

SURF, SUN 'N' SAND



President's update

One of the most pleasing and enjoyable aspects of my term as President so far has been uncovering the hidden gems within the club. Over the past 6 months or so I have been overwhelmed with people rolling up their sleeves and becoming involved.

Getting to know more of the active members with their passion for the club and patrols, nipper parents with hidden talents and life members who are still rolling their sleeves up to help out our great club. I have said it before but there truly is a place for everyone which is what a community club is all about.



Summer might be leaving us but the club remains very busy. Patrols are still required and I urge everyone to attend and share the load. The competition element of the club is heating up with Victorian state titles not far away. It is great to see the smiles at training and the improvements amongst the troops.

The committee is busy planning for next season. Budgets are being drafted, section analysis and a strategy day upcoming. The audit and risk committee are reviewing position descriptions to ensure transparency and avoid overlap and these will be distributed for roles up for election once the AGM is announced.

So all in all a busy time. For the nippers heading to Lorne for Vic state titles embrace and enjoy, show the true blue and gold spirit and do your club proud. Senior section heads to Warrnambool for the long weekend and are ready to take on the best hopefully in some surf conditions.

So until the next issue make the most of the last summer days and see you on the beach.

Tiffany Quinlan, Club President

Club News



Once again there has been great energy buzzing around the club from the morning swim and coffee crew to the Nippers, and competitors boaties, board and ski ramping up for States and Aussies, the Fridays up at the bar to patrols on the beach. It has been great seeing so many members actively involved around the club with smiles on their faces.

Patrols have been full and everyone is doing a fantastic job keeping our beach safe. We aced another blue diamond inspection which is a great achievement.

We have just had the state masters titles even though our contingent was small we still came home with a few medals across the boats and competitive sections. Hopefully next year we can get a few more masters involved as it is a fun day of competition down at Lorne.

Until next month keep it up Team Torquay and see you around the club.

For the Calendar

- Feb 23/24 - Nipper State Champs
- Mar 9/10 - Senior State Champs
- Mar 30 - Aussies

SAVE THE DATE
Club Presentation Night - JUNE 01

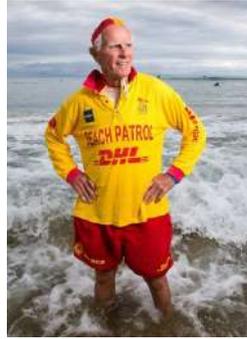




AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS



Congratulations to Pat Spinazzola our Director of Lifesaving, being recognized as Young Citizen of the Year. Thank you for your tireless work at our club and within the community, your club mates are proud. Enjoy this moment!



Bill epitomizes the core values of lifesaving through his passionate delivery for the movement. He obtained his Bronze Medallion in 1960 and has accumulated and maintained 59 significant lifesaving awards since. A very worthy recipient of the medal for the Order of Australia

TRAINING NEWS *Director of Lifesaving, Pat Spinazzola*

TSLSC is committed to providing opportunities for members to continually update and grow their life saving skills and knowledge. Upcoming training includes:

IRB Crew Course (planned for Easter)

Available to all current bronze medallion holders, involves theory and practical exercise. Participants must complete training under the supervision of a qualified IRB Trainer.

IRB Driver Course (planned for Easter)

Available to current IRB Crew accredited members. A current Marine Boat license is a pre-requisite for this award.

Spinal Management Course (April 28)

Available to ALL financial members. This course can supplement existing bronze medallions, or be obtained as a stand alone accreditation. Holders of this award can be active members on patrol.

Silver Medallion Beach Management Course (April 27)

The course is aimed at people wishing to be Patrol Captains, Lifeguards and Lifeguard Supervisors. Pre-requisites include current bronze medallion, and proficiency in first-aid, radio operation, ART OR spinal management. You must be at least 17 years of age on the date of the final assessment.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TITCH!

This month we wished Titch (Eugene Cullity) a happy 91st birthday, a Life Member who has spent more than half of his life around our great club.

Merch Shop

Current items in stock include,

- beanies
- board shorts
- hooded towels
- Engine backpacks
- kids pullover hoodie
- adults zip hoodie
- club grey t-shirts
- kids' track pants

Send in your EOI for bumblebees so we can progress the order, merchandise.tspsc@gmail.com





Competition Round Up

SENIORS

Since the Jim Wall event a number of our athletes have competed interstate championships and a number of Ocean 6 events with varying degrees of success. What it has shown is that the Victorian competition scene is strong and vibrant. This has been demonstrated by how competitive the athletes have been against the country's best.

The Pt Leo senior carnival has literally just finished which was a great lead up to the State Titles on the long weekend in March at Warrnambool. Highlight of the day was club man Ben Harris winning the Open Board after leading from start to finish holding off his coach Nick Thomas and team mate Jayden Schram, Ben has been doing great work in and out of the water all season and a well-deserved victory for the effort he has put in.

We are now looking forward to State Titles and Aussies, keep up the hard work we are almost there.

Peter Quinlan, Competition Director



BOAT CREWS

Eight Crews represented Torquay at the ASRL Open at Elouera Beach NSW in heavy seas last weekend. The U19 Men Buoyos and U23 Men Pirates, represented Victoria in the State Team with solid places in their respective divisions. The State Team went on the take 2nd overall, Victoria's best result in over 20 years. Well done to all.

We took some very young inexperienced crews to this event who I'm sure reaped the chance to compete against some of the best crews in the country. Our results were not as expected but the lessons learned far outweighed the results this time around. There were no injuries or equipment breakage and plenty of smiles all round. Of our more senior crews the U23 Pirates were our best performed being eliminated in the Semi Finals after drawing what could be said as "a dud Alley 1".

On behalf of all our crews, we offer a huge thank you to our parents, club associates and Life Members who have towed boats, officiated, moved tents, carried boats, offered condolences, offered support, offered congratulations, paid for food and helped make our team strong.

Six weeks and we will be at the Aussies and we will be better for the lessons learnt this weekend. See you all down at Warrnambool in two weeks. Bring on the Vic medals.

Rod Costa, Boat Captain



From the archives...

TSLSC PIER TO PUB QUADRELLA

This year a large group of TSLSC Members hit the water in the Pier to Pub with some great results. But did you know that TSLSC has a rich history in the event? One memorable Pier to Pub in 1990, thousands of swimmers ventured to Lorne as usual to compete in the 'Pier to Pub' annual swim race. Little did they know that the Torquay representatives would win every section.

Our club's Vice President at the time, Tony Fraser, was standing next to race caller, Harry Windmill, and was hoping for a 'clean sweep' with the juniors. With the low tide, Aaron Tyack stood up first and hit the beach running like the wind, winning the junior section. The announcer yelled 'Torquay SLSC has won the Quadrella'.

The photo from L to R, Tony Strahan (Masters), Hamish Cameron (Open), Francis Murphy (Open Female) and Aaron Tyack (junior winner). It must be noted that for many years Aaron held the record in timing for this race, because of low tide. You certainly can run faster than you can swim!



Torquay S.L.S.C. Quadrella
Section Winners
Lorne Pier-to-Pub Swim 1990

MEET YOUR CLUB MATE Glenn Singleton

How long you have been in lifesaving?

I gained my bronze in December 1993 and have patrolled and competed every season for the past 26 years! It's great being part of a strong community organisation, I grew up in a family that was involved in community service organisations and sporting clubs, so combined with my love of the water being active in the surf club has always been something I do.

How long you have competed, what do you love about it?

I started kayaking at high school so the progression to surf ski racing was what initially got me into the surf club culture, and I did my first carnival soon after doing my bronze. These days I train and compete to keep fit and healthy, but predominantly it's just an opportunity to catch up with my mates. Passing on knowledge and assisting the next generation is also something that I enjoy and keeps me involved. A club and its younger competitors that values the experience of older members is great to be a part of.

Any advice for members looking to get involved?

I live and work in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne and I am really enjoying being an Torquay active/competition team. I would encourage all members, especially the younger active members to have go at surf sports, as there is an event for everyone.

I have been fortunate in my life to have travelled the world representing our country more than 40 times over an 11 year period and I know that surf life saving had a positive impact on this and many other aspects of my life.

Further I would encourage the guys of my vintage in our club with great competition backgrounds to come for a paddle again soon!





Nipper News



The Nipper season is coming to an end with the Nipper State Championships in Lorne this year over the weekend of 23 & 24 February.

Team T will take the biggest team of any Lifesaving Club in the State to Lorne this year, with over 100 Nippers, including 66 families all making the trip for the two day event.

Carnivals have been few and far between this season with water quality and then heat affecting and even cancelling carnivals and making it hard for our families and LSV.

It has been a wonderful team effort by all, but we would like to thank all the Age Managers this year for all their efforts and encouraging our Nippers to participate regardless what level they are.

The parents will definitely miss their Sunday morning Stoop coffee and thanks to Sean from Stoop for his great coffee and cracking morning tunes. Naturally the thing that we all will miss most is of course Robs famous egg and bacon rolls. A huge thank you to the Links Property team and all the sponsors who have made each weekend work for our Nippers.

Good luck to all the Nippers competing in Lorne and Go Team T!





SPONSOR NEWS



The Torquay Surf Lifesaving Club Trust (Jack Harris Memorial) was established in 1993 and is a registered charity with the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission). Bequests and donations received by the Trust remain in perpetuity as capital of the Trust. The interest earned on investments is then utilized to make donations to Torquay SLSC to cover the cost of 'core Life Saving activities' that the club has funded. Some items the Trust has donated funds for in the past has been for IRB's, IRB motors, Defibrillator, Patrol Radios and Oxy-viva's. This current season the Trust has committed funds to cover the cost of \$7,600 for club purchases of life saving equipment. Grants made to the club since the formation of the Trust are in excess of \$150,000. Trustees are available to provide an overview of the Trust and the means by which to make a donation.

Trustees of the Trust are Simon Strahan (Chairman), Richard Greenhough (Secretary), Lindsay Newstead (Treasurer), Marion Lowe, Peter Doyle, David Shaw, Ian Turner, Bill Johnson, David Steed, Michael Nolan and Bryan Thomas.

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RXP group

Our sponsorship and community engagement vision is based on developing long term partnerships, with mutual benefits and rewards. And it's fair to say RXP Services has been a loyal supporter of TSLSC for many years, a relationship our members value. The RXP Group provides digital expertise and support across a diverse range of channels. They are focused on supporting the communities within which they work and live. This season, RXP is a SILVER SPONSOR for our Senior and Boat Team, and is our official club sponsor for the 2019 Aussies to be held in QLD. We are thrilled you have come on board!



When we welcome new families as members, and then they also partner with us as business sponsors, it's a great reflection of the positive and welcoming culture we have at TSLSC. Thank you to Torquay based family business, Basebuild Constructions, for coming on board this season as a bronze sponsor partner. These guys specialise in creative and customised commercial and residential builds both here on the Surf Coast and across Australia, locally you would have seen their work at Boardriders, Mr Archer Wine Bar and the Angelsea Historical Boatshed, just to name a few.



As the Geelong and Armstrong Creek regions continue to be a popular choice for new home buyers, and with Torquay as the closest surf beach, the TSLSC member base is definitely expanding. We have enjoyed a long partnership with Villawood Properties and the remarkable community of ARMSTRONG Mt Duneed, with resort-style living, an abundance of parkland and home buyer opportunity, and are thrilled to have them on our team again this season. We look forward to seeing you around the club!



Villawood branding on the Nippers trailer is a welcome sight for beach goers



2019 Surf Coast Times Jim Wall Iron *by Terry Wall*

The Jim Wall Ironman was held at Torquay surf beach on Sunday January 13th, and is the longest running ironman event in the world. The event started as the Jim Wall "Surfathon" in 1962, and was conceived by the Torquay Surf Club to test all round surf and water ability, with an endurance format including swimming, board and ski paddling and beach running – all uniquely without a break. It is believed to be the first continuous ironman event ever staged, in the format that has now become standard.

The Surf Coast Times 2019 event had fields of 25 men and nine women raced over an M-shaped layout drawn for a ski-board- run-swim sequence, Torquay SLSC featuring on the podium in both the men's and women's events.

Matt Gillings (Northcliffe) won the ironman event ahead of Jesse Coulson (Ocean Grove) and Archie Vernon (Torquay). In the ironwoman event, Manly's Naomi Scott defended her 2018 title, taking the win ahead of Sophie Thomas (now Warrnambool, but possibly still claimed by Torquay!) and Grace Harris (Torquay). Both winners have local links, Gillings was at Ocean Grove but moved to the Gold Coast and currently leads the Ocean 6 swim category, Scott's grandmother lives in Torquay and proudly watched.

Last year the event was part of the Ocean6 Series, this year it was good to see a lot of Victorians who normally wouldn't have otherwise entered. Locals included our Archie Vernon, as a 17-year-old, taking on Matt Gillings. The women's event had changing leaders, Sophie Thomas making up almost a minute in the swim, and Grace Harris' superb board leg could have stolen the race.

This year the club ran the ironman and also separate swim and paddling events in the afternoon following an LSV carnival completed in the morning. It showed the club at its best at all levels- offering interest events, cheering on competing members, those who officiated and helped did a great job on the beach, the old guys manned the BBQ, and life members mingled with sponsors in the club.

The event honours Jim Wall who was the President of the Torquay Surf Club from its inception in 1947 until his death in 1961, and led the organisation of the surf carnival run at Torquay in conjunction with the Melbourne Olympics in 1956. Previous ironman winners have included Australian Champions such as George Day, Ray Brewin and Wes Berg, with Torquay local David Strahan winning multiple events, and Jim's son Terry, who won the first two.

Thank you to all our event sponsors for your support!

Surf Coast Times

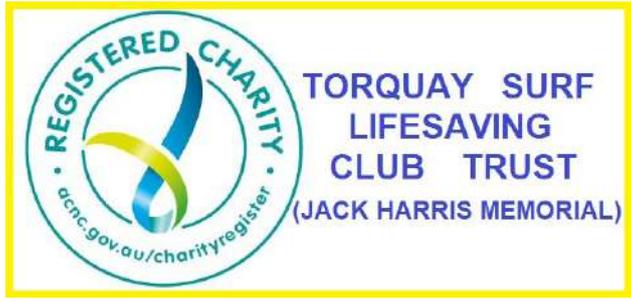




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