



PORT CAMPBELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025

60 years of lifesaving 1963 – 2023

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Committee of Management

Club Executive

President	Rebecca McAuliffe	Treasurer	Andrew Wilson
Vice President	Darcy Tribe	Administration Officer	Lynda McKenzie
Immediate Past President	Scott McKenzie		

Club Committee

Club Captain	Che Stone	Rescue Coordinator	Brett Wallace
Sponsorship Coordinator	Scott McKenzie	Special Events Coordinator	Alysa Hibburt
Publicity Coordinator	Holly McKenzie	Competition Coordinator & Team Manager	Andrew Vogels
House Coordinator	Marina Deppeler	Junior Coordinator	Georgia Copeland & Tracey Heeps
Power Boat Captain	Ashley Tregoe	Chief Instructor	Sarah Matthews

Club Positions

Life Saving Operations Council	Che Stone	Council of Life Saving Clubs	Rebecca McAuliffe
AMSAR Delegate	Brett Wallace	Aquatic Sports Council	Andrew Vogels
Membership & Leadership Council	Leah Champion	Vice Power Boat Captain	Jack Matthews
Membership Protection Officer (Female)	Brooke Barnewall	Member Protection Officer (Male)	Josh McKenzie
Media Coordinator	Brett Wallace	Membership Registrar	James Czencz/ Georgia Copeland
Senior IT Officer	Josh McKenzie	Secretary (Public Officer)	Andrew Wilson
By-laws Coordinator	Scott McKenzie	Historian	Gavin Deppeler
First Aid Officer	Georgia Barnett	Vice Club Captain	Susanna Ryan
Gear Steward	Ian Harris	Surf Guard Manager	James Czencz/ Georgia Copeland
Vehicle Officer	David McKenzie	Radio Officer	Aaron Giblett
OH&S Officer	Ian Harris	Apparel Officer	Simone Hayes
Vice Chief Instructor	Scott McKenzie		
Club Photographers	Raelene Wicks	Coralee Askew	Scott McKenzie Cath Matthews

Club Sub-Committees

Finance Committee

Darcy Tribe (Chair)
Andrew Wilson

Tom Walsh
James Green

Scott McKenzie

House Committee

Marina Deppeler (Chair)
Phillip Younis
Brett Wallace

Thomas Delaney
Ian Harris
Murray Joiner

Bar Manager: Shane Maslin
Assistant Bar Manager: Scott Rawlings

Junior Committee

Junior Coordinators:
Tracey Heeps, Georgia Copeland
Bronwyn Rantall

YIP Coordinator:
Susanna Ryan
Brandon Reid

Membership & Leadership Development:
Leah Champion
Leonie Wallace

Training & Assessment Committee

David McKenzie
Shane Maslin
James Green
Darcy Tribe
Thomas Marshallsea
Sarah Matthews

Lara Falk
Scott McKenzie
Brooke Barnewall
Che Stone
James Czencz
Aaron Giblett

John Ryan
Ian Harris
Sean Lenehan
Charlotte Meade
Tracey Heeps
Ben Matthews

Sponsorship Committee

Scott McKenzie

Andrew Wilson

Matthew Bowker

Special Events Committee

Alysa Hibburt (Chair)
Aaron Giblett

Molly Jones
Ben Matthews

Susanna Ryan

Social Committee

Leonie Wallace (Chair)
Tracey Heeps
Mitch Gristede

Bronwyn Rantall
Marg O'Toole

Cath Matthews
Robert Matthews

IT Committee

Josh McKenzie (Chair)

John Ryan

Sean Lenehan

Competition Committee

Swim Series Coordinator:
Scott McKenzie

Club Coach:
Gary Askew

Board & Ski Captain:
Ben Matthews

Boat Captain:
Andrew Vogels

PINK PATROL - PORT CAMPBELL



2025 Pink Patrol Members; L-R David McKenzie, Greta Darcy, Indi Bickell, Jesse Van Wollingen, Martha Andrew, Monica Ryan, Ava Cunningham, Susanna Ryan, Lola Hayes, Rachel Murfett, Marina Deppeler, Rebecca McAuliffe, Claire McAuliffe, Bethany Best, Cathryn Matthews.

President Report

Reflecting on my inaugural year as President, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. We are a club with a proud history and an inclusive culture.

Our dedicated volunteers, supportive community, and resilient spirit have made for another memorable year.

The year began with the launch of our 2024 - 2028 Strategic Plan. A lot of work was put into the creation of this document by many members, and I would like to acknowledge Natalie Powell for her significant contribution and her drive in seeing this to fruition. As with any live document, the Strategic Plan will continue to evolve over the coming years but will provide a "road map" to direct our focus on the goals identified within each of our Strategic Pillars - these being Rescue Ready, Training & Development, Social Engagement, Competition and Operations.

Rescue Ready

Focus Area: Increase the rescue readiness of our members

As you will read in the Rescue Coordinator report, the club identified that with many new members qualifying to be on patrol or conduct water safety activities, and with less exposure to actual rescue activities, we needed to review, train and educate all our members on the current procedures and processes to follow in the event of an incident. It was great to be involved in one of the patrols where a tabletop mock rescue was conducted. This provided opportunities for active members both junior and senior to ask questions and hypothesise about potential outcomes in the safety of a practice scenario. Thanks to Wal, Darcy and Scott

for their work in reviewing and re-communicating these vital procedures. We are well on our way to achieving the operational goals set for this key focus area.

Training & Development



Skills Maintenance Session – November 2024

Focus Area: Deliver quality training, contributing to the development of future community leaders

Work commenced in June 2024 for the summer season, with the opening of re-registration for Nipper families. With over 240 junior members, organisation is key – and this was demonstrated yet again with the amazing spectacle that we saw on each of those 10 Saturdays over summer, when the pink vests and colourful flags swarm across the beach and bay. The future of our club is sound, and it is such a fantastic feeling to be surrounded by such enthusiasm, energy and

happiness when enveloped by Nippers doing their thing!

Yet again the Junior Coordinators – Georgia and Tracey ran a magnificent Nipper program with help from Age Managers, Assistants and the great water safety, green vester and BBQ volunteers. They have collaborated really well with their team and developed a succession plan that puts the club in great stead for the future. Thank you to all involved in yet another fantastic Nipper season.

In the training and development arena, it has been yet another action-packed season, and thanks to Sarah Matthews our Chief Instructor (and her team), we have seen many new and existing members increase their knowledge and skill by obtaining a number of different awards. Details can be found in the Chief Instructor report below.

We saw many members benefit from attending LSV camps and leadership courses and we will continue to promote these great opportunities to our junior and senior members.

We have seen continued success under this strategic pillar and look forward to what the future holds.

Social Engagement

Focus Area: Provide a connected, fun, safe, healthy and friendly social environment.

From Bogan Bingo to beach volleyball and everything in-between, this season has generated some hilarious memories on the social side of club life. The Social Committee raised the bar with the inaugural Bogan Night, and I can see this growing into an annual staple, particularly as a post Port Campbell surf boat carnival and pre- skills maintenance weekend package deal.

With invitations to be involved in functions such as Seas the Day, Daniher's Drive, and the Variety Vic tour, our members have plenty of opportunities to not only contribute to raising funds for the club, but to also have some fun whilst they are at it. Special mention to Marina Deppeler, the club's function booking agent for the hours and hours of work she has dedicated to liaising with brides, grooms, parents, organisations and the general public looking to utilise our amazing Sunset Room.

It is always rewarding to see visitors to the club and members alike enjoying a refreshment on the balcony during the warm summer evenings. Thank you to those members who operate the bar for these occasions.

The club provides social engagement and enjoyment for many members, and it is an area that we can always continue to improve on. As with everything – it is time and resource dependent. I thank all members for their involvement in our social activities this year – and look forward to what the year ahead brings.

Competition

Focus Area: Foster diverse surf boat teams & individuals that compete at state and national level.

With eight surf boat crews in action this season across female and male divisions from U19's in their very first year, to the more seasoned Masters crews, we continue to have a very strong and competitive boat rowing contingent in the club. We have had crews represent the club at Worlds, Nationals and State Title competitions this year – a phenomenal achievement for a small club (in boat rowing circles).

We celebrated individual success at state level as well, with Susanna Ryan winning bronze at the State Titles in the Open Women 2km beach run. With so much action in the boat arena, Susie went about her business with her usual low key, under the radar approach. You are a champ, Susie! Keep up the great work.

The club will continue to engage young members through our rowing program, and we are always looking for other avenues to retain and upskill those members that get a thrill out of competition.

Operations

Focus Area: Administration, governance and funding.

The more 'boring' side of club business, but arguably the most essential. This year we have been working on imbedding our Strategic Plan and looking at ways to integrate regular reviews of our strategic goals into our business as usual. In preparing this report, it is evident to me that we are most certainly achieving many of our goals within the timeframes that were established during the finalisation of the plan. In the coming season, it would be of great benefit for the club to review and update both our constitution and by-laws, whilst considering our strategic direction.

In wrapping up, I say a massive thank you to you, the members, for putting your faith in me to preside over the club. Sometimes it's hard to see the forest for the trees, but at times like this, it is a thoroughly rewarding and humbling experience. A privilege which I do not take for granted.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and supporters for their unwavering commitment. A special mention to Scott for his mentorship throughout my first term, and to the other Executive Team members for their ongoing support. Together, we will continue to uphold the proud legacy of the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club.

Thank you also to all our generous sponsors, for again providing opportunities and subsidies for our members to participate in activities across all facets of the club.



Rebecca McAuliffe & David McKenzie Pic: Eddie Guerrero

I will sign off with the Surf Life Saving Australia mission: *"We save lives, create great Australians and build better communities"*.

Rebecca McAuliffe
President

Administration Officer Report

Stepping back into the role of Administration Officer after a lot of years out has been a steep learning curve over the last 12 months. A lot has changed in those years, even the name of the role!

I was also well aware when I said “yes” to Rebecca to take on the role that I had some big shoes to fill. We had been blessed as a club to previously have the very passionate and efficient Admin Officers of Jon McLeod and Natalie Powell. I am a long way from filling their shoes, but luckily, I have been surrounded by the other experienced and capable members on the committee who have provided invaluable support and helped me through the season. I say a big thank you to each one of them.

Our membership continues to grow, especially on the junior member front, and for that reason at the start of the season, membership was taken on as a separate role from the Admin Officer. James Czencz started in this role with the assistance of Georgia Copeland. Unfortunately for us, James had to resign when he moved to Cairns, and from there the role was taken on solely by the very efficient Georgia. Thank you to both of them for this; it had undoubtedly helped

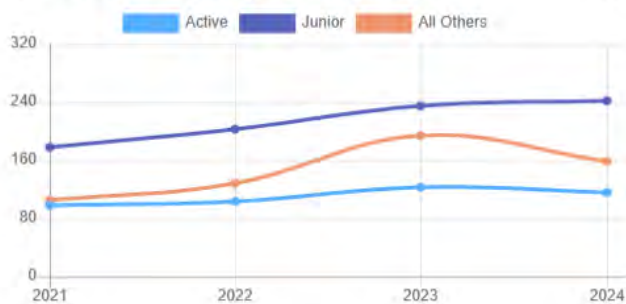
with the time needed to make sure both the admin and the membership run efficiently.

With the huge amount of work put in last season to the club's strategic plan and the completion of this early in the season there has been a focus this year on how we make sure this valuable work becomes part of our monthly committee meetings to keep it in our focus going forward. Meetings have been well attended by those who took on committee roles and a big thank you goes out to them for the time they put into reporting on their area each month, attending meetings and following up on decisions that come from these meetings.

A final thank you to all our committee, members, supporters for the 24/25 Season and hope to see you all in 25/26.

Lynda McKenzie
Administration Officer

Historical Membership Trend By Season



Lynda McKenzie - 3rd from the left, with other award recipients at the 2024 Annual Dinner.

Treasurer Report

Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025



Andrew Wilson on duty at the 2024 Portland Swim.
Pic: Raelene Wicks

It is with pleasure that I present the Treasurer's Report to the club for the 13th and the last time solo; I will discuss the financial result in detail at the AGM.

First and most importantly is toward 2025-26, having expressed that the time for succession had come and for the club to have a fresh voice I'm pleased that Sim Hayes has

decided to put her hand up to be assistant treasurer at the AGM.

Post the AGM we will work towards a transition so that Sim (or if someone else stands) can take the workload and learn the ropes over 2025-26 and be ready to go without assistance in 2026-27.

2024-25 ended up being a rather steady as she goes year, the club being in a similar position to 12 months ago, the issues with approvals meaning no real amounts were spent on the extension apart from paying for the plans that we received grants for in 2024.

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, doing this job is a genuine privilege and something I greatly appreciate being given the faith to do.

Andrew Wilson
Treasurer

Sponsorship Committee Report

As always, grants and sponsorship are vitally important to keep our volunteer organisation moving forward and maintaining a rescue-ready compliment of modern equipment, facilities and well-trained members. We thank and acknowledge all contributors to our club's ongoing success.

Beach Energy: \$44,000 Member retention and development program

The ongoing partnership with Beach has supported club initiatives to retain and grow our membership from Nippers though to adulthood. The 24/25 season was the seventh year of financial support from Beach. The success of the program can be seen in the number of our young adult members taking on senior roles within the club and being recognized as significant contributors within our community.



Commonwealth Government (SLSA): \$10,000 Beach Safety Equipment Fund

Life Saving Victoria: \$7,500 Administration grant

Local business support: The club again recognises the significant contribution from local businesses and individuals – both financial and in-kind. Special mention must be made to:

- Pope's Bus lines: the full supply of IRB fuel and bus hire for the Bondi Development Camp airport transfer
- Port Campbell Constructions: clubhouse maintenance & repairs
- Darcy Tribe: clubhouse maintenance & repairs
- Williams Glass: safety glass panel replacement for bar shelf, and Scott Rawlings for installation
- Chittick's Bakery Warrnambool: donation of bread for Daniher's Drive BBQ
- Richard & Georgie Selman: donation of cocktail glasses for Sunset Room Bar
- G&M Deppeler: donation of large chest freezer for Nipper BBQ food storage

- Corangamite Shire: donation of street bike racks removed from Streetscape works
- Port Campbell CFA: donation of white board for 1st Aid Room
- Simpson Lions Club: provision of educational resources for Nipper program
- Timboon Lions Club: donation of patrol tent
- Bouchiers Timboon Butchers: providing discounted sausages for our hungry Nippers each Saturday.
- Port Campbell Shopping: BBQ supplies
- Amy & Sam Newton: Nippers icy poles
- South West Healthcare: servicing of our oxygen equipment
- DJs Catering: Subsidised annual dinner catering
- REAL Pizza and Pasta – donation to support Nipper program.
- Timboon Op Shops (TOPs) donation to top up our first aid equipment
- AGL: Swim Series Major Sponsor
- Breakwater Insurance Brokers: Swim Series Sponsorship
- Dulux Paints: Swim Series Sponsorship
- HUNT family: Swim Series Sponsorship
- PFD Foods: Swim Series Sponsorship
- Yumbah Narrawong: Swim Series Sponsorship
- Jason Lamb Splash Factory: Swim Series prize sponsorship
- The Bega Group - donation of a beach walker
- Variety South Australia - donation of a hoist

Scott McKenzie

On behalf of the Sponsorship Committee





House Committee Report

The 24/25 season has been a very busy and productive year for the House Committee. Many hours behind the scenes are given and a huge thank you for their time and commitment must be extended to the following House Committee members - Brett Wallace, Phillip Younis, Shane Maslin, Ian Harris, Murray Joiner & Tom Delaney, as well as club members, who have tirelessly worked hard to complete the items listed within this report and to have the foresight and ideas for future-proofing the facility for the next generation to enjoy.

The House Committee are trusted with the building that provides the club with security and housing of all our equipment and the functions that help us raise some of the funds we need to provide the services we do.

We are charged with 2 specific roles:

1. Buildings & Maintenance: 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 seasonal Maintenance List & Budget with items being prioritised based on urgency.

2. Management & Marketing: Bookings of the Sunset Room and Meeting Room come under the House Committee's responsibility and are managed by Marina Deppeler. This season has seen a drop in private bookings compared to previous years. Promotion of our function/meeting room is conducted via local radio advertising and is taken out annually, with alternate avenues and strategies to make known our rooms to the wider community being worked on.

Aside from the ongoing annual facility improvements, this season the House Committee has concentrated on two key initiatives to advance our vision for growth and sustainability:

1. Collaborating with GORCAPA, our land manager: We are working to secure the necessary data for land manager consent to move forward with the redevelopment of our training area and changerooms. While this has been a lengthy and challenging process, we aim to finalise it by the end of the 2025/26 season. Once consent is granted, we can plan the next steps for securing grant funding and initiating club fundraising efforts.

2. Creating a dedicated website for the Sunset Room: This new platform aims to showcase our stunning local surroundings and attract a wider audience, encouraging more weddings and events to be held in this beautiful space.

Below is the list of works the House Committee have completed for the season April 2024 to March 2025:

Exterior:

- Sprayed back car park
- Installed outside bike rack
- Repaired roof leak
- Installed new stainless-steel flagpole



Interior:

- Replace faulty kitchen power point
- Serviced kitchen and bar dishwashers
- Fixed door in kitchen pantry
- Repaired kitchen dedicated hand sink
- Repaired function room ceiling leak and stain
- Drycleaned entire upstairs carpeted areas
- Replaced toughened glass internal bay window panel
- Replaced function room light switches and power points
- Replaced eight emergency lighting and one exit light
- Refitted reverse cycle air con unit
- Annual maintenance service of lift
- Purchased new lectern with club logo
- Installed decorative acoustic wall panels to function room brick, plaster wall and front of bar
- Installed two additional security cameras
- Mould sprayed cool room
- Connected cool room to temperature warning app
- Installed office shelving and storage tubs in IT office
- Cleaned out and re-organised storage room
- First Aid Room – two pin up boards, shelving, whiteboard, 10 thermal blankets, blinds
- Replaced women's changeroom fan
- Cleaning working bee in downstairs storage area

Marina Deppeler

Chair – House Committee



Marina Deppeler and Sarah Matthews prior to the Jon McLeod Memorial 12 Apostles Plunge at Port Campbell 2025

Bar Manager Report

Another fairly successful year over the bar with takings at just over \$36,000, which is a marginal increase from last year.

We still haven't returned to the turnover from pre-COVID, but with our new website getting closer I am quite confident that everyone will see a marked improvement in this area, when our fantastic facilities and sweeping coastal views are showcased to the world.

As always, a huge thanks to Scotty Rawlings, for his outstanding work in making sure our rosters are full to enable the smooth running of our functions, and also to the members who put their hand up to help out. One thing that has happened over the last few years is that our pool of members with RSA is diminishing, which is starting to impact filling rosters, especially if there are back-to-back functions. I think a priority will be to expand this over the quieter months.

Being Bar Manager is a privilege and at times hard going but can be very rewarding, especially when a phone call comes through thanking the club for the high standard of service for a function, whether it be a wedding or birthday, which says we are doing it right. I have done this job for over 23 years and as I have said there is plenty of rewards. It is time to

sit on the other side for a while and sample some VB's. I thank the club for its support over that time and whomever is my successor I wish them the same success and support as I had, and they can count on 100% back up from me.

Shane Maslin
Bar Manager



David (Fanbelt) Eade & Shane Maslin – November 2024

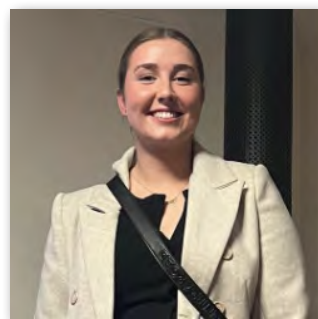
Publicity Coordinator Report

As the 2024/25 season ends, I have enjoyed connecting with our club members and the greater community through the PCSLSC Facebook and Instagram pages.

Throughout the season on our public pages we have shared patrol updates, celebrated our incredible volunteers, promoted club functions and training opportunities, and helped share beach safety messages. While our private club page has been used as an amazing share point between members for nipper photos and updates, relocating lost items and finding that last minute patrol swap. The figures really do demonstrate the

popularity and demand to keep up content on our social media page. Thank you to everyone who followed along, liked, commented, and supported the club online. Your engagement helps us reach more people and strengthen our presence both on the beach and in the community. Thank you,

Holly McKenzie
Publicity Coordinator



Platform	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Facebook (Public Page)	265	398	645	867	999	1337	1455
Facebook (Private Page)	250	313	337	370	413	469	521
Instagram	389	532	641	703	762	795	837
TeamApp	27	48	48	48	50	41	42

*The following are just some of the photos that have featured on our social media platforms this season.



Nipper fun day – IRB rides with Mitch and Brett Wallace



PCSLSC members patrolling Peterborough Main Beach 2025



U19 Female Crew "The Poppies" at their very first carnival – Port Campbell November 2024



Johanna McKenzie (crew) & Abbey Trotter (driver) during IRB training, January 2025



PCSLSC Members patrolling Peterborough Main Beach. Pictured L-R: Darcy Tribe, Amanda Couch, Ian 'Harry' Harris, Ruth Mason, Tyra Sambell, Susanna Ryan



Another day in paradise – Nippers in session, January 2025.

All Pics: Raelene Wicks

Club Captain Report

A big thank you to everyone who participated in water safety and patrols for the season. It's apparent throughout Australia that volunteerism is on the decline, so to see our amazing club so dedicated in keeping people safe and educating the future generations on water safety.

Without the dedication of our amazing members, the club simply cannot exist. This was my first season as the Club Captain. This season has given me a lot of insight into just how much work everyone puts in behind the scene. Let's have a look at the statistics for patrols:

This season we had 10 patrols and 8 junior patrols. With the addition of multiple new bronze holders and SRC recipients,

those numbers will continue to grow. Collectively, 2962.59 hours were contributed to water safety and patrols; a huge achievement for everybody. Based on previous years, this is one of our highest hours ever recorded. Furthermore, the statistics indicate that over 400 preventative actions were logged and beach attendance during patrols exceeded over 13,000 people. Below are the top male and female members based on hours contributed:

Leading Female Patrol Members

Name	Hours
1. Cathryn Matthews (ID: 3759176)	58.5
2. Susanna Ryan (ID: 4556638)	52.0
3. Molly Jones (ID: 5466072)	35.5
4. Rebecca McAuliffe (ID: 3759276)	35.5
5. Claire McAuliffe (ID: 5679018)	33.0
6. Charlotte Plozza (ID: 5614081)	31.0
7. Amanda Couch (ID: 3737201)	30.5
8. Alysa Hibburt (ID: 5614510)	30.5
9. Holly McKenzie (ID: 4565665)	30.5
10. Tracey Heeps (ID: 3759211)	28.5

Leading Male Patrol Members

Name	Hours
1. Darcy Tribe (ID: 4148547)	54.3
2. Zeth Kerr (ID: 5452853)	53.0
3. Benjamin O'Leary (ID: 3759308)	51.0
4. Ian Harris (ID: 3759259)	48.0
5. Ronan Kerr (ID: 5614530)	42.0
6. Zane Vogels (ID: 5413775)	40.0
7. Scott McKenzie (ID: 4140175)	37.2
8. Scott Rantall (ID: 3759326)	35.0
9. Jack Matthews (ID: 4523350)	34.5
10. Che Stone (ID: 4097431)	34.5

Significant Patrols

We also hosted the Pink patrol where over 15 patrol members attended. The aim of this initiative was to acknowledge and celebrate the many contributions women past and present have played in lifesaving. Currently we have 277 females and 234 males within the surf club. We also hosted the Blue patrol with the focus of promoting wellbeing and mental health across all levels of lifesaving.

Peterborough Patrol

For the third time this season we also hosted the patrols over at Peterborough. This season we ran seven patrols, more than any other season. Not many clubs across the state can host two patrols during the busiest period of the year. Your dedication and commitment to keep the community safe does not go unnoticed. A big thanks to Susanna Ryan for organising the Peterborough patrols during my brief absence. The plan is to continue patrolling at Peterborough next season. Our presence was greatly appreciated by the community.

2024-25 Club Champions

Age Group	Female	Male
U15	1st Ally Baxter 1st Charlie Wilson	1st Eli Kerr
U18	1st Ava Cunningham	1st Will Paterson
Open	1st Holly McKenzie	1st Ben Matthews 2nd Bobby Gristede 3rd Darcy Tribe
Masters	1st Joy Morden 2nd Mereanna Van Ginkel 3rd Rebecca McAuliffe	1st Rico Van Ginkel 2nd Peter Doolan
Not Quite Veterans	1st Marina Deppeler	1st Scott McKenzie
Veteran	1st Ruth Mason	1st David McKenzie

Final thoughts

This is one of our busiest seasons on record, and with Port Campbell starting to look less like a construction site and more like a beautiful coastal town we can expect beach numbers to increase. Beach incidents, first aids and even rescues can and do occur, and the community invokes a lot of trust in us to ensure the safety of everyone who attends remains our priority. What I believe makes our club fantastic

is the enthusiasm to inspire upcoming members in the nippers' program regarding surf awareness and fitness. The integrity to develop our own knowledge and skills for each season that approaches, and the diversity of experience, knowledge and backgrounds which allows us to continue to innovate for the future. No matter your role, be proud of what you've accomplished. See you next season!

Che Stone - Club Captain



Susanna Ryan IRB Crew (Vice Club Captain) and Che Stone IRB Driver (Club Captain).



Shelter thanks to Timboon Lions. Pictured L-R Cath Matthews, Joy Morden, Zane Vogels, Bobby Gristede, Jack Plozza, Zeth Kerr, Ben Matthews, Max Rantall, Ava Cunningham & Ally Baxter.



2025 Blue Patrol raising awareness about wellbeing and mental health. Pictured L-R Che Stone, Sarah Matthews, Ben O'Leary, Darcy Tribe, Nico Pol, Ruby Jones, James Czencz, Asha Loughnan

Rescue Coordinator Report

Fortunately this season has been another quiet year regarding rescues outside of our patrolling area.

The community reliance on the club to act as a first response agency in most cases is diminished with the successful use of the HEMS 4 helicopter service out of Warrnambool

Our discussions about a potential local marine rescue service with the Warrnambool Coastguard, Lifesaving Victoria (LSV) and Australian Marine Safety Authority (AMSA) have stalled with changes to personnel and a lack of support for the introduction of PWCs.

This aside, it is important that the club remain ready to respond to any potential call outs for marine incidents. With many new active members joining the club and reduced incidents, it was acknowledged that there could be more done to upskill and train members on the procedures surrounding a potential rescue. The callout list was updated and a flowchart developed to aid members in decision making in the initial stages, should we be contacted by LSV Command or local police. This information has been presented to patrolling members and patrol captains and will form part of future re-quals and member training. Please take time to peruse the flowchart and FAQs posted in the patrol tower and ask any questions that may arise.

Offshore Rescue Capabilities of Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club

In February 2021, the PCSLSC Coastal Rescue Service was formally closed. After extensive internal discussion, it has become evident that the club did not have the personnel resources to allow us to continue at an appropriate standard. Increased pressure from AMSAR to qualify new drivers as coxswains and to put any larger craft into marine survey,

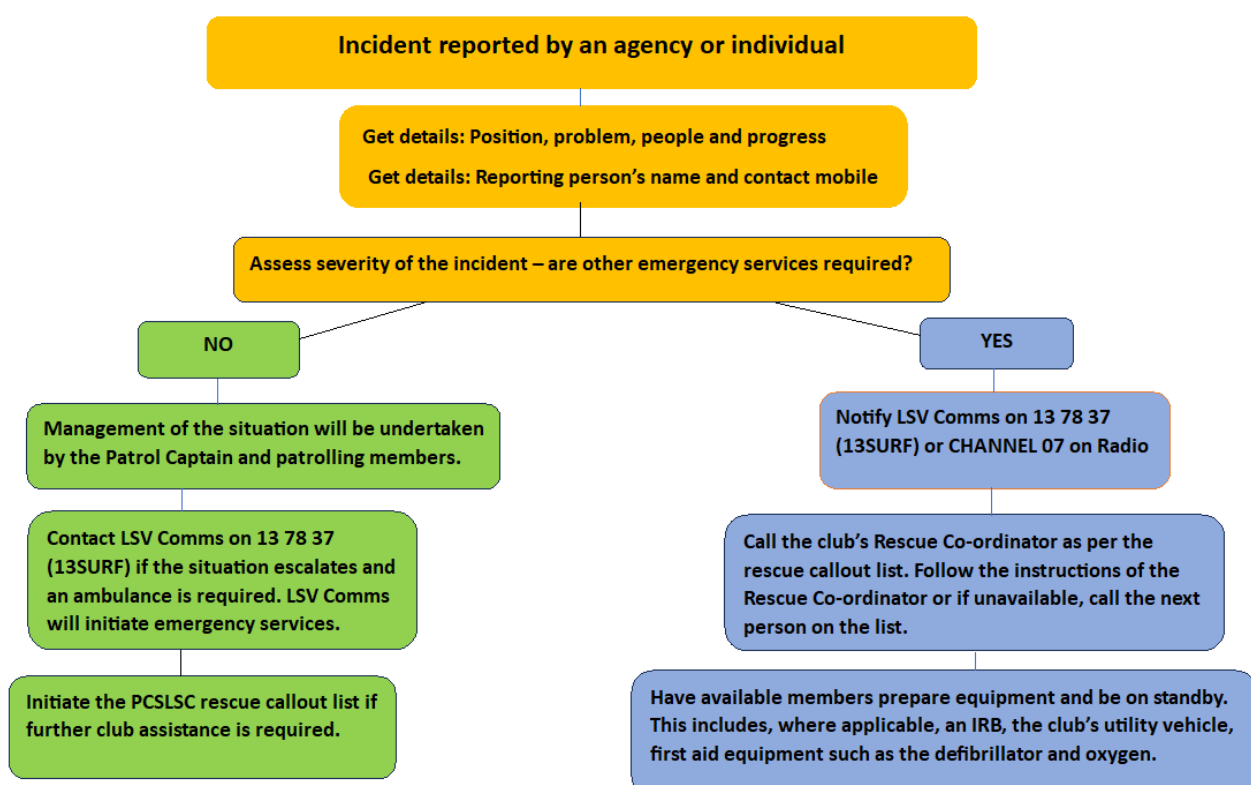
proved too large a task for our current member base.

The club is extremely proud of the Coastal Rescue Service, which was formed 38 years ago. We have subsequently been involved in more than 100 callouts and potentially saved many lives. For much of this period, we were the only first response service covering over 60 kilometres of the coastline for inshore rescue. The club once provided up to 14 qualified Pelican drivers, but this had decreased to only four with the relevant qualifications to operate a larger craft. Succession planning with younger members of the club has proven difficult with the massive time commitment required to complete the coxswain certificate.

The introduction and success of the HEMS 4 Helicopter Service, Warrnambool Coastguard and Apollo Bay Offshore Rescue has reduced some of the direct need for our service in its current form. The club believes it could be of more benefit going forward to concentrate on assisting these services with inshore work by relying on our current and future qualifications within Lifesaving Victoria.

Should LSV and AMSAR believe there is a strong need for an offshore service to be based in Port Campbell, there may be community interest to pursue this. As a community with a strong fishing and surfing background, Port Campbell has many qualified and experienced people with the ability to fill this void. There is currently a proposal being explored to construct a purpose-built community hub to house services such as CFA, SES, Cert, Ambulance Victoria and potentially an offshore craft. Perhaps a service based on or affiliated with the Coast Guard would be a possibility. Should this be

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pursued, the PCSLSC would be happy to assist.

Future pathways to increase our rescue capabilities could be explored if there was enough interest shown by our members. The possibility of jet-skis, drone rescue and remote-controlled flotation buoys have been discussed and would be a useful addition to support other agencies such as Police, SES, and HEMS Rescue.

While extremely limited, the club remains a valuable part of the first response team to any marine based emergency call outs. By utilising the skills and knowledge our members have gained from LSV qualifications, we are still available to assist with inshore search and rescue events. Each callout or situation will be assessed by senior members of the club based on the sea conditions, access and safety of members and if possible, we will make ourselves available to assist other emergency service organisations.

This may involve the use of our rescue equipment, such as the IRB, rescue boards, rescue tube or simply using our practised surf skills and first aid qualifications. Many of our members have a great deal of local knowledge and experience of the coastline and marine environment. This

may also be invaluable assisting other agencies in possible search and rescue.

Moving forward, I am happy to speak with members to discuss questions or ideas about enhancing the rescue capabilities in the local area. History shows there is a significant need for an offshore service in our area.



Brett Wallace
Rescue Coordinator

Power Boat Captain Report

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Murray (Blue) Joiner for his amazing contribution in the role of Power Boat Captain over the last 24 years. He has continued to encourage me this season by imparting knowledge and keeping all the fuel stocks in check.

On behalf of the club, I thank Popes Timboon Bus Lines for donating all of our fuel for our IRBs. It is very much appreciated. Our motors are also kept in great condition with the help of TRE Motorsport, who have been very accommodating with quick turnaround times in the height of summer. The well-maintained IRBs and motors could not be useful without the dedication of patrol captains and highly qualified drivers and crew; looking after and cleaning the equipment after each patrol and training session. This year our trainers Darcy Tribe, Ben Matthews, Scott McKenzie and Che Stone trained five new drivers to our little bay - Abbey Trotter, Alice Hallyburton, Mitch Wallace, Bobby Gristede and Will Banks, with Rangì Vickers also completing his crewperson

certificate. I would like to thank Jack Matthews as the Vice Captain for assisting me throughout the season. We received a new Tohatsu outboard 25h engine in late 2024, making all equipment the same and putting us in a good position for 2025/2026 patrols.

This is my first year in the position and it has been rewarding and daunting, with big shoes to fill, and I could not have done it without all of the support. Thanks to all active members, and happy Duckying!

Ashley Tregear
Power Boat Captain



Mitch Wallace and Ben Matthews. Pic: Raelene Wicks



*Power Boat Captain, Ashley Tregear, and Abbey Trotter.
Pic: Raelene Wicks*

Gear Steward Report

We have made it through another summer and patrol season. So many days spent at the beach, following our long hot summer resulted in a relatively busy season, maintaining gear and equipment.

A range of different grants enables us to purchase new equipment for the club. Life was made easier with Patrol Captains and club members looking after equipment. Thanks, one and all!

It's always wonderful to have a number of people at the club who you can tap on the shoulder for help. Thank you to Georgia Copeland, Sarah Matthews, Che Stone, Murry Joiner, Darcy Tribe and Scott McKenzie over the past season for their assistance!

Gear inspection is a vital part of our preparation and maintenance for the patrol season. This involves auditing the

First Aid equipment and room, IRB's, trailers, beach signage, Radios and Rescue Boards for condition and function. All equipment is inspected and then tagged using a sticker with the current year printed on it.

Even the nipper paddle mals were given some much-needed love and repairs. They are now ready for our next season. Remember if you find equipment not safe to use, then please let us know so that it can be repaired and rechecked ready for use.

Ian (Harry) Harris
Gear Steward



Ian (Harry) Harris on patrol at Peterborough Main Beach January 2025. Pic: Raelene Wicks

First Aid Officer Report

Well done to everyone throughout the 2024-25 season! The members of our club continue to do a wonderful job at ensuring that our beach remains a safe aquatic environment for all

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 and up to date.

The club was fortunate enough to be able to purchase additional first aid equipment this season. This included snake and spider bite kits, oxygen therapy masks and pocket masks, Guedel airways and tourniquets along with several other smaller products including multiple dressings.

Additionally, a big thank you goes out to those people who put time and effort over the season into reorganising/restocking the first aid room. The room has had a much-needed facelift and is now stocked with all the required essentials.



Georgia Barnett
First Aid Officer

Radio Officer Report

The season of 24/25 wasn't very big for me as the radio officer, with all seven of the handhelds and the base radio working mostly as needed for all of the season.

All radios are operational with no problems or maintenance needed for the primary handhelds, and tower radio. I'm only to send off one of the spare handheld radio batteries to LSV as it was not operational and in need of repair. Hopefully we will have a fixed spare battery for the new season.

Aaron Giblett
Radio Officer



Vehicle Officer Report

This season we replaced our Can Am SSV with a new model, so consequently this buggy is brand-new. Again, I urge all members to continue to maintain this vehicle to the highest level and consequently keep the resale value up.

Side by Side vehicle

It is pleasing to see members operating this vehicle in a professional and safe manner. If you have not had the opportunity to drive the new buggy, familiarise yourself with it. This one has a handbrake, and the key is replaced with a start/stop button. It is still very important to disengage the ignition when the vehicle is not in use.

Club Ute

It is pleasing to see the ute being used safely and responsibly as per the club's expectations. Pride is being shown in the maintenance of the vehicle; it is always clean and polished inside and out. Always remember to check and leave the first aid equipment in the back of the vehicle, so it travels everywhere the ute goes.

Always try to have a spotter when reversing either vehicle particularly in front of the clubhouse.

David McKenzie
Club Vehicle Officer



Club ute being used to tow the IRB to Portland for Swim Series



David and Marie McKenzie with the McKenzie Family Trophy



*Leonie & Brett Wallace taking a ride in the CanAm.
Pic: Raelene Wicks*

Apparel Officer Report

Another pleasing year of apparel sales, taking just under \$15,000 which was +2% on the budget and +20% on last year. Our online shop is up and running and is proving to be worth the investment.

Patrol & Nippers

Sales in nippers gear was slightly down on last year, but I attribute that to handing down items among families and friends. We also have a used nipper's gear bucket where families are welcome to put any clean, used items for others to take as required. This bucket was well used this year, which is a good way to reuse and reduce waste within the community.

Patrol gear costs were higher than expected, due to a greater than normal requirement to update worn or damaged patrol gear, as well as providing uniforms to new juniors commencing patrol.

General Apparel

Last year's pre-sale white tee was included into our range this year, taking around \$1500 in sales. We also invested in a new black crew neck jumper in addition to our hoodie and long sleeve tee. The sales of this were strong, selling around \$3000. Feedback was really positive and well received among members (including great comments from members of other clubs!). As planned, it did impact the hoodie and long sleeve tee, however all three combined were still well up on last year, showing that all three items are still wanted within the range.

The tried-and-true hooded towel was still a winner, taking \$1600. With a solid stock investment to last throughout the season, we sold double the amount on last year.

This year, we again offered some pre-sale items. Some of the items we've done before (polar fleece, shell jacket and puffer vest) sold reasonably well, but the real winner was the rugby jumper. Initially I'd planned to do just the black, however on seeing the original red stripe from many years ago, this was offered as well. These items were popular and were very even across both colourways. Overall, the pre-sale items accounted for over \$2600 in sales.

Online

Our online store went live at the start of January and has been a terrific avenue to be able to provide merchandise to members outside of the nippers Saturdays. From Jan 'til Mar we took \$2400 in online sales. Members have been happy to come to the club to collect their orders, or meet me at a convenient time, and I have been able to fulfil each order within a day or two of the sale. This will continue to be a great vehicle to generate sales outside of nippers days.

Watch the online space to see what is new for next season!

Simone Hayes
Apparel Officer



Abbey Trotter and Johanna McKenzie modelling the popular white club T-shirt for the online shop.

Chief Instructor Report

The 2024-25 season was jam-packed with member training, strengthening both the skills of our members and the service the club provides to the community.

As well as member training, this season we had significant upskilling of our trainers and assessors, meaning that as our seasoned trainers choose to scale back, we have a team of younger members taking up the reins and taking on the important role of delivering training. It also means more member training can be delivered locally, rather than members needing to travel and the club can be self-sufficient in providing trainers for these courses.

This year again, there was a large recruitment of Nipper parents completing their Bronze Medallion, ensuring the weekly load of water safety is sustainable throughout the Nipper season. Kudos to Tracey and Georgia for the gentle nudging of people on the shoulders.

I would like to acknowledge those who have stepped up to assist in the training space, including:

Tracey Heeps – helped deliver multiple courses, including the Under-14 Surf Rescue Certificate (also then assisting those Nippers to participate in their first patrol), two Bronze Medallion courses, and this year endorsed as a Facilitator for the Bronze Medallion.

Darcy Tribe – gave many dedicated hours to the training of members. Darcy also gained his Facilitator for Inflatable Rescue Boat Driver (IRBD) and Crewperson (IRBC) and Silver Medallion Patrol Captain awards.

Ben Matthews – alongside Darcy, delivered an IRBC and IRBD course over eight weeks of the summer, a huge

commitment. Ben was endorsed as an Assessor for both the Bronze Medallion and IRBD/IRBC as well as Facilitator for the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award.

Tom Marshallsea – Tom became a Facilitator for the Bronze Medallion.

Robert Matthews – Rob gained his Trainer Officer Certificate (TOC), travelling to Ocean Grove SLSC for a full weekend of training. Since gaining his TOC Rob has been endorsed as a Trainer and Assessor for the Bronze Medallion.

Aaron Giblett – Aaron earnt his Assessor in the Bronze Medallion.

Che Stone – was endorsed by LSV to deliver accredited courses, including First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and Resuscitation, recognising his qualifications, skills and experience working as a Paramedic. We are extremely fortunate to have Che's skills and expertise within the club.

Lara Falk – Lara delivered the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award in Port Campbell, while also supervising trainee Facilitators Ben and Darcy. Thanks to Lara for assisting with training at the club throughout the season.

Acknowledgment to the committed Scott McKenzie, Ian Harris, James Green, David McKenzie and Brooke Barnewell for the ongoing offering of help to ensure courses run smoothly and the delivery of training in the club is sustainable and the load is evenly distributed.

See below list of members who received awards over the 24/25 season. Training is a big commitment, and more so when balancing the many other work and personal commitments. Your contributions and commitment are appreciated.

31 Bronze Medallion (including 7 SRC members gaining the higher accreditation): Amy Saunders, Andrew Hancock, Asha Loughnan (SRC), Benjamin Saunders, Brandon Reid, Carley Hickey, Claire McAuliffe (SRC), Daniel McKinnon, Dean Whitehead, Georgia Williams, Hannah Hunter, Indi Robertson (SRC), Kathryn Townsend, Kelly Gowland, Lolita Hayes (SRC), Mereanna Van Ginkel, Nicole Burvill, Peter Doolan, Ricardo Van Ginkel, Robyn Watson, Roxana Grave (SRC), Ruby Jones (SRC), Tanya McKenzie, Taya McLeish, Toby Rantall (SRC) and Troy Beames.

15 Surf Rescue Certificate: Alby Jones, Amber Wallis, Aysha Hollick, Charlie Wilson, Eli Kerr, Ellen Whiting, Harry Lawson, Isabella Hoffmann, Leonardo Bickell, Olivia Halliday, Riley Stephens, Sacha Blain, Savannah Beames, William Ryan and Xavier Turner

13 Silver Medallion Patrol Captain: Abbey Trotter, Alice Hallyburton, Alyssa Hibburt, Ben Matthews, Ben O'Leary, Bobby Gristede, Charlotte Plozza, Darcy Tribe, Holly McKenzie, Jack Matthews, Molly Jones, Robert Matthews and Zeth Kerr

5 IRB Driver: Abbey Trotter, Alice Hallyburton, Bobby Gristede, Mitchell Wallace and William Banks

1 IRB Crew: Rangı Vickers

6 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and First Aid: Alice Hallyburton, Ben O'Leary, David McKenzie, Ian Harris, Lara Falk and Nico Pol

7 Resuscitation: Andrew Vogels, Cath Matthews, David McKenzie, Georgia Copeland, James Czencz, Johanna McKenzie and Rob Matthews

10 Side by Side Vehicle Operator: Charlotte Plozza, Ddee Baynes, Jack Matthews, James Maxwell, Johanna McKenzie, Mali Glendenning, Mitchell Wallace, Molly Jones, Simon Trotter, William Banks and Zeth Kerr

Training was also provided to teachers of the Alpine School and Ballarat Clarendon College Yulong campus.

Sarah Matthews

Chief Instructor



Ian (Harry) Harris, Chief Instructor - Sarah Matthews, Darcy Tribe & Ronan Kerr at the Port Fairy Swim, December 2024.



Junior Coordinator Report

Neptune smiled fondly on the Port Campbell foreshore over summer 2024/2025, providing nine out of ten beautiful Saturday mornings for our Nippers to enjoy.

It is such a great scene to take in the sea of colour at the 11am briefing, including Nippers in striped club caps, Water Safety Officers in orange rashies, parent helpers in green vests and Age Managers wearing every shade imaginable, with matching age group flags. Thanks to Sim Hayes for setting all participants up with their uniforms, essential for safety and identification during Nippers sessions, as well as offering fabulous, stylish merchandise to all members of the family. Lydia Darcy helped to organise our barbeques, which were a sell-out most weeks.

Leadership

The skills and knowledge Nippers develop each week are carefully thought-out and sequenced by an amazing volunteer Age Manager staff, bringing a variety of lived experience and expertise to the curriculum. Thank you so very much to those guiding our Port Campbell program. They have all completed online and face-to-face training to qualify for the responsibility and privilege of teaching the Nippers lessons, often alongside their own family members. Age groups are supported by volunteer lifesavers with Surf Rescue Certificates and Bronze Medallions, who ensure Nippers are safe during water activities. These Water Safety Officers are a combination of parents, teenage members and adult patrolling lifesavers who are contributing extra hours of service; there are too many to mention individually so please accept our sincere thanks. The Water Safety team was led by IRB drivers and crew; Marina Deppeler, Murray Joiner, Ronan Kerr, Jack Matthews, Scott McKenzie, Ashley Tregea, Lennox Tregea-Copeland, Darcy Tribe and Brett Wallace.



IRB rides for Nippers on Fun Day. Pic: Raelene Wicks

Junior Club Championships

It was hot on the sand on Club Champs Day, but it didn't slow the Nippers! This summer, we enlisted the expertise of Kathy Hallyburton, Joy Morden, Camille Nicholls and Sarah Paterson to manage the sprint course, as these members have considerable experience from Little Athletics competitions. This was the first move in our gradual shift towards a sustainable volunteering model - more people doing smaller jobs with good support. Next season we aim to expand this delegation and invite members who are teachers, board riders or coaches, but not currently leading a Nippers group, to instead help with planning and running the Club Champs. There were many personal bests, including Nippers swimming long distances, and we also offer our congratulations to the Age Group Champions.



Age Managers & Water Safety team



*Age Group Champions for Nippers 2024-2025 season.
Pic: Raelene Wicks.*

Marine Mammal Foundation Visit

Nippers celebrated “Green Patrol” during the season, highlighting our responsibility to care for our coastal environment and the marine mammals who inhabit Victorian waters. Matt Montemurro enthralled the Nippers with a

dynamic presentation and hands-on workshop (including dolphin skulls!). Matt then invited families to attend the community forum, where he expanded on the Foundation’s work, particularly the study of a small population of Burruran dolphins found only in Victoria. We hope Matt will return next year with updates on the study.



Matt Montemurro from Marine Mammal Foundation delivering an education session. Pic: Raelene Wicks



Marine Mammal Foundation education session.

Nippers Class of ‘25

Congratulations to the Under 14 Age Group who completed their Nippers journey by graduating as lifesavers with their Surf Rescue Certificate:

Savannah Beames, Sacha Blain, Olivia Halliday, Isabella Hoffman, Aysha Hollick, Alby Jones, Eli Kerr, Harry Lawson, William Ryan, Riley Stephens, Xavier Turner, Amber Wallis,

Ellen Whiting, Charlie Wilson and Leonardo Bickell.

In February, there was an opportunity to complete their first patrol, mentored by some great young Patrol Captains. The SRC graduates jumped at this chance and in fact, some volunteered for two or three junior patrols! The future is looking bright for our core purpose, patrolling beaches and educating so there are zero preventable deaths in local waters.



SRC graduates 2024-2025.



Some of the SRC graduates on their first patrol.

Summary of Achievements

- Further developing our Green Vest volunteer expectations, trialling a roster for Under 7 Girls and Under 10 Boys groups. Parents of these Nippers committed to one or two sessions per season, sharing the load of helping children with general organisation and supporting the Age Managers. The roster system also feeds into the club’s strategic plan, as it gently inducts associate parent members into formal **training and development**, as well as facilitating **social**

engagement and a sense of connectedness. We extend a huge thank you to all Green Vest volunteers, from those who completed one rostered session to those who have shadowed their child’s group each week, for several years.

- Further developing our inclusion practices so that more children and young people can benefit from Nippers. One of our continuing Starfish Nippers participants joined an age group, receiving executive function coaching on the beach with one volunteer, and personalised

aquatic coaching in the water with another volunteer. Another continuing Starfish Nipper benefited from an individualised learning program, including strengths-based introduction to first aid and the emergency chain of survival. Two new Nippers received one-to-one support in their age groups, with their volunteer mentors using neuro-affirming strategies. Nippers were privileged to meet Goldie Elsum of Camperdown, a primary school student and wheelchair user, at the opening of the accessible beach matting now called “Goldie’s Way”. All Nippers were taught they have a responsibility as surf club members - to look out for people who might need some directions or assistance accessing the beach.

- Slightly improving the rates of Surf Education Awards, with 83% of Nippers attending the required sessions in the 2024/2025 season, compared to 81% of Nippers in 2023/2024.
- Introducing our current Nippers and families - the future lifesavers of the community - to our valued Life Members during the Junior Club Championships. Many Life Members volunteered on the barbeque and their efforts were greatly appreciated; they also enjoyed seeing how the Nippers program is running nowadays.

Feedback and Goals

- Green Vest official volunteer rosters implemented from Under 6 to Under 11 next season. More adult assistance on the beach means Age Managers can focus on differentiating the activities into smaller groups and this also builds the confidence of associate members to eventually undertake courses like the Bronze Medallion, linking to our core purpose and boosting our overall

club capacity.

- Slightly improving the Preliminary Skills Assessment pass rate of Nippers at the beginning of the season, through a parent education campaign during Term 3 and 4. Based on current data, target age groups are Under 6, Under 7, Under 10 and Under 11.
- Improving technical skills with more Age Manager attention and focused coaching on open-water swimming and board paddling technique. This might also see a renewed interest in attending Nipper carnivals, run by LSV Sports.
- Reviewing our environmental impact and modifying existing Fun Day activities, such as the slip-and-slide, as they are currently not best-practice.

Thank you to the club’s behind-the-scenes administrators, trainers and assessors who process paperwork, run courses for new volunteers and update qualifications for existing active members. Through the Nippers program, we are truly creating great little Australians.

**Georgia Copeland
& Tracey Heeps**
Junior Coordinators

*Tracey Heeps, Val
Powell, Marea Grant
(nee Powell) & Georgia
Copeland – 2024
Annual Dinner. Pic:
Raelene Wicks*



Age Group	Age Managers	Age Group Champions
U7 Girls	Tanya Campbell, Bonnie Doolan, Taya McLeish, Bronwyn Rantall & Tash Togni	Indi Van Ginkel (U6) & Mae Tutungi (U7)
U7 Boys	Leonie Wallace & Mitchell Wallace	Franke Lemke (U6) & Morris Watson (U7)
U8 Girls	Craig Cole & Amy Newton	Tessa Narik
U8 Boys	James Maxwell & Tom Rankin	Emilio Haig
U9 Girls	Jade Danby, Tash Johnson & Trav Riches	Gretel Hollick
U9 Boys	Andy Hancock & Stu Rickard	Nelson Cook
U10 Girls	Nicole Kerr & Emma Sheed	Willa Pope, Ivy Tutungi & Eva Watson
U10 Boys	Jeremy Doolan, Peter Doolan & Jen Trigg	Hudson Bell
U11	Jaye Dickinson, Joanne Lillie, Nick Lillie, Ellie Lloyd & Petra Beekman	Elise Nicholls George Titmus
U12	Sam Doolan & Zeth Kerr	Jade Nesseler Rory Hollick
U13	Leah Champion, Toby Hendrix & Olivia Tutungi	Etti Glennen & Pippa Paterson Harry Sinnott
U14	Brooke Barnewall & Tracey Heeps	Aysha Hollick Alby Jones
Inclusion Managers	Petra Beekman, Georgia Copeland, Sharon Cotton, Lola Hayes, Rebecca McAuliffe & Mitchell Wallace	
Fill-In Age Managers	Matt Bowker, Clare Dunn, Bobbie French, Tiff Jones & Rebecca McAuliffe	



YIP Coordinator Report

The 2024/25 Youth Involvement Program (YIPs) was a great success. We had a great number of young members from our club involved!

Throughout the summer, YIP cadets participated in patrols, water safety and other courses to improve their lifesaving skills including the Bondi trip which saw some YIP cadets, along with a handful of leaders, head to Sydney to patrol on some busier beaches for the weekend. A massive thanks to all the cadets who participated and to the surf club for facilitating this amazing program.



PCSLSC YIP Participants at the Bondi Leadership Camp March 2025.

YIPs award levels for this season:

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Zane Vogels	Jack Plozza	Will Paterson
Ronan Kerr	Caius Cuthell	Cooper Doolan
Thea Vogels	Max Rantall	Riley Beames
Lola Hayes	Tom Ryan	Lachie Doolan
Claire McAuliffe	Roxana Grave	Huon Glendenning
	Ellie Lloyd	Nick Leech
	Alexander Banks	Nick Lawson
	Indi Bickell	Ned Mackieson
	Ruby Jones	Robbie Morden
	Ava Cunningham	Harrison Glennen
	Indi Robertson	Josh McKenzie
		Toby Rantall
		Greta Darcy
		Matilda Douglas
		Martha Andrew
		Tyra Sambell

Susanna Ryan
YIP Coordinator



PCSLSC YIPs participants on Patrol at Bondi Beach - L-R: Ava Cunningham, Lola Hayes, Bondi Lifeguard, Toby Rantall & Claire McAuliffe.



Peterborough Patrol – L-R: Cath Matthews, Susanna Ryan, Alysa Hibburt, Indi Bickell & Scott McKenzie. Pic: Raelene Wicks

Membership & Leadership Development Report

SLSA Leadership College & Advanced Lifesaving Camp

On Australia Day this year I flew up to Sydney to attend the SLSA National Leadership College, the college has run annually for many years now and has an impressive list of alumni. Over the course of a week, I took part in elective sessions, growth activities and individual/team challenges, each relating to a specific leadership theme of the day.

Alongside five of my peers we were allocated a mentor and will have ongoing opportunities for review and further development. Our week took us on a journey across Sydney, we shared dorms with lifesavers from each state and territory (except NT) even featuring a few from New Zealand.

Participants were, at times, forced outside of their comfort zones and there were emotional highs and lows, though each presented an opportunity to learn and grow as individuals. The week was challenging but also rewarding and I left Sydney feeling a strong sense of accomplishment and exhausted from the intense week of learning and friendship forging.

This college is a great opportunity for leaders looking to challenge themselves at the national level and perhaps expose themselves the broader issues that face the lifesaving movement at a national level. I strongly encourage the club to nominate at least one club member to attend the program annually as it is a very high-quality product.

Rob Matthews



Rob Matthews and participants at the SLSA Leadership College – January 2025.

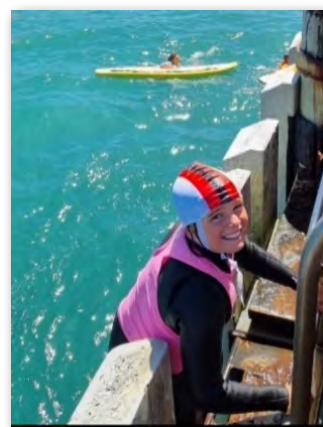
LSV Under 13 Camp – April 2025

Our club members always show great enthusiasm and interest in this camp, a fantastic reflection of the positive influence of our Nippers program.

Beau Mackieson and Pippa Paterson joined peers from 29 clubs at the 2025 U13 Development Camp. Etti Glennen was also selected as a candidate for this opportunity, however she had prior commitments. Held at the YMCA Lake Dewar, the camp, designed to bolster confidence, teamwork and lifesaving skills, featured an array of engaging activities like

leadership tunnelling, raft building and the Lake Dewar amazing race.

Pippa had many positive memories and new learnings from the camp, with the SRC workshop and adventure tunnel being enjoyable highlights. Pippa feels more knowledgeable with radio communications now, after practicing correct protocols in a supportive environment. Pippa is keen to be a Nippers organiser in the future, and we will certainly tap her on the shoulder to be a valuable Assistant Age Manager as soon as she gains her SRC qualification next summer. Beau also loved the activities and opportunities presented by LSV mentors and is now full of ideas for how to contribute next summer season. Beau said he is very grateful to have attended the camp.



Pippa Paterson & Beau Mackieson represented PCSLSC at the 2025 LSV U13 Development Camp.

LSV Under 15 Camp - November 2024

In November, Martha Andrew and Claire McAuliffe attended the 2024 U15 Development Camp held at the YMCA Anglesea. This camp was bursting with learning, self-reflection, personal growth, and of course, plenty of fun! Over the weekend, 37 inspiring young lifesaving members from across our wonderful state came together, embracing the chance to build new skills, form lasting connections, and grow in confidence.

Martha said *"I enjoyed meeting SRCs from other clubs, especially clubs along the surf coast. We talked about the different ways patrols and other programs are structured at their club, and I shared what we do at Port Campbell. It's good to know new people in other areas too, if you move away for uni or work"*.

Claire reflected that *"it was a great opportunity and taught us many different skills including collaboration, resilience and even some life-saving skills along the way. I loved meeting new people who had the same passion for life saving and it opened my eyes to how different some of the clubs throughout Victoria are. I would definitely recommend this camp to anyone wanting to continue their life saving journey"*.



Claire amongst participants and leaders at the U15 Camp – November 2024



Martha Andrew & Claire McAuliffe at the U15 Development Camp – November 2024

LSV Under 18 Camp – May 2025

Ava Cunningham and Harrison Glennen will soon participate in the leadership development program at Lord Somers Camp. Ava and Harrison both have Bronze Medallion qualifications and have experience on patrols, providing water safety on rescue boards at special events, supporting young Nippers participants and educating school groups on beach safety. Ava and Harrison are now ready to learn more advanced concepts like characteristics of effective teams, the stages of team development, and how to meet team member needs, as they journey towards leadership roles at our club.

2025 Champion Junior Lifesaver (CJL) Development Day

Indi Robertson attended the 2025 CJL Development Day held at LSV on February 8th. Joined by 27 other outstanding youth members from 15 clubs, Led by LSV's dedicated volunteer leaders, participants engaged in workshops, scenarios, and exploration of LSV services and pathways. The CJL Day stands as a testament to our youth members' dedication and talent, rewarding their invaluable contributions and inspiring them to further excel in their life saving journey.

Leadership Beyond the Flags

Ben Matthews and Robert Matthews attended the Leadership Beyond the Flags program in September, co-designed by Life Saving Victoria and LSV 18–30 members to develop emerging leaders. The program targeted at Victorian

lifesavers aged between 18-30 ran over one weekend at the Melbourne Business School in Carlton.

The program builds skills in leadership, teamwork, communication, and decision-making, while also fostering self-awareness, time management, and self-care. Participants refine their leadership presence through hands-on experiences, including a mock committee setting.

Rob said: *"Ben and I headed down early Saturday morning with mixed expectations for the program, however after spending a weekend surrounded by like-minded peers and hearing from a plethora of speakers from all walks of life, we realised this was an invaluable experience. Over the course of the weekend, we were coached on a range of self-care techniques, committee management practices and effective goal setting strategies. Considering that this was the first iteration of the program I am very eager to see how it evolves as time goes by, I encourage all our emerging young leaders to take the opportunity to attend this program if it continues into the future."*

2024 Surf Life Saving Australia - Japan Lifesaving Exchange (July - August)

In July last year I joined three fellow Australian lifesavers from Victoria, South Australia and Queensland in a four-week program located on the southwestern beach of Iwai in the Chiba prefecture. The program had us assisting Japanese lifesavers from across the country in running water safety programs for twelve different Tokyo school groups of between 100-150 middle school participants at a time. Each school would stay for two and a half days at a time and when one school would leave the next school would arrive within an hour. The program was very tightly scheduled, and we would be setting up the beach at sunrise and finishing up our planning meetings at 9pm.

Across the four weeks I learned how to communicate to children with broken Japanese and hand gestures, I became very familiar with the daily tsunami drills and became immune to jellyfish venom.

Japan is full of delicious food, driven and considerate people and some surprisingly nice beaches. I will be forever grateful for this experience.

Rob Matthews



Above & below: Rob Matthews - Japan Lifesaving Exchange



2025 Bondi Development Camp

We want to sincerely thank you for making the Bondi camp possible for us. It was an incredible experience, and we are so grateful for your support in providing this opportunity.

During the camp, we enjoyed many things including:

- Patrolling on Bronte and Bondi and experiencing what it is like to patrol on a more crowded beach than Port Campbell
- Connecting with each other and building stronger team bonds
- Having the opportunity to do something unique and outside of our comfort zone
- From this experience we learned:
 - The importance of being proactive and vigilant in water safety situations
 - How differently we do things compared to bigger beaches and clubs like Bondi
 - How to act with other lifesavers in higher-pressure environments and situations

Once again, thank you for supporting us. This experience was not only fun but informative and we are excited to carry these lessons forward in our lifesaving journey.



YIPS Participants on Patrol at Bondi Beach – March 2025

Thanks,

Lola Hayes

On behalf of the 2025 junior leadership group

Thank you to Beach Energy for their ongoing support and comprehensive sponsorship, which allows us to invest in our youth and nurture the next generation of lifesaving and community leaders. Communities need young adults to stay connected and feel like they can make a difference; Beach Energy recognises the importance of empowering the

next generation of leaders. We also appreciate all our club members who expressed interest throughout the year – it's inspiring to see such enthusiasm within our club

Leah Champion

Membership & Leadership Development Coordinator



*2025 Bondi Camp participants: Back (L to R) Abbey Trotter, Indi Robertson, Darcy Tribe, Harrison Glennen, Claire McAuliffe, Toby Rantall, Indi Bickell, Ellie Lloyd, Lola Hayes, Susanna Ryan, Ally Baxter.
Front (L to R) Ruby Jones, Martha Andrew, Ava Cunningham, Ian (Harry) Harris.*

Social Committee Report

Bogans by the sea captured the themes of this season's social committee functions. With two major gatherings at our magnificent upstairs venue, about \$6,223 was raised for the club coffers.

The first was a bogan themed fundraiser on Saturday November 16, following the VSRL surf boat carnival hosted on our beach. The evening consisted of bogan bingo, minute-to-win-it club competitions, and karaoke; Ash Ellemor generously donated his musical services. The door charge of \$25 included food (catered for by the club) and entertainment. About 170 people attended with about 140 paying the \$25, and about 30 paying \$15 for entertainment only. Income from the evening consisted of \$3,586 in door takings plus \$3000 from bar profit after costs, with a total income of \$6,586. Expenditure totalled \$1,329 leaving a profit margin of \$5,257. More importantly, the function enabled surf club members from various clubs to mingle in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Members of the following clubs, in addition to our own, contributed to the frivolity of the night: Lorne; Warrnambool; Mordialloc; Williamstown; Jan Juc; Anglesea; Fairhaven; Mentone/Rosebud; Apollo Bay; Altona; Port Fairy. The night was highly successful financially and for interclub relations.

Our second major function was the 'Seas the Day' Sunday afternoon session on March 23, in support of Crayfest. It was an afternoon of live music, seafood platters, and drinks from the bar with perfect weather for socialising on the deck. Grassroots Deli Café catered. The band consisted of Andrei O'Connor (singer/guitarist/keyboardsist), Mitch Wallace (guitarist) and Dave Downing (drummer) who played a mix of covers from the pop, rock and folk genres. About 90 people attended with a combination of club and general community members from a range of age demographics. Ocean-themed décor contributed to the feel of the event. Income from the afternoon consisted of ticket sales (via Humanitix) \$2,135, bar profit (after costs) about \$1,000 with walk-in tickets (\$10 for entertainment only) combined with the sale of spare platters about \$275. This reflected an income total of about \$3,410. Expenditure totalled \$2,443 leaving a profit margin

of \$967. Again, the weather was excellent enabling us to utilise the deck area. This was a successful event financially and as a means of connecting our club with the community.

Leonie Wallace

On behalf of the Social Committee



Bogan Night glamour – Leonie Wallace, Brooke Barnewall, Bronwyn Rantall & Tracey Heeps – November 2025

Special Events Committee Report

This season, the Special Events Committee ran the twilight volleyball events throughout January

The committee was able to plan other events such as the GOW day hike, intra-club competitions, training days and planning for presentation events. These other events were not able to be held due to work commitments and the lack of time other committee members had to contribute. In the future, I am hoping that the committee can be strong in supporting these events over the season, as together we have some great ideas to put into the club.

Alysa Hibburt

Chair, Special Events Committee



Alysa Hibburt -2025 Australia Day Awards – Corangamite Shire Young Citizen of the Year

Beach Inclusion Report

Beach Inclusion Day 2024: Celebrating Progress, Partnerships, and Inclusive Beaches at Port Campbell.
As the sun set on another unforgettable Beach Inclusion Day at Port Campbell Beach on December 8th, the sense of achievement, community spirit, and progress was undeniable.

Hosted by the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club, this year's event was about more than just fun on the sand—it was a celebration of inclusion, partnerships, and the steps we are taking toward truly accessible beaches for all

Building on Strong Partnerships

This year, we were thrilled to welcome back some of our valued partners—Corangamite Shire Council, the Disabled Surfers Association - Great South Coast Victoria, Wannon Water and Port Campbell Inclusive Beaches Project (Previously the PC Accessible beach project)—who have been instrumental in making this event a success year after year. We also introduced exciting new partners, including Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks and The Bega Group. Together, we showcased that creating inclusive beaches goes far beyond ramps and equipment; it's about ensuring everyone can experience the beach with dignity, comfort, and joy.

What Makes a Beach Truly Inclusive?

At Port Campbell, we have begun adopting the Mae Murray Foundation's ADAPT Framework for Inclusive Beaches, a practical guide to improving beach accessibility. Here's how it shaped this year's event:

A – Access Thanks to the Port Campbell Inclusive Beaches Project and Recreation Reserve, beach matting was rolled out, allowing participants to move with ease on the sand. Accessible parking permits were also available, ensuring close and convenient access for all.

D – Dignity While gold-standard facilities like Changing Places toilets are not yet available close to the beach at Port Campbell, we made dignity a priority by providing private changing spaces. Competition tents and a first aid bed offered comfort and privacy, and a hoist donated by the South Australian Variety Club provided additional support for participants who needed assistance post-activity.

A – Adapt Thanks to the generous support of The Bega Group, we expanded our adaptive equipment this year. A Beach Walker was introduced to complement our three existing beach wheelchairs, giving participants even greater freedom and mobility on the sand.

P – Participation was the heart and soul of the day. With the support of the Disabled Surfers Association, participants of all abilities hit the waves for surfing lessons, while others enjoyed guided beach tours and a delicious all-day BBQ. It was a day to gain new skills, make connections, and share joy with the wider community.

T – Transformation Beach Inclusion Day isn't just about one special event—it's about lasting change. Adaptive beach equipment will continue to be available during surf club patrols every weekend (November to April), not just at Port Campbell but at six other Great Ocean Road locations as well. This ensures that everyone can enjoy the beach, all summer long.



A beach inclusion day participant having a blast in the surf – December 2024. Pic: Raelene Wicks

A Huge Thank You to Our Volunteers

None of this would have been possible without our incredible team of volunteers. Their energy, passion, and hard work brought our vision of an inclusive beach day to life. From setting up equipment to supporting participants throughout the day, their contribution made all the difference, and we are endlessly grateful.

Looking Ahead

This year's Beach Inclusion Day was a powerful reminder of what we can achieve together as a community. It showed us that inclusion is not a distant goal but something we can create here and now, through partnerships, thoughtful planning, and a shared vision for change.

If you're interested in learning more about how beaches can become more inclusive, check out the Mae Murray Foundation's ADAPT My Beach Guide here: <https://www.maemurrayfoundation.org/projects/inclusive-beaches/adapt-my-beach/>

Thank you to everyone who joined us, supported us, and celebrated with us. We can't wait to see you all again next year!

James Czencz

Beach Inclusion Day Coordinator



Boat Captain & Team Manager Report

Boat crews travelled far and wide to compete this season, but below are some of the highlights:

- August saw the Shipwrecks escape the Victorian cold to compete in the World Life Saving Championships on the sunny and beautiful Gold Coast. With a guest appearance from Broome's Peter Selten as sweep, they finished in the top 5 in the 200 years division.
- November saw 30 crews from across Victoria descend on our own little beach for a short course racing event to kick off the season. It was a great day of racing, with the U19 girls competing in their first carnival. The day was followed by a great night's social event at the Club – many thanks to the Kittens and Rob "Chopper" Matthews for coordinating an awesome night of Bogan Bingo and to all the people who helped out in the kitchen and behind the bar.
- Prior to Christmas, crews made the trip over to Robe in South Australia: after a bit of a lightning delay, it was good fun to "verse" a different set of crews.
- In January, the U19 boys travelled to Colloroy on Sydney's Northern Beaches for the annual Young Guns Event – it's always a great experience and puts into perspective what they need to do to compete on the national level.
- In February, the Kittens and Shipwrecks competed in the Victorian Masters competition, with the Kittens winning a gold medal in their division. The Panthers and the Crays both made the road trip up to Coffs Harbour for the Australia Surf Rowers League Open. Unfortunately, the surf conditions meant the carnival had to be moved to the harbour, but it was still a great competition. Charlie Trotter was another guest appearance – stepping in from Palm Beach to sweep the men's crew for the weekend. The event was livestreamed – so it was great for family and friends to be able to watch the competition, and listen to Tate Tregaea-Copeland on the commentary team.
- March was the Victorian Lifesaving Championships held at Warrnambool. We had 6 crews competing. The U19 boys and U23 boys' crews both came away with bronze medals, while Susanna Ryan also won Bronze in the open Women's 2km run.
- Nippers Gretel and Rory Hollick competed in surf sports at the Torquay Cosy Corner carnival on 3rd January 2025. Gretel's best result was second place in the beach sprint. Rory's best result was making through to the final of the swim, amongst very experienced ocean swimmers. Thank you for representing our club with pride, skill and integrity, Gretel and Rory!

Other highlights for the year were Ben Matthews obtaining his S2 sweep qualification, Mitch Gristede his S1 sweep qualification and Tate stepping up to be part of the livestream commentary broadcast for the surfboat competition at the Aussies Titles. It was great to hear his voice with some different perspectives and thoughts across the week of competition.

Andrew Vogels

Competition Coordinator & Team Manager



U19 Females - The Poppies at Lorne



Susanna Ryan and Tate Tregaea-Copeland at the Victorian Titles in Warrnambool



Gretel Hollick



Rory Hollick

PCSLSC Boat Crews: 2024/25 Season

Poppies: U19 Female

- Lola Hayes
- Claire McAuliffe
- Thea Vogels
- Ava Cunningham
- Ally Baxter
- Ruby Jones
- Andrew Vogels (sweep)



The Crays

Crays: U19 Male

- Huon Glendinning
- Tom Ryan
- Josh McKenzie
- Zane Vogels
- Scott McKenzie (sweep)



The Stingrays

Fireballs: U23 Female

- Abbey Trotter
- Jo McKenzie
- Mali Glendinning
- Holly McKenzie
- Andrew Vogels (sweep)



The Shipwrecks

Stingrays: U23 Male

- Jack Matthews
- Bobby Gristede
- Zeth Kerr
- Max Rantall
- Will Banks
- Guy Faber (sweep)



The Panthers

Cowgirls: Reserve Female

- Mereanna Van Ginkel
- Taya McLeish
- Rachel Murphett
- Jorja Casey
- Andrew Vogels (sweep)



The Poppies

Panthers: Open Male

- Ben Matthews
- Rangj Vickers
- Guy Faber
- Mitch Gristede
- Andrew Vogels (sweep)
- Scott McKenzie(sweep)



The Fireballs

Kittens: Reserve/Masters Female

- Tracey Heeps
- Brooke Barnewall
- Bronnie Rantall
- Leonie Wallace
- Scott McKenzie (sweep)



The Cowgirls

Shipwrecks: Masters Male

- Andrew Vogels
- Scott Rantall
- Dean McKenzie
- Simon Trotter
- Scott McKenzie (sweep)
- Peter Selten (sweep)



The Kittens

Shipwreck Coast Swim Series Report

The inaugural event in 2004 involved only Port Campbell and Warrnambool and was organised and driven primarily by a core crew of Port Campbell members. 116 swam at Port Campbell and 129 at Warrnambool. Past results can be viewed at: <https://shipwreckcoastswimseries.com.au/past-results/>

Fast-forward 22 years and the Shipwreck Coast Swim Series involves an organising committee comprised equally of members of the Port Campbell, Warrnambool, Port Fairy and Portland Clubs.

After last year's serious challenges encountered during the Port Campbell Swim, a major review into our Swim Series Protocols, Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities was conducted by members from each of the representative clubs. The outcome was a much better documented approach to the planning and execution of each of the four swims in the series. On behalf of our club, I thank the representatives of each of the clubs for their time dedicated to that process.

Those preparations proved very valuable when, against reasonable odds, we struck another very heavy sea for our Jon McLeod Memorial Plunge on 8th February. Thankfully our swim was incident-free, barring a couple of minor first aids from head knocks against our plastic buoys; something that will be addressed prior to next year.

With near record numbers of swimmers, and a fantastic group of sponsors for the series, each club made around \$7000.

Here is a snapshot of the last few years of the series and a break-down of this year's swims including short courses.

	2020			2021			2022			2023			2024			2025		
	Long	Short	Totals	Long	Short	Totals	Long	Short	Totals	Long	Short	Totals	Long	Short	Totals	Long	Short	Totals
Port Fairy	267	52	319	236	37	273	243	35	278	251	44	295	254	31	285	261	38	299
Warrnambool	170	12	182	218	32	250	199	31	230	199	44	243	200	40	240	219	38	257
Port Campbell	207	16	223	165	13	178	221	20	241	272	26	298	274	30	304	233	18	251
Portland							133	24	157	126	15	141	154	8	162	161	22	183
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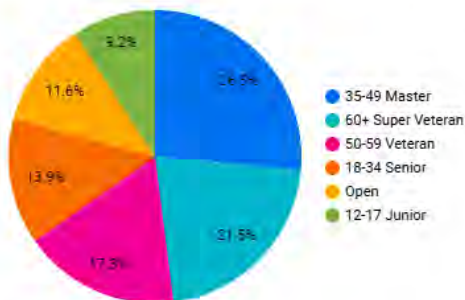
Swimmers in action at the 2025 Jon McLeod Memorial event.
Pic: Raelene Wicks



Jo Leatham completing another year around the buoys.
Pic: Raelene Wicks

Category ▾	Record Count	Name
Open	115	88
60+ Super Veteran	213	100
50-59 Veteran	171	80
35-49 Master	262	149
18-34 Senior	138	93
12-17 Junior	91	59
Grand total	990	563

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✓ Port Fairy	299
✓ Warrnambool	257
✓ Port Campbell	251
✓ Portland	183

Thank you very much to Andrew and Marg for being on the swim committee and a shout-out to Andrew who has looked after the swim series financials for many, many years now. A huge thank you to all of the water safety who turned out to line the course and keep the swimmers on track and feeling safe, and to the IRB people, the food preppers and everyone

else who helped set up and pack up. It all came together as another very successful Port Campbell Swim.

Our swim results available at: <https://www.webscorer.com/race?raceid=379715>

Scott McKenzie - on behalf of the Swim Series Committee



Andrew Wilson officiating at the Port Fairy Swim – December 2024

Long Service Awards

In recognition of a member's long-term commitment to our club, awards for 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 years of service will be provided. They are awarded to any member who has contributed to the club as a: patrolling member; Nipper Age Manager, Assistant Age Manager or Water Safety personnel; Committee of Management member; or any other specific purpose agreed to by our Committee of Management.

Years of membership commence from the date of joining the club but not earlier than the eligible age to obtain SLSC Surf Rescue Certificate (13 years).

2024-25 season long service awards:

- Tracey Heeps: 20 years
- Scott McKenzie: 30 years
- Thomas Delaney: 40 years

Club Awards 2024/25

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 recipient has demonstrated strong leadership skills, been a positive role model and conducted themselves with a high level of integrity throughout the season.

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 a 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'Rorke Training & Assessment 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 SLSC 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 is determined by the Junior Competition Coordinator in consultation with club coaches and, where relevant, Age Managers.

The Nipper All Rounder Award (introduced 2024/25)

This award is presented to a junior club member who has participated in Nippers and made a positive impact on fellow members, our club image and the surf life saving movement. The award winner has consistently demonstrated rescue readiness and actively encouraged social engagement between peers and other volunteers.

This award is chosen by the Junior Coordinator, in conjunction with relevant Age Managers and the Training and Assessment team, if applicable.

PCSLSC Life Members

Andrew McKellar

Andrew Vogels

Brett Wallace

David McKenzie

Ian Harris

James Green

John Younis (*)

Jon McLeod (*)

Karen Currell

Keith Gray (*)

Marina Deppeler

Murray Joiner

Neil Trotter

Peter O'Rourke (*)

Phillip Younis

Ronald McMeel

Ross Powell (*)

Scott McKenzie

Shane Maslin

Stewart Meek (*)

Thomas Delaney

Hugh Worrall

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