



SURF, SUN 'N' SAND

TSLSC CLUB NEWSLETTER | Jan/Feb 2020

President's Update



As I sit writing this, I am torn between being so grateful for all that our amazing volunteers have achieved in the last few months and battling ongoing issues of vandalism and a building that is in literally in decay.

We are so fortunate that our club is more than bricks and mortar, it is about the people inside. You will see by reading the section reports in this edition there is certainly a community feel and so much wonderful news coming from each and every section. The club is in a great place from a people point of view.

The redevelopment of our club is simply not on track. We are desperately short of funds and having missed two election cycles are most certainly on the back foot. We simply cannot keep patching the old girl up, we need to invest and make our physical club fit for purpose and safe. We are at a point where limited member numbers and programs in future seasons is a reality.

The committee continue to lobby politicians and pretty much anyone who will listen however it is a time consuming and long process. Please don't misunderstand the tone, we are far from defeated and will continue to forge forward. All we ask from every member is the following:

Treat your club and its equipment with respect and when we ask for volunteers on a tin rattle, to patrol, cook snags or anything else, please put your hand up as we rely on way too few. Together we can achieve what needs to be done but every member needs to put in however they can. A membership is a commitment to a community, make sure you are making your commitment.

The reality is the club is not holding up to the harsh conditions and we need action. Plans are in place, the work is being done however if anyone wishes to help in any way we are welcome to others sharing the load.

So for now enjoy the great community that is TSLSC, be proud of being involved and stay tuned, we will win this battle, it is just going to take time and we need an army to help.

Tiffany Quinlan, Club President



Club News

It has been a hectic January with a lot happening around the club. It has been great to see everyone hanging out and socialising at the beach kitchen nights.

The Torquay Carnival was a great success thanks to all of those members who helped out on the day. It was a shame the Jim Wall event was postponed but we get another crack at it later this month.

Youth Squad has been in full swing and it was great to see a lot of the squad do their first senior carnivals. They have also had a chance to get out in the IRB and learn how to paddle skis on the creek which has been a lot of fun. The aim of this group is to nurture the social connections of the youth and ensure that continues to be a reason to keep young people involved in life saving and our club.

As members we are very lucky to have a place to be in the best spot in town, with access to equipment and gym. A reminder to all of us to look after our assets. If you see a shed or club door open after hours, let someone know. Always respect the club's and your fellow members equipment as if it was your own.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered over the past month whether it is rattling a tin on the highway to helping out with beach kitchen, a lot of hands make light work. We are, after all, one club first, before we are individual sections.

Well we have three months to go of the season - looking forward to seeing you down at the club.

Cam Mercer, Club Captain

For the Calendar

- Feb 7 Junior Friendly with Juc
- Feb 8..... Masters Carnival Lorne
- Feb 9..... Youth/Senior Carnival Lorne
- Feb 15..... Junior Carnival Juc
- Feb 29..... Jim Wall 2020 'Take Two'
Club Night - DISCO BINGO

KEEP UP-TO-DATE AT THE CLUB CALENDAR >
WWW.TORQUAYSLSC.COM.AU/EVENTS



SERVICE VIGILANCE

The patrol season is well and truly in full swing now. All our ten patrol teams have now guarded the beaches more than once this season. Patrol Captains and their members have been doing a great job with rescues performed, junior members standing up when counted, hundreds of preventative actions and the ever present first aid cases going on all the time. Thanks also to members participating in special events like Nipper carnival and the senior carnival and responses to my callouts when we need extra help.

Just a reminder for anyone who can't do their patrol, please warn your patrol captain as soon as possible, so they know if they are going to be short staffed for their patrol. Use TeamApp of course, but early and direct communication with your captain is the best course of action, ring them or text them if you aren't going to be there. Karen from the office sends out reminders each week for the coming weekend patrols, if you know you aren't going to be there, please call your captain. For anyone who is having patrol roster issues or has newly gained an award that allows them to patrol, please email me directly and I will allocate you a patrol or adjust rosters where I can.

Just a note on LIMSOC (system to log patrol activity with LSV) we have had ongoing difficulty getting it to work, and I have worked with LSV a number of times to fix this. When you can't log patrol activity that way, then use the radio as always, thanks Captains. I will continue to see if we can get a better login process to make the web-based way work.

My job is supported by many. My thanks goes out to all:

- First and foremost, to the Patrol Captains who take on so much responsibility and are the heart of a successful patrol
- To all patrolling members who support their captains and turn up to keep our beautiful beach safe for locals and visitors
- To the President & Club Captain for doing so much to support me, I couldn't function without either of them
- To the TSLSC committee, all of who help me, remind me and advise me in the delivery of my role. Being on the committee shows you how much work is done to run our club and nowhere is teamwork and co-operation more evident or important than with this committee.

Continue to have a great summer everyone & be safe!

William Fleming
Director of Lifesaving

NEWS FROM TSLSC PATROL

Shortly after 1pm on a Sunday patrol, Julian Sweeney and Pat Spinazzola spotted a broken down boat approx. 300m out to sea. The boat was moving further out to sea. Will Popovic and Meg Davey went out in the IRB to the boat, which was moving quickly out to sea, to assist and found 3 patients on board, all in good spirits, and took them to safety at the Front Beach. The broken down boat was moving out in a stiff offshore wind and had a broken mast with no backup motor. The IRB returned to Torquay to pick up some anchors to secure the boat at the request of LSV Comms and the Water Police, anchored down the boat, before returning to shore. The total incident took around 1 hour and the beach remained open to the public with a full patrol throughout.

It was impressive to see the younger members step up to the challenge, with some guidance from the more experienced ones. In particular I'd like to thank Meg and Will who didn't hesitate to assist, Julian Sweeney and Abbey Sweeney for monitoring the boat, Wayne Reid and Jake Campbell for preparing the anchors and Remony Reid for beach management whilst I dealt with Comms and the Water Police, along with the rest of the patrol for continuing business as usual, especially Julian for his efforts and a job well done.

Great management of an incident by the team and averted what likely would have been a tragedy!

FAGGS MITRE10 SUPPORTS LIFE SAVING

Thank you to the team at Faggs Mitre10 Belmont Timber for helping us with our Patrol Cold Weather Gear! Our patrol team can now access red patrol hoodies and trackies at wholesale cost to keep them warm in our turbulent Surf Coast weather!

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MEMBER TRAINING & EDUCATION

Amid the busyness of the peak season, Nippers everywhere, surf sports in action, and the community enjoying our club, we have continued to deliver one of our strategic priorities – **education.**

Ongoing training and upskilling for our members is vital in the sustainability of our lifesaving service to the community into the future. We are continuing to look for ways to increase the skills and capabilities of our members to enable the management of training and assessment in-house.

We have been very fortunate to receive community funding from RACV Torquay to contribute to our training and development strategy. This support has had a huge impact on our member education achievements this year. With almost 100 new awards, and a further 367 award skills maintenance processed, we are extremely thankful of our dedicated trainers and assessors.

Reminder for Expressions of Interest for IRB Driver course, dates coming soon.

LINK - <http://bit.ly/IRBcourse>

New Awards (97)	Skills Maintenance (367)
<i>Advanced Resus – 12</i>	<i>Advance Resus – 40</i>
<i>Bronze Medallion – 24</i>	<i>Bronze Medallion – 205</i>
<i>First Aid – 14</i>	<i>First Aid – 17</i>
<i>Gold Medallion – 4</i>	<i>IRB Crew – 51</i>
<i>IRB Crew – 11</i>	<i>IRB Driver – 18</i>
<i>Silver Medallion Beach – 11</i>	<i>SRC – 36</i>
<i>SRC – 21</i>	

Youth Member Opportunity | U13 Development Camp

The U13 Development Camp is a fun filled weekend of challenging camp and lifesaving activities, designed to develop interpersonal skills. The camp is held at YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge Camp from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 March.

For more information and to apply now - <http://bit.ly/2R9YsW8>



BRONZE CAMP MEMORIES FOR LIFE...

From the early morning exercises, to the amazing lunches and overnight fun with the team (the 'Bronzies'), the December Torquay SLSC Bronze Medallion Camp was nothing short of unforgettable, in the best possible way.

During the six day stay-in camp, the classroom and practical training sessions focussed on safe water practices, survival and emergency care, swimming and board skills, as well as first aid - including DRSABCD and CPR.

The Torquay SLSC has a special way of creating a welcoming, homely and fun environment. The food was phenomenal, and the support of the trainers was beyond encouraging. I give special thanks to all those who volunteered and took the time and effort to ensure we felt comfortable during our stay. It did not go unnoticed.

The bonds forged between us Bronzies will last a lifetime. First, we arrived and didn't make eye contact with each other. By the end, we were thick as thieves. At the start, I was worried my break from nippers (I left after U11) would separate me from those with more ocean and swimming skills, however this was not the case. We all supported each other throughout the entire experience.

Whilst completing the Bronze Medallion is the start to becoming a qualified lifesaver, this camp taught me so much about my local beaches, educated me about the dangers of the ocean and how to work around its forces. This new-found knowledge will not only be crucial for surf lifesaving, but also for the rest of my life.

Since completing the camp I have taken on water safety roles with the Nippers Program and have started surf patrolling. I can't wait to be further involved in the surf club over the coming years.

Joss Newton 'Bronzie'





COMPETITION ROUND UP



Director of Competition – PETER QUINLAN

Youth/Senior board, swim, ski, beach team

The Senior Section has now had three carnivals under their belt with good numbers competing in all disciplines along with varying results. Our last carnival being at Torquay held a few weeks ago in challenging conditions in which we saw plenty of carnage in some ski races and heroic efforts by some of our youth in board events where probably most of them would have never had competed in those conditions before.

The section still has a number of carnivals to fine tune their racing skills and spots in teams will be up for grabs as we get closer to the State Championships. Some of our competitors have taken the opportunity to compete in a number of Open water swim races with some great results that have already been mentioned on the clubs members page. At the recent Australian Pool lifesaving Championships Josh Patterson finished 5th in the U19 200 meter obstacle course and his older sister finished 11th also in the Open 200 meter obstacle course.

The Jim Wall Iron Race carnival unfortunately had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. Thanks to all those members who helped set up the day. It was looking great until the storm and the wind came through and virtually tried to blow us off the beach. This event is now being rescheduled for the Saturday 29th February 2020 stating at 2.00 pm.

PIRATES BECOME GIANTS AT PIHA BEACH

U23 Torquay Pirates (Stephen, Jacob, Davis, Manning and Scott) are victorious in the Piha Beach Day of Giants in New Zealand. After winning their age group they also came crazily close to also taking out the open with an impressive 2nd place.

Well done Team Torquay!



Boat Captain, Rod Costa

Recently crews headed to Cape Bridgewater Portland for the VSRL Open Championships and what a great weekend it was. Racing started midday Saturday which gave everyone a chance to take in this beautiful part of the world. The surf was up and the racing hot. On many occasions, waves were caught off the cans with many mishaps and just as many great waves held.

Our Team consisted of 7 crews. Open Women, Open Men, Under 19 Women, 2 x Under 19 Men & 2 x Under 23 Men. We also had our support team consisting of 24 members of which was made up of Officials, Club Life Members and parents.

All our racing was Round Robin and results based on points. The "Jets" swept by Jackson Costa were solid in Under 19 Women and were just 'pipped' into Bronze medal position after a count back. Unfortunately their brother crew in Under 19 Men with Jacko sweeping again had to pull out after an injury to Riley Bell. Our fast improving Under 19's, "The Storm" had a day out and after two 2nds and a win, took home a Gold. Easily their best result so far.

With Davis Kontelj sick in bed and the Pirates down a man, young Wilbur Renney was thrown into the Bow Seat. So, as well as rowing in the winning Storm crew he backed up with 3 race wins with the boys to take home his second Gold in U23 Men. Jacko's "Buccaneers" pulled a close Bronze on count back for second.

As standard practice, The Pirates backed up, racing in the Open Men and the Weapon was pulled off the rack. Yep, Pat "Gate Can" Spinazzola jumped in the Bow and reminded everyone he can actually row a bit and after 4 rounds the boys placed 4th.

Without doubt the best racing seen in many years was between two of the country's best in Open Women. The number one ranked crew in the country, the Lorne Edge and our very own "Lightning" went toe to toe and after 4 rounds were 2 wins a piece. This resulted in a row off where the Lorne girls won by the smallest of margins. A wholesome congratulations to Lorne and a massive hug to our girls who showed all how to row a boat in Surf. As a grand finale to the day and for an unprecedented fifth time, The Pirates were named in the Victorian State Team. Great camaraderie throughout, thanks to each and every one of you.



NIPPER NEWS

Director of Junior Development, Matt Henderson

The Nipper Section has had a bumper season with 492 registered nippers, our largest intake ever! Our intensive Summer Holiday Program (SHP) was blessed by good weather and good surf conditions for nearly all sessions, driving consistently high attendances with an average of 270 nippers on the beach. Notably, 4 out of the 9 sessions had over 300 nippers in attendance! It was an amazing sight to see so many nippers in their yellow 'rashies' on the beach learning new skills and making new friends. The Cosy Corner Carnival is always a highlight of the calendar, and after last year's cancellation due to extreme heat, the weather turned it on with perfect conditions for junior competition. Plenty of smiles and ribbons were the order of the day with a strong Torquay team of 160 on the beach.

Our huge group of volunteers from set-up to pack up, water safety, officials, traffic management, over 150 workers lunches, the epic BBQ and the super impressive Nippers, all made it a success. In fact, we received a letter of commendation from LSV as testament for our efforts.

With such large numbers of kids on the beach, our resources and processes need to be sufficiently robust. New initiatives including digital sign in, activity flags and surf-ed scheduling enabled a smooth-running SHP. We have accredited 13 Age Managers, and half a dozen carnival officials and adult bronze medallions so far this season. The assistance we received from our recently qualified SRC cohort was invaluable in managing our water safety ratios.

Looking forward, we are at that part of the season where we focus on our surf sports again in readiness for the State Championships on the March long weekend at Warrnambool. We have a friendly carnival with Jan Juc on February 7th, and LSV Junior carnivals at Jan Juc and Pt Leo to fine tune our skills and fitness before States. It's also great to see some of our U13 Nippers take the opportunity to compete in the Jim Wall event and do something a little different as they get ready to transition to Youth Squad next year. Here's hoping we have a nice long summer and hope to see you down on the beach soon!

HAYDEN



Nipper team



Nipper kit



Starfish NIPPERS

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Sales & Service

As a parent of a child who didn't fit into the "normal" Nipper program, I saw an opportunity to investigate the possibility of Torquay running the Starfish Nipper program developed by Janet Jones at Angelsea SLSC about 10 years ago.

The program relies on a 1 to 1 ratio of helpers to nippers. So, being the first year at TSLSC we were hesitant to be too aggressive in the promotion of the program. That said we had 2 willing nippers to be our Starfish. We also had some helpers who gave up some of their summer to help out.

The program ran parallel to the summer Nipper program. The starfish program included water activities, beach games and water/beach awareness sessions. All of these were carefully created by Janet. Our starfish nippers had a blast doing this program and are looking forward to next summer.

Anybody who is interested in helping, or participating in the program can get in touch via starfish.tslsc@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to running the program for the 2020/2021 season.



Starfish kids!



Under 8s

Curt O'Toole



SURF SPORTS IN ACTION





FAREWELL TO GRACE

This month we farewell Grace Harris to follow her surf sports future with the Alexandra Headlands SLSC in Queensland. Good luck Grace, we will all be watching from down south.



3 IN VIC TEAM

Well done to our 3 Clubbies, Grace, Josh and Archie for being selected to represent Vic in the Interstate Lifesaving Series, held in January. Do yourself a favour and check out the vision of Grace winning her board event, very impressive.



PERFECT BLUE DIAMOND

Each year every club is audited by an independent SVI assessor for patrols. They are completely random and assess compliance and fulfilment of patrol duties. The assessor looks at many things and the club is given a score out of 1000. Our first blue diamond team led by Thomas Kennedy and Max and Abbey and some very excited SRC graduates nailed it with a perfect score. The most pleasing part for all concerned was that the SRC grads volunteered to do the mock rescue with proud SRC trainer Abbey Harman watched on smiling, it seems they did pay attention!



TSLSC FOUNDATION SUPPORTS YOUR CLUB

The TSLSC Foundation Inc. was established in 2015 to work in conjunction with the TSLSC and Jack Harris Trust to provide valuable financial resources to ensure the continuity of our service to the community.

For further information or to make a donation to the TSLSC Foundation email foundation.tslsc@gmail.com



GEORGE BASS WE'LL BE BACK

Over the Christmas break, 2 of our boat crews and their support teams headed off to tackle the iconic George Bass marathon, a mammoth ocean race starting in Bateman's Bay and culminating 190km down the coast in Merimbula. After 2 days of epic competition, seeing our Open Women win both legs, the organisers of the event were forced to cancel the remaining days due to the imminent threat from close by bush fires. A decision that wouldn't have been easy.

Following that our teams were then stranded without power as access to return home was restricted for safety reasons. We were all pleased to receive the news when everyone was on their way home. We would like to thank sweeps Scott Tannahill and Neil Heathcote, along with club legend Geoff French for safely seeing our members home. Congratulations and commiserations to our crews, your safe return is the best news we could ask for.





FUNDRAISING

NEWS Fundraising Director Lanie Conquest

Despite some unkind weather this season, our dedicated volunteers have achieved some stellar financial results, and we've had a great time doing it!

Rob Gervasoni has led the Nippers BBQ team again, and sold over 4,000 bacon & egg rolls! That's a lot of co-ordinating, cooking, serving and cleaning up! A truly record effort!

If that's not enough, we also sold over 280 souvlakis at the Nipper Disco and 160 serves of on Slider Night. Without Rob's leadership, this result would simply not be possible. Rob, we salute you!

The Seniors team were out pounding the pavement on Boxing Day at the Highway Collection, shaking the TSLSC collection tins. It gave locals and tourists alike an opportunity to thank the Club, and contribute much needed funds for the busy Life Saving season. Our next Collection on Australia Day led by the Nippers Parents was equally as successful. Next up is Easter Saturday with the competition boat crews in charge. A huge thank you to all of those who have, or will be, participating.

Beach Kitchen and the Club Bar have kept members and visitors to the area well fed and hydrated over summer, despite the fickle weather. A huge thanks to Dolce Passione who have had the gelato cart out on busy nights, with 1/3 of proceeds donated back to the club.

From the end of January, the Club Bar and Beach Kitchen will revert back to Fridays with iL Matto and Sundays with The Stoop. Please keep supporting these fabulous restaurants and your Club. We love seeing teams and friends coming together at the best view in town.

Finally, Friday February 7, the Nippers will be hosting their Jan Juc neighbours to a friendly Carnival, followed by dinner at Beach Kitchen. Together the Clubs will be hosting a raffle to raise funds for our Mallacoota SLSC friends who have lost equipment and so much more in the recent bushfires. We encourage everyone to come down and participate in the evening, and show our support to the Mallacoota SLSC members, some of whom will be joining us on the night.

WE NEED A NEW BBQ ROB!



What will we do next season when the Gervos move on from Nippers? This season the volunteer helpers for our fundraising catering have worked like clockwork! The key events of the Cosy Corner Junior Carnival, Pork Slider night, Rob's Souvas and weekly Nippers BBQs are close to our biggest club fundraisers - and now we need to find someone for Rob to hand the baton over to. Perhaps there are a few of you with a bit of catering background who can manage the events together?

Contact Lanie on clubfundraising.tslsc@gmail.com to start the conversation.

DOOK KNOCK FOR LIFESAVING

A few members have asked about doing a Door Knock Tin Rattle this season to raise funds for the club, unfortunately we haven't been able to find a member to co-ordinate this, so at this stage it won't happen. If you can take on the challenge to co-ordinate let us know!



Club Communications

Finding one way to communicate to ALL members is a challenge, which is why we have several channels to make sure we are keeping everyone informed. However, for some information topics we have specific media see below,

CLUB NEWS

- Facebook closed members' group, SurfGuard email, Club newsletter

PATROL UPDATES

- TeamApp (are you subscribed?)

TRAINING SCHEDULES

- TeamApp (make sure your alerts are turned on)





MOTHER NATURE HITS JIM WALL 2020

On Friday January 10, a group of passionate members worked tirelessly to make TSLSC shine for the Jim Wall 2020 entered athletes from near and far. And, we thought we just might miss the weather and get through the 26 races. But alas, mother nature let loose on the Surf Coast, and we copped it front and centre – and were forced to call the event off. But it didn't end there, the members then battled the elements to pack the event up in the water and on the beach, while visitors crammed into the club for shelter.

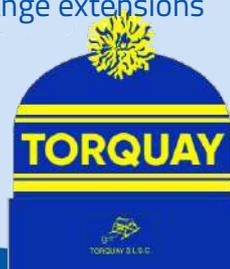
An event that had been in planning for 12 months ended before the starter gun fired. Fingers crossed Jim Wall 2020 'Take Two' will be bigger, better and even more successful for the club. A constant this weekend was Life Member Peter Doyle who was one of the last to leave on Jim Wall day, and cooked all day on the BBQ alongside Geoff Morgan and Rob Gervo at the carnival on the Sunday!

Bring on Jim Wall 2020 'Take Two' - let's all get around it and make it a huge success!

CLUB MERCHANDISE UPDATE

The TSLSC merchandise shop has been firing on all cylinders this season, with sell outs across the board! New products this year have been the royal blue hoodie and Engine swimwear, both received really well. In the last few weeks we have also stocked a new line of kids 'trackies' with adult sizes planned for next season. We are already in planning for new products and range extensions for next season.

If you require merchandise, please email the team at merchandise.tspsc@gmail.com to organise.





SPONSOR NEWS

WE NEED COMPETITION TEAM SPONSORS ★★

We are still on the hunt for some sponsors to help us kit out our competition teams (juniors through to seniors) for the upcoming State Champs in March and Aussies in April (youth/seniors only). A fantastic opportunity to have your brand on apparel that will be worn all year round, and support the young athletes of our community. Opportunities from \$500 available, get involved!

Thank you to Torquay Animal House and Social Media Mania for getting us started with your sponsorships for our competition teams!



Do you have your TSLSC bumper sticker?

Contact membership.tslsc@gmail.com to organise





2019/20 SPONSORS

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GOLD PARTNERS



SILVER PARTNERS



BRONZE PARTNERS



FRIENDS OF TORQUAY





IT'S DISCO, IT'S BINGO, IT'S A FULL NIGHT OUT!

SAVE THE DATE

CLUB FUNDRAISER

MEMBERS & FRIENDS WELCOME

FEBRUARY 29 FROM 7.30PM

***TICKET DETAILS COMING SOON**

