



# PORT CAMPBELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



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## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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60 years of lifesaving 1963 – 2023

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*Crayfest fun: PCSLSC nippers proudly showing off the red, black & white in the street parade.*



# Committee of management

## Club Executive

<b>President</b>	Scott McKenzie	<b>Vice President</b>	Rebecca McAuliffe
<b>Administration Officer</b>	Natalie Powell	<b>Treasurer</b>	Andrew Wilson

## Club Committee

<b>Club Captain</b>	Darcy Tribe	<b>Rescue Coordinator</b>	Brett Wallace
<b>Sponsorship Coordinator</b>	Andrew Wilson	<b>Special Events Coordinator</b>	Ben Matthews
<b>Publicity Coordinator</b>	Lara Falk	<b>Competition Coordinator &amp; Team Manager</b>	Andrew Vogels
<b>House Coordinator</b>	Marina Deppeler	<b>Junior Coordinator</b>	Georgia Copeland & Tracey Heeps
<b>Power Boat Captain</b>	Murray Joiner	<b>Chief Instructor</b>	Lara Falk

## Club positions

<b>Life Saving Operations Council</b>	Darcy Tribe	<b>Council of Life Saving Clubs</b>	Scott McKenzie
<b>AMSAR Delegate</b>	Brett Wallace	<b>Aquatic Sports Council</b>	Andrew Vogels
<b>Membership &amp; Leadership Council</b>	Scott McKenzie	<b>Vice Power Boat Captains</b>	Harry Howard Sean Lenehan
<b>Equity Officer (Female)</b>	Marina Deppeler	<b>Equity Officer (Male)</b>	Josh McKenzie
<b>Media Coordinator</b>	Brett Wallace	<b>Membership Registrar</b>	Natalie Powell
<b>Member Protection Officer</b>	Sean Lenehan	<b>Secretary (Public Officer)</b>	Andrew Wilson
<b>By-laws Coordinator</b>	Natalie Powell	<b>Historian</b>	Gav Deppeler
<b>First Aid Officer</b>	Georgia Barnett	<b>Vice Club Captain</b>	Che Stone
<b>Gear Steward</b>	Ian Harris	<b>Surf Guard Manager</b>	Natalie Powell
<b>ATV Coordinator</b>	David McKenzie	<b>Radio Officer</b>	Sean Lenehan
<b>OH&amp;S Officer</b>	Ian Harris	<b>Apparel Officer</b>	Sally Patridge
<b>Club Photographers</b>	Raelene Wicks Coralee Askew Scott McKenzie Cath Matthews	<b>IT Managers</b>	John Ryan Josh McKenzie Sean Lenehan

# Club sub-committees

## Finance Committee

Rebecca McAuliffe (Chair)  
Andrew Wilson

Tom Walsh  
James Green

Jayden Askew

## House Committee

Marina Deppeler  
Phillip Younis  
Brett Wallace

Shane Maslin  
Ian Harris

Shane Maslin: Bar Manager  
Scott Rawlings: Assistant Bar Manager

## Junior Committee

Georgia Copeland & Tracey Heeps:  
Junior Coordinators

YIP Coordinator (N/A)

Scott McKenzie:  
Membership & Leadership Development

## Training & Assessment Committee

David McKenzie  
Shane Maslin  
James Green  
Darcy Tribe

Lara Falk  
Scott McKenzie  
Brooke Barnewall  
Che Stone

John Ryan  
Ian Harris  
Sean Lenehan  
Charlotte Meade

## Sponsorship Committee

Natalie Powell (Chair)  
Andrew Wilson

James Green  
Scott McKenzie

Gary Askew

## Special Events Committee

Ben Matthews  
Guy Faber

Mitch Griestede  
Charlie Trotter

Cam McKenzie  
Darcy Tribe

## Social Committee

Bec McAuliffe (Chair)  
Tracey Heaps

Bronwyn Rantall  
Marg O'Toole

Cath Matthews  
Leonie Wallace

## Competition Committee

Marg O'Toole:  
Swim Series Coordinator

Stephanie Hibburt:  
Board & Ski Captain

Andrew Vogels:  
Boat Captain & Club Coach

# President report

It has been another extraordinary year for the club.  
Driven by some very passionate people that we are lucky to have.

A few highlights of where we stand as a club over the 2022/23 season were:

- Making the short-list of nominees for the **LSV Awards of Excellence Club of the Year**.
- At the **South West Sports Awards**:
  - **PCSLSC** won **Club of the Year**.
  - **Darcy Tribe** won the **Emerging Leader in Sport award**.
  - **Steph Hibburt** was a finalist in the **Women's Leadership in Sport award**.
  - Our **Peterborough patrol** initiative was a finalist in the **Club Innovation award**.
  - The **Shipwreck Coast Swim Series** was a finalist in the **Community Sport & Recreation Event of the Year**.



*Cath, Darcy, James, Ruth, Nat, Georgia, Marie, Rae & David at the South West Sports Awards.*

Nat has done an amazing job this year, striving to get us to refine, and use, systems that can make us an even better club. She led the way in developing an excellent club survey and getting enough member and community participation in the survey to give us a valid and valuable dataset to show how we are tracking on the many facets of being an all-ages, volunteer club in the emergency services space.

Nat has also been driving the comprehensive review of our club bylaws and I thank her for pushing this sometimes-tedious task along. The bylaws are a very important part of our club governance and were well overdue for a careful review.

Darcy has had a stellar year. After a nice long holiday, he came back with renewed energy to take on even

more tasks than the previous years. He basically single-handedly got the Peterborough patrol trial from concept to reality, despite having a number of Peterborough locals pull out of the training at the final hour. To bookend the season, he ran another bronze course to catch any Nipper parents and others who were keen to do it.



*Three generations of the McKenzie family on patrol at the launch of the McKenzie Family Lifesaver of the Year award.  
Pic: Raelene Wicks*

Darcy got the idea in his head that it might be nice to inaugurate an award in the McKenzie family name. A very thoughtful thing to do. And again, Darcy took it from concept to reality and the first presentation of this award will be at the 2023 Annual Dinner.

He and the Special Events Committee continued with another year of the swim raffle, raising a good deal of money for the Leukemia Foundation. He was also a key player in running the volleyball nights, the cadets walk at Princetown and generally continued to mentor all our younger members as a Club Captain I know they all look up to.

Darcy applied for, and was deservedly accepted into, the week-long National Leadership College in Sydney. This is a week-long intensive training course focused on guiding participants to find their own leadership style. The focus is for participants to develop skills and capabilities that will enable them to play a key role in the future of the surf lifesaving movement in Australia.

Darcy rounded out the season by assisting Sarah and Harry on taking 15 of our young members to Bondi for a weekend of lifesaving at the birthplace of SLISA.

One of the most important roles within our committee is the Junior Coordinator role. Yet it is often one of the hardest to fill. I really, really appreciate Tracey Heeps and Georgia Copeland, who together put their hand up to share that role this year, and they did a fantastic job. The role seems to become more involved every year, with various bureaucratic requirements and, having not done it before, Trace and Georgia were straight in at the deep end.

With Nat's help, they got a record number of kids signed up, paid up and participating in another fantastic season of Nippers. Much gratitude to everyone who helped run Nippers this year.

The House Committee has had another great year under Marina's leadership. Along with scheduling, chairing, and minuting the House Committee monthly meetings, Marina has had a really busy year in her role as Bookings Agent for the club's Sunset Room and Meeting Room. Post-COVID, the interest in both rooms as a go-to destination for all sorts of meetings, training and functions has gone through the roof. Marina has made sure all enquiries are promptly attended to and has universally provided fantastic customer service to anyone wishing to hire our facilities. She also stepped in to take on the cleaner role herself when our previous cleaner departed. Thank you, Marina.

A big thank you to the Club Executive, Bec, Nat and Andrew. These three shoulder a fair burden of responsibility in ensuring the good and correct governance of our club and I really appreciate the time they have to spend on club matters that their busy lives often don't readily allow for. It does not go unnoticed.

There are of course many, many other names I have not mentioned here, or I would take up half the report. That is not to say that any of you are less important to the club than those I have mentioned. I hope that as you read through the various sections in this Annual Report you take a moment to reflect on how many hours members have voluntarily given to ensure the ongoing success of our club.

We were successful in our applications for the two-for-one VESEP (Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program) grant for a club vehicle. Our contribution of funds came from Beach Energy. The vehicle is a great asset for the club and has already saved 7,000km worth of travel on our members' private vehicles by towing the surfboat to Perth and back for the Aussies. A vehicle policy has been developed to provide guidance to what club activities the vehicle can be used for.

We lost a dear friend and Life Member, Jon McLeod, in December. That hurt. It hurt a lot. It still does. It was universally agreed that a nice, and fitting, way to honour Jon would be to name our annual ocean swim in his honour. The Jon McLeod Memorial 12 Apostles Plunge will be a wonderful way to remember Jon every year now.

We enjoyed another year of financial support thanks to our ongoing partnership with Beach. All our young people who were selected to attend the various Membership & Leadership Development camps. The kids who did the Sydney trip. The Junior rowing crews. The Nippers. All were able to offset the cost of their various activities thanks to Beach. We owe them, and our many other sponsors, much thanks.

It has been a privilege to serve as President for another year of a club that is the envy of many larger clubs around the state and country.

I look forward to doing a bit of reminiscing later in the year when we mark 60 years since the formation of our wonderful organisation, the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club inc.

As a sign off I would like to quote the SLSA mission:

***We save lives, create great Australians and build better communities.***

Keep up the great work everyone.

**Scott McKenzie**  
President



*Scott McKenzie (centre) with the Pixies: Mali Glendening, Rachel Morden, Jo McKenzie & Alyssa Hibburt.*

# Administration Officer report

It has been big year getting my head around all things administration for the club, at times feeling a bit like I've been drinking from a fire hydrant! It has certainly left me in admiration of my predecessor, Jon, who seemed to manage it all in his stride.

So, it is a timely opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your support and patience over this past year as I have learned the ropes and tried to fill some very big shoes.

Fortunately, there are a lot of experienced and capable people on the committee and in the club who have helped guide me through this period. As a result, our governance and administration functions have continued to run smoothly, with well attended meetings and many important decisions discussed and made about the current and future operations of our club.

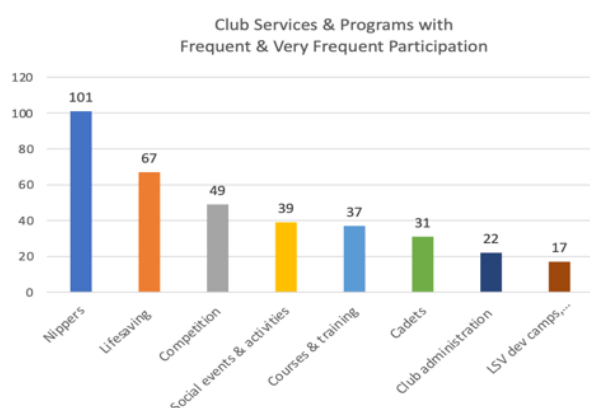
A big thank you to all committee members who have dedicated countless hours attending, preparing, and following up on decisions coming out of these meetings.

## Club survey

This year we conducted a survey of members and the wider community for the club to:

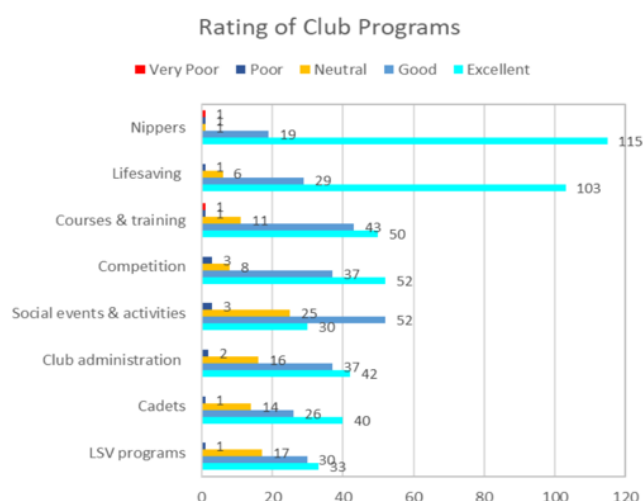
- gain a better understanding of what is important,
- recognise areas in the club that are working well,
- identify areas for improvement.

The survey attracted strong participation, with 230 individual responses from current members, former members, and community participants.



**Nippers & lifesaving have the highest participation at the club.**

Overall, the results offered very strong feedback that the club is doing a great job with our offerings and efforts to engage members and the wider community. Questions around club activities & programs, volunteering experiences, facilities & equipment and communications & social engagements all evoked strong ratings in good to excellent.



**All club programs rated well, with nippers and lifesaving programs rating the highest.**

Areas for possible improvement were identified through the number of neutral ratings, rather than poor or very poor. This is a great result, indicating that these areas may require tweaking rather than radical change.

From here, the committee have formed a strategic planning working group and will be using these findings, along with previous planning documents and other resources, to refresh our strategic plan over the coming season.

## Bylaw review

Another project underway is the review and update of our club's bylaws. With a few review meetings already under our belt and a few more to go, it's certainly been a big exercise but very worthwhile.

A big thank you to everyone involved.

## Membership report

Membership remains healthy within the club, with a total of 431 people signing up for the 2022/23 season. This continues an upward trend in membership year on year across all but one category (active 15-18 years).

This growth is largely driven by junior membership (cadets and junior activity members) which peaked at just over 200 this season. This is a testament to the club's nipper and cadet programs, which attract strong participation and high satisfaction ratings from members and the wider community.



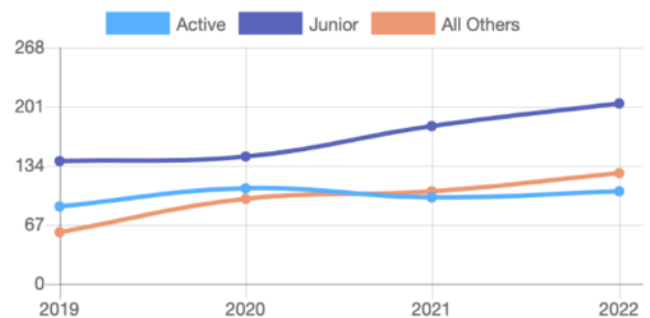
With only approximately 440 permanent residents in the township of Port Campbell, our members travel from all corners of the Corangamite Shire – and as far as Warrnambool, Colac, Geelong and Melbourne – to participate in club activities.

Our relatively new Community Member category enables the club to offer bronze medallion training (for a fee) for community members who aren't able to meet the patrol requirements of an active member. This year we helped 11 teachers from Ballarat & Clarendon College and the Alpine School gain their bronze medallion.

### Natalie Powell

Admin Officer

### Historical Membership Trend By Season



Membership category	Male	Female	2022/23	2021/22
<b>Junior Activity (5-13 years)</b>	86	81	<b>167</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Cadet (13-15 years)</b>	24	10	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Active (15-18 years)</b>	11	12	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Active (18+ years)</b>	37	36	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Reserve Active</b>	4	5	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Associate</b>	6	5	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>General</b>	43	45	<b>88</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Life member</b>	14	1	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Community</b>	7	4	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>381</b>



The inaugural Peterborough Patrol on Thursday 26 January 2023. Dave McKenzie, Ben Matthews, Jess Maxwell, Ruth Mason, Sharna Whitehand, Mali Glendinning, Darcy Tribe, Che Stone, Cath Matthews & Jim Matthews. Pic Raelene Wicks.



# Treasurer report

## Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

It is with pleasure that I present the Treasurers Report to the club for the eleventh time. I will discuss the financial result in detail at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 21 May.

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the audited reports, but I would expect this will have happened and copies will be available at the AGM. If you would like a copy and cannot attend, just contact me.

This year saw the continued improvement of the club's finances while, at the same time, continued investment in the facility.

The House Committee and the members who donate their time really do an amazing job to get so much done for minimal cost. My thanks to the House Committee for their support for me and the role which is vital while improvements are undertaken.

With restrictions no longer being around, it was great to see all parts of the club returning to normal. Functions were back to normal, and this continues to bring in the much-needed funds to maintain our building, with the costs of doing so continuing to rise.

Having remarked to someone about this recently, this role continues to evolve. With memberships now being exclusively online, the role doesn't have the face-to-face element it once did, but it always continues to challenge and give great enjoyment.

Finally, a thank you to both the executive and the general committee. These roles cannot work if people are not on the same page and this support is very much appreciated.

**Andrew Wilson**  
Treasurer



*Luke Perris & Ash Tregear enjoying another perfect day on Port Campbell Bay with the U10 Nippers Pic Raelene Wicks.*

# Sponsorship report

We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses and government authorities for their support of our club this past financial year. This may have been through grants, sponsorships or donations.

- Beach Energy
- Emergency Management Victoria
- Vic Sport (sporting clubs grants)
- Life Saving Victoria
- Corangamite Shire Quick Response Grant
- DJ Catering
- Kangarooie Meats
- South West Healthcare
- AGL
- Breakwater IB
- Mibus Bros
- PFD Foods
- Yumbah Narrawong
- Jason Lamb Splash Factory
- Pope's Bus lines
- Port Campbell Constructions
- GM Cabinets
- Jayden Askew
- Leahy's Electrical Services
- The Peterborough Resident's Group
- Sow & Piglets Brewery
- Bunnings Warrnambool

And the many other individuals, families, groups, and businesses that have supported us once again throughout the 2022/23 season.



*Our two Beach Energy sponsored surf boats on the beach at Bulli, NSW for the ASRL Open in February 2023.*

## Club Captain report

The flags come down for another season. What a season it's been. First a thank you to our amazing patrollers, patrol captains and water safety volunteers who again made the season flow so well. Without all of you we wouldn't have the quality service we offer.

It was the longest season we have ever had running from late November until ANZAC day. There have been some big patrol hours put into patrol this season. This is shown on page 12 with our top patrol hours. A true credit to all involved for continuing to contribute with our quality service. There's a lot to cover from this season and here's a quick overview.

### Peak season

Boxing Day was a very busy day on patrol with four board rescues in the bay within a couple of hours. It was the perfect storm for an incident, it a nice sunny

day, busiest time of year, big waves, and surging waters. The following day, on 27 December, there was an oxygen therapy incident for a lady who took in water while playing in the waves. Patrol was also extended by an extra hour for both these heightened risk days. Well done to all involved over that busy period.

### Peterborough patrol

Peterborough got its own trial outpost patrol this season. A Peterborough community session was held in September which, combined with lots of advertising



on social media for new Peterborough patrollers, helped us achieve this trial. The patrol went for three days over the Australia Day long weekend.

Although the original idea was to patrol Peterborough on weekends and public holidays between Boxing Day until Australia day, we just didn't get enough new bronze holders to make it happen in that format. But we still were able to recruit quality new members in Ruth Mason and James Czencz.

Thank you to all involved who helped make it happen. We will continue to build the Peterborough patrol next season, so keep spreading the word that we need more Peterborough patrollers.

### Pink patrol

Pink Patrol was another successful day this season, with a 20-strong, all-women patrol. The 20 patrollers cost the club president lunch for all of the patrollers, after losing his own wager.

The patrol was followed by a function at Grassroots, celebrating PCSLSC women's contribution to our club from past to present. Thank you to Steph Hibburt for taking the pink patrol on this year and to all involved who helped contribute to the \$2000 raised for the Leukaemia Foundation, by selling flavoured pink milks after the swim raffle.



**Port Campbell's Pink Patrol. Pic Raelene Wicks**

### Lifeguards

Port Campbell hosted lifeguards again this season from Boxing Day until Australia Day on weekdays. This season the lifeguards were mostly Port Campbell members on duty here. It was amazing to see us so well represented and almost self-sufficient for the lifeguard season as a club.

### GOW

We hosted a Great Ocean Walk day in February, taking a bus load of members and other members of local

emergency agencies from Wreck Beach to Princetown. It was a successful day, with room to build more coastal awareness days from it.



**Improving our coastal familiarisation on the GOW.**

### McKenzie legacy

On 12 March, we were able to have a special patrol and surprise Dave McKenzie. All three generations of Dave & Marie's family were on patrol together. That includes Dave, Scott, Josh, Bec, Cath, Sam, Rob, Ben, Chelsea, Jack, Will, Cam, Iagan and Claire, as well as Jim who married his way in, all on patrol together. As far as we know it's a family patrol record! Mildura LSC were also down to patrol that weekend. They were amazed at what they were able to witness on patrol.

At the patrol, Dave, Marie and Family learned about our club's newest award, the McKenzie Lifesaver of the Year award. This award is awarded to a club member to recognise their outstanding service of volunteer patrolling throughout the season. The winner has shown strong leadership skills, been a positive role model and has demonstrated high integrity.

### Junior development

In the last month of the season, we were able to have junior members take on the patrol captain and vice-captain roles and get a taste of what it's like leading a patrol. It was a good experience for all involved and great to see new faces feeling confident to grab these opportunities as they arise.

So that's it. A busy season done and dusted. Thanks for being a part of it and thanks for being you. See you at the beach soon.

Thanks,

**Darcy Tribe**  
Club Captain



**Pic Raelene Wicks.**



## 2022/23 Club Champs



*Just a few of the athletes who battled it out for the 2023 club championship crown. Pic Raelene Wicks.*

Our highest quality athletes battled it out in gruelling conditions this year for bragging rights. This year's club champs was a timed run, swim and board event. Well done to all competitors. This event should make the regular run, swim, run look a breeze at the start of next season.

### 2022/23 season club champions:

#### U15 Male

- 1st Josh McKenzie
- 2nd Ronan Kerr
- 3rd Finn Baxter

#### U18 Female

- 1st Molly Jones

#### U18 Male

- 1st Jack Matthews
- 2nd Zeth Kerr
- 3rd Will Banks

#### Open Female

- 1st Steph Hibburt
- 2nd Susanna Ryan
- 3rd Alysa Hibburt
- 4th Delys Jones

#### Open Male

- 1st Charlie Trotter
- 2nd Ben Matthews
- 3rd Guy Faber
- 4th Mitch Trotter
- 5th Aaron Giblett

#### Masters Female

- 1st Tiff Jones
- 2nd Nat Powell

#### Masters Male

- 1st Brett Wallace

#### Not Quite Veterans Female

- 1st Marina Deppeler

#### Not Quite Veterans Male

- 1st Scott McKenzie

## Top 10 female & male patrollers

Leading Female Patrol Members	
Name	Hours
Cathryn Matthews (ID: 3759176)	57.3
Susanna Ryan (ID: 4556638)	53.5
Bethany Best (ID: 5896086)	38.8
Thea Vogels (ID: 5413773)	35.3
Alysa Hibburt (ID: 5614510)	35.0
Molly Jones (ID: 5466072)	34.0
Brooke Barnewall (ID: 3759148)	33.0
Olivia Whiting (ID: 4765870)	32.3
Tiffany Jones (ID: 5991513)	31.8
Rebecca McAuliffe (ID: 3759276)	30.5

Leading Male Patrol Members	
Name	Hours
1. Guy Faber (ID: 4765885)	127.5
2. Darcy Tribe (ID: 4148547)	83.0
3. Ben O'Leary (ID: 5733266)	83.0
4. Ian Harris (ID: 3759259)	66.5
5. Benjamin Matthews (ID: 4133658)	63.0
6. Robert Matthews (ID: 3759110)	63.0
7. Zeth Kerr (ID: 5452853)	56.0
8. Zane Vogels (ID: 5413775)	54.0
9. Jack Matthews (ID: 4523350)	49.5
10. David McKenzie (ID: 3759274)	44.3

# Radio Officer report

Radios this year have been very self-sustaining.

No major issues were raised, no repairs to equipment besides a few damaged waterproof bags which is inevitable. This year there were a few minor software updates, but they presented no issues.

I'd like to thank all members on their care when utilising these radios and congratulate all who competed their Radio operators Certificate with me this past season.

I'm looking forward to another smooth sailing season in 2023/24.

Thanks!

**Sean Lenehan**  
Radio Officer



# Vehicle Officer report

Our new side-by-side vehicle (SSV) (Can-Am) arrived for the start of patrol this season.  
From all reports, it is performing the task we require.

It is pleasing to observe that our members are operating the vehicle in a safe and responsible manner. Please keep up the safety aspect of the vehicle. Remember, we operate where people are carefree and don't often see us coming.

We were able to purchase our new Can-Am mainly because of you, the members. You have maintained the cleanliness after every patrol and consequently the re-sale value was high. We hope to change over the Can-Am every two to three years.

Thank you to all members already inducted to drive the vehicle. Remember, if you haven't been inducted, please don't drive the Can-Am. Always remember to drive slowly, responsibly and, above all, safely.

## New club vehicle

This year an opportunity came up for PCSLSC to secure a club vehicle through the state government VESEP Grant program. This is a two-for-one funding model, with VESEP covering two thirds of the cost. PCSLSC were able to use sponsorship from Beach Energy to fund the remaining third.

We picked up our new Isuzu ute in March, and already it has been put to good use at the Kangarooie Klassic and to tow the surf boat to Perth for the Aussie Titles. We have developed a vehicle policy, which outlines club rules around its use, and we're confident it will prove to be another valuable asset for the club.

**David McKenzie**  
Vehicle Officer



*Olive & Olivia with one of the Bondi Lifeguards in their SSV*



*PCSLSC acquired our first motor vehicle at the end of the season*



# First Aid report

Well done to everyone throughout this last patrol season.

Just a friendly reminder for everyone for the seasons ahead to contact the first aid officer when anything has been used so that we can keep the first aid room well stocked and up to date.

With the patrol and nipper season finished up for the meantime, 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 can access it. There are also 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 a medical emergency.

Early, effective CPR and defibrillation save lives.

I would also like to take the time to thank South West Healthcare, Warrnambool, for their support and assistance in servicing our Oxy Viva this season.

**Georgia Barnett**

First Aid Officer

# Gear Steward report

We made it to the end of another hectic season following lots of fun times on the beach. As usual it was a relatively busy season maintaining gear and equipment around the club.

However, this was made easier with Patrol Captains and club members caring for equipment and promptly reporting any damage.

As the Gear Stewart, my role is to maintain equipment used on patrols, in training and for 'recreational' use. It's the usual repairs with fins missing, hand straps pulled out and the odd ding in a fibre glass board. That's all part of the challenges, battling with the ocean, sand, and unknowns... accidents happen!

Pre-season all gear is inspected, otherwise known as the annual Gear Inspection. All equipment is checked both from within the club and from someone outside of the club.

This is a vital part of our preparation and maintenance for the patrol season to ensure your safety when fulfilling your patrol or competition roles. If it is not safe to use, then it must be repaired and rechecked.

Remember, don't hesitate to let us know if equipment is not safe to use. Many thanks to those members who assisted the with pre-season gear inspections, it was much appreciated.

I look forward to our 2023/24 season and the camaraderie it brings. Until then relax, sit back in the warmth of your homes, enjoy the footy (if you are into it), and stay safe.

**Harry (Ian Harris)**

Gear Stewart



*U13 nippers ready to go on the boards. Pic Raelene Wicks*



*Pre-season gear inspection with Harry, Matt & Fuzz.*



# Boat Captain & Team Manager report

It was a great year for the PCSLSC Boaties and their wonderful supporters. We started the season off with the launch of the new surfboat which was purchased as part of our ongoing sponsorship from Beach Energy.

The boat has been named after Jon McLeod in recognition of his passion for surfboat racing. We hope it will be rowed in the spirit that Cloudy would be proud of.

## Interstate competition

We had crews competing at Victorian competitions as well as in South Australia, New South Wales, and Western Australia.

The Pixies, Subsonics, Cowgirls and Rockets, along with many enthusiastic supporters, travelled to Bulli for the ASRL open. The Rockets made it to the quarterfinals and the Subsonics to the first elimination round.

The Rockets and Subsonics both represented Victoria in the interstate challenge. This is the first time Port Campbell has had two teams make it into the state team in the same year.

The Rockets also made the trip up to Collaroy for the Young Guns carnival where they made the final.

## State & Aussie titles

At the state titles this year, the Kittens kicked off the weekend with a silver medal in the masters 200 years age group. In other results:

- The Stingrays won gold and the Subsonics silver in the U19 male.
- The Pixies took silver in the U19 female.
- The Rockets won Gold in the U23 male.
- The Rockets, Kittens and Pixies combined to win Gold in the surfboat relay.



*Trace sprints to the finish line for Vic gold. Pic Coralee Askew.*

The Rockets saved their best till last making the semi-finals (top 8 crews) at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Perth's Scarborough beach. The Aussies was the culmination of three years' hard work for this crew, an awesome performance, and the equal highest result any Port crew has achieved at the Aussies open events.

The Port Campbell boat crews continue to improve every season and it's great that we now turn up to major events expecting to have boats in finals. Just as important is the way our members go out of their way to help other crews and officials on and off the beach. It does not go unnoticed.

Thanks to everyone who helps make the Port Campbell boat team the success it is.

## Andrew Vogels

Boat Captain & Team Manager



*The Rockets: U23 boys. Pic Coralee Askew.*



*The Stingrays: U19 boys. Pic Coralee Askew.*

## PCSLSC boat crews: 2022/23 season

### Pixies: U19 girls

- Alyssa Hibburt
- Rachel Morden
- Jo McKenzie
- Mali Glendening
- Scott McKenzie (sweep)

### Cowgirls: Reserve women

- Em Mansfield
- Holly McKenzie
- Rachel Muffett
- Jorja Nieuwenhuizen
- Nat Powell
- Andrew Vogels (sweep)

### Subsonics: U19 boys

- Jack Mathews
- Dan Ryan
- Lenny Tregoe Copland
- Will Banks
- Zane Vogels
- Andrew Vogels (sweep)

### Kittens: Reserve/masters women

- Bronnie Rantall
- Brooke Barnewall
- Tracy Heaps
- Leonie Wallace
- Scott McKenzie (sweep)

### Stingrays: U19 boys

- Zeth Kerr
- Bobby Gristede
- Max Rantall
- Robbie Morden
- Gary Askew (sweep)

### Rockets: U23 boys

- Ben Mathews
- Cam McKenzie
- Mitch Gristede
- Charlie Trotter
- Gary Askew (sweep)



*The Kittens: Reserve & masters women. Pic Coralee Askew.*



*The Pixies: U19 girls. Pic Coralee Askew.*



*The Cowgirls: Reserve women. Pic John Wiseman.*



*The Subsonics: U19 boys. Pic Coralee Askew.*



*State titles oars up in memory of former surf boat competitors who have passed, including our own Jon McLeod. Pic Coralee Askew.*



# Junior Coordinator report

Port Campbell was blessed with the unprecedented good fortune of beautiful beach conditions for eight out of ten Saturdays over the Nippers season. Blue skies, small swells and barely a shiver to be seen for our 177 Nippers!

This made lots of time in the water building confidence and improving surf and beach safety skills. Given the past two seasons of interrupted programming, families and Nippers volunteers alike were pleased to see a more consistent season.



*Perfect Nipper weather almost every week! Pic Raelene Wicks*

## Competition

Competitions across the state for junior and senior Nippers also resumed, with increasing interest from PCSLSC families. We saw some terrific performances from a talented team of eight kids happy to throw themselves into a competitive environment in Anglesea during a February carnival. There were many placings during the heats and Hudson Bell (Under 8) came second in the Beach Flags final.

Port Campbell was represented at the Victorian Junior Lifesaving Championships by Crawford Dunn, Rory Hollick and Aysha Hollick. This carnival, known as the State Titles, is held over three days in Warrnambool. The conditions were punishing, but the "have-a-go" attitude was admirable. Our top results were courtesy of Rory Hollick, reaching the final of the Board Paddle event and winning the Under 9 Beach Run.



*Congrats Rory! Gold in U9 beach run at the State Titles!*

We look forward to continuing to build this part of the Nippers program, as we grow with experience and involvement in competition. Particular thanks is to be extended to Tate Tregear-Copeland for liaising with LSV, and the parents who stepped up to officiate at both carnivals.

## Thank-you!

Entering this season saw a number of goals set for the Nippers committee, including finding opportunities for parents to be involved, transitioning to more IT savvy processes, and succession planning for Age Managers/beach assistance/water safety.

Feedback showed that parents would like to be involved but didn't know how. The "Green-Vesters" idea evolved, and we had around a dozen parents resplendent in lime green each week, adored by their Under 7, Under 8 and Under 9 kids.

Their role was to support the Age Managers with organising and encouraging the troops, to keep the activities running smoothly. Such a positive response saw a good number go on to graduate from the most recent Bronze Medallion squad.

More skills into the mix of the Nippers program next year! This includes administration skills, an underrated but crucially important part of any community organisation. Georgia Copeland and Nat Powell were relentless with their determination to tame the beast that is Nipper's registration and admin. Real learnings this season have secured a strong foundation for subsequent years ahead. Big acknowledgements here-thank you!

Thanks also extended to Sally Partridge who has been responsible for keeping the Nippers looking shipshape in Nipper's safety uniforms and PCSLSC merchandise for many years.



*Hi-vis vested up: Sidney, Elise and Indii. Pic Raelene Wicks.*



## Nippers BBQ

The Nippers barbeque made a comeback with Pope's Bus lines generously sponsoring four sessions as did NACAP Construction, rounding off the Nippers Fun Day with a sausage and a saucy smile.

The Nippers barbeques continue to be a handy fund raiser for Nipper's equipment and uniforms. Thank you to the families who volunteered to buy the bread and cook and serve the barbeques.

## Next season

The Nippers committee have started planning for the 2023/24 season already and we anticipate another full-to-capacity program with lots of keen folk supporting the kids on the beach and in the water. There are plans afoot to widen diversity and inclusion for all primary school aged kids to participate in Nippers. Enormous thanks to the water safety crew who front up each week. We see you!!

## Georgia Copeland & Tracey Heeps

Junior Coordinators

Age group	Age managers	Nipper club champs
<b>Under 7s</b>	Bronwyn Rantall & Leonie Wallace	Gretel Hollick & Nelson Cook
<b>Under 8s</b>	Bobbie French & Zeth Kerr	Willow Wills & Hudson Bell
<b>Under 9s</b>	Clare Dunn, Olivia Tutungi & Brandon Reid	Emma Lillie & George Titmus
<b>Under 10s</b>	Tracey Heeps, Ash Tregoe & Luke Perris	Elaine Ryan, Jade Nesseler & Rory Hollick,
<b>Under 11s</b>	Andrew Vogels	Pippa Paterson, Dallas Blain & Harry Sinnot
<b>Under 12s</b>	Bec McAuliffe & Scott Rawlings	Aysha Hollick, Alby Jones
<b>Under 13s</b>	Matt Bowker & Sam Doolan	Ally Baxter, William Paterson
<b>Under 14s</b>	Brooke Barnewall	Ava Cunningham, Harrison Glennen

## Nipper Class of '23

Congratulations to the U14s who completed their nipper journey in 2023: Ruby Jones, Ava Cunningham, Charli Lee, Lola Hayes, Asha Loughnan, Claire McAuliffe, Toby Rantall, Oliver Sharp, Toby Hellessey, Jarvis Holland, Gabriel Blain (top right picture below, left to right) plus Ned Darcy, Harrison Glennen and Nate Sambell.



Top left: Nipper class of '23; Top right: Santa made an appearance, much to the Nippers' delight; Bottom left: fierce competition in U14 beach flags; Bottom middle: Nipper fun day action with the tube; Bottom right: All smiles from future IRB drivers. Pics Raelene Wicks.

# Rescue Coordinator report

It is a positive sign of a safe season when there is little to convey in the Rescue Coordinator's report. There was only one incident for the season, and we had limited involvement.

With the absence of a larger craft and the discontinuation of the Coastal Rescue Service, the club role in marine rescue is continually evolving.

Local marine rescue was limited to two missing divers at Wreck Beach in the one incident in early May. The club was called on to simply offer support to Water Police Victoria and liaise with Life Saving Victoria (LSV) in the deployment of the drone to aid in the search. Unfortunately, the search remained unresolved with one man found deceased and the other still missing.

Talks continue with the Warrnambool Coast Guard with the aim to provide first response rescue capabilities in Port Campbell. Currently the nearest organisations are the Apollo Bay and Warrnambool Coastguard. Response times are lengthy due to their locality, especially in rough conditions for incidents in our area.

Beyond the surf club, there are many locals with the experience and skills to add great value to this proposal. Should this idea gather momentum, this service would not have any affiliation with our club or LSV. At this stage, we are simply investigating the options and using our experience and contacts within Marine Search and Rescue (MSAR) to assist if possible.

Warrnambool Coastguard is a highly professional organisation, and I would like to thank their members,

in particular Alan Wood, for continuing discussions and providing support. Hopefully, a few of us can get across to Warrnambool at some stage to investigate further.

Whilst the Coastal Rescue Service has ceased operating, the club is still on standby to be involved in any local incidents that may arise in our area. IRBs and personnel may still be called on via LSV Rescue Command. Any involvement will be assessed by the club according to sea conditions and available members, and assistance will be provided where possible.

LSV is currently developing a new incident call out system. Our local call out list will be updated shortly and circulated to members.

**Brett Wallace**  
Rescue Coordinator



*Pic Raelene Wicks.*



*Port Campbell Short Course Carnival, November 2022. Pic Raelene Wicks.*



# Power Boat Captain report

Hello all, it's that time of the year when we all get together and talk about how big the waves were, how cold the water was, how high the boat went, how many preventative actions we were a part of, but – best of all – what a great year we have had.



*A nipper highlight: Santa & his helper. Pic Raelene Wicks.*

We got hold of our new Gen3 IRB and Tohatsu engine, which gives us four ducks and five engines. The club is

in a terrific place in times of a callout as far as gear goes. With that, as always, we continue to train new drivers and crewies to man the crafts.

With minimal damage, it has really just been ongoing maintenance, cleaning and services to the equipment. This I can't do alone, so thanks to Sean and Harry (who now lives in Ballarat) for all their inputs.

Again, the boats don't go far without fuel, and we have the best sponsor in Popes Bus Lines from Timboon, thank you very much David and your team.

Looking towards next year, I have put my hat in the ring again to be power boat captain, hope to see you all at reguals so we can do it all over again. Bye for now,

**Murray (Blue) Joiner**  
Powe Boat Captain

# Apparel officer report

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. Hooded towels have also been as popular as ever.

## Surf Club shop

The shop was open more regularly this year, but having no regular times continues to cause reduced awareness, especially for new families.

## Nipper uniform

With the continued sponsorship from Beach Energy, we were once again able to ensure all of our members had current safety vests.

## Patrol uniforms

Once again, we had to reissue all patrol members with new tops to reflect new sponsorships, but with the help of Patrol Captains I think we got everyone covered. If there are still any old shirts about, we are still collecting them for recycling.

## Budget

In the previous season, \$5,000 was made available to pre-purchase stock. This amount would be ideal for the 22/23 season as well.

**Sally Partridge**  
Apparel Officer



*Alysa & Sethp Hibburt decked out in patrol gear at the inaugural Peterborough patrol. Pic Raelene Wicks.*



# Swim Series report

On Sunday 5 February, the fourth (and last) Swim Series event was hosted by Port Campbell SLSC. This year's event was renamed the Jon McLeod Memorial 12 Apostles Plunge.

This swim series is becoming more and more popular each year. The Port Campbell swim in particular is attracting many from outside this region. Port Campbell had 298 swimmers register (a record!) with 267 actually swimming. Portland also attracted 141 swimmers, Port Fairy had 295 swimmers and Warrnambool had 243.

The conditions were 'challenging' to say the least, with several enquires prior to the start on whether or not the swim was actually going ahead! A TRUE ocean swim for sure!



*Challenging conditions for swimmers. Pic Raelene Wicks*

## 2023 swim

It was a great day with many new, and old, good-natured rivalries emerging. The day ran very smoothly with just a couple of minor hitches.

The series was so popular this year we actually ran out of t-shirts. As these have become a bit of a 'collector's item', there were some disappointed punters. This will definitely be rectified next year.

The new timing program developed a couple of issues which were efficiently sorted by the IT crew. But the one little hitch obvious to all was the inflatable finish arch springing a leak, which gave some competitors a rather deflated finish! Thanks to Voges et al. for quickly finding a pump to save the day!



*What leak... swimmers sprinting to the temporarily out of action inflatable finish line. Pic Raelene Wicks.*

## A team effort

The success of this series is the amazing cooperative teamwork of the volunteers running it. The four surf lifesaving clubs involved – Port Campbell, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, and Portland – all work together with a 'team' who help out at each club's swim, including IRBs and, on the actual day of our swim, the PCSLSC members.



*Harry and Rob helping out. Pic Raelene Wicks.*

The beauty of this event is that anyone attached to the club can be involved. A BIG SHOUT OUT to all helpers:

- It was great to see cadets helping with set up, pack up and water safety. Thanks to Ian Harris for coordinating, (and the sausage sizzle for helpers!)
- Dave and Wal did a brilliant job as always organising the course set up.
- To all who helped on rego desk, many who are no longer active, but members just the same.
- The brave folk who manned the start and finish line and 'mustering' area.
- Andrew and the timing team who were busy on the iPads.
- The Boaties and Val for providing the BBQ.
- Cath for taking on first aid.
- And, of course, the IRB drivers and crew.
- Scott for doing the overall coordination.
- Raelene and Coralee for the photos.

Such a great team effort – THANK YOU! Apologies if I've missed anyone. This swim series is a major fund raiser for all the clubs involved with the overall takings divided between each club. This year it looks like each club will receive the amazing amount of approximately \$7848.60! Woohoo!

## Marg O'Toole

Swim Series Coordinator





*Registration all in hand thanks to all the helpers!*



*Sarah Matthews, Marina Deppeler, Darcy Tribe & Rangi Vickers.*



*The first wave hits the water in the 2023 12 Apostles Plunge.*



*Aaron Giblett & Guy Faber on duty for the swim series.*



*Lucy Jones and Susanna Ryan rescue ready.*



*The McLeod family showing their support.*



*Monica and Mitch muscling up for the swim.*



*Volunteers Claire McAuliffe & Lola Hayes.*

*All photos by Raelene Wicks.*



# Chief Instructor report

We started the season with the Training and Assessment Team undertaking their Skills Maintenance in Warrnambool on a lovely October day.

We upgraded our First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and Provide CPR awards. This update allowed for all our trainers to continue to maintain a high standard over the summer.

The table below provides a summary of the awards which were gained throughout the summer.

Before we head into a new summer, we will have more opportunities to undertake training online over the cooler months. More details will be published soon.

This summer looked slightly different to others, with me not being there. Our Training and Assessment team

really assisted me with various things! I would like to thank Darcy, Scott, Harry, and Sean for helping run many different courses this summer! Your help doesn't go unnoticed, and I know all members appreciated your time and dedication this summer!

I would personally like to thank our team of trainers and assessors. Without them we wouldn't be able to offer the training we did over the summer. And, to our active members, it's been great to see so many of you upskilling over summer!

**Lara Falk**  
Chief Instructor

Age group	Count
Surf Rescue Certificate	12
Bronze Medallion	25
Bronze Bridging	2
First Aid	18
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	18
Resuscitation (CPR)	11
SSV	11
Radio Officers Certificate	8
Training Officer Certificate	Nil – upcoming courses in winter



*Port Campbell's newest bronzies, graduating in March 2023. Back L-R: Huon Glendenning, David McKenzie Amy Newton, Ian Harris, Tash Johnson, Travis Riches, Tom Marshallsea, Nick Lillie, Che Stone. Front L to R: James Green, Sharron Cotton, Bethanie Best, Jade Danby, Jaye Dickenson, Jen Trigg, Jeremy Doolan, Jo Lille, Kristian Riedl, Darcy Tribe.*

# Membership & Leadership Development

It was another great year on the Membership & Leadership Development (M&LD) front, especially for our junior members.

## SLSA Leadership College

As mentioned in the President's Report, Darcy Tribe attended the week-long Leadership College in Sydney. It was a great opportunity for him to meet other passionate up-and-comers from around the country and pick up some great ideas to try around our club.

## Advanced lifesaving camp

We had a couple of members attend the Advanced Life Saving camp. This added to our group of skilled young members who are able to do paid Lifeguard duties over the busy summer months.

## U18 leadership camp

Back in October, Will Banks was endorsed by the club to apply to the U18 Leadership Camp at Somers, over on the Mornington Peninsular.

Across the weekend, participants were involved in numerous activities which were designed for learning in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. These included:

- Team building activities.
- Building their own lifesaving club.
- A team challenge.
- Mentoring/coaching activities.
- And, finishing off on the Sunday with some patrol-based scenarios.



## U13 camp

Will Paterson was selected to apply to the U13 camp at Lake Dewar at the end of March. Across the weekend, kids participated in numerous activities designed for learning in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. These included:

- Leadership Tunnelling System.
- Raft Building.
- Initiatives Trail.
- First Aid Scenarios.
- Lifesaving Pathways.
- The Lake Dewar Amazing Race, plus lots more!



## U15 camp

Joshua McKenzie, Harrison Glennen and Finn Baxter (pictured below L to R) were endorsed and accepted into the U15 camp that was held at the Anglesea YMCA on the first weekend in May. They had a great time meeting kids their age from all across the state.



## Club-led activities

The Bondi Development & Leadership Camp was a highlight for our cadet age kids and I thank Tribey, Sarah and Harry for their efforts in making this happen.

We once again supported various school visits to our club and beach and also ran a lifesaving and water safety info day for the primary kids at Timboon P12. We cooked snags for Brauer kids and looked out for Cobden Tech kids and Camberwell Grammar Kids. We ran info session for several groups from Ballarat's Clarendon College year 9s, while they were on their Yuulong Camp. And we also put all their teachers through their bronze medallions!

## Thank you!

None of these LSV or PCSLSC led camps are free, or even cheap for that matter, so it is again with thanks that I mention our partnership with Beach Energy.

Junior development was, and is, one of the big selling points of our approach to this sponsorship and it is great that we continue to honour that commitment and fill the available positions to these camps and activities.

Finally, a big thank you to Leah Champion for taking on the role of M&LD coordinator in recent months. It is fantastic to have a new face on the team of committed committee people.

**Scott McKenzie**  
M&LD Coordinator



## Bondi Development & Leadership Camp 2023

In late March, 14 of Port Campbell SLSC's junior members with four camp leaders got to go on the Bondi Development and Leadership Camp. This experience was absolutely incredible.

We stayed at the Bondi Surf Lifesaving Club, with an ocean view. Some of us participated in a 400m swim with some locals and members of the club. Followed by a swim to the boat ramp with Virginia Pope who showed us lots of fish and told us things about the weather and ocean there.

We were also very fortunate to have the opportunity to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge. For someone who has never been to Sydney, this truly was the best way to see the Opera House, Lunar Park, and the city all in one view. I also enjoyed listening about the history of how the bridge was built many years ago. Our trip also included taking a visit to Bondi Junction for some shopping time, followed by a swim at a nearby, yet very different beach, Manly.

The main part of our trip was to experience lifesaving on Bondi Beach. We were welcomed by members on the patrol team and guided through where we needed to be. We were in small groups, then paired up with two or more of the patrol members. They explained how their day would usually go and pointed out the layout of their beach; including one of the main rips "backpackers." Which is called this due to the backpackers who come and run straight into the rip.

They also pointed out that a third of the beach is patrolled by another club being North Bondi. The patrols are split into two separate shifts throughout the day due to the long hours, and they have set rotations during the patrol. This was truly a once in a life time experience, and certainly one to remember.

From this trip I learnt how differently clubs can run patrols according to their individual beaches and morals. I feel I have gained more of an understanding of how Bondi's patrol works. I thought the way that Bondi had set rotations was very efficient and could be something Port Campbell Surf Club could implement. I also feel that having some sort of walk or camp locally along the coast could help show younger members where we patrol too.

Overall, I got so much out of this camp and feel super lucky to have been given this opportunity. I would highly recommend it to a friend. Thanks to Beach Energy and Popes Bus lines for their support of the unique experience we offer. Thank you so much to everyone who helped put this together.

### Molly Jones

Junior Active Member & camp participant



*2023 Bondi camp: Bethanie Best, Susanna Ryan, Molly Jones, Olivia Whiting, Olive Andrew, Zeth Kerr, Dan Ryan, Max Rantall, Jack Matthews, Nathan Hallyburton, Zane Vogels, Darcy Tribe, Finn Darcy, Sarah Matthews, Will Banks and Robbie Morden.*

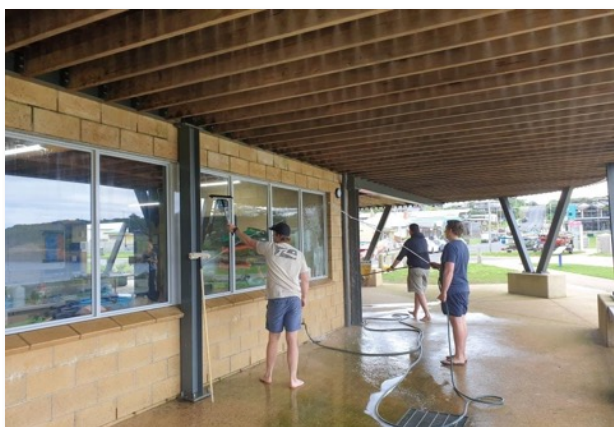
# House Committee report

The 2022/23 season has been a very busy and productive one for the House Committee, completing many items listed on the maintenance audit list.

A huge thank you to Brett Wallace, Phillip Younis, Shane Maslin, Ian Harris and Murray Joiner who have tirelessly worked hard to complete the items listed within this report.

The House Committee is trusted with managing the building that provides the club with security and housing of all our equipment, as well as the functions that help us raise some of the funds that we need to provide the services we do. The House Committee is charged with two specific roles: 1) building and maintenance; and 2) management and marketing.

An annual facility audit is carried out to identify building issues that need addressing as well as improvement works. This forms the basis of our maintenance list and budget, with items being prioritised based on urgency.



**Charlie Trotter, Cam McKenzie & Ben O'Leary on window duty.**

## Work achieved in FY23.

Below is the list of works the House Committee have completed for the period from April 2022 to March 2023:

- Pre-season storage area clean & clear out.
- Connection & housing of new generator in storage shed.
- Foreshore roof replacement.
- Replacement of back carpark gutter & spreader downpipe.
- Painted fascia.
- Replacement of iron cladding & screws at the front entrance between club main door & public toilets.
- Repainted storage room, bar & meeting room.
- Installation of bar cool room temperature monitor.
- Installation of "No Smoking" signage on balcony & exterior main door entrance.
- Installation of pigeon hole shelving to walls in female changeroom/toilet/shower.
- Installation of pigeon hole shelving to walls in male changeroom/toilet/shower.
- Installed new shower heads in female & male changerooms.
- Replaced kitchen canopy fan filters, service & clean.
- Installed cabinet doors to the kitchen crockery pantry.
- Dry-cleaned carpet in function room, meeting room, patrol room, landing, first aid room & training room.
- Jim's Test & Tag service to all electrical points & appliances.
- Six monthly exit & emergency lighting tests conducted.
- New wiring above downstairs foreshore bay windows.
- New shelving for boards & surf skis.
- Installation of IRB roof storage system.



**Pre-season clean up with Wal, Zane & Voges.**



- Installation of rubber matting in female & male changerooms.
- Replacement lock & port programmer.
- New blinds in the meeting room & office.
- New microwave & urn for kitchen.
- New six burner flat top BBQ, kindly donated by Bunnings Warrnambool

### Management & marketing

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

- New radio advertising
- New cleaning staff

### With thanks

The House Committee would like to sincerely thank:

- Bar Manager, Shane Maslin, and Assistant Bar Manager, Scott Rawlings, plus all volunteer bar staff and the club's Function Room Booking Agent, Marina Deppler.
- Treasurer Andrew Wilson & the Sponsorship Committee who have sourced the needed funds to enable us to carry out maintenance and upgrades to our facility.
- IT Officers Josh McKenzie and Sean Lenehan for their assistance and support with the club's key access system.

- Darcy Tribe and Jayden Askew for their assistance and support with the club's security and electrical system.
- All members who have donated their time assisting with the maintenance and cleaning of our wonderful facility in yet another busy and successful season.

### Marina Deppler

Chair, House Committee



*Members raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation as part of PCSLSC's Pink Patrol: Ruth Mason, Alysa Hibburt, Bethanie Best, Susanna Ryan & Chelsea Matthews.*

## Bar Manager report

An outstanding year for the bar as we recover from the covid downturn with a turnover of nearly \$57,000 which is a tremendous result and would go close to our highest on record.

This is only achieved by the many hours put in by our members volunteering their time to keep the many functions running smoothly and efficiently so a huge thankyou to all of you. A big thank you to Scott Rawlings, who took on the job of assistant bar manager at very short notice. He has done an outstanding job of filling bar staff numbers which, at times, can be

daunting and involve a lot of phone calls. So, when your call comes through try and say yes to put a smile on his face.

By law, to serve alcohol staff must hold a current Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate which lasts for three years but is easily updated online which I will be following up. Also, a new course is coming up through the shire so those who need this certificate can do so thus spreading the workload.

We have an outstanding facility with spectacular coastal views which is second to none in our area so let's show it off with pride and do the club proud. Keep up the good work.

### Shane Maslin

Bar Manager



*Scott Rawlings, Cheryl Tregoe, Chelsea Matthews & Bec McAuliffe on bar duty.*

# Publicity Officer report

This past year our Social Media platform's growth has really exceeded my expectations.

The figures below really do demonstrate the popularity and demand to keep up content on our social media platforms. I am really impressed by the increase in people who 'Liked' or 'Followed' our public Facebook and Instagram pages in the past year.

This growth has allowed us to connect with many different people, see the table below.

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 6,839 people with our highest being 4,450 people on Facebook.

To the right and below are a few of my favourite moments from this past year.

I am always looking for new ideas. Please contact me if you have any. Thank you,

**Lara Falk**

Publicity Officer



*Sunset on a perfect summer's day over the Port Campbell Bay.*

Platform	2018 – 2019	2019 – 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023
<b>Facebook (Public Page)</b>	265	398	645	867	999
<b>Facebook (Private Page)</b>	250	313	337	370	413
<b>Instagram</b>	389	532	641	703	762
<b>TeamApp</b>	27	48	48	48	50



*On your marks: Swim series competitors on the starting line. Pic Raelene Wicks.*



*Team Vic: Port Campbell's U19 team (Subsonics) and U23 team (The Rockets) were selected to represent the state at ASRL .*



# Special Events Committee report

Another successful year from a special events point of view, including the inclusion of new sub-committee members Guy Faber, Mitch Gristede, Cam McKenzie and Charlie Trotter.

This ensured that this season's events ran smoothly and the Special Events 'meetings' (which were held at the brewery) were full of good ideas.

## Beach volleyball

The twilight beach volleyball competition runs throughout January and is always a hit, this year being no exception. We had some perfect nights and each Friday evening saw no less than eight teams, some of whom brought along family and friends to make the most of what our foreshore has to offer.

A special thanks goes out to Jiri and the Sow and Piglets Brewery for sponsoring the event and allowing us to run it free of charge. We look forward to running this again next summer.

## Swim raffle

Good weather brought in around 30 participants for the Swim Raffle, some swimmers signing up for a chance to race their mates, others just happy to enjoy our beautiful bay. Loads of prizes were donated by local businesses and handed out to both swimmers and water safety.

The event was followed by the pink patrol and, by the end of the day, a total of \$2,000 dollars was raised for the Leukemia Foundation. Thank you to everyone who participated and to the many generous donors:

REAL • Timboon distillery • Kangaroo Meats • Timboon Fine Ice cream • Port O Call motel • Schulz organic dairy • Port Campbell Guesthouse •

Milk & Honey • Carramar Sage • Timboon Demons FNC • Timboon Hardware • 12 Rocks • Port Campbell Trading Co. • Port Campbell Construction • Timboon Plumbing & pumps • Little Bit Sweet • Waves • Grassroots • Berry World • Port Campbell Hotel • PCSLSC • Princetown Institute of Sport • The Fat Cow Food Co. • Port Campbell Shopping • Timboon Provedore.



*A picture perfect day for the swim raffle.*

## Thank you!

As we head into the new year, I would like to thank all current members and helpers. I would also like to encourage anyone with new ideas and an interest in organising events for the surf club community to put their name down and join the special events team.

Let's put our heads together over the winter and make next season a big one, full of events. Cheers,

**Ben Matthews**

Special Events Committee Chair



*Perfect weather conditions for Friday night beach volleyball in January.*

# Long service awards

In recognition of a member's long-term commitment to PCSLSC, awards for 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 years of service will be provided. They will be awarded to any member who has contributed to the club in at least one of the following ways for.

- A patrolling member.
- As an Age Manager, Assistant Age Manager or Water Safety Officer in our Nipper Program.
- As a member of our Committee of Management.
- Any other specific purpose agreed to by our Committee of Management.
- Years of membership shall commence from the date of joining the club but not earlier than the age to become eligible to obtain SLSA Surf Rescue

Certificate (13 years). Where the years of membership are not continuous, they shall be aggregated.

## 2023 long service awards:



**Tracey Heeps**  
15-year award



**Matt Bowker**  
20-year award

# Club awards 2022/23

## 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 the most votes from members at the Annual Dinner.*

## David & Marie McKenzie Family Lifesaver of the Year

David completed his bronze in the inaugural Port Campbell bronze squad in 1963. David has served many different roles, including trainer, assessor, radio officer and important community role model. Marie has been equally as important in our community, being kind, supportive and patient. David and Marie have influenced their family to be major contributors to PCSLSC and the broader community. David has set a good standard to be alert and never take your eyes off the water while on patrol. This award is awarded to a club member to recognise their outstanding service of volunteer patrolling throughout the season. The

winner has demonstrated strong leadership skills, been a positive role model and high integrity.

This award was unveiled on 12 March 2023, to all three generations of the McKenzie Family on a patrol that day together. David was on patrol with his four children and nine grandchildren.

*This award is chosen by the Club Captain and President and ratified by McKenzie family member.*

## The John Younis Best Junior Club Person

The premier award to the Junior (U18) 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 centred 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 and award is ratified by a Younis family member.*



## The Ross & 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 choose this award.*

## The Peter O'Rourke 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 PCSLSC. 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 26 May 2010. His contribution to PCSLSC will always be remembered.

*The Club Executive choose 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 President chooses this Award.*

## The Bill Pope Most Efficient Patrol Award

This award is dedicated to the memory of Bill Pope. Bill was an active contributor to PCSLSC from the club's initial inception. Today, Bill and his family have active roles in the club over four generations. Rowing and sweeping boats, club champion, patrol captain and club captain, Bill enjoyed the many roles that his children and 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 six positions: Patrol Captain, IRB Driver, IRB Crew, ARTC, First Aid and SRC.*

## The Competitor/Competitive Team of the Year: Open & Nipper

This award is awarded to the team/individual who has/had:

- competed at least two carnivals for the season.
- been highly committed to regular & focused training.
- shown significant improvement over the season.
- consistently demonstrated sportsmanlike behaviour (respectful to other competitors, officials).
- fulfilled the necessary responsibilities as an active member of PCSLSC.

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

*The Open award is determined by Team Manager & Competition Coordinator, in consultation with club coaches. The Nipper award will be determined by the Junior Competition Coordinator in consultation with club coaches and, where relevant, Age Managers.*

## PCSLSC membership 2022/23 season

### Life members

Andrew McKellar  
Andrew Vogels  
Brett Wallace  
David McKenzie  
Hugh Worrall  
James Green  
Jon McLeod  
Karen Currell  
Murray Joiner  
Neil Trotter  
Phillip Younis  
Phillip Younis  
Ronald McMeel  
Scott McKenzie  
Shane Maslin  
Thomas Delaney

### Active 18+ members (inc. Reserve Active & Long Service)

Aaron Giblett  
Ahliya Harris  
Alysa Hibburt  
Amanda Couch  
Ashley Tregoe  
Ben O'Leary  
Benjamin Matthews  
Bobbie French  
Brianna Thompson  
Bronwyn Rantall  
Brooke Barnewall  
Campbell McKenzie  
Cathryn Matthews

Charlie Trotter  
Charlotte Meade  
Che Stone  
Chelsea Matthews  
Darcy Tribe  
Dean McKenzie  
Delys Jones  
Emily Morden  
Emily Stephens  
Ethan Arundell  
Gary Askew  
Georgia Barnett  
Georgia Copeland  
Guy Faber  
Harrison Whiting  
Harry Howard  
Holly McKenzie

Ian Harris  
James Hallyburton  
James Matthews  
James Maxwell  
Jared Beaton  
Jason Beveridge  
Jayden Askew  
Jesse Van Wollingen  
Jessica Maxwell  
Joanne Leatham  
John Ryan  
Jorja Nieuwenhuizen  
Joshua Leslie  
McKenzie  
Joy Morden  
Katy Millard  
Kerry O'Shea

Lachy Bowker  
Lara Falk  
Leonie Wallace  
Luke Perriss  
Lynda McKenzie  
Marina Deppeler  
Matt Bowker  
Mick Francis  
Mitchell Gristede  
Mitchell Trotter  
Monica Ryan  
Natalie Powell  
Natasha Johnson  
Neal Simmonds  
Nico Pol  
Nicole Kerr  
Olivia Tutungi

Patrick Ryan  
Rachel Murfett  
Rangi Vickers  
Rebecca McAuliffe  
Rebecca Van Wollingen  
Robert Matthews  
Ruth Mason  
Samuel Doolan  
Samuel Matthews  
Sarah Matthews  
Sean Lenehan  
Sharna Whitehand  
Sophie Blain  
Stephanie Hibburt  
Tate Tregoe-Copeland  
Thomas Marshallsea  
Tiffany Jones

Tracey Heeps  
Trevor Casey

### Active members 15-18 years

Abbey Trotter  
Akisha Cuthell  
Alice Hallyburton  
Chris Bowker  
Daniel Ryan  
Iagan McKenzie  
Jack Matthews  
Johanna McKenzie  
Kristofer Gristede  
Lennox Tregear-Copeland  
Lucy Jones  
Mali Glendinning  
Millicent Illingworth  
Molly Jones  
Nathan Hallyburton  
Olive Andrew  
Olivia Whiting  
Rachel Morden  
Stephen Benallack  
Susanna Ryan  
Taj Quarrell  
William Banks  
Zeth Kerr

### Cadet members (13-15 years)

Asha Loughnan  
Ava Cunningham  
Bethany Best  
Caius Cuthell  
Charli Lee  
Charlie Bowker  
Claire McAuliffe  
Cooper Whiting  
Finn Baxter  
Finn Darcy  
Gabriel Blain  
Harrison Glennen  
Huon Glendinning  
Ines Quarrell  
Jarvis Holland  
Joshua Dean  
McKenzie  
Lachlan Douglas  
Lolita Hayes  
Matilda Hayes  
Max Rantall  
Nate Sambell  
Ned Darcy  
Oliver Sharp  
Raleigh Williams  
Robert Morden  
Ronan Kerr  
Ruby Jones

Thea Vogels  
Thomas Ryan  
Toby Gale  
Toby Hellessey  
Toby Rantall  
Tommy illingworth  
Zane Vogels

### Junior Activity members (5-13 years)

Addison Whitehead  
Adelaide Riches  
Alby Jones  
Alexander Gristede  
Alexandra Baxter  
Amelia Delaney  
Anastasia Waters  
Anderson Pekin  
Angus Selman  
Anna Banks  
Annabel Doolan  
Archie Maxwell  
Audrey Hassett  
Ava Gillett  
Aysha Hollick  
Bear Brooks  
Beau Delaney  
Beau Mackieson  
Benjamin Gristede  
Benjamin Newton  
Benji Sanderson  
Billie Gillett  
Blake O'Connor  
Bonnie Dickson  
Burke Riches  
Carter McVilly  
Charlie Wilson  
Clara Jeffery  
Clea Sinclair  
Cooper Doolan  
Crawford Dunn  
Crew Weir  
Dakota Pyke  
Dallas Blain  
Deegan Sambell  
Dominic Jonathan  
Leech  
Dusty Blain  
Edie Alexander  
Edward Townsend  
Eli Kerr  
Elise Nesseler  
Elise Quarrell  
Elise Schulz  
Ella Sanderson  
Ellen Whiting  
Elliana Newton  
Elliot O'Connor  
Emilio Haig

Emily Menzies  
Emily Stephens  
Emma Lillie  
Etti Glennen  
Eva Watson  
Felix Riedl  
Finn Verity  
Finniss Wood  
Fletcher Hickey  
Florence Pope  
George Titmus  
Greta Darcy  
Gretel Hollick  
Gus Thompson  
Harper Doolan  
Harry Lawson  
Harry Sinnott  
Harvey Townsend  
Hudson Bell  
Hugh Maxwell  
Ike Valckx  
Imogen McVilly  
Indi Bickell  
Indi Robertson  
Indii McKenzie  
Isabella Hoffmann  
Isla Davis  
Isla Dickinson  
Ivy Tutungi  
Jack McKenzie  
Jack Newton  
Jacob Delaney  
Jade Nesseler  
James Mugavin  
Jasmin Ryan  
Jed Watson  
Jeddah Loughnan  
Jimmy Selman  
Judd Doolan  
Katie Collins  
Kyah Collins  
Lacey Doolan  
Lachlan Doolan  
Laura Douglas  
Laylah Angus  
Lenny Champion  
Leo Bickell  
Lexi Collins  
Lexie Campbell  
Lilly Morris  
Lily Verity  
Lou Andrew  
Lucille Riedl  
Lucy Gillett  
Lukas Hrebenyuk  
Mabel Couch  
Mahli Rawlings  
Maisie Cunningham  
Martha Andrew

Matilda Douglas  
Matthew Lawson  
Max Couch  
Max Hinkley  
Mayana Beveridge  
Menzel Cook  
Milla Loughnan  
Ned Mackieson  
Nell Andrew  
Nelson Cook  
Niah Pinny  
Nicholas Whitehead  
Nick Lawson  
Nick Leech  
Olive Doolan  
Olive Wills  
Oliver Gillett  
Olivia Newton  
Olly Dickinson  
Oscar Robertson  
Patrick Hassett  
Pippa Paterson  
Quinn Pekin  
Rhys Darcy  
Riley Stephens  
Rocco Brooks  
Rohan Davis  
Rollo Pope  
Rory Hollick  
Rosie Selman  
Roxana Grave  
Ruairaidh Menzies  
Ruben Perriss  
Ruby Glennen  
Sacha Blain  
Safia Roney  
Sidney Champion  
Sienna McKenzie  
Slater Kennedy  
Sonny Davis  
Sophie Mugavin  
Spencer Doolan  
Summer Davis  
Sylvia Harkin  
Thomas Schulz  
Torsten Francis  
Tristan O'Connor  
Tyra Sambell  
Vince Titmus  
Vincent Pinny  
Wilbur Reid  
Will Robertson  
Willa Pope  
William Douglas  
William Paterson  
William Ryan  
William Sinnott  
Willow Wills  
Winnie Alexander

Xavier Richardson  
**Associate members**

Andrew Wilson  
Gavan Deppeler  
Margaret O'Toole  
Raelene Wicks  
Sally Partridge

### General members

Colleen Ryan  
Damian Ryan  
Kyle Gillett  
Noel McKinnon  
Sophie Bowker  
Stephen Dickinson  
Aaron Sinnott  
Abbey Schulz  
Adam Bell  
Amy Newton  
Andrew Delaney  
Andrew Whiting  
Anne-Maree Harris  
Anthony Quarrell  
Ashley Gristede  
Belinda Doolan  
Brandon Reid  
Bree Robertson  
Brett Powell  
Bryce Morden  
Catherine Sinclair  
Chris Hibburt  
Clare Dunn  
Cody Deppeler  
Corinne Beames  
Craig Blain  
Daniel Campbell  
Daniel McKinnon  
David Pope  
Emma Sheed  
Gavin Sinclair  
Georgie Selman  
Graham Hayes  
Heath Robertson  
Holly Bell  
Jacqui Cornelissen  
Jade Danby  
Jade Sambell  
James Czencz  
Jan Green  
Jaye Dickinson  
Jennifer Trigg  
Jeremy Doolan  
Jesse Deppeler  
Jessica Britton  
Joanne Lillie  
Kathy Hallyburton  
Kris Loughnan  
Kristian Riedl  
Lauren Peterson

Lawrence Green  
Leah Champion  
Linda Whiting  
Lucinda Titmus  
Lydia Darcy  
Malcolm Hallyburton  
Marie McKenzie  
Marilyn Gristede  
Mark Cuthell  
Melissa McKenzie  
Michelle Gristede  
Nic Sambell  
Nicholas Lillie  
Penelope Maxwell  
Peter Gristede  
Pru Darcy  
Rebecca O'Connor  
Richard Selman  
Rochelle Pekin  
Ryan Jones  
Sam Newton  
Scott Rawlings  
Sharon Cotton  
Simon Trotter  
Simone Hayes  
Stephen O'Connor  
Stephen Trotter  
Susan Trotter  
Talia Blain  
Tanya Campbell  
Tara Reid  
Taya McLeish  
Thelma Green  
Thomas Walsh  
Tina Hrebenyuk  
Todd Baxter  
Tony Hassett  
Tony McAuliffe  
Travis Riches  
Trent Champion  
Trudy Cuthell  
Willem McKenzie  
Yvonne McKellar  
Zoe Vogels

### Community members

Alyssa Trethowan  
Beau Stuchbery  
Daniel Fritch  
Isabelle Abraham  
Jim Templar  
Lachlan Matheson  
Maxine Duffield  
Rebecca Orr  
Roger Bade  
Ryan McCluggage  
Stuart Rickard



*Oars up in honour of much-loved member and friend, Jon McLeod, December 2022.*