susanna Ryan, Emily Morden, Holly and Johanna McKenzie we were off.

After farewelling parents, we travelled from Timboon to Bondi with just enough of the afternoon left for a walk along the beach and tea before retiring for our early rise for the next day's activities.

Saturday consisted of meeting with Dori Miller, Manager at the Bondi Bathing Surf club, for a club tour. Due to its heritage listing is pretty much still the original building, with some interesting history, though I think the teenagers were more interested in hitting the beach.

After the tour it was time to join the morning patrol, all 8 signed on with Patrol captain Damon who took them under his wing and straight off for a walk along the beach, pointing out all the danger zones at Bondi, they now have expert knowledge on "backpackers rip". He even got one of the Bondi Lifeguards to come out for a meet them and for a photo, they were hoping for Harries, but he was busy (on the phone to his wife).

The rest of patrol was spent with the boys going out for some board action and through skill and a lot of determination Iagan and Mitch made it out through the surf, Bobby gave it a darn good go, but a stinger unfortunately had other plans and Bobby got a 1<sup>ST</sup> hand lesson on dealing with a stinger, the girls chose to head out for a swim and again all managed to navigate their way out through the surf, I can personally say it does take a bit of effort!

After patrol a much-needed lunch, then off to the famous Bondi Icebergs for a swim. Evening activities where a bus trip into the city to see the harbour, opera house and get some tea. Bobby falling asleep on the bus and having to be woken up to get him off confirmed it was time to retire for the evening.

Sunday and unfortunately Sydney decided to drop one month of rain on us in one day. Plans for the day had been to do the Bondi club swim. Upon hitting the beach, we found the sea was large messy swells and only Holly (4<sup>th</sup>) and Johanna (3<sup>rd</sup>) wanted to do the club swim. The others decided on a casual swim in the surf instead, it's fair to say other than the clubbies doing the club swim they were the only people in the water. Thanks to the Bondi patrol who I stood with in the pouring rain for keeping an eye on the crazy Victorians, pretty sure we ended up wetter than the swimmers. The rain had ended any hope of any other activities so after being kindly ferried back to the backpackers by Virginia Pope, we headed back to the airport for lunch before catching our flight home.

**HUGE THANKS TO:** Beach Energy who sponsored the weekend. Georgie Rowney Mobile Travel Agent who booked our flights/transfers and accommodation. John McLeod and Scott McKenzie for selecting the participants and their assistance with getting the trip organised. Virginia Pope our initial contact at Bondi Surf Club and personal taxi/tour guide. Dori Miller, Manager at Bondi Bathing Surf Club, for her help and assistance with planning activities. Bondi Bathing Surf Life Saving Club and its members who all made us feel welcome in their club and on their beach.

Finally thank you to the 8 young members who attended, I will say that initially Dean and I did question our sanity at taking this on, but can tell you now that it was a pleasure you all did your club and yourselves proud, you were polite and helpful to all you met and to each other, you took on all activities without hesitation, we enjoyed taking you for this experience and we hope that you had a great time.



