



# PORT CAMPBELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



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## ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

## Committee of Management

President	Scott McKenzie
Vice President	Andrew Vogels
Administrative Officer	Jon McLeod
Treasurer	Andrew Wilson
Immediate Past President	N.A.
Club Captain	Darcy Tribe
Vice Club Captain	Brianna Thompson
First Aid Officer	Georgia Barnett
Chief Instructor	Lara Falk
Gear Steward	Ian Harris
Rescue Coordinator	Brett Wallace
Radio Officer	David McKenzie
Power Boat Officer	Murray Joiner
Vice Power Boat Officers	Harry Howard/Sean Lenehan
ATV Coordinator	David McKenzie
Competition Coordinator	Kerry O'Shea
Boat Captain	Andrew Vogels
Swim Series Coordinator	Marg O'Toole
Publicity Coordinator	Lara Falk
Surf Guard Administrator	Jon McLeod
Membership Registrar	Jon McLeod
Secretary (previously Public Officer)	Andrew Wilson
Historian	Gav Deppeler
Junior Coordinator	Tate Tregoe-Copeland
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	Sarah Cumming
Equity Officer	Josh McKenzie/Marina Deppeler
By-Laws Coordinator	Jon McLeod
O.H.S. Officer	Ian Harris
House Coordinator	Brett Wallace
Sponsorship Coordinator	Andrew Wilson
Social Coordinator	Rebecca McAuliffe
Membership Protection Officer	Joy Morden
Special Events Coordinator	Darcy Tribe



PCSLSC participants in LSV U/18 Leadership Development Camp  
 – participation sponsored by Beach Energy

## Sub Committees

<b>Executive</b>	Scott McKenzie Jon McLeod	Andrew Wilson Andrew Vogels
<b>Finance</b>	Andrew Wilson James Green	Tom Walsh Andrew Vogels
<b>House</b>	Phillip Younis Shane Maslin Marina Deppeler	James Green Brett Wallace
<b>Junior</b>	Tate Tregea-Copeland John Ryan	Brooke Barnewall Georgia Copeland
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Andrew Wilson Jon McLeod Andrew Vogels	Brooke Barnewall Gary Askew Scott McKenzie
<b>Social</b>	Rebecca McAuliffe Marg O'Toole	Cathryn Matthews Marina Deppeler
<b>Training and Assessment</b>	Lara Falk Ian Harris David McKenzie John Ryan Darcy Tribe	James Green Shane Maslin Scott McKenzie Brooke Barnewall

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Scott McKenzie



I am just reading over my report from last year to endeavour to not write exactly the same things again.

Some things of course are completely different.

Cancelled patrols. Cancelled State Titles. Cancelled Aussie Titles. Cancelled World Titles.

Our local community, and the rest of the country, in some form of lock down.

Crazy times.

It is Easter as I write.

It has been a long twelve months of slow recovery for us all.

For me personally, it has been humbling to have been involved with the recent announcement of the Powell Legacy Fund. A fitting tribute to Po and Andy.

I don't think that any of us really doubted that we would not pick ourselves back up and carrying on with the job of providing a safer aquatic environment at Port Campbell beach and region.

And it has been really heartening to see everyone in the club get behind each other and get on with what was a strong season on all fronts.

Tate took on the role of Junior Coordinator and did a great job with the Nippers this year. It was a pity they seemed to cop a run of poor weather this summer.

With our second year of the Beach Energy partnership we again had kids enrolled in the U13, U15, and U18 development programs. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions the U13 and U15 camps had to be cancelled, but I am sure we will get those kids in again for next year.

Brianna Thompson and Ben Matthews attended the Advanced Life Saving Camp and went on to do paid Lifeguarding across the Western Clubs, joining Sean and Che in that role during the busy Boxing Day to Australia Day period. Kerry O'Shea was accepted into the week long SLSA National Leadership College in Sydney, and by her account had a fantastic experience there.

Harry (Ian) and Sharna kindly chaperoned our group of cadets (7 girls and 7 boys) up to Bondi to see first-hand the roots of our great movement.

All this member leadership and development is great to see and is hopefully setting some foundation-stones for future-proofing the running of our club.

Sending all these young members off on these programs has been made achievable thanks to Beach Energy's partnership kind support, for which we are very grateful.

Lara took on the role of Chief Instructor (on top of Publicity Officer) this season and did a highly organised job of it. Thank you Lara. You will see the many new award recipients in her report.

Tribey, as Club Captain again, had a well managed groups of Patrols, and the two Patrols who got the Patrol Inspections did very well. Top work Darce. Also, great work again on the Special events front. Another successful and fun season of volleyball nights and swim raffle.

The swim went off like a well-oiled machine again. Thank you to Marg for taking on the Swim Coordinator role, and thank you to everyone who helps make ours the blue ribbon event of the series.

The surf boat section had many crews training hard. Two crews went up to NSW for the Australian Surf Rowers League titles. All crews were primed for a good showing at the state titles, but unfortunately will have to hold over that energy until next year.

Thank you to the Executive team, Jon, Andrew and Voges for helping me get done the many things that need to get done week after week.

Thank you to the Andrew, and the Finance Committee, for keeping a constant eye on the balance sheet.

This has left us in a solid financial position to get through the winter months, despite a number of upcoming Sunset Room/Meeting Room bookings having been necessarily cancelled.

Thank you again to the hard working members whose reports you see in the following pages, and to everyone who took on a committee position this year.

Thank you to everyone who has put their hand up to take on a role next year.

Your dedication to the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club, and what we do, is truly something to be proud of.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT: Jon McLeod

There was one addition to our by-laws this year, being a detailed Social Media Policy. 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. There has of course, included much discussion and decision making in reference to the way forward from the Easter tragedy. Like many organisations, for the first time, due to Covid 19, we held on-line meetings. Interestingly our attendance at these meetings were more than the face to face meeting!

### 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	2019/2020 Membership	2018/2019 Membership
Junior Activity (5-13 years)	62	50	<b>112</b>	112
Cadet Member (13 -15 years)	20	8	<b>28</b>	21
Active (15 – 18 years)	15	14	<b>29</b>	21
Active (18 years +)*	28	31	<b>59</b>	69
Associate	24	23	<b>47</b>	41
Life Member	11	1	<b>12</b>	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>287</b>

\*Includes Active Reserve

# TREASURER'S REPORT: Andrew Wilson

**FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2019 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

It is with pleasure that I present the Treasurers Report to the club for the 8<sup>th</sup> time; I will discuss the financial result in detail at the AGM.

I do want to cover a couple of important issues in this report.

The support we got as club after last Easter will be covered elsewhere but I'd just like to acknowledge the kind donations that were received directly to the club with \$35,000 of corporate support, as well as over \$8000 of donations ranging from individuals, schools, local organisations and business.

What effect the current situation has on us financially will be highly dependent on the when things return to normal. At this stage its effect will be small given we mostly tend to be quiet anyway but losing function room bookings will clearly be an issue, particularly as we get closer to summer.

Also, the other issue I wanted to touch on was the fact the club is now debt free. This has been a long journey from owing club members \$320,000 to \$140,000 post the hostel sale to today owing nothing.

The assistance those people gave to help the club continue through that period is enormous and to all those people I personally say thank you but as a club we really do owe a huge debt of gratitude.

Also, once again year we were able to continue to invest in new equipment and improvements with over \$35,000 spent.

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, once again your work makes my job very easy.

As I say every year but it's true, the role continues to be both rewarding and enjoyable, and like every year the next year will have its own challenges and opportunities and the discipline financially to become debt free will still be needed for the club to become stronger and more financially secure.

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



SRC Members at Bondi Beach

## SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Andrew Wilson

We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses and government authorities for their support of the club. This may have been through Grants, sponsorships or donations (following the Easter tragedy, businesses, community groups and families gave money to the club to support us in our future lifesaving and rescue duties).



Emergency Management Victoria  
Australian Federal Government  
Port Campbell Constructions  
Sow and Piglets Brewery  
Dale Stansfield  
DJ Catering

Beach Energy  
Findex Accounting  
Peter and Judy Murphy  
Peter and Marg Gristede  
Ritchies IGA wear red day  
Mercy Regional College  
Terang College  
Cobden Tech  
Timboon P-12 School  
Simpson Primary School  
Newtons Ridge Winery  
Simpson Lions Club  
Commonwealth Bank  
Paypal giving fund  
Several anonymous donors  
Life Saving Victoria  
Surf Lifesaving Australia  
BHP  
Victorian Government  
Corangamite Shire  
Kangaroo Meats  
Popes Buslines  
12 Apostles Tourism and Business Group

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



## CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT: Darcy Tribe

The club is still traveling stronger than ever with the amount of people patrolling, wanting to do their bit for the community. The junior patrol groups wouldn't be as strong as they are without our partnership with Timboon P-12 School and the SRC course Harry runs. Big thanks to Harry for organising that again last year.

Thank you to everyone who patrolled this season and especially the patrol captains and vice captains. Without their leadership and professionalism patrols wouldn't have gone as smoothly as shown in the patrol audits.

We had two patrol audits this season. Patrol 1 lead by Che Stone scored 1000/1000 and patrol 5 lead by Scott McKenzie scored 995/1000. Better luck next time Kenz, you'll get there one day.

Leading Female Patrol Members		Leading Male Patrol Members	
Name	Hours	Name	Hours
1. Lara Falk (ID: 4518602)	44.0	1. Harry Howard (ID: 5532422)	74.0
2. Charlotte Meade (ID: 5731645)	42.0	2. Tate Tregaea-Copeland (ID: 4442646)	37.0
3. Susanna Ryan (ID: 4556638)	38.0	3. Patrick Ryan (ID: 4486359)	35.5
4. Alice Hallyburton (ID: 5614506)	35.5	4. Mitchell Gristede (ID: 4429525)	32.0
5. Alysa Hibburt (ID: 5614510)	29.0	5. Scott McKenzie (ID: 4140175)	31.5
6. Johanna McKenzie (ID: 4765892)	29.0	6. David McKenzie (ID: 3759274)	30.5
7. Olive Andrew (ID: 4764835)	27.3	7. Benjamin Matthews (ID: 4133658)	30.0
8. Abbey Trotter (ID: 4148640)	26.5	8. Jayden Askew (ID: 4110222)	28.5
9. Holly McKenzie (ID: 4565665)	25.0	9. Darcy Tribe (ID: 4148547)	26.0
10. Brooke Barnewall (ID: 3759148)	24.5	10. Sean Lenehan (ID: 4518318)	25.5

Even though everyone contributed to the club patrolled 1925.67 hours the season was cut short by a couple of weeks due to Covid19. One week was also turned into observational patrols. Thanks to Josh, McKenzie, Cam McKenzie and Che Stone for doing those. I'll try and get the club champs happening when we're allowed to see each other.

Before next season begins the club needs more IRB drivers to spread the work load. Thanks to Beach Energy and the club for this new initiative, the club will reimburse any course fees and registration fees for PCSLSC members enrolled in the IRB driver course. Feel free to ask me any questions and we will get it happening.

## RADIO OFFICER REPORT: David McKenzie

Hi all it is again my pleasure to present the radio offices report. Members continue to have an understanding and are prepared to operate our new radio system and radios. All new things take time to understand but I believe all members have a grasp of the system.

Some Victorian clubs are having problems with their radios but to my knowledge our radios are all functioning as they should.

As always, I ask that you continue to care for all radios. Always put them in a plastic bag when you take them out and always make sure they are operational and turned off when you return them to the charger at the end of patrol.

If you have any concerns or questions about the ratios that you need to raise please feel free to raise them with your patrol captains or with me or any senior member. It is important that we all understand how and why they work the way they do.

As I say each year good communications are the essence of all that we do at the club, and it is up to each one of us to care for them carefully so we can rely on them.



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

As ATV officer I present this report. Again, this season our Can-am was a winner. Particularly with the boat crews and patrols, lugging watercraft onto the beach and back up to the club house. As per club protocol it has been operated in a very professional manner. I commend all operators of the machine and ask that this high level of responsibility continues.

Again this year some members took the opportunity to become accredited operators and received permission to operate the ATV. Please remember that only accredited drivers drive the machine. We have always emphasised the need to take care and keep the vehicle clean of sand and salt water and this paid dividends last month when we traded our old one for a new one. Everything on the new one is exactly the same as the old one with the exception there is no handbrake. We sold the old one privately and got considerably more for it than we would've by trading. We were able to trade up to a new one at no cost to the club. A grant and trade money cover the cost.

So I would ask again that all care be taken with the new ATV. Continue to operate it slowly and always wash sand off thoroughly after use.

## **FIRST AID REPORT: Georgia Barnett**

Well done to everyone throughout this last patrol season. Just a friendly reminder for everyone for future seasons ahead to contact the first aid officer when anything has been used so that we can keep the first aid room well stocked. The first aid room is now also home to 2 spare O2 bottles that we will try to look at upholding throughout the next season.

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 to 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. Please access either of the two defibs if witnessing or attending to a medical emergency.

Early, effective CPR and defibrillation save lives.

## **GEAR STEWARD'S REPORT: Ian Harris**

Thank you all for a great season. As always, it was a busy season maintaining gear around the club. This was made easier by Patrol Captains and Club Members looking after equipment. Well done! I would also like to thank Murray Joiner, Scott McKenzie and Darcy Tribe for their assistance and support throughout the season.

Gear inspection is a vital to ensure our equipment and resources are safe and ready for use during the patrol season. This involves checking the First Aid equipment, IRB's, Trailers, Beach Signage, Radios and Rescue Boards. Equipment is inspected and then tagged, by means of a sticker with the current year printed on it, which shows it has been approved. If it is not safe for use, then it must be repaired and rechecked.

To reduce the need for unnecessary repairs, I would encourage members to use equipment according to their membership category and ensure they have been trained in the proper handling and care of this equipment. And with everyone's safety in mind, please don't hesitate to let me know if you see any issues with our resources.

## BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Andrew Vogels

The sudden end to the boat season left us all a little disappointed: with no Vic Titles, Aussies or World Titles after so much hard work and time put in by everyone. But let's look at the many positives from this past season.

In November, Port Campbell held a VSRL short course carnival. The club fielded 6 crews and many other boat crews from other surf clubs came to compete as well. Everyone had a great day and there was lots of positive feedback about the event. We hope to make this a regular on the rowing calendar. It was also great to see lots of people hang around at the club afterwards to enjoy food, drinks, and each other's company.

The season's VSRL Open was held at Cape Bridgewater and Port Campbell won three medals



U/19 Male Surf boat crew: ASRL Championships, Long Beach

The Kittens—Brooke Barnewall, Tracey Heeps, Leonie Wallace, Bronnie Rantall and Scott McKenzie (sweep)—won silver in the Reserve Women.

- The Piranhas—Ben Matthews, Charlie Trotter, Aaron Giblett, Pat Ryan and Gary Askew (sweep)—took bronze in U19 Men.

- Beach Energy—James Maxwell, Jayden Askew, Darcy Tribe and Gary Askew (sweep)—won bronze medal in Reserve Men.



U/19 Female boat crew: VSRL Championships, Bridgewater Bay, Portland

In February, two crews travelled to Mollymook for the ASRL Open. The Reserve Women crew of Kerry O'Shea, Ellie Gorrings, Rachel Murfett, Sophie Blain and Andrew Vogels (sweep) made the quarter finals in big seas. The U19 crew also made the quarter finals and rowed strongly all day after large surf saw the competition was moved to Longbeach, Batemans Bay. Both crews were ranked in the top 20 in the country in their respective grades when the season was stopped.

It was also great to see an enthusiastic group of girls who trained all summer. They gained new skills and competed at a couple of carnivals. They are looking forward to next year. Special mention to Holly McKenzie who—I think I'm right in saying—became the first second generation female rower from Port Campbell.

Many thanks again to Maz and Jon for officiating at many carnivals, and many thanks to Beach Energy's sponsorship, with which we bought a new set of oars.

## National Leadership College 2020: Kerry O'Shea

In February, I was lucky enough to attend Surf Life Saving Australia's National Leadership College (NLC) in Sydney. The NLC is a week long live in leadership program that brings together young leaders in surf



lifesaving aged between 20 and 30. I was selected to attend along with 20 other Aussies (including 6 other Victorians), and a couple of Kiwis.

The NLC was an unbelievable experience. Every minute of the day- from brekky to bedtime- was filled with keynote presentations, facilitation group discussions, team building activities and all sorts of other opportunities to develop stronger leadership skills.

The week began with developing an understanding of our own leadership styles by delving into our value sets and nutting out our individual 'why', or driving forces. We then shifted our focus to working with others, finding a common goal and understanding that different strengths can be an asset in any partnership or team. Next, we moved on to leading small teams- how to work together to achieve the best possible outcomes. Towards the end of the week, we looked at leading large organisations, empowering our teams and looking after people within our circles.

I came back from NLC feeling immensely proud to be a Port Campbell girl. There were some points that virtually every presenter referred back to in one way or another, and I felt that these really resonated with the way PCSLSC goes about things, so I thought I would share one of these and you can join me in feeling proud of us.

### **The Safe Harbour:**

Knowing that your team has your back is extremely powerful. Within the safe harbour of PCSLSC, the waves of the outside world become ripples. This has been particularly evident to me over the past 12 months, as I have watched fellow members back each other up, support decisions and comfort each other without letting outside opinions and chaos effect the team dynamic.

SLSA and LSV provide some incredible opportunities that we can all get involved in. I highly recommend throwing your hat in the ring for any of the leadership programs, or attending some of the sessions offered online through LSV. I'm always keen to chat about NLC or other opportunities, so if anyone feels like listening to me ramble excitedly, you know where to find me. A huge thankyou to Beach Energy for sponsoring me and PCSLSC for nominating me to attend.

## **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 junior members with the opportunity to explore a wide range of areas within their club that they may not have previously known and also encourages those members to get involved where to can.

Throughout the season we saw Yipper's branch out and take on various roles within the club and were always helping out where they could, whether it be by from performing general maintenance, patrolling, participating in surf carnivals, fundraising events and various trainings. Many of these juniors were also involved in water safety for Nippers 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.

Thank you to all junior members who continue to give it their all for the better of our brilliant little club.

## **JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: Tate Tregear-Copeland**



### **Notes for the season:**

- Brooke Barnewall has revamped the Under 14 program. It is now a pathway for the SRC program. This has been met with great results and will be a great addition to the program for the years to come.

- Bobbie French stepped up to become an Age Manager for Under 8s. Georgia Copeland joined as an Age Assistant.
- The club purchased new Water Safety rash vests to replace the older ones.
- There has been a decrease in the past 2 seasons with attendance for Nippers. The average attendance has also gone down but many of the sessions were in average conditions.
- Currently no need to buy new boards but I will make that call when I return to Port Campbell next and when the club will be open.
- Thomas Ryan and Nate Sambell represented Port Campbell at the Victorian Junior State Titles. Both boys competed exceptionally well against tough competition.

**Notes for next season:**

- After conferring with Claire Picone from Member and Leadership Development, I am still on the fence with using the Nipper App for parents to sign in. It could cause more problems with parents not signing their kids out at the end of the sessions. I plan to confer with the Age Managers from this season about this.
- We had many of our new SRC members and current junior Bronze holders help out with water safety this year. I would like to put forward a pathway plan for interested junior members to become age managers in the future. We will try and continue pushing for more parent involvement.
- Skills Session attendance had a drop this season, I will be confirming with Jon before the season begins about whether or not they will continue.



Attendance from 2019/2020 Season (TBF)

AGE GROUP	NOV 30	DEC 7	DEC 14	JAN 4	JAN 11	JAN 18	JAN 26**	FEB 1	FEB 8	FEB 15	TOTAL NIPPERS REGISTERED FOR SEASON*
U7	11	10	8	13	12	12	2	10	12	11	14
U8	15	15	12	15	8	10	6	11	15	15	18
U9	12	12	10	12	10	11	3	12	11	12	14
U10	13	14	12	12	10	13	7	11	15	15	19
U11	15	12	14	14	9	11	4	12	14	14	16
U12	14	15	9	12	14	12	2	11	14	13	17
U13	12	10	10	9	12	10	1	9	12	10	12
U14	9	9	8	9	9	8	2	8	10	8	11
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>120</b>

\*According to Participation Sheets

\*\*Australia Day Carnival was held in Port Fairy on 26 Jan with 27 participating

Attendance from 2018/2019 Season

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

**Age Managers/Assistants**

A massive thank you to all the Age Managers and Assistants involved in the Nippers program:

U7 – Bronwyn Rantall and Jo Leatham

U8 – Bobbie French and Georgia Copeland

U9 – Dean McKenzie and Lynda McKenzie

U10 – Rebecca McAuliffe and Sharna Whitehand

U11 – Tracey Heeps and Ash Tregoe

U12 – Matt Bowker and Andrew Vogels

U13 – Tate Tregoe-Copeland

U14 – Brooke Barnewall and Leonie Wallace

A big shout out to all the people who filled Age Manager and Assistant gaps throughout the season; John Ryan, Josh McKenzie, Lara Falk, Dave McKenzie, Georgia Barnett, and Joy Morden were massive helps.

Also, big thank you to everyone who took part as Water Safety during the season. Whether you were there every week or whenever you could find some time, extra hands are always appreciated.

The Junior Committee will reconvene in September-October to plan for the upcoming season.

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

Talks still continue with Marine Search and Rescue (MSAR) and Life Saving Victoria (LSV) about the future of our service and ultimately, what form it will take. New crafts are being investigated, and training and qualifications are being negotiated as to their relevance to the unique service we provide in a challenging environment. Former Water Police Member, Peter Howarth, has been appointed dual roles with LSV and MSAR to assist the club in all our discussions and has become an important conduit for the club in this matter. Meanwhile our rescue service continues and as always, every callout is judged on its own merit together with our capabilities while we are without an offshore craft.

During the year a comprehensive list of all of our coastal rescue callouts was completed. Marina Deppeler and I have committed many hours to putting together this important resource for the club. We now have near complete records of all rescues since 1984 and these have been compiled together with their individual radio, IRB and Pelican logs for each incident. This record will be invaluable in highlighting the importance of keeping the service in operation as we move forward.

The club was called out on four separate occasions this year. In late November, the club assisted in the search for a missing British backpacker last seen near the Princetown Recreation Reserve. Over four days members searched the Gellibrand River and estuary with the IRB, in conjunction with a broader search of the area by the Victoria Police Search and Rescue team and local SES members. The club and broader community owe thanks to the two surf club members who ultimately located the body of the deceased man providing some closure to his family. Victoria Police has passed on its gratitude to all those involved for our professionalism during the incident. The remaining three callouts all related to incidents in and around Peterborough with a stranded fishing boat, surfer in distress and a swimmer who had been caught in a rip. The club was put on standby in all three cases, but they were resolved without the IRB ever getting wet.

In each of these callouts, it seems to be getting harder to gather appropriately qualified members to attend. As volunteers we all have busy lives and jobs, and it is understandable sometimes we cannot rely on the same few people for every incident. It is increasingly important for members to continue to up-skill their qualifications and gain experience to allow the coastal rescue service to continue. If you are interested in assisting with these callouts and are not currently on the rescue list, please contact me and I will add your details.

Our coastal rescue service has provided a lifeline to the community for 38 years and we should remember to be proud of the important role our club fulfills in our local community.

Yours in Life Saving

## POWER BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Murray Joiner

Hello all, this year's report will be a short and sharp one. The club started with 4 IRB's, one too many, so we cleaned up one of the ducks and engines and sold it to a very happy fisherman from Geelong way. That left a group of all but new crafts and engines that due to the fantastic way that club members look after things didn't require a great deal of maintenance. Thanks must go out to Sean and Harry for all their help during the year. The ongoing sponsorship with Popes Bus Lines is incredible, the fuel that they donate is a fantastic help to the club, thank you. The end of the season was all a bit different but I think we all came through pretty well, I will see you again next season, so till then stay safe.



## SWIM SERIES REPORT: Marg O'Toole

Once again the swim series was a great success, despite the disruption and distraction of the bush fires raging throughout Victoria over January and February. The Shipwreck Coast swim series remains the major fund raiser for the SLSC clubs involved. Port Campbell, Port Fairy and Warrnambool. Each club receiving approximately \$7,000 this year!

Port Campbell decided to donate \$1,000 directly to Mallacoota SLSC to help with their fire recovery program following the devastating January fires which destroyed their First Aid caravan and equipment.

The Port Fairy swim was held on January 4<sup>th</sup> in good conditions with only a little bit of wind chop.

There were 319 swimmers with the overall 1<sup>st</sup> place getters being, Male- Thomas Hay, Female- Aiyssia Jenkins

The Tony Ryan memorial swim at Warrnambool, held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, was a different story with difficult conditions, wind and swell. The swim start was moved to the breakwater which meant quite a long walk along the beach from registration desk to the start line. For the few competitors who arrived a little close to the start time, this meant a sprint before the swim! Due to the unfavourable conditions the short swim start was from the beach in front of McGennan's carpark – this caused a bit of confusion, but was again, a successful event.

There were 182 swimmers with 1<sup>st</sup> place getters being Male – Sebastian Christie-Crane, Female Ebony Ebenwaldner

The 12 Apostles plunge was held at Port Campbell on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We were blessed with good conditions but there was some challenging wind chop encountered further out.



There were 223 swimmers , with overall winners being Male- Isaac Jones and Female-Sophie Thomas, both well known supporters of this swim series.

The new registration system developed by Michael Artz from Warrnambool for the 2019 series was used again and worked quite well, with a few issues being sorted as the series progressed.

It has been suggested to have a family registration next year as it becomes quite an expensive event for families if several members want to swim.



At the finish line during the Port Campbell swim

A couple of glitches overcome 'on the run ', included a white board marker accidentally used at Port Campbell to mark numbers on hands , instead of permanent marker! Luckily this was discovered quickly when a couple went in for a 'warm up' swim and saw their number disappear! Another small issue , this year it was thought to be a good idea to mark 'wave' number as well as competitor number. This turned out to be quite confusing at the finish line and probably won't be used again.

Another obvious change this year was caps. It was decided that swimmers could wear their own caps and swim series ones wouldn't be supplied. This not only saved costs but was also considered environmentally friendly as we try to reduce the amount of potential rubbish in our oceans.

This is a very popular and successful swim series catering for a wide range of competitors , from serious competitive swimmers, to those who just like a challenge and compete against their best times , to those who are just in it for fun and enjoy a splash in our ocean.

Many thanks to all who volunteered their time in helping make the series such a success. In particular Scott McKenzie and Blue Joiner for taking the IRB to Port Fairy and Guy Faber and Matt Bowker to Warrnambool. Andrew Wilson again did a great job organising 'the books' . A great team effort. Well done to all involved.

## Major Gold Sponsor for Swim Series



## Silver Sponsors for Swim Series



**THE HUNT FAMILY**

## CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT: Lara Falk



IRB Crew Training and Assessment.

The summer has come and gone, we held many training and assessment days this past season and we are looking forward to many more.

As a club our members gained many different awards this summer without our Training & Assessment team both in house and from surrounding club's we wouldn't have been able to do so much.

This summer included many changes from a Trainer & Assessor standpoint, all of our Trainers & Assessors were required to update awards and completed new training to stay current. These updates meant we lost a long time Trainer and Assessor of the club, Andrew McKellar we appreciated the many year he contributed to club to make it a better place, we thank him for his service.

Below is a summary of the Awards which were gained through the summer;

Overview	Candidates	Requalification
Surf Rescue Certificate	19	NIL
Bronze Medallion	17	NIL
First Aid	13	7
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	21	12
IRB Crewman's	8	NIL
IRB Driver	2	NIL
Training Officer Certificate	2	NIL

As we head into new Summer we will have more opportunities to undertake training online over the cooler months, more details will be published soon.

I would personally like to thank Scott for helping me transition into this new role, there was a lot to learn and understand. I hope I have stepped up to the challenge.

Thanks for busy summer looking forward to the next!

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

Thanks to Mark Cuthell for helping so much behind the scenes. Couldn't have done it without you. This season we held the swimming raffle and beach volleyball. Our other event will have to wait due to the season being cut short.

The swimming raffle was another success this season. 39 competitors swam countless laps for half an hour to try and get a lucky ball and try and score a prize. \$495 was raised for the club from the swim raffle.

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

• Port Campbell Guesthouse	• Brendan Hickey Electrical
• Port Campbell Constructions	• Fat Cow Food and Co
• 12 Apostles Helicopters	• Port Campbell Shopping
• Princetown Institute of Sport	• Otway Fly Zip lines
• Waves	• Timboon Fine Ice Cream
• Childers Takeaway	• Otway Light Station
• Sow and Piglets Brewery	• Wine at Tillys

### Beach volleyball

Huge thank you to the Twelve Apostles Tourism and Business Group for sponsoring beach volleyball this season. It has been a huge help for organisers to not have to deal with payments of participants and allow everyone to have free fun!

Competitors came from far and wide, some from Princetown, others from the Paaratte and a few blow ins from overseas. We had different prizes each week from the winning team on the night ranging from bragging rights to Pringles. Congratulations to the Stinkin' Dogs: Ned Deppeler, Iagan McKenzie, Mitch Wallace, Zane Field and Taj 'Garfield' Field who won our refurbished volleyball trophy on our final night.

Teams of 4 played in a round robin each night and our expert team crunched the numbers and figured out who would play in the grand final. Some competitive family rivalries started in previous seasons were not resolved this year. This unfinished business will have to be sorted out next season. So, start training over winter and we will see you ready to go again next summer!

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE & BAR MANAGER'S REPORT: Shane Maslin**

2019-20 was a very busy year for the House Committee, as we continued to maintain and improve our impressive facility. The total revenue from our function rooms increased to \$65,000, which was pleasing. This is despite the revenue from hire fees being a little less than last year.

In summary, this year saw:

- The replacement of the lintels on the external façade. This was paid for by a maintenance grant from LSV and the state government.

- New air conditioner to the function room.
- Replacement of Lift motor
- Regular maintenance on the building with windows being water proofed, concertina door fixed, locks and security lights being replaced and plumbing fittings being upgraded.
- Security cameras purchased (yet to be installed).
- LED Lights in the Sunset room have been replaced and are now much brighter. This has made a significant difference for events at night.
- Steps up to the Sunset room have been made safer.
- Roof leaks in the Women's toilets and in the Patrol tower had done considerable damage to the ceilings This has now been fixed and the ceilings replaced.
- The Powell family donating money for a new TV for the sunset room (still to be purchased).
- New oar racks in the equipment storage area.
- A grant from the Corangamite Shire to pay for the development of plans for a future expansion of our downstairs 'training area'.

The following projects will be worked on in this new financial year.

- Continued discussions with Parks Victoria and DELWP to finalise our lease agreement. This includes trying to increase our current footprint to enable an expansion of our training area
- The installation of a new cool room in the Bar. This will replace the existing fridges and make the job of Bar Manager much more efficient. The current fridge is at the 'end of its use by date', so it is very timely to have this work done.
- Working with Williams Glaziers to develop an ongoing maintenance program for our windows.
- The most exciting project for is the extension and improvement of the outside first floor balcony. The Emergency Infra-structure Authority have sent through approved concept plans. The Managing of the project has been handed over to the club. The final outcome of this project will serve as a memorial to Ross and Andrew Powell.

Thanks once again 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.

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. This is no small task in keeping all of our clients happy and informed and it has not gone unnoticed.

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

Finally, a 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.

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

It has been a quiet year on the social front for the club, however the feedback from the 2019 Annual Dinner was very pleasing in that we managed to seat approx. 120 people in to the Sunset Room utilising a banquet table seating formation that we had not tried before. We were again treated to a delicious meal from Darren and his team at DJ's Catering and the room looked amazing decked out with some vintage items including the oars over the stairwell and the vintage prints around the walls which still take pride of place.

After the events of Easter Sunday 2019, Val came up with an idea for the club to continue to connect and share some tears and laughs over a quiet drink during our “PoAndy” days. Scheduled on the third Sunday of each month, these afternoons provided a great opportunity to share funny stories and treasured memories all the while keeping a check on the wellbeing of our fellow club members. Once the active summer season kicked in to gear – we were able to return to catching up during or after patrol, nippers and carnivals.

This year being the year social isolation became all the rage thanks to COVID-19 – we have postponed our Annual Dinner until sometime into the future. Also, perhaps once restrictions are lifted we can plan for an “End of ISO Party” to blow the cobwebs away and enjoy being social creatures once again.

Take care during these strange times of COVID-19 and look out for each other and yourself. Try to remember we are all in this together and that company is only a phone, zoom, webex, MS teams, messenger or facetime call away.



Post Annual Dinner 2019, Port Campbell Retro.

## PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT: Lara Falk

This past year we have grown a lot on all Social Media platforms. This growth has allowed us to connect with many different people, see the table below;

Platform	2018 – 2019	2019 – 2020
Facebook (Public Page)	265	398
Facebook (Private Page)	250	313
Instagram	389	532
TeamApp	27	48

Social Media is a pivotal platform for our club, the interaction with people from outside have increased a lot this past year. The average 'Reach' for most Facebook post's is 100 – 250 with our highest being 1900 people on Facebook.

Here are couple of my favourite moments from this past year that we saw on social media.





I am always looking for new idea's please contact me if you have any.

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

It has once again been my pleasure to have been the apparel officer over the past year

### **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.

Our new shipment of red hooded towels flew off the racks this year and were gone in a matter of weeks, I aim to restock again next year.

With the cancellation of a few events later in the season, sales slowed in March and April, so there is still quite a bit of stock ready for next season.

### **"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.

### **Nipper Uniform**

With the continued sponsorship from Beach Energy we were able to get all excess stock of pink vests correctly branded to ensure all of our members had current safety vests. Our new supply of nipper/club skull caps came a little after the season started, but seem to be of a good quality.

### **Patrol Uniforms**

Making sure that all patrol members were dressed in current uniform this year has not seemed to have any issues other than some mighty tiny SRCs who needed very small sizes. Last year's decision to just charge \$10 for all patrol headwear, not \$12 for some, has been much easier to handle. 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.

### **Budget**

Last year \$5000 was made available to pre-purchase stock. This would be appreciated for next year but with excess stock remaining, perhaps just \$3000 would be more realistic, to just top up Ghanda items and hooded towels.

## **TRIP TO BONDI REPORT: Charlotte Meade**

On the 7th of March 2020, 14 of our cadets from the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club, had the opportunity to expand their leadership skills on a camp to Bondi sponsored by Beach energy and Popes Buslines, Timboon. The Saturday morning accompanied by Ian Harris and Sharna Whitehand, we left Timboon before sunrise on the bus and travelled to Avalon where we took the plane to Sydney.

We dropped our bags off at Bondi YHA and explored down the street to get our first glimpse of sunny and warm Bondi. Shortly afterwards we walked down to the Bondi SLSC, met some of the members and learnt a





Patrolling at Bondi Beach

time everyone was quiet) We then walked over to Bronte. Over at Bronte, although the beach was closed we got to swim at the Bogey Hole and at the Baths which were freezing, compared to the water in the sea! We got to meet Graham the President of Surf Life Saving Australia, who is also a life member at Bronte.

In the afternoon we took the buses to Bondi Junction, where we got to go shopping. That night we sat on the terrace and watched the sunset till dark, having a view of Tamarama and Bronte. Then we went for the essential shop of lollies, food and ice-cream. The following day we went for a swim down at North Bondi before we took a bus to Circular Quay, taking a ferry ride over to Manly. We had another swim, and bought Darcy a pair of Budgy Smugglers for him back home. We made it just back in time for the bridge climb.

We got prepared to climb and started to walk on the bridge, we climbed up and got to see the harbour, and the Sydney Opera House, and watching the sunset on top. After climbing down the steps of the bridge, we went out for Rachel's birthday to a pancake parlour, our eyes being bigger than our stomachs! The following morning a few of the early birds got a last swim at Bondi at sunrise before we all packed up and took the taxis back to the airport and boarded the plane. The way home was way quieter than the way up, a number of us slept.

A big thank you to the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club, Beach Energy, Popes Bus lines, Ian Harris, Sharna Whitehand, Brooke Barnewall and Scott Mckenzie for making this trip possible for these 14 cadets. Getting to volunteer at Bondi was a great experience for all and we will all be looking forward to the upcoming season.

#### PARTICIPANTS

Milly Illingworth, Akisha Cuthell, Rachel Morden, Mali Glendinning, Alys Hibburt, Alice Hallyburton, Charlotte Meade, Blake Mottram, Isaac Jones, Zack Lenehan, Harrison Tournier, Luke Gale, Isaac Howard, Archie Dalziel.

#### KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

- the importance of a roving patrol
- The importance of communication
- How to use public transport
- Leadership skills
- Time management
- Learning from the best

little about the history of the club. For example, their patrol group names are named after people who have made an impact on the club in their history. We volunteered on the Hutchings and Besomo patrols. During the patrols we were considerably lucky with weather, it only rained when we finished.

Everyone enjoyed swimming at Bondi with the water temperature close to the 20s. We loved that no one needed to wear a wetsuit! During our second patrol at Bondi, we were lucky enough to meet four of the Bondi lifeguards, Afterwards we very shyly asked questions (the only

## CLUB AWARDS 2019 -2020

**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, and Scott McKenzie.*

