



TORQUAY SLSC

SURF, SUN 'N' SAND

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President's Update



The second SSS for this season and we still are unclear on what lies ahead. What we do know is that there is a concerted effort to ensure that some sort of LSV sports run and we will be required to patrol – what both look like is a moving feast. The Committee continues to work closely with all relevant governing bodies and stakeholders to ensure that season 20/21 exists in some form, however the health and safety of members continues to be the key driver behind any decisions.

On some positive news, the redevelopment project continues to forge forward. We are in the process of doing comparatives and research into recent surf club builds learning from them what works and what does not. In the coming weeks we will be establishing some focus groups inviting interested financial members to participate on some key areas of the redevelopment. This feedback will be collated and fed into the brief. Please watch out for more information on this. It's your club so get involved.

The Committee has re-forecast the budget and submitted it to the audit and risk committee. Based on an empty building since March, no function bookings, slow membership renewal and uncertain opening date the numbers do not make for great reading. Fortunately the last few years have been profitable for us as a club so we have some money saved however that was allocated to the rebuild so we will need to be conservative with our spending and seize every opportunity to raise funds where we can. Tin rattles are likely to be a thing of the past upon which we have always relied on and of course functions are not booked at all.

A special shout out to our Melbourne members who are in stage 4. I know you miss the coast and we certainly miss you as well and cannot wait until we can at least see your faces in the water again.

So please stay safe, look out for each other check in on fellow members. We are united community club and together we will get through this.

Tiffany Quinlan, Club President

Youth Squad News

It has been great to see so many youth getting out for some winter board paddling, every little bit counts and will serve you all well when we get the green light to resume group activity.

Youth Squad is available for all financial members in U14/15 age group and is a great introduction to all things lifesaving, including gaining experience on different craft, understanding how patrols function and overall building on essential skills and fitness.

If you need more information please contact info@torquayslsc.com.au to start the conversation!



Do you have your TSLSC bumper sticker?

Contact membership.tspsc@gmail.com to organise.

For the Calendar

- 2020/21 Memberships due
- Training & Education calendar coming
- TSLSC 75th Celebrations (details coming)
- Progressive Working Bee (see details)

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MEMBER TRAINING & EDUCATION

With COVID-19 an every changing beast the education plan for re-qual and gaining new awards shifts almost daily. We expect to have a better idea on what we can and cannot do this season by mid-September and of course we will communicate as soon as we know anything. In the meantime we encourage every member to log into the LSV training portal and check how up to date their awards to be ready when dates are available to re-qual or gain certain awards.

Don't forget if you have held your bronze and not re-qualified it within five years the award becomes null and should you wish to do it again you must do the entire course again.

Working from home?

Got some extra spare time at the moment? Why not do your Technical Officials course on line, ready for the season ahead! Do the online component now and the practical modules once we can get back to training! To find out more head to:

- SLSA MembersOnline [\(CLICK LINK\)](#)
- Accreditation Process [\(CLICK LINK\)](#)



Congratulations Awards Nominees

We are very proud of our nominees for the 2020 Life Saving Victoria Awards of Excellence, absolute champions in our eyes!

Daphne Henderson

nominated for Emerging Official of the Year

Kate McCardel

nominated for Emerging Official of the Year

Archie Vernon

nominated for Youth Athlete of the Year



LIFESA VING

As the season approaches, one thing we do know is that we will be required to perform some sort of patrols, the format of such we don't know yet.. As It is our primary purpose for existence, we are currently reviewing all things lifesaving. The percentage of members that are not active has always been disproportionate and something the current Committee are working hard to reverse. There are 3 elements, the first is retaining active members as they progress from Nippers to Youth Squad and obtain SRC and bronze. The second group is those with bronze and eligible to obtain more awards and finally mature or new members who want to gain some valuable life skills while helping the community.

We have listened to feedback that patrols are all about being with mates as can sometimes be boring. We are working on trialling a number of initiatives so patrols will be different that is for sure.

If you are interested in understanding what is involved in becoming an active member or obtaining a new award or qualification, we'd love to chat to you, please do not hesitate to contact info@torquayslsc.com.au or call any of the committee, we are all willing to listen and welcome the chance to discuss opportunities with you.



HAYDEN nippers

Like every other section, Nippers is planning as much as possible in the background and preparing for the season ahead...whatever that will look like! Our main challenge is the number of participants and their support crew i.e. parents and siblings that we'll have to manage under, yet to be determined, numerical restrictions and distancing guidelines.

As a Nipper sub-committee we are looking at some principles that will allow us to run a program yet flex as restrictions loosen or tighten. Obviously we'll communicate these as soon as we can!

In the meantime I can only encourage all of our Nippers to keep active in readiness for a resumption of training...it's been impressive to see so many of you free paddling during lockdown. Thanks Zeb Walsh, previous Jim Wall and Molokai2Oahu winner and Nipper Dad, for the junior training tips!

You will have seen our Nippers video doing the rounds on social media, if you have anyone in your network who needs information about our Nipper program, please pass on my email address, nippers.tspsc@gmail.com

Matt Henderson
Director of Junior Development

CLICK THE IMAGE BELOW TO WATCH THE NIPPERS VIDEO



Nipper training tips with Zeb



1. Make time in the water as often as you can, swimming, paddling and surfing. Water time is the key.
2. Fun board session. Make it as easy or hard as you like. Paddle out and catch a wave in. Making sure you do a start every time you enter the water and a finish every time you come into the beach.
3. Body surfing with or without a fin. When body surfing spend some time without touching your foot on the bottom, swim the whole time.





sponsorship

NEWS

We are incredibly lucky to have such great sponsors in our TSLSC community. Thank you to those who have renewed their commitment to lifesaving through support for the 2020/21 season. We are continuing to discuss opportunities with our sponsorship group and the need to 'keep the lights on' at our club so that we can provide our primary purpose – beach patrol at the Torquay beach – with the same excellence and diligence we are renowned for.

While it is a little unknown what our summer will look like, with interstate borders likely to remain shut for Victorians, the potential for increased visitors to Surf Coast is a reality if Stage 4 restrictions lift. This means more reliance on our volunteer lifesaving patrol, and it also means more brand exposure for sponsors!

If your business has the capability to support via a sponsorship season, we'd love to meet with you! Contact the sponsorship team on sponsorship.tslsc@gmail.com.

Sarah O'Dwyer
Director of Marketing



Faggs Mitre 10 supports lifesaving

Great to have Fagg's Mitre 10 on board again this season supporting our Patrol Team. Providing access to cold weather patrol gear is a valuable contribution that will definitely make an impact this summer as we prepare for quite a different patrol season ahead. Thank you in advance for helping us make it possible.

It's Hayden Real Estate Torquay Nippers again!

We are thrilled to have the Hayden team as Gold Sponsors of our club, supporting the Nippers again this season. We can't wait to see our Nippers doing what they love supported by the Hayden crew. Without this financial support, this program simply wouldn't be possible.

Let us introduce the Hayden crew who are also members, you've probably seen them on the beach, cooking on the BBQ or managing an age group. They love the TSLSC just as much as you. If you'd like a home appraisal or to chat about the property market, chat to your Hayden club mate!





Bruce from Great Ocean Pools dives in again!

Welcome back Great Ocean Pools, we love having you on our team, thank you for coming back for a 3rd year! Bruce's love of lifesaving started across the bay at Point Leo, where he switched from being a national level pool swimmers to rowing boats. The Great Ocean Pools brand looks stunning on our boat, and we hope we can see it out on water this season.



Grand Slam Physio focuses on member health

We are very excited to have the local team of Grand Slam Physiotherapy looking after our members again this season. Last season, their in-club stretch sessions, and online zoom classes were a great hit! As our official club physio this season, keep a look out for their regular training and stretch tips, as well as VIP member offers. Thanks guys great to have you back!



Aussie BBQ Cleaning helps TSLSC to cook up a storm!

We can't wait to fire this BBQ Trailer beauty up this summer! Thank you to trailer sponsor Aussie BBQ Cleaning for working on this with us. Your generosity through this sponsorship will make a big difference to our fundraising efforts, once we can get back to flipping snags and serving up our famous egg & bacon rolls.

Thank you also to the Torquay Lions Club for helping us to make this happen. And of course our wonderful sponsors at MCG Signs, your ongoing support is just amazing.





COMPETITION NEWS

It is great to see so many of the senior and youth competition teams free surfing on all sorts of craft over the last few weeks. Remote learning and working has enabled many of the team get to the beach before and after School/University obligations. This period of time is an opportunity to clock up the hours in the water which no doubt will pay off when competition returns this season.

As I write there are some encouraging signs that the second wave of the corona virus is slowly being brought under control and a possible return to group competition training seems more likely than unlikely.

LSV has acknowledged that this carnival season for the year 2020/21 will look completely different due to the Corona virus and how it will look is still yet to be mapped out. What I do know is how we prepare and train the team will also look different as well.

Overall we all should start getting excited for what this season hold for us as potentially this could be one of the most exciting and fun seasons ever.



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Check in with a Club Mate

A phone call can make all the difference! We need to stick together even when we're apart...

How have you stayed connected with Club Mates? We'd love to hear your stories and pics! Is it via Zoom catch ups, exercising together, out in the water, or just the old fashioned phone call?

Merchandise Update

The merchandise shop is open for stock items, such as club hoodies, caps, towels and goggles. We have ordered more stock of the kids hoodies and soon will have adult trackies. New club blue t-shirts will soon be stocked ready for order.

The store has limited stock of club buffs for \$10 each (plus \$8.95 postage for non-locals), with \$3 per buff going towards our lifesaving patrol. For orders contact the Merchandise Team on merchandise.tslsc@gmail.com



WORKING BEE update



Amid the restrictions we are facing, and the need to get some club maintenance complete, we are looking at scheduling teams across a series of weekends, rather than one day. If you have specific skills and equipment to offer please email info@torquaysls.com.au to register.

the PEOPLE OF TSLSC



ADAM COLE

I joined the TSLSC when I was 10 years old. We live here in Torquay, close to the beach, and my Mum and Dad wanted me to be able to have fun at the beach whilst also being safe. So Mum and Dad enrolled me in Nippers.

I have asked lots of my friends to join Nippers with me over the years because I wanted to be able to hang out at the beach with my mates. I even managed to encourage my mate Tom Clements to do his SRC and join our club when we started secondary school. I got to patrol with him during our first summer as qualified SRCs and we both helped out at heaps of nippers sessions.

Being part of TSLSC also introduced me to other kids who live here too but go to different schools. Ollie Maddelena was one of the first boys who made me feel really welcome at the club when I first joined. We have been great mates ever since.

I wasn't really nervous the first day I had to patrol earlier this year but I had no idea where to go or who to talk to. Dad helped me find out where to go and then the patrol captain made me feel comfortable and relaxed. I was lucky to have Harry, Nate and Tom from my SRC on my patrol. We were all learning together.

I wasn't sure about going into the Seniors Competition after Nippers but the club started a new group called Youth Squad. It was more about what the club can offer members other than just competing. Cam Mercer led the sessions and was amazing. He made each session fun and cool. We got to do things like paddle around to Jan Juc and Jump off Bird Rock, go in the IRB and even did gym workouts. It has been great to also be with all the kids I did Nippers with.

I'm looking forward to the new season because not only will I get to hang out with my mates but I will also be able to help the new group of Youth Squad kids with their SRC training.

One of the best things about the upcoming season that I'm looking forward to is being able to patrol with my Dad. He was able to get his Bronze Medallion earlier this year so this summer we will patrol together. Our whole family loves being involved with the club.

