



PORT CAMPBELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

Over 60 years of lifesaving – established in 1963

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Front Cover: Ruth Mason, Murray "Blue" Joiner, Ruby Jones, Ian "Harry" Harris & David McKenzie on Patrol at Peterborough Main Beach, January 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Committee of Management

Club Executive

President	Rebecca McAuliffe
Vice President	Darcy Tribe
Administration Officer	Lynda McKenzie
Treasurer	Andrew Wilson
Vice Treasurer	Simone Hayes
Immediate Past President	Not applicable this season

Club Committee

Club Captain	Che Stone
Vice Club Captain	Susanna Ryan
Rescue Coordinator	Brett Wallace
Sponsorship Coordinator	Scott McKenzie
Special Events Coordinator	Alysa Hibburt
Publicity Officer	Holly McKenzie
Competition Coordinator/Team Manager	Andrew Vogels
House Coordinator	Marina Deppeler
Junior Coordinator	Tracey Heeps and Georgia Copeland
Power Boat Captain	Ashley Tregae
Vice Power Boat Captain	Jack Matthews
Chief Instructor	Sarah Matthews
Vice Chief Instructor	Scott McKenzie

Club Positions

Life Saving Operations Council	Delegate - Che Stone
Council of Life Saving Clubs	Delegate - Rebecca McAuliffe
AMSAR	Delegate - Brett Wallace
Aquatic Sports Council	Delegate - Mitch Gristede
Membership & Leadership Development Council	Delegate - Abbey Trotter
Member protection Officer (Female)	Brooke Barnewall
Member Protection Officer (Male)	Joshua McKenzie
OH&S Officer	Ian Harris
Media Coordinator	Brooke Barnewall

Club Positions continued...

Membership Registrar	Georgia Copeland
Historian	Gavan Deppeler
Senior IT Officer	Joshua McKenzie
Bylaws Coordinator	Scott McKenzie
Secretary (Public Officer)	Andrew Wilson
First Aid Officer	Cath Matthews
Gear Steward	Ian Harris
Surf Guard Manager	Georgia Copeland
Radio Officer	Aaron Giblett
Vehicle Officer	Scott Rantall
Club Photographer (1)	Raelene Wicks
Club Photographer (2)	Coralee Askew
Club Photographer (3)	Scott McKenzie
Club Photographer (4)	Cath Matthews
Apparel Officer	Simone Hayes

Club Sub-Committees

Finance Committee	Darcy Tribe, Tom Walsh, James Green, Scott McKenzie
House Committee	Phillip Younis, Brett Wallace, Shane Maslin, Ian Harris, Murray Joiner, Marina Deppeler, Thomas Delaney, Leonie Wallace
Bar Manager	Thomas Delaney
Assistant Bar Manager	Scott Rawlings
Junior Committee	Georgia Copeland, Tracey Heeps, Brandon Reid, Leonie Wallace, Bronwyn Rantall, Clare Dunn, Pauline Clifford, Amy Newton, Tanya Campbell, Belinda Doolan
YIP Coordinator	Susanna Ryan/Charlotte Plozza
Membership & Leadership Development	Abbey Trotter
Sponsorship Committee	Andrew Wilson, Scott McKenzie, Matt Bowker
Special Events Committee	Susanna Ryan, Molly Jones, Ben Matthews, Aaron Giblett, Alysa Hibburt, Bobbie Gristede, Zeth Kerr
Social Committee	Mitch Gristede, Tracey Heeps, Bronwyn Rantall, Marg O'Toole, Cath Matthews, Leonie Wallace, Robert Matthews, Ben Saunders, Amy Saunders

Club Sub-Committees continued...

Training & Development Committee

David McKenzie, James Green, Darcy Tribe, Scott McKenzie, Brooke Barnewall, Che Stone, John Ryan, Ian Harris, Tom Marshallsea, Tracey Heeps, Sarah Matthews, Aaron Giblett, Ben Matthews, Robert Matthews.

IT Committee

John Ryan, Sean Lenehan, Joshua McKenzie (Senior IT Officer)

Competition

Swim Series Coordinator

Scott McKenzie

Club Coach

Ben Matthews

Board & Ski Captain

Ben Matthews

Boat Captain

Mitch Gristede



With thanks to Parks Victoria (and Raelene), we held up the flow of tourists for 15-20 minutes amid peak season at The Apostles to get some creative photos for the SLSA "Show Your Spirit" competition. SLSA held the social media campaign to mark the introduction of the new Qantas branded patrol shirts – January 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

President Report

What a privilege it is to be involved in such an incredible club. We have a proud history, which is being passed down through generations, but we also have a bright and exciting future.

Seeing the beach packed with Nippers each Saturday through the summer season is not only a spectacle, but also an indicator of a healthy and growing club. Watching new families and members begin their journey with the club, and wider lifesaving movement, in such a dedicated way, I feel assured that the future of PCSLSC is in good hands.

It's been another huge year at the club. I would like to thank each person who has contributed in any way, shape, or form, to making the 2025/26 season such a success. It is not possible without you!

I thought I would take a slightly different approach to this report this year. I am going to attempt to summarise in dot points the many activities that the President has been involved in throughout the past year. Not to "blow my own trumpet" but to demonstrate the amount of joy, satisfaction, meaningful learning experiences, personal value, and fulfillment I have gained from holding this position. These "intrinsic rewards" are what keep volunteers coming back season after season. You often hear people say, "the value I receive from being part of this club far exceeds what I contribute." I can certainly attest to that.

So here is a year in the life of the President of PCSLSC by dot point:

May:

- Annual General Meeting – start of a new club year and fortunate to be re-elected.
- Vice Treasurer Role introduced – we welcome Sim into the Exec team, portfolio budgets are a focus.

June:

- Beach Energy commit to a further 2 years of sponsorship (we can continue to send our junior members to leadership and development camps – phew!).
- Attend LSV's Psychological First Aid & Mental Health Matters course – highly recommend.

July:

- LSV names Susanna Ryan as a finalist for Youth Life Saver of the Year at the LSV Awards of Excellence.
- Call out to any member who would like to assist with reviewing our Bylaws or Constitution...? (We weren't struck with a stampede of volunteers...no it's not fun, but very necessary. Thanks to those who did volunteer.)
- Did someone say portfolio budgets...?

August:

- Vice Pres. Darcy steps in and chairs the monthly meeting, I am admitted to hospital with pneumonia. Very grateful knowing the Exec Team have everything covered.
- Susanna Ryan is awarded LSV Youth Life Saver of the Year at Awards of Excellence.
- An award is also renamed in honour of Andy and Po at the LSV Awards.
- Bitterly disappointed that I am unable to attend Awards of Excellence due to being in hospital.
- Introduction of trial for dedicated vaping and smoking (DSV) area on the deck.

September:

- DSV area trial is a hot topic at monthly meeting. After much research and debate, the trial gets the green light.
- Trace, Scott, Che, Lynda, Rob, and Bec attend the LSV Preseason Forum at the Crown Promenade Conference Centre in Melbourne. Lots to take in and be updated on – Lifesaving CPR is a focus. Come away reenergised and ready to kick off a new season.

October:

- Attend the LSV President's Program weekend at Melbourne Business School. Fantastic initiative introduced in the past few years by LSV. Great opportunity to meet and network with Presidents

from all the other Victorian clubs. Workshops include Club Connections, Deepening Awareness of Respect and Engagement, SLSA and LSV Strategic Plans and Driving Success.

- We review and assess our progress against the club's strategic plan. It is pleasing to see we have made progress in some areas.

November:

- Susanna Ryan represents PCSLSC at the SLSA Awards of Excellence in Sydney as finalist in the Youth Lifesaver of the Year. Go Susie!



- Working Bee held and all hands are on deck for a spring clean. This year I avoid the BBQ area and get stuck into the Patrol Tower. Huge thanks to all those who helped out on the day! It's great to start the season with nice clean clubrooms.
- Skills Maintenance sessions are in full swing. Ugh I have to do a Run-Swim-Run...wait a minute...no I don't! They have changed the skills maintenance requirements. Focus is on new Lifesaving CPR techniques. Squeeze back into the wetsuit and manage to get through the physical aspect of Skills Maintenance.
- VSRL Short Course Boat Carnival held in Port Campbell in less-than-ideal conditions. Almost get through the entire day without incident – then the fingernails are chewed to the quick as the "Kittens" experience a "run over" from another club's boat right in the shore break! Thankfully, no one is seriously injured, although Bronnie did require some stitches to sew part of her ear back on.
- "Kittens" minus Bronnie dust themselves off to host the social event of the season, the "OpShop Wedding" themed after party in the Sunset Room. Great night!

- Watch on online as the Kittens and support crew participate in the Massive Murray Marathon.
- Nippers commences with a bang! We have 219 registered Nippers. Large swells in the bay prevent the younger age groups from getting wet. For the older cohort – it is a fun opportunity to practice some surf skills! I perform water safety duties – but really just have heaps of fun in the big swell!
- Patrols commence and we are fortunate to have 11 senior patrol groups, plus 7 junior patrol groups on the roster. Many clubs are not so fortunate.

December:

- Attend the Emergency Services inter-agency conference held at the club, along with several other club members. Great initiative led by club member and local police officer, Troy Beames. Appreciation gained for the response capabilities of emergency services and local volunteer agencies in the event of clifftop, coastal or maritime emergencies.
- Beach Inclusion Day is celebrated on 14th December. An honour to welcome both new and returning participants and see the pure joy on the faces of those that were brave enough to go surfing in the not so balmy water that day.
- Guest speaker session in the afternoon is very engaging and informative. Fantastic to be surrounded by such passionate and proactive people – topics covered include GORCAPA Engagement Team, Accessible Design and Understanding Neurodiversity.
- Aaaagghh – the drains in the showers have backed up! Nippers are trying to warm up...Wal to the rescue...sand is the issue!

January:

- New Years Eve function at the club! We (Bron, Trace, Leonie, Clare Younis, and I) perform a few songs with Drew, Peter, and Spud, and then take in the illegal fireworks being let off on the foreshore, from the deck at midnight.
- Summer of Fun @ PCSLSC is launched and Tom begins his 31-day streak of opening the bar to the public. A huge effort, bringing in lots of income from thirsty patrons!

- Trivia Night is a hit with members and visitors - a very entertaining evening, well done Social Committee and co.
- Bushfires in the Otways mean Nippers is restricted to Port Campbell based participants only for the session on 10th January.
- The PCSLSC Boat Crews withdraw from the VSRL Carnival at Fisho's (Torquay) due to bushfire activity the same day.
- VSRL cancel the Surf Carnival in Anglesea the following weekend due to unsafe conditions.
- Australia Day Awards – Club member Ben Matthews is awarded Corangamite Shire Youth Citizen of the Year. Georgia Copeland is nominated for Shire Citizen of the Year. Super proud of our continued representation at the Australia Day Awards. Congratulations to Ben and Georgia.



- Nippers, Nippers, and more Nippers...the season rolls on and I'm already feeling sad that the Nipper season is coming to an end. The joy I gain from those Saturdays far outweighs the personal effort spent.
- Taco Night – another hit! The kitchen is a flurry of heat and activity, and I try and help with running meals to the very patient patrons who enjoy the vibe and delicious offerings no matter how dippy the table runner (me) is!

February:

- The Jon McLeod Memorial 12 Apostles Plunge goes off without a hitch thanks to the meticulous planning and handover from Scott – who is unable to attend in person on the day.
- A huge effort by all members who assisted in set up, water safety, swim supervision, first aid, race starting, data entering and everything in

between. We are very appreciative of your time and efforts in making our swim the most popular amongst participants.

- Enjoy participating in Pink Patrol – enjoyable day celebrating contributions of women in surf lifesaving. Great to see young and older members mixing and taking part in the fun and creative activities.
- Attend a few rowing carnivals and enjoy seeing the development of the newer crews, plus the successes of the more established crews. Don't enjoy being the mother of a rower! It's too nerve wracking.



March:

- End of club's financial year. Thanks to the huge amount of work and time that has been put into the bar during January – figures are looking good. However, the age-old dilemma exists, how can we make this sustainable when relying on volunteers?
- Crayfest – fantastic to see the Nippers beam with excitement as they wave from the boats during the colourful street parade! A highlight for me!



April:

- The sun sets on another year, and what a bumper it's been. Final patrol of the season is held on 19th April. I request to be excused from my final patrol of the year due to picking up a virus from the airport during work trip to NZ. The terrible weather means the final two patrols of the season are classified low patronage patrols.

- Thank you to the brave souls who did attend and shivered through, using the time to give the club house a thorough clean. Thank you! It was noticed and we appreciate your efforts.



Bec McAuliffe in awe of the ocean whilst on patrol – March 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

- Start of a new financial year for the club. Portfolio budgets are submitted. Planning is underway for the next season.
- Club Administration Officer, Lynda McKenzie, is awarded South West Sport Community Sport Volunteer of the Year. Susanna Ryan is awarded the Community Sport Leader: Emerging Leader of the Year.

May:

- Planning for Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting well underway.
- President procrastinates in getting Annual Report formatted and spends a few too many nights working until midnight to meet the deadline! Note to self – start earlier next year!

I want to acknowledge the dedicated members of the Executive and General Committee. Thank you all

for your efforts and support. Our club is a great club because of you! You turn up each month to committee meetings, provide feedback, listen, discuss, consider, and care about our club.

Best wishes to the incoming President, and other Executive Committee members for the next year. It has been a period of personal growth for me and although I haven't achieved all the objectives that I set myself when I first took on the role, I leave with a sense of comfort as I pass the baton on to Darcy, knowing that his vision aligns with mine, and that of Life Saving Victoria (LSV).

LSV is driven by core values focused on community safety, inclusion, professional excellence, prevention of drowning and empowering safe water enjoyment. Their key values include; fostering positive/respectful relationships, being inclusive, committing to personal development, taking responsibility, and efficiently utilising resources to build safer communities. These shared values are what our club always has, and will continue to emulate, into the future.

Finally, thank you to Tony and Claire for sharing me with this role, and supporting me throughout the journey.

Rebecca McAuliffe
President



Bec & Claire McAuliffe during Pink Patrol – February 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Treasurer Report

Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

It is with pleasure (and a tinge of sadness) that I present the Treasurer's Report to the club for the 14th and final time; I will discuss the financial result in detail at the AGM, so you unfortunately do get my voice at the AGM for one last time.

I'll leave most of the financial stuff to tomorrow, also Sim has given a brief coverage of the high-level points in her report, (well done Tom with the bar).

The year of transition has been an interesting one, with a bit at the start solo, gently transitioning out, a sudden 6 weeks fully back in and then back out again over the last 3 months.

Given this is my last report, I'd like to thank the 3 Presidents and 5 Secretaries that I've worked with, having the support and backing in this role is crucial to the long-term success of a Treasurer and thanks to



Lynda McKenzie, Darcy Tribe & Andrew Wilson – South West Sport Community Sports Awards, April 2026.

you for that.

Thanks to the life members, when I came into the club as a complete outsider, I'm not sure I'd have accepted me the

way you did, and that support and guidance has been very much appreciated.

To all the committee members whom I've worked directly with, again thanks for making my job so easy.

And finally, as I pass the baton officially. Sim, you've done an amazing job this year, it's a lot to learn and as much as I may have tried to gently ease you in, I'm sure you've had moments of *"what on earth have I signed up for."*

But you are ready, your knowledge, skills, enthusiasm, and work ethic will make it an absolute success so don't doubt yourself for a second because I certainly don't.

On a personal note, I owe this club a huge debt that I can never repay, the person I am today is nothing like the person I was back in 2012, which is all down to the people of the club so thank you.

Andrew Wilson
Club Treasurer



Andrew Wilson receiving the President's Award at the 2025 Annual Dinner.

Vice-Treasurer Report

It has been a significant learning curve for me this past year as Vice Treasurer, as I learn the role from Andrew, our longest serving Treasurer since the club's founding.

Although Andrew will provide a detailed breakdown of the financial results at the AGM, I would like to offer a brief overview of the year. The 2025/26 financial year was a positive one for the club overall. We saw a strong increase in income, largely driven by Tom's work throughout the year in the bar, particularly over summer, as well as an uplift in function centre use, with bookings up on both last year and budget. We also received an unbudgeted grant for a new ute and finished in a favourable position following the trade-in of the previous vehicle.

Whilst expenses for the year were above budget, this was primarily due to the purchase of the new ute funded through the grant. Excluding this, expenses were under budget, largely due to lower than expected spend in House repairs and maintenance.

We continue to be well supported through grants and sponsorships, which remain a key contributor to the club's positive financial position.

With Andrew stepping down from the role this year, I hope to be successful at the AGM and be the club's next Treasurer. Andrew has set a high standard and laid a very strong foundation, and I am mindful of the responsibility that comes with continuing his work.

Thank you, Andrew, for your advice, guidance, and patience. You have been such a massive support, and I am grateful for the time you've given me this past year.

Simone Hayes
Vice Treasurer



Sponsorship Committee Report

Support through financial donations or donation of people's time, and sponsorship, big or small, is so important for volunteer groups. Particularly in a small rural community like ours.

Many of the fantastic programs we can facilitate at the club would be so much more of a burden on our members hip-pockets if it were not for the support of our major partner again this year, Beach Energy.

None of the gear you see out on Nipper's days, or boat carnivals is cheap anymore. A single Nipper board costs over \$1,000. A new surf boat, over \$30,000. Break an oar- \$1,000 gone. (That is a lot of square bale carting at Meeky's! (note-this will only make sense if you grew up without a mobile

phone). These non-rescue equipment purchases are not covered by any sort of grants or funding. They must be funded directly by the club. The ability to fully fund the many leadership and development opportunities for members is where we see the most value from our ongoing partnership with Beach.

We were again this year able to cover this not insignificant cost of sending junior members to U13, U15, U18 Leadership and Development camps, Junior Development Days, and the cadets

to Bondi. It is fantastic to see some of the original attendees of the Bondi camp now organising and chaperoning the current bunch of juniors up to the home of Surf Living Saving Australia to get a new perspective on what our wonderful movement is all about.

For me by far the most rewarding aspect of return on the sponsorship dollar is the personal development of our young members. To see our young volunteers being recognised not only within lifesaving, but also as people who contribute notably to our Corangamite community.

This year Susanna Ryan was awarded the Life Saving Victoria Youth Lifesaver of the Year. She was recognized for her dedicated service as a Patrol Captain, Vice Club Captain, and mentor, clocking over 180 patrol hours across three seasons.

Susanna was also awarded Emerging Leader of The Year in the Community Sport Leader category of the SouthWest Community Sports Awards. Susanna is a wonderful role model for our young members and I'm sure others will follow her example of using the many leadership and development opportunities available.

A huge thank you to the following businesses and individuals:

- **Beach Energy:** \$44,000 Member retention and development program
- **Commonwealth Government (SLSA):** \$11,000 Beach Safety Equipment Fund
- **Life Saving Victoria:** \$7,500 Administration Grant
- **Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program:** \$40,727 Club Vehicle Replacement
- **Corangamite Shire:** \$4,140 Business Façade Improvement Grant for the garden bed at the surf club entrance
- **Corangamite Shire:** \$1,834 Business assistance scheme for RSA course
- **TOPS Timboon Op Shop:** \$1,500 for bar stools for the deck
- **Corangamite Shire:** \$500 Ready now Grant for bar glasses
- **Popes Buslines:** Full season supply of IRB fuel and donated the bus to transfer the Bondi group to the airport.

A 'new' (2yo) surf boat was purchased from Alexandra Headlands thanks to the generosity of the following local businesses.

- Schulz Organic Dairy
- 12 Apostles Helicopters
- Port Campbell Hotel
- Timboon Railway Shed Distillery
- Sow & Piglets Guesthouse and Brew Pub
- Friendly Grocer Port Campbell
- Timboon Plumbing & Pumps
- Timboon Fine Ice cream
- Waves Port Campbell
- Leahy's Electrical Services
- Café on Lords
- Andrew & Zoe Vogels



Other contributors:

- Amy & Sam Newton (Nippers)
- Peter & Suzanne Pope (Nipper BBQs)
- Gordon Wilson (Pressure Washer)
- Port Campbell Constructions
- Phillip Younis
- Gavan & Marina Deppeler
- Tom Delaney
- Murray Joiner
- Ian & Anne-Maree Harris
- Dion Webber
- Graham & Simone Hayes
- DJ's Catering

Swim Series Sponsors:

- 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

Scott McKenzie
Sponsorship Coordinator



House Committee Report

The 2025/26 season was a busy and highly productive year for the House Committee.

Many hours of dedicated, behind-the-scenes work supported our initiatives and I extend a sincere and heartfelt thanks to the following members for their time, commitment, generosity & support: Brett Wallace, Phillip Younis, Leonie Wallace, Shane Maslin, Ian Harris, Tom Delaney, Murray Joiner, and Assistant Bar Manager, Scott Rawlings.

Thank you to the club members who supported the club's ongoing upkeep & events and generously stepped in whenever help was needed. Your contributions have been truly valued.

The House Committee is entrusted with the building that safeguards our equipment and hosts the functions that help generate essential funds for the club. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Committee;

1. Leads the construction, maintenance, and enhancement of the PCSLSC building and surrounds, ensuring a functional and welcoming facility for member training, community service, and social engagement.
2. Manages, markets, and operates the Function Centre, generating a significant financial contribution that supports the club's broader activities.

For the 2025/26 season, the House Committee's focus was promoting and increasing the use of the Function Room. Two key initiatives supported this goal;

1. Launch of the "Port Campbell Function Centre" website - September 2025

Our new dedicated website has significantly improved our online visibility, placing us prominently in search results for local function venues. This enhanced digital presence has broadened our reach and contributed to an

increase in exposure and enquiries from prospective hirers.

2. PCSLSC "Summer of Fun" Bar events

A highly popular and successful event program developed & coordinated by Tom Delaney. These events brought together strong member & community engagement and showcased the Function Room as a vibrant & welcoming space. Further details are available in Tom's Annual Bar Report.

These two initiatives positioned the Function Room as an attractive and valuable member and community asset. This progress provides a platform for further development in the year ahead.

Below is the list of maintenance works & enhancements the House Committee have completed for the season April 2025 to March 2026;

Club House Exterior:

- Painting of fascia
- Redevelopment of front garden
- Removal of weeds from club car park

Club House Interior:

- Annual lift maintenance service
- Contracted test & tag
- Contracted Fire Equipment tests
- Clubhouse cleaning working bee
- Rust treatment of internal H-Section posts
- Roller door lock mechanism repair
- Repair of blocked sewage pipe
- Repaired first aid room ceiling
- Repair leaking taps
- Hot water repair
- Generator inlet replacement
- Purchase & installation of 28 Security Lockers for member use

- Repaired function room ceiling leak & stain
- Painting of main entrance stairwell, function room & first aid room ceiling, patrol tower stairwell & kitchen doors
- Dry cleaning of entire upstairs carpeted areas
- Repaired dedicated kitchen “touch free” hand sink
- Repair kitchen bench oven seal
- Repaired function room split system
- Replacement of function room dimmer switch
- Bar cool room alarm installation
- Purchase & installation of a new bar cash till & square payment system
- Purchase of additional bar glassware
- Replacement of damaged balcony pull down blinds
- Purchase of new balcony bar tables & stools
- Installation of balcony designated smoking area screens

- Purchase of new meeting room split system

Marina Deppeler

Chair – House Committee



Life Members: Murray “Blue” Joiner, Andrew “Voges” Vogels, Marina Deppeler, Brett “Wal” Wallace, Karen Currell and Phillip “Fuzz” Younis during the BBQ for Nippers Club Champs February 2026.

Bar Manager Report

Well it’s been a great first year as Bar Manager, with lots of ideas tried, some successful, some not so. The main aim to open the doors and let our members, as well as the public, enjoy our facilities and see what the function centre has to offer.

A common comment was that people “didn’t realise what a great facility we have.” With the deck partially furnished and a Dedicated Smoking & Vaping (DSV) area provided, guests were able to enjoy the venue’s excellent views. This hopefully leads to an increase in patronage, especially weddings, which is the market the House Committee is aiming to grow.



From Boxing Day on, I opened for 31 days in a row to gauge the possibilities and potential the function centre could offer the club and its membership, both financially and as a place members could use to have some fun. From the Piano Man, to NYE, Trivia Night, Pop Up Kitchens, Card Night or just opening the bar, it was a lot of work but very rewarding. Throw in the boat carnival, weddings, tour groups and birthday parties etc, they all add up to a successful year financially. Instead of waiting for

people to come to us, we need to chase events to continue to grow our business. Thank you to Marina and the House Committee for its support, Sim with her IT support, Scott Rawlings and all the other bar staff who helped out over the

year. It would not have been possible without all your help.

Tom Delaney
Bar Manager

Publicity Coordinator Report

As the 2025/26 season ends, being able to connect with members of our club as well as the wider community through both the public and private club social media pages has been an absolute pleasure.

Through the use of our public Facebook and Instagram pages we have shared patrol updates, celebrated our incredible volunteers, promoted club functions and training opportunities, and helped share beach safety messages.

This season saw a new challenge for the club's private Facebook page, with the introduction of new child social media safety laws. While our private page is an amazing share point between members for Nipper photos and updates, relocating lost items and finding that last minute patrol swap, it needed a long, overdue tidy up to ensure all members of the page were still active members within the club and that we followed the new laws.

The figures below show the growth and reach of our public pages, and how effective they are at reaching the wider community. The figures also reflect how our private Facebook page was tidied up to help ensure the safety of our members.

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



Holly McKenzie, Lynda McKenzie, David McKenzie & Bronwyn Rantall -Port Campbell Swim, Feb 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Platform	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Facebook (Public Page)	265	398	645	867	999	1337	1455	1720
Facebook (Private Page)	250	313	337	370	413	469	521	346
Instagram (Public Page)	389	532	641	703	762	795	837	869

Club Captain Report

Well done everyone on another amazing season. Whenever I'm at the club I see a real dedication and drive that is rare in a lot of volunteer organisations. Be proud of what you've achieved.

This year the club had a very healthy patrol attendance and an overall increase in the number of active members.

This was my second season as the Club Captain. I wanted to give a special thanks to all the members who work behind the scenes to keep our club functioning. We notice you and you deserve acknowledgement. Patrol attendance was extremely good this season with a lot of new junior and senior members to fill in the gaps. Let's look at some numbers.

During the patrol season which only covered weekends and public holidays, beach attendance reached nearly 12,000 people during patrol hours. There were 300 preventive actions and 10 documented first aid incidents on patrol (and those were just the ones documented). The number of senior patrol groups increased from 10 to 11 and the junior patrol groups increased from 8 to 9. Below are the top male and female members based on hours contributed.

Leading Female Patrol Members		Leading Male Patrol Members	
Name	Hours	Name	Hours
1. Alysa Hibburt (ID: 5614510)	47.0	1. Darcy Tribe (ID: 4148547)	63.3
2. Claire McAuliffe (ID: 5679018)	46.3	2. Campbell McKenzie (ID: 3759392)	44.0
3. Cathryn Matthews (ID: 3759176)	42.0	3. Che Stone (ID: 4097431)	41.5
4. Lolita Hayes (ID: 5869836)	38.0	4. Huon Glendinning (ID: 5604600)	39.5
5. Lauren McDougall (ID: 6219238)	36.5	5. Benjamin Matthews (ID: 4133658)	38.5
6. Olivia Halliday (ID: 6138277)	34.8	6. Joshua McKenzie (ID: 4765891)	35.3
7. Ruth Mason (ID: 6062191)	34.5	7. Robert Matthews (ID: 3759110)	35.0
8. Jennifer Trigg (ID: 5946223)	34.0	8. Brandon Reid (ID: 3753520)	32.6
9. Ava Cunningham (ID: 5784339)	33.5	9. Zeth Kerr (ID: 5452853)	32.5
10. Holly McKenzie (ID: 4565665)	33.5	10. Thomas Ryan (ID: 4556645)	32.3

Peak Season: The 24th of January was a very busy day for patrol. Temperatures peaked at 40 degrees and there was a recorded beach attendance of 1,900 people. It was the perfect storm for an incident.

There were 27 preventative actions, two first aids (including a gentleman who accidentally stabbed his own leg with a fishing knife), and a reported missing person in the water, (who was quickly found on land). There were three requests for welfare where the IRB was deployed to check on a few young surfers and swimmers in and around the bay. The Peterborough patrol also recorded a first aid incident immediately upon arriving at the beach. The patrol was extended until 6pm as the number of visitors that day was steady even as the Gellibrand fires continued. Days like that certainly stand out

where we are able to put our training into use and keep the community safe.

Pink Patrol: The 14th of February was the statewide "Pink Patrol". There were a total 17 members on patrol. The aim of this initiative is to acknowledge and celebrate the many contributions that women past and present have played in lifesaving. We currently have 320 women and 294 males in the surf club. A big thanks to Alysa Hibburt and Susanna Ryan for organising.

Pink Patrol, February 2026. Pic. Raelene



2025-26 Club Champions

Age Group	Female	Male
U18	1 st Jasmine Plozza	1 st Will Paterson
Open	1 st Lauren McDougall 1 st Alysa Hibburt (Equal first)	1 st Ben Matthews 2 nd Mitch Gristede 3 rd Campbell McKenzie
Senior	1 st Joy Morden	1 st Darcy Tribe 2 nd Che Stone
Veteran	1 st Ruth Mason	1 st Scott McKenzie 2 nd Brandon Reid

What's next?

I attended the Western Region post season operation debrief in April. This is where clubs discuss what worked well and what didn't. One big point across the western clubs is the access to RWC (jetskis) and drone services. This wasn't just important along the Shipwreck Coast but for all other clubs in the region. There is a big gap that needs to be filled. Don't expect any big changes in the future but I will continue to advocate for you and the community. I have been told there are plans in place over the next 3 years to introduce public rescue equipment and drones in the western region.

Final thoughts:

We all contribute in different ways. Whenever you sign up to patrol, volunteer for water safety, help behind the bar or even clean the club, you contribute more than you think. Without the help of many, many people, things don't work. Sometimes

we ask for a lot at short notice. The little and big things people do sometimes don't get the recognition they deserve. From me to you, thank you for another great season. Stay safe.

Che Stone

Club Captain



Che Stone, Club Champs, March 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Rescue Coordinator Report

Another quiet year on the rescue front with the club on standby for two incidents; fortunately, both callouts were handled quickly by local agencies with no casualties reported. The HEMS 4 helicopter continues to be an amazing asset in these types of rescues.

Despite a declining trend in incidents, it is important that the club remains ready to respond to potential call outs for marine emergencies. With many new active members joining the club, it was acknowledged that more could be done to upskill and train members on procedures surrounding a

potential rescue. Subsequently, 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

continue to form part of future requals and member training.

INTER-AGENCY TRAINING

Earlier this season Senior Constable Troy Beames, of Port Campbell Police, organised an Emergency Services conference at the surf club. The day was largely based around presentations from a range of first response organisations explaining their role in an emergency and their individual capabilities.

Those attending included:

- Victorian Water Police
- Port Campbell Police
- Country Fire Authority
- SES Port Campbell
- Ambulance Victoria
- Warrnambool Coastguard
- Warrnambool and Port Fairy SLSCs
- Fire Rescue Victoria
- Parks Victoria/GORCAPA

Each organisation, including our club, gave a 15-minute presentation on their capabilities and roles during an incident and then accepted questions from the floor. The day was a great success and an important opportunity to network with the emergency agencies.

On May 11, an interagency mock rescue exercise was undertaken. Following a briefing at the surf club, agencies attended a simulated helicopter crash off the coast of Gibson Steps. The surf club provided a support role in the rescue of two patients at sea and their return to the beach where local SES crews performed a high ropes cliff extraction. Senior Constable Troy Beames is to be commended for driving these types of practice scenarios as well as arranging the interagency conference.

OFFSHORE RESCUE CAPABILITIES OF PORT CAMPBELL SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

In February 2021, the PCSLSC Coastal Rescue Service was formally closed. After extensive internal discussion, it became 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 given 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 have 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. 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.

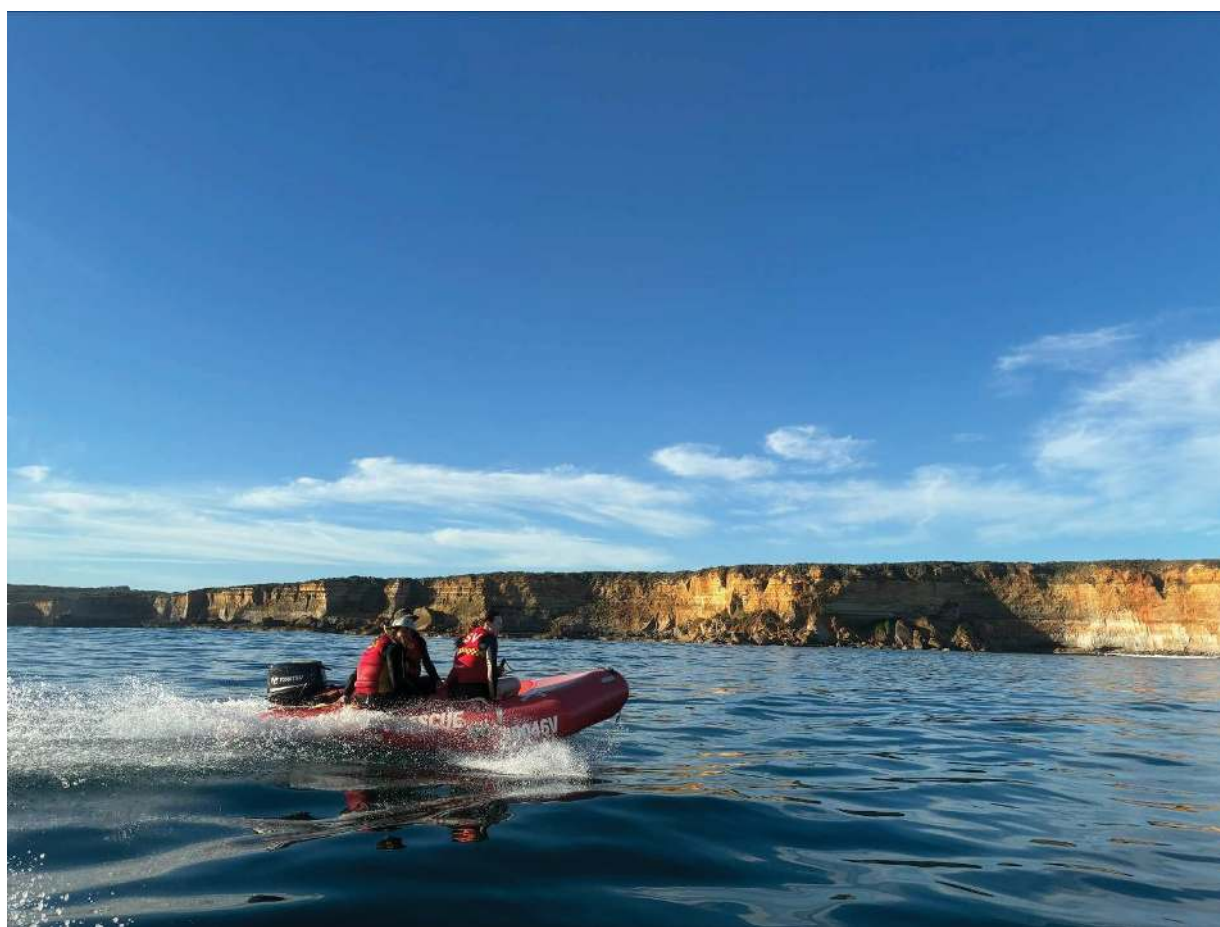
While extremely limited, the club remains a valuable part of the first response team to any marine based emergency call outs. By utilising the skills and knowledge our members have gained from LSV qualifications, we are still available to assist with inshore search and rescue events. Each callout or 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



*Brett Wallace, Port Campbell Swim, February 2026.
Pic. Raelene Wicks*



Campbell McKenzie, Josh D McKenzie (obscured) & Claire McAuliffe during IRB training, December 2025.

Power Boat Captain Report

I would like to start by thanking Popes Bus Lines for donating all of the fuel for our IRBs, it is much appreciated. This is also helped by Murray (Blue) Joiner who mixes the 2 stroke to keep our little motors moving.

TRE Motorsport also provide an amazing service to our club (and most of the Victorian clubs throughout the year), keeping all of the motors serviced and helping in any situation, even when they are quite busy. These well-maintained IRBs and motors could not be useful without the dedication of our patrol captains and qualified drivers and crew who look after the equipment at each patrol by cleaning and ensuring that any issues are forwarded to me for rectification. This year was no different to last year and we did not have any major issues with our equipment, just general wear and tear.



We have some new drivers and crew. Each year I've seen the progress from our young cadets and new club recruits as they expand their skills from crew person to driver and gain confidence in the equipment, even if sometimes they flip over. I would like to thank all of the trainers for their time to achieve this.

It was great to see all four of our IRBs in action after a call out for drivers and crew for the swim series in Port Campbell. Our Port Campbell active members did not hesitate to help out by getting all the course set up to packing up, washing down, and storing our equipment. Thank You.

My vice-captain Jack Matthews has also done a fantastic job in supporting me within this role. Thanks Jack.

I would like to thank the Port Campbell Surf Club for allowing me to hold this position. It is very rewarding.

Look forward to next season.

Happy Duckying!

Ashley Tregoe

Power Boat Captain



Power Boat Captain, Ashley Tregoe right, and his son Lenny at the Port Campbell Swim, February 2026.

Pic: Raelene Wicks

Gear Steward Report

Thanks everyone, we made it to the end of another great season following lots of fun times on the beach.

Another relatively busy season has passed, 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 Steward, my role is to maintain equipment used on patrols, in training and for 'recreational' use. It's the usual repairs with fins missing, hand grips pulled out and the odd hole appearing. 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. For our

patrols we currently have 12 rescue tubes and 20 soft rescue boards. Remember, don't hesitate to let us know if equipment is not safe to use. Many thanks to those members who assisted with the pre-season gear inspections, it was much appreciated.

I look forward to our 2026/27 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. See you on the beach next summer.



Ian (Harry) Harris
Gear Steward

First Aid Officer Report

This season we consolidated our ordering system to go through one central provider - LSV Supply Chain.



We now only stock oxygen cylinders from Air Liquide. We received two new OxyVivas that have built in regulators.

We got a new defibrillator cabinet to replace the one on the outside wall of the club – thanks Darcy. Keep your first aid qualifications up to date and make yourselves familiar with the First Aid Room and where to find supplies and equipment. It is also important to let your Patrol Captain or myself know

if you use any first aid supplies so that they can be replaced in a timely manner. Same for equipment, if you notice something that is not in good working order, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone for helping keep the First Aid Room clean and tidy throughout the year, and to those who took time to ensure that bags were fully equipped and in date.

There were no major first aid incidents to report this season, and we had no major incidents during the Jon McLeod Memorial 12 Apostles Plunge swim either.

Cath Matthews - First Aid Officer

Vehicle Officer Report

This year has been a significant one for the club's operational capability, marked by the successful upgrade to a new rescue vehicle. This milestone represents a major investment in both member safety and the effectiveness of our patrol and emergency response services.

New Rescue Vehicle Acquisition

The club successfully replaced its previous rescue vehicle with a new, modern unit designed to better meet the demands of our coastal environment. The upgrade was driven by increasing maintenance costs, reliability concerns with the previous vehicle, and the need for improved functionality.



PCSLSC Rescue Vehicle towing the IRB, Peterborough Main Beach Jan 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Acknowledgements

The successful acquisition of the new rescue vehicle would not have been possible without the support of the club committee, members, Timboon Motors, and a successful VESEP grant. Their commitment to improving club resources is greatly appreciated.

Conclusion

The upgrade to the new rescue vehicle has been a highly positive development for the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club. It has strengthened our operational capability, improved safety for members, and enhanced our ability to respond effectively to incidents along our coastline.

Scott Rantall
Vehicle Officer

Radio Officer Report

All primary hand held radios as well as the tower radio are operational with no problems.



Aaron Giblett, Kangarooie Klassic, March 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

The only exception to this being one hand held radio with the battery not properly charging. A request for maintenance for that radio, as well as the spare battery, will be sent off to LSV, as the spare battery has been prone to issues as well. Hopefully, both are fixed and fully operational in time for next season.

Aaron Giblett
Radio Officer

Apparel Officer Report

The 2025/26 season saw a notable decline in apparel sales across the range amid cost of living pressures, steady nippers uniform sales, and the commencement of a rollout of new patrol tops following the Qantas partnership with SLSA.

Nippers

Sales of Nippers gear were in line with our reduced budget this year. This continues to reflect a gradual decline in demand, likely due to uniforms being handed down among family and friends. The second-hand uniform bucket has also been well utilised, with some families checking for pre-loved items before purchasing new. I encourage all Nippers families to donate any clean gear in good repair they no longer require so we can continue to support reuse within our community.

Patrol

Last year marked the commencement of Qantas as a major partner of SLSA, resulting in the introduction of new patrol tops. Initially, limited stock and funding meant we could only distribute a small number of tops. We have since received additional stock, and I encourage members - particularly those with older or worn tops - to get in touch to arrange a replacement. We were also able to purchase a number of new patrol jackets, which have been well received, especially toward the end of the season when weather conditions were less favourable.

General Apparel

Apparel sales have been significantly below expectations this year, falling 25% short of budget and declining notably on last year. This trend was consistent across the range, including typically strong items such as hooded towels, red hoodies and black crew neck sweat. This likely reflects ongoing cost of living pressures, with discretionary spending on items like club merchandise being

reduced. In response, next year's budget will be adjusted to better reflect current conditions, and no new items are planned at this stage. On a positive note, it was great to see the new club tote bag on the beach, proving popular with boaties, age managers, and Nippers families. It will remain part of the range for next season.

As I look to take on other opportunities within the club, I will be stepping down from this role next season. I have really enjoyed managing the club's merchandise, including developing the merch stand and online store, introducing new items and building the profile of our apparel through a consistent presence at Nippers each weekend.

I encourage any interested members to consider taking on the Apparel Officer role. I am happy to provide ongoing guidance and support as needed.

Simone Hayes
Apparel Officer



Chief Instructor Report

The 2025-26 season was jam-packed with member training, strengthening both the skills of our members and the service the club provides to the community.

Thanks to all trainers and assessors who always extend themselves to our training program over the season. Thanks to Cath Matthews, Jim Matthews and Josh McKenzie for doing the trainers course in Port Fairy in October. Josh has been signed off as a trainer and assessor for bronze while Cath and Jim just have some e-learning to complete before being officially signed off, nudge nudge! All three have jumped straight into helping with training across the season and have been great assets.

I would also like to highlight what each trainer has helped with this season:

Tracey Heeps with Brooke Barnewall and Jen Trigg did the Under-14 Surf Rescue Certificate across the Nippers season. A critical part of junior retention as they graduate onto patrols next season.

Darcy Tribe gave many dedicated hours to the training of members across skills maintenance, two Bronze courses, Patrol Captains course and IRB Crew and Driver courses.

Ben Matthews delivered a SSV, IRBC and IRBD course and was endorsed as a Facilitator for both courses.

Robert Matthews also was always about to assist where needed across Patrol Captains course, Bronze and IRB. Rob was endorsed as a Facilitator for Patrol Captains and Bronze.

Tom Marshallsea coordinator for the Timboon P12 Bronze course with 11 students finishing the course.

Scott McKenzie running the ARTFA courses along with Community Bronze courses and skills maintenance. Scott is also the Western Area Training Officer overseeing training for the area and filling in wherever needed.

Ian Harris for running the Community Bronze courses for the local Leadership Schools, filling in where needed and skills maintenance.

Also, thanks to Aaron Giblett and Sir David McKenzie for their ongoing help with skills maintenance.

See below list of members who received awards over the 25/26 season. Training is a big commitment, and more so when balancing the many other work and personal commitments. Your contributions and commitment are appreciated.

22 Bronze Medallion:

Harrison Glennen, David Pope, James Mettam, Jo Lemke, Heidi Lawson, Tyra Sambell, Malcolm Malloch Brown, Lauren McDougall, Tash Togni, Ashley Nesseler, Charlie Bowker, Tom Cavarsan, Abbey Schulz, Nardia Foley, Blake Ferrari, Jasmine Plozza, Ned Mackieson, Willow Roberts, Elyssa Mutton, Nick Leech, Ruby Pender, Kurtis McKenzie, Ally Baxter, Martha Andrews, Isabella Griffiths and Robert Spencer

17 Surf Rescue Certificate:

Alex Banks, Elaine Ryan, Elise Quarrel, Vince Titmus, Lachlan Doolan, Zoey Lloyd, Oscar Robertson, Dane Nicholls, Etti Glennen, Dallas Blain, Zane Schawalder, Stella Whitehead, Beau Mackieson, Imogen Mcvilly, Pippa Paterson, Indii McKenzie and Sidney Champion.

13 Silver Medallion Patrol Captain:

Susanna Ryan, Dan Ryan, Brett Wallace, Che Stone, Josh L McKenzie, Cath Matthews, Scott McKenzie, Ruth Mason, Will Banks, Cam McKenzie, Ian Harris and Aaron Giblett.



IRB Crewies and IRB Drivers after final training session, February 2026.

5 IRB Driver:

Josh D McKenzie, Max Rantall, Nico Pol, Huon Glendenning and Cam McKenzie.

8 IRB Crew:

Ben Saunders, Toby Rantall, Harrison Glennen, James Mettam, Lauren McDougall, Lola Hayes, Ava Cunningham and Claire McAuliffe.

9 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and First Aid:

James Mettam, Marg O' Toole, Darcy Tribe, Cam McKenzie, Bobby Gristedie, David McKenzie, Ben Matthews, Rob Matthews and Aaron Giblett.

4 First Aid:

Jack Matthews, Brendan Hickey, Mitch Wallace and Kris Ackerley.

8 Side by Side Vehicle Operator:

Amy Saunders, Ben Saunders, Jen Trigg, Huon Glendenning, Scott Rantall, James Mettam, Taya McLeish and Zane Vogels.

Thanks

Sarah Matthews

Chief Instructor



*Sarah Matthews, Kangarooie Klassic, March 2026.
Pic. Raelene Wicks*



*Susanna Ryan, Lauren McDougall and Alysa Hibburt during Pink Patrol, February 2026.
Pic. Raelene Wicks*

Junior Coordinator Report

The Summer of 2025-26 was a classic Victorian mixed bag of beach conditions, that our Nippers kids adapted to beautifully! Across 13 groups of 8 age groups, the Port Campbell Nippers waded, swam, paddled, ran and explored our sandy hamlet and waves.

The main aims of the 10-week Nippers program are:

- Have fun
- Learn safe beach practices
- Look after yourself, others, and the environment

Under the leadership of Age Managers, all the Nippers are guided through a progressive curriculum advised by Life Saving Victoria covering such topics as surf skills, personal safety, assessing conditions, first aid and CPR, being sun safe and understanding the unique environment that is Port Campbell bay. The personal investment that many parents put into the Nippers program is wonderful. Gone are the days of drop off the kids and find a coffee. Our Nippers parents are beachside, encouraging their kids and their peers to get the most from the program. All parents are involved, whether donning aprons for the barbeque, rashies for the Age Manager role or, in a highly successful trial, green vests for group support.

New initiative: Green Vest Roster

With the successful trial last season, in U7 and &10 age groups, a parent support roster system was introduced from U6/7 to U11. Parents 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 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.

Expanding leadership roles

It takes approximately 50 trained volunteers to run weekly Nippers sessions. The roles vary and parents are encouraged to bring their specialist skills to the

program. The many moving parts of the program require an integrated approach to ensure easy access and clear expectations around family involvement in Nippers. Many weeks before the season starts, the Bronze Medallions and SRC trained leaders review changes and upskill. We are thankful for the Age Manager staff, water safety staff (including IRB drivers and crew), skills assessors, registration, and data inputters.

To help share the load, roles were expanded this past season to allow for better designation of responsibility. We hope to build on this approach to ensure longevity and contingency in the program and to avoid volunteer fatigue.

Current model:

Nippers Coordinators, Registration Officer, Club Apparel Officer, Water Safety Officer, Nipper App Coordinator, Preliminary Skills Assessment Coordinator, Barbeque Coordinator, Age Manager Mentor, Club Champs, and Fun Day teams.

The ever-generous Age Manager team has been building over successive seasons, in line with the growing numbers of enrolled Nippers. More leaders in each age group allows for greater flexibility when age managers are away or tasks need to be shared. This year we also trialled the new role of Junior Age Manager. Three SRC/BM qualified young people were mentored by experienced age managers, connecting weekly with the same group of kids. The Nippers loved having big kids to look up to and the teenagers stepped up to take responsibility for activities in their leadership role. We will look to expanding this model next season to include as many young leaders as possible.

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.

Surf Rescue Certificate

We saw a record number graduating Nippers, earning their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). This formal, nationally recognised qualification, saw 17 teenagers complete extra online and face-to-face training to step up to the next level of club involvement. This included their first patrol, shadowing senior club members, practising their newly minted skills such as set-up, radio communication and running through first aid and rescue scenarios. Next season, we look forward to seeing this cohort with their mates, decked out in orange water safety gear and patrol uniforms.

Congratulations to: Elaine Ryan, Indii McKenzie, Zane Schawalder, Beau Mackieson, Dallas Blain, Dane Nicholls, Elise Quarrell, Etti Glennan, Imogen McVilly, Lachlan Doolan, Oscar Robertson, Pippa Paterson, Sidney Champion, Stella Whitehead, Vince Titmus and Zoey Lloyd. Also finishing Nippers are Judd Doolan, Jed Watson, Harper Dillon, Rhys Darcy, and Harry Sinnott.

Extra responsibilities

Registration Officer Georgia Copeland, Club Apparel Officer Simone Hayes, Water Safety and Nippers LIMSOC Coordinator Pauline Clifford, Nipper App Coordinator Amy Newton, Preliminary Skills Assessment Coordinator Bobbie French, Barbeque Coordinator Belinda Doolan, Club Champs team lead by Clare Dunn.

Tracey Heeps and Georgia Copeland
Junior Coordinators



Tracey Heeps receiving the Peter O'Rourke Training & Assessment Award at the 2025 Annual Dinner.



Ben Matthews and Georgia Copeland at the Australia Day Awards, January 2026.



U10 Nippers Age Group with Santa and the Elf, December 2025. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Age Group	Age Managers	Age Group Champions
U6/7 Girls	Taya McLeish, Tash Togni & Savannah Beames (Junior Age Manager Assistant)	Milla Cunnington (U6) & Eliza Nolan (U7)
U6/7 Boys	Bronwyn Rantall & Leonie Wallace	Albie Alexander (U6) & Nash Thompson (U7)
U8 Girls	Bonnie Doolan, Tanya Campbell & Roxanna Grave (Junior Age Manager Assistant)	Mae Tutungi
U8 Boys	Tash Johnson & Trav Riches	Morris Watson
U9 Girls	Craig Cole & Luke Perriss	Winnie Alexander
U9 Boys	James Maxwell & Amy Newton	Hugo Titmus & Maxwell Hutt
U10	Jaye Dickinson, Jo Lillie & Ellie Lloyd (Junior Age Manager Assistant)	Isla Dickinson Nelson Cook
U11 Girls	Clare Dunn, Andy Hancock & David Pope	Eva Watson
U11 Boys	Peter Doolan, Tom Rankin & Chantelle Walker	Jack McKenzie
U12	Sam Doolan, Zeth Kerr & Brandon Reid	Emma Lillie George Titmus
U13	Olivia Tutungi, Leah Champion & Jade Danby	Jade Nesseler Lukas Hrebenyuk
U14 SRC	Brooke Barnewall, Jen Trigg & Tracey Heeps	Ettie Glennen Vince Titmus
Starfish Inclusion Managers	Petra Beekman, Georgia Copeland, Sharon Cotton & Emma Sheed	



2025/26 Nippers Age Managers, Assistant Age Managers and Water Safety Team, February 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks



Clockwise from top left: 2025/26 Nippers Age Champions, U11's using Rescue Tubes, Junior Club Championships Flags event, Junior Club Championships Board event, Feb 2026. Below: First session of Nippers for the season, with wild conditions in the bay, November 2025. All Pics. Raelene Wicks



Inclusion at our Club

In December 2025 we invited our Nipper families to submit photographs to celebrate Nippers who were either born overseas, are first-generation Australian (e.g. parent(s) born overseas), or belong to a First Nations community. These are just some of those representatives. We also celebrate our Starfish Nipper participants, who achieved great things throughout the season.



Māori-Australian and Dutch-Australian family ready for Nippers



Starfish Nippers personalised curriculum and acknowledgement of achievement



Ukrainian-Australian family ready for Nippers



South African-Australian family at Nippers



Peruvian-Australian family at Nippers

YIP Coordinator Report

The 2025/26 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. One example was 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.

YIPs award levels for this season:

GOLD

Claire McAuliffe, Lola Hayes, Olivia Halliday, Josh McKenzie, Amber Wallis & Savannah Beames

SILVER

Ava Cunningham, Tom Ryan, Thea Vogels, Ellie Lloyd, Will Paterson, Ronan Kerr, Roxanna Grave, Ellen Whiting, Tyra Sambell, Eli Kerr, Sacha Blain, Martha Andrew & Charlie Wilson

BRONZE

Toby Rantall, Cooper Doolan, Harrison Glennen, Ally Baxter, Jack Plozza, Finn Baxter, Indi Robertson, Ruby

Jones, Willow Roberts, Bella Hoffmann, Nick Lawson, Harry Lawson, Nick Leech, Alyssa Mutton, Kurtis McKenzie, Alex Banks, Aysha Hollick, Will Ryan, Matilda Douglas, Gretel Darcy, Alby Jones, Riley Stevens, Ned Mackieson, Caius Cuthell & Jasmine Plozza

Charlotte Plozza
YIP Coordinator



Charlotte Plozza with YIPs members at Annual YIPS Day, December 2025

Membership & Leadership Development Report

It was a busy 2025/26 season for leadership and development across the junior members of the club, who travelled to various parts of the state.

The under 15s kicked off our travels with Sidney, Charlie and Dane taking a trip to Anglesea.

"My biggest highlight was getting to know the rest of the kids using lots of ice breakers, this way we learnt about other clubs in Victoria and made friends very quickly.

Throughout the camp we faced lots of challenges, whether it was pushing ourselves outside our comfort zones by sharing stories, listening, and being able to

show leadership skills, or being physically challenged. My biggest accomplishment was climbing up a massive vertical obstacle course in harsh weather.

One thing I took away from the camp was to step up into more leadership roles. I learned skills that I will be able to use in both surf lifesaving, and my everyday life.

Overall, the camp was an amazing experience, and I highly recommend for anyone who has the opportunity to attend in the future."

- Sidney

Pippa took a trip to Melbourne for Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day in March.

"I enjoyed meeting people from other clubs and doing various activities, like rescues at the beach, where we learnt about how to make decisions quickly as a team. We practised how to communicate clearly with each other, even without talking!"

We were faced with various challenges across the day, in both theory and practical scenarios. We also learnt about job pathways, such as being a volunteer in the Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service.

A highlight of the day was getting to practise rescues on the beach."

- Pippa

An under 13s development camp trip saw some of our members take a trip to Lake Dewar Lodge. This camp focuses on developing self-awareness, leadership and understanding of team dynamics. It enhances knowledge of lifesaving pathways and opportunities, developing a network of friends across the state in a welcoming and supportive environment. It offers an opportunity to broaden lifesaving skills through gaining an understanding of individual leadership styles, and how our actions impact others.

To finish off the season, there will be an under 18s camp at Lords Sommer Camp on 22-24 May. The objective of this camp is to understand the

characteristics of effective teams, the stages of team development, and how to meet team member needs. It provides understanding of how to lead a team in a way that suits different personality styles. The camp will help participants to develop communication, mentoring and coaching skills, as well as having the opportunity to build on and develop lifesaving skills through practical training scenarios.

Thanks to all who participated, looking forward to another busy 2026/27 season!!

Abbey Trotter

Membership Leadership & Development Coordinator



Abbey Trotter and Johanna McKenzie on Patrol – December 2025. Pic. Raelene Wicks

2026 Bondi U18 Development Camp

To the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club and all of its hardworking volunteers; I would like to thank the club and Beach Energy for giving us the amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to fly to Sydney and attend an U18 development program, and also the amazing role models who gave up their time to help organise and lead the way for our group.

We left early on Saturday morning, departing from Timboon and numerous other spots along the way.

We took around a two-hour drive to Avalon Airport, most of us slept or talked on the way up. Then, we

handed in our bags and boarded onto the plane; for some of us, it was our first time flying alone, or even their first time flying. Which alone is an amazing experience. Thanks to our leaders, we all got there safely and in one piece.

Once we arrived in Sydney, we took a cab to the Bondi Bathers surf club and dumped our bags. After eating up the street and setting up our areas in the surf club, we did our first patrol of the trip. It was amazing to see how a beach as big as Bondi was patrolled and organised. How they had both blue lifeguards and yellow and red lifesavers. There were also four rescues that happened that day; it was interesting to see how they completed their rescues.

We got to compare how we, Port Campbell, and a surf club like Bondi do patrols differently. I loved the idea of rotations, which gave everyone an equal chance at something fun, some time to have a swim or board, and of course, do some sand watching. We learnt how to prevent accidents from happening and how useful a whistle can be.

Later that night, we went out for dinner at Bondi North RSL, which had a beautiful view of the beach. Then, after a bit of talking and mucking around, we all went to sleep.

The next day started with a blaring alarm, waking us all before the sun had risen. Some of us chose to swim or run, and a couple chose to go right back to bed. Later, at a more comfortable hour, we all had some breakfast and walked to Bronte. It was a beautiful walk along the edge of the water. Once we arrived, some of us helped out with their local Nippers program, others with the proper patrol. Something that interested me in Bronte was how many different roles they had for both adults and teenagers, which meant more people could get involved in the club.

A highlight of Bronte for me was a little rock or ledge that you could jump into the ocean from, right as big waves bashed and crashed around you. The water was nice and warm, very different from the frigid temperatures back home in Port Campbell. After, we went back to Bondi and had some lunch. Some of us chose to chat with the professional lifeguards, others chose to swim.

Later in the night, we went into the city for the escape room. I was in the winning team, the Pirates. It felt like stepping into another world; the room was decorated

perfectly, and the sounds made you feel like you were on a boat. We managed to finish with time to spare. I learnt how well a team could work together, and that some of the members on our team could stand up and be a leader when the time was right. I think the escape room was easily one of my favourite activities. After some delicious dinner, pizza, we returned to the surf lifesaving club. Then we all dozed off after another successful day.

On a third and final day of the trip, we got to experience some other parts of Sydney. We took a bus to the port, and then a ferry to Manly Beach. We were given free time to roam around, swim, surf, and whatever else we wanted. It was a beautiful, quiet beach. Much calmer than Bondi. On the ferry ride back to Bondi, we went past the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. It was beautiful to see in person; I had never realised just how huge both of the monuments were!

Then, we went back to the surf club to have some lunch and also buy dinner for the plane ride back. We had some free time, then had to pack up our bags. It was sad to realise it was home time. We took the plane, once again with no issues, and arrived back at Avalon Airport. Although there was a delay in the bus, we learnt how to problem-solve issues and that asking for help is a great way to fix problems! Eventually, we arrived back at Timboon, where we were all pretty tired and ready for a big sleep.

After every day, we spent time with our leaders to reflect, share, and talk about what happened during the day. In doing this, it helped all of us kids feel secure and safe. We also wrote about a different person each night – randomly selected for us – reflecting on a couple of qualities we admired about them. At the end of the trip, we all received some nice messages from one another.

But of course, none of these amazing experiences could have happened without the endless work and support from the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club and the volunteers that made this camp run smoothly. I am so endlessly grateful for all the club has given me and every other kid in the club. Some things that I learnt and admired on this trip and would love to bring back are: rotational patrols (some free time, different stations both inside and out of the club), and

more roles and opportunities for both youth and adults to get more people involved in this incredible club.

So, thank you to all of the people working behind the scenes, all of our amazing volunteers that came along on this trip, and to everyone that keeps this club running smoothly and gives out these opportunities to us.

On behalf of all of the attendees, thank you so much, Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club and Beach Energy, for making this incredible opportunity happen.

From Savannah Beames



Savannah Beames in her role as Junior Assistant Age manager for Under 6/7 Girls Group. Pic. Raelene Wicks



2026 Bondi Camp participants:

Back; (L to R) Ned Mackieson, Alby Jones, Ellen Whiting, Tyra Sambell, Sacha Blain, Eli Kerr, Susanna Ryan, Abbey Trotter.

Front (L to R); Savannah Beames, Roxanna Grave, Ian Harris, Darcy Tribe, Cooper Doolan, Charlie Wilson, William Paterson, Matilda Douglas.

Social Committee Report

The social committee organises and hosts events that bring members together, strengthening connection and fostering a strong sense of belonging within the club. It does not have a fundraising role; however, the committee aims for its events to at least break even and typically generates a surplus.

The social committee hosted three events over the course of the 2025/2026 season:

1. Season opener casserole night
2. Op shop wedding fundraiser
3. Trivia night

Season opener casserole night

About 30 members attended the low-key season opening casserole night on Saturday November 1. The purpose of the night was to officially open the season by welcoming members back to the club in a casual no-fuss way. Members brought their own casserole to share making catering easy. A secondary purpose was to raise club funds via an ergo 'guess the distance' competition in advance of the Kittens crew (Tracey Heeps, Bronwyn Rantall, Leonie Wallace, Brooke Barnewall and Scott McKenzie) plus Scott Rantall and Simon Trotter rowing a surf boat in the Massive Murray Paddle from November 17-21.

Op Shop Wedding

Our op shop wedding function on Saturday November 15 was an interclub success. Members from the following 16 clubs competed earlier in the day on our beach at the VSRL surf boat carnival and many were in attendance later that night: Altona; Anglesea; Apollo Bay; Fairhaven; Jan Juc; Lorne; Mentone; Mordialloc; Point Leo; Point Lonsdale; Port Campbell; Port Fairy; Rosebud McCrea; Torquay; Warrnambool; Williamstown. Ash Ellemor supplied the music and karaoke with the crowd maximising opportunities to cast inhibitions aside and let loose. We sold about 120 meals online via Humanitix with Andrew and Rhoda Bickell from Peterborough House serving delicious curries. Gross bar sales were about \$6,800 delivering a profit of about \$4,180. Part of the theme-based frivolity included an hilarious mock wedding and a raffle of op shop treasures. The formal dress of this event followed the bogan theme

from the previous year; interestingly, at one of the subsequent surf boat carnivals there was excited speculation amongst boat rowers from other clubs regarding possibilities for the next event's theme. What will it be?

Trivia Night

As part of the summer of fun, with the bar open more regularly for locals and tourists, a trivia night offered an open invitation for an entertaining evening. Tables of 10 were sold via Humanitix and the room was full of aspiring intellectuals across a broad demographic. Prizes inspired teams' competitive spirit along with a yearning to be the top academics swimming in a relatively small metaphorical pool.

Consulting members and upcoming events

For the first time, the social committee circulated a Microsoft Forms survey to our members to gauge what events they wanted and would support. While the feedback was limited, it was a starting point for the social committee's deliberations and could be an effective method for consulting members moving forward. One request was for a **Studio 54 disco night** and subsequently, will be the theme for this year's interclub function following the Port Campbell boat carnival on Saturday **November 28**. Get ready to don your sequins, platform heels, and Saturday night swagger at our very own recreation of the famous Manhattan nightclub in homage to the excess, freedom, and spectacle of the 1970s disco era. Visualise a wild theatrical atmosphere with over-the-top décor - think confetti storms, acrobats, and surreal stage designs - with tunes pumping from Donna Summer, Michael Jackson, and the Bee Gees. Studio 54 became synonymous with glamorous, A-list crowds - it won't have anything on what Port Campbell can offer. Get excited!

Furthermore, a 'Hey Hey It's Saturday' Red Faces club season opener will be held on Saturday **December 12**. We look forward to seeing what talent or otherwise our club has to offer. Individual members or groups are encouraged to devise an act and enter the fray. Sign up today!

Leonie Wallace
Social Committee



Santa, Leonie Wallace, and Santa's Little Helper – Nippers Christmas – December 2025. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Special Events Committee Report

This season's events proved to be very successful and fun for all.



We started off with twilight beach volleyball over January and into February running on Friday nights.



Aaron took the lead on the swim raffle on March 22nd over the CrayFest weekend, organising prizes and the day. We had a great turnout of 25 participants and lots of laps were swam.



The committee did a great job all season in supporting both the volleyball and the swim raffle, along with many other event ideas we are willing to run next season.

Alysa Hibburt
Special Events Coordinator



Lauren McDougall, Susie Ryan, and Alysa Hibburt – Pink Patrol – March 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Boat Captain Report

What a rollercoaster of a season it has been for boats. From cancelled carnivals, Bushfires and even a wave at the club's short course carnival. We had a total of 8 crews during the season compete from our master's all the way through to U19's.

The season wouldn't have been possible without the kind support of our sponsors. Beach Energy for their ongoing support to the club. Their donation has gone to a brand new JDB Surfboat (South Coast).

To all the sponsors that donated towards the 3-year-old boat from Alexandra Headland; Schulz Organic Dairy, 12 Apostles Helicopters, Port Campbell Hotel, Timboon Railway Shed Distillery, Sow & Piglets Brew Pub, Friendly Grocer Port Campbell, Timboon Plumbing & Pumps, Timboon Fine Ice-cream, Waves Port Campbell, Leahy's Electrical Services, Andrew & Zoe Vogels, and Café on Lords. Thanks for your kind donation towards this project, your contribution is much appreciated.

The Kittens competed at the Murray Marathon which is an astounding effort. They competed at various carnivals throughout the year and finished with a gold in 200 women.

The Shipwrecks once again competed at the Masters and rowed well.

The Cowgirls competed at various times throughout the season with some new rowers in the boat. They competed well and all enjoyed their season.

The Imports, with three new rowers, and a welcomed back seasoned pro to guide them, rowed well. They had a really strong season and topped it off with a bronze in the Open Men at the VSRL Open.

The Stingrays made their appearance early in the season, then work finished the boy's run prior to season's end.

The Poppies had another year of learning and laughter and are only getting better every time they row.

The Crays travelled far and wide, competing at Collaroy Young Guns, ASRL Open as well as various Victorian carnivals. They finished the season off with a silver in the U19's Men at the Vic. Titles.

Lastly, the Open Men. They had a solid hit out during the season, rowing in open grade and competing with the best. They made a semi-final in the reserve grade at the ASRL Open and got a silver in the VSRL Open. They finished the season strong with a bronze in the Open Men at the Vic. Titles, which is the first medal in this category since the now sweep, Andrew Vogels and crew got one back in 1995.

Mitch Gristede
Boat Captain



Mitch Gristede, right, launching the new boat. Port Campbell Carnival – November 2025.

PCSLSC Boat Crews: 2025/26 season

Poppies: U19 Female

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

Crays: U19 Male

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

Stingrays: U23 boys

- Bobby Gristede
- Zeth Kerr
- Max Rantall
- Will Banks
- Mitchell Gristede (sweep)



The Cowgirls at the Port Campbell Carnival – November 2025. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Cowgirls: Reserve Female

- Holly McKenzie
- Taya McLeish
- Rachel Murphett
- Jenny Trigg
- Andrew Vogels (sweep)

Imports: Reserve Male

- James Maxwell
- James Mettam
- Malcolm Brown
- Rico Van Ginkel
- Ben Matthews (sweep)

Power Rangers: Open Male

- Mitchell Gristede
- Ben Matthews
- Jack Matthews
- Campbell McKenzie
- Andrew Vogels (sweep)



The Poppies in action at the Port Campbell Carnival – November 2025. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Kittens: Reserve/Masters Female

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

Shipwrecks: Masters Male

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



The Imports at the Port Campbell Carnival – November 2025. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Nippers at Surf Sports Carnivals

Philippa Dunn (Under 8), Gretel Hollick (Under 10) and Rory Hollick (Under 12) attended their first carnival for the season on 15th February, at Ocean Grove.

The waves were relentless for the aquatic events, quite different to the conditions our Nippers usually encounter while practising in the Port Campbell Bay.

Philippa Dunn at the Ocean Grove Nipper Carnival



The best results on the day included Philippa's 3rd place in a beach sprint relay, joining up with competitors from other

small clubs to form a successful composite team; Gretel's 1st place in the surf swim relay, also in a composite team of other strong swimmers from bayside Melbourne clubs; and Rory's 8th place in the 1km Beach Run final.

Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club hosted the 2026 LSV Junior Lifesaving Championships from 6th to 8th March, for hundreds of talented Nippers from Under 9 to Under 13. Gretel and Rory again represented our club with consistent efforts and tenacious spirits. Rory's best result was a mid-field finish in the surf swim race; Rory also narrowly missed making the Ironman final too. His score



Rory Hollick at the Ocean Grove Nipper Carnival

from just the Ocean Grove carnival was nearly enough to qualify to compete

in the Iron event at the state Championship. Rory trains very hard at his athletic events and had to miss some of his favourite Nippers events because he was also competing in school athletics on the same day. Gretel's best result was in the 1km Beach Run final, placing 7th in the state, in a huge field of 77 Nippers! Congratulations Gretel on this strong placing and advancing to the semi-finals in the wading event too.

Crawford Dunn (Under 13) has dual membership with Port Campbell and Warrnambool SLSCs, to benefit from the specialist competition squad training offered at



Gretel Hollick at the Ocean Grove Nipper Carnival

Warrnambool. In late March, Crawford, his teammates, coaches, and family travelled to the Gold Coast to compete in the 2026 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. This was an amazing experience for Crawford, also witnessing another Warrnambool Nipper winning a gold medal in the Under 14 board race

Crawford Dunn at the 2026 Aussie Titles in Queensland



(this is quite extraordinary for a young Victorian athlete).

Thank you to Beach Energy who cover the cost of carnival entry fees for Nippers. Thank you to the Hollick-Plozza and Dunn families for supporting their children to represent our club and develop

really strong technical skills benefitting the general public, as these Nippers become expert patrollers on Australian beaches.

Georgia Copeland

On behalf of the Competition Coordinator



Under 13 Nippers ready for the swim race at the Nipper Championships in Port Campbell – February 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks

Shipwreck Coast Swim Series Report

The Shipwreck Coast Swim Series. Est. 2004

The tight-knit team representing the four clubs kicked off planning for the 2025-26 swim series early into the second half of 2025. Dates were set. Roles were set. And people got about getting prep done.

The team is as follows;

- **Port Fairy** Martina Murrirhy, Lucy Lehne
- **Warrnambool** Jo McDowall, Paul Jones, Neil Holland
- **Portland** Gerald Lovell, Roger Ttewavis
- **Port Campbell** Scott McKenzie, Andrew Wilson, Marg O'Toole
- Webscorer mentor and IT guru Michael Artz

The swims.

Port Fairy Moyneyana Open Water Swim

- Saturday 27 December 2025
- 258 entries. Down a little bit on last year for no obvious reason. The weather wasn't perfect, but it was far from horrible.
- Kai Moloney took out the overall male and Ebony Ebenwalder the female.



Darcy Tribe, Raelene Wicks & Jo Leatham – Port Fairy Swim – December 2025.

The David Tapscott Memorial Portland Ocean Challenge swim was on a perfect day on Saturday 3 January 2026.

- 202 entries was a great result. Up again on last year.
- Ebony Ebenwalder again took out the female section and Sebastian Christie-Crane the male.

The Tony Ryan Memorial Warrnambool Swim was held in choppy conditions on Australia Day, Monday 26 January 2026.

- 275 entries. Up on the last few years which is great.
- Kai Malony from Warrnambool SLSC took out the men's section at his home beach Susan Atherton, also from Warrnambool SLSC took out the overall female trophy.

Our swim, **The Port Campbell Jon McLeod Memorial 12 Apostles Plunge**, was held in much better conditions than the past couple of years on Sunday 8 February 2026.

- 264 total entries. A good number.
- Kai Moloney showed his super-fish skills by taking out his age category and the overall men's section in a time of 15:03. Pretty handy for a 16-year-old.
- Susan Atherton streeeted the women's field in 16:43 finishing 6th in the overall combined men's/women's result.

Good to see our home club swimmers in the mix too.

- Ronan Kerr was 3rd in the junior male and 8th overall. Eli was not far behind him in 5th closely followed by Josh Mckenzie in 6th.

Full results can be found at the following website.

<https://shipwreckcoastswimseries.com.au/>

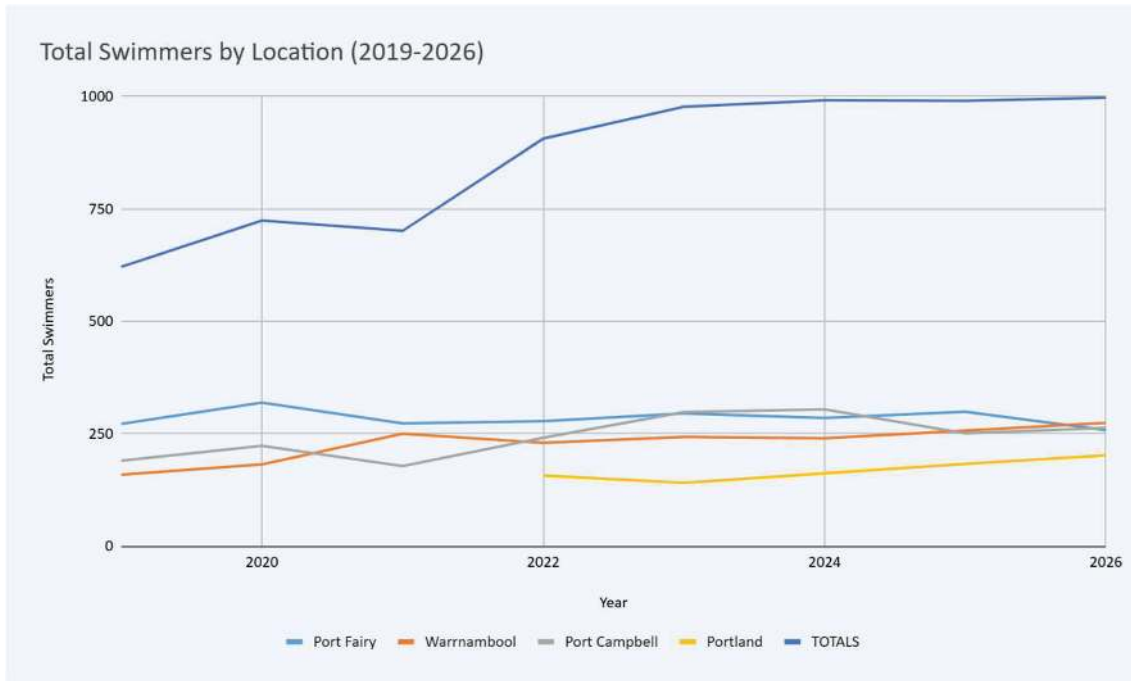
A big shout out to the swim series sponsors. AGL: Swim Series Major Sponsor • Breakwater Insurance Brokers: Swim Series Sponsorship • Dulux Paints: Swim Series Sponsorship • HUNT family: Swim Series Sponsorship • PFD Foods: Swim Series Sponsorship • Yumbah Narrawong: Swim Series Sponsorship • Jason Lamb Splash Factory: Swim Series prize.

AGL sent a representative to the Port Campbell Swim to see fist hand what it's all about and where

the money goes to. I'm sure they were impressed with what a professionally run event they witnessed. A huge thank you to all of our people who helped with all the swims. Rego/finish people. IRB drivers and Crew. All of the setup/pack up for our swim. The many water safety who helped out on the day. Mark Cuthell on the mike. Our swim would not be possible without all of you. A shout out to Andrew Wilson for once again handling the finances of the overall

series. In the final wash-up each club made about \$8,000 profit.

A point of note on the table below is the number of brand-new swimmers who have entered over the last two years. Something encouraging for the ongoing viability of the series.



	2024			2025			2026		
	Long	Short	Totals	Long	Short	Totals	Long	Short	Totals
Port Fairy	254	31	285	261	38	299	229	29	258
Warrnambool	200	40	240	219	38	257	238	37	275
Port Campbell	274	30	304	233	18	251	231	33	264
Portland	154	8	162	161	22	183	176	26	202
TOTALS	882	109	991	874	116	990	874	125	999
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	Full - Individuals		442	Full - Individuals		481	Full - Individuals		449
	Short Individuals		79	Short Individuals		89	Short Individuals		91
			521			570			540
3 swims	3 swims		36	3 swims		44	3 swims		37
2 Swims	2 Swims		62	2 Swims		84	2 Swims		95
New Swimmers	New Swimmers			New Swimmers		276	New Swimmers		196



Members of Jon Mcleod's family after the Port Campbell swim named in his memory. Pic. Raelene Wicks

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 SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate (13 years).

2025-26 season long service awards:

Andrew Wilson: 15 years

Lynda McKenzie: 30 years

Simon Trotter: 30 years



Cath Matthews: 40 years



Marg O'Toole: 40 years



David McKenzie: 50 years



Club Awards 2025/26

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.

The 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



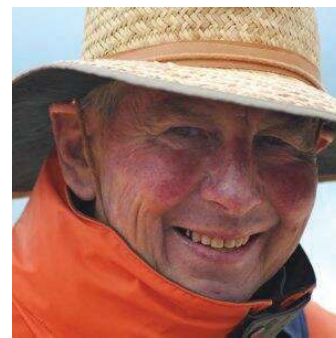
This award was previously called the Nita and George Powell Achievement Award but has now been altered (with the family's blessing) to recognise the significant contribution both Ross and Andrew Powell made to the Surf Club. The Powell family have always been aware that there were members of the Surf 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'Rourke 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's family are involved in the club across three generations. Rowing and sweeping boats, club champion, patrol captain and club captain, Bill enjoyed many aspects of the club. His children, grandchildren and now great grandchildren continue the Pope family legacy of supporting the club.

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 is determined by the Junior Competition Coordinator in consultation with club coaches and, where relevant, Age Managers.

Nipper All Rounder Award

This award is presented to a junior club member who has made a positive impact on fellow members, our club image, and values. The award winner has consistently demonstrated commitment to all aspects of surf lifesaving, showing teamwork leadership and reliability.

The Nipper All Rounder is chosen by the Junior Coordinator, in conjunction with relevant Age Managers.

Port Campbell SLSC Honour Role

Individual and club awards gained at State, National and International level

Life Saving Victoria (LSV) Awards of Excellence

2003 -04

Administration Club of the Year, Port Campbell SLSC

2017

Volunteer Trainer of the Year, James Green

2019

Sprit of Lifesaving Award, Port Campbell SLSC

2020

Graeme Long Memorial Medal - Volunteer of the Year, James Green

2022

Volunteer Trainer of the Year, Lara Falk

2023

Beaurepaire Shield - Club of the Year, Port Campbell SLSC

John Wishart Memorial Medal – Victorian Lifesaver of the Year, Darcy Tribe

Team of the Year (U17 to Open), 'The Rockets', Ben Matthews, Campbell McKenzie, Mitch Gristede, Charlie Trotter & Gary Askew (Sweep)

2025

Youth Lifesaver of the Year, Susanna Ryan

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA)

1980

Certificate of Merit - Ross Powell and Patrick Plozza

2020

Certificate of Merit with Silver Medallion Inset

Phillip Younis, Andrew Powell, Ross Powell, and Ben Matthews

PCSLSC Life Members

Andrew McKellar
Andrew Vogels
Brett Wallace
Brooke Barnewall
David McKenzie
Hugh Worrall

Ian Harris
James Green
John Younis (*)
Jon McLeod (*)
Karen Currell
Keith Gray (*)

Marina Deppeler
Murray Joiner
Neil Trotter
Peter O'Rourke (*)
Stewart Meek (*)
Phillip Younis

Ronald McMeel
Ross Powell (*)
Scott McKenzie
Shane Maslin
Thomas Delaney
(*) *Deceased*



Ruth Mason, Murray "Blue" Joiner, Ian "Harry" Harris & David McKenzie on patrol at Peterborough Main Beach, January 2026. Pic. Raelene Wicks