

SURF, SUN 'N' SAND



TSLSC CLUB NEWSLETTER | July 2019

President's update

Thank you to all that attended the TSLSC 74th AGM. The number of people in attendance is testament to the growth of the club and passion of our members so thank you again for being part of this great club.

Whilst many are well and truly engulfed in winter sports, the preparations and planning for summer are well under way. The work gets done now. At our strategy day prior to the end of last season we committed to focusing on three core objectives and you will hear us refer to them all season. There are so many things we can work on but we need to remain focused and remember we are all volunteers.



Building redevelopment – *The grants subcommittee are meeting with federal MP Libby Coker to continue to lobby for support and funding as well as planning approaches at local and state levels.*

Community – *we are a community hub and need to remain connected, it is our point of difference. With Scott Mc Cardel as Member Services Director he will lead this during the season.*

Education and Training – *critical for us to perform our primary function and during the season you will see more courses and more information available to help everyone upskill.*

The committee has just held a strategy day to help focus on season 2019-20. There is so much to be done but we need to focus on a few key things each year so we are accountable to members. Following this we are seeking anyone with expertise such as event management, photography, graphic design, website management to step forward we could do with some project type help. All help appreciated.

Tiffany Quinlan, Club President

Club News



Firstly I would like to thank all of you who attended and voted at this years AGM. I am so happy to be representing you all as Club Captain for the next two years. I am really excited for the future of our club. My focus as always will be to maintain a positive and fun environment for all members.

Myself and the Committee will be focused on improving many facets of the club. I personally want to improve our links with the local community through education, social and sporting events as well as improving the facilities of the club.

Look out for a few working bees coming over the cooler months we need your help.

Cam Mercer, Club Captain

For the Calendar

Aug 2 - First Friday Club Drinks
Aug 3 - Members First Aid Course
Aug 4 - Advanced Resus Course





2019/20 COMMITTEE

President – Tiffany Quinlan
Club Secretary – Jodie Gervasoni
Club Captain – Cam Mercer
Director of Lifesaving – Pat Spinazzola
Treasurer – Rebecca Draper
Director of Marketing – Sarah O'Dwyer
Director of Fundraising – Lanie Conquest
Director of Member Services – Scott McCardel
Director of Competition – Peter Quinlan
Director of Facilities – John Mercer

CLUB SECRETARY – JODIE GERVASONI

Thank you to those who attended the AGM to support my nomination.

I look forward to getting down to work in my new role. I see the core roles of the Secretary to be:

- Be the coordinating link between members, the Committee, Life Saving Victoria and other external parties; and
- Manage the day to day administrative activities of the Club

My goals this year are to work towards the key priorities we identified at our Committee Strategy session;

- The club re-development,
- Improve the education and training of our members to enable us to fulfil our core responsibilities of patrolling the beaches,
- Ensure our great club better connects with the community.

If you have anything you would like to discuss, don't hesitate to send me an email at clubsecretary.tslsc@gmail.com.



DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING – LANIE CONQUEST

I'm really excited and proud to have joined the team on the TSLSC Committee this year to help with our Fundraising efforts.

It's such an iconic Club, and as the region grows, so too do our lifesaving responsibilities and opportunities to compete both at Nipper and Senior level. This will be my 3rd season as a Nipper parent and 2nd season as a Nipper BBQ Sponsor, and what I've come to appreciate is just how much opportunity we have at this Club to do more. With that ambition comes the need to raise much needed funds to run our programs, and ensure that our facilities can support that growth.

This year's annual report and AGM Presentation highlighted the financial turnaround that the Club has experienced over the past 12 months. One of the major contributors was the Summer Program where we experimented working with local restaurants to welcome members and visitors alike to the club. The Stoop and Il Matto in particular were fantastic sponsor partners who helped us pilot a few ideas, and this year we're looking to take it all to the next level.

You can expect to see more Friday Night Sessions, Sunday Sessions, an extended Summer Program and some key Fundraising Events to bring family and friends along to. We know the community and members want to come together more often, and with a co-ordinated approach and support from everyone, we can achieve it.

As we push through the winter planning months, keep an eye out for dates, as well as our Volunteer Schedule – we can't do it without you!

We're also looking for some social and event-minded volunteers to join our Sub-Committee. If this sounds like you, and you're keen to get on board, please contact Lanie Conquest at clubfundraising.tslsc@gmail.com.





2019/20 COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR MEMBER SERVICES – SCOTT MCCARDEL

As the new Director of Member Services, I'm looking forward to becoming involved in my new role and getting to know members across the various sections of the Club.

I'm planning to work closely with Sarah O'Dwyer (Director of Marketing) on initiatives for new member recruitment, including providing information and conducting presentations at local schools, other sporting clubs and new developments in the area.

I'm also working on development of an induction kit for new members to highlight what the Club offers in terms of facilities, programs, services and opportunities. This induction kit will also include information about the Club and its history as well as provide relevant Club documents (Constitution, By-laws, Code of Conduct etc). As part of the induction program, I plan to conduct Open Mornings regularly to show new members around the Club and explain what is on offer. These will likely be Sunday mornings, with dates to be confirmed shortly.

I'm also interested in hearing from existing members and to that end, I'm planning to conduct member satisfaction and feedback surveys, most likely toward the end of the season. This will give us a chance to understand what we are doing right as well as identify opportunities for improvement. I look forward to seeing you all around the Club over the coming months

I can be contacted on members.tsllc@gmail.com.



President
Tiffany Quinlan
president.tsllc@gmail.com



Director of Lifesaving
Pat Spinazzola
lifesavingdirector.tsllc@gmail.com



Director of Competition
Peter Quinlan
competition.tsllc@gmail.com



Club Captain
Cam Mercer
theclubcaptain.tsllc@gmail.com



Director of Facilities
John Mercer
facilities.tsllc@gmail.com



Director of Marketing/Sponsorship
Sarah O'Dwyer
marketing.tsllc@gmail.com



Treasurer
Rebecca Draper
treasurer.tsllc@gmail.com

2018/19 PRESENTATION NIGHT

Over 150 people shook off the sand, left the wetsuits at home and came dressed to impress at our Club Presentation Night in June. A fantastic opportunity to come together as one club, celebrate a successful season and reflect on those who members who have gone over and above with their achievements and efforts. We even welcomed our first Youth Squad table to the event as they make the transition from juniors.

Thank you to the organising committee, the RACV for their assistance, our entertaining Rod and Gaga and to Kieran O'Dwyer for doing a superb job as our MC. A wonderful night had by all.



BUMBLEBEES & BEANIES IN STOCK

email: merchandise.tslsc@gmail.com to purchase



ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

Dr Bill Johnson AM Most Lifesaving Awards
(donated by Bill Johnson AM)

Emma Viney

Most Outstanding Junior Female Lifesaver

Meg Davey

Most Outstanding Junior Male Lifesaver

Hugo Bibby

Jack Harris Trust Most Outstanding Patrol
(donated by Jack Harris Trust)

Ham Patrol

Ken Pollard OAM Most Valuable Lifesaver
(donated by Ken Pollard)

Jayden Ham

Most Patrol Hours
(donated by Jan King)

Hugo Bibby

President's Award

Ben Harris

Club Captain's Award

Vaughan Furniss

Best Club Person
(donated by Adrian McKenzie)

Stephen Christofi

Athlete of the Year
(donated by Geoff Grimster)

Grace Harris

Team of the Year
Bronze Group Trainers

Life Members Encouragement Award
(donated by Life Members)

Josh Whitty

Nipper Vounteer of the Year
(donated by Charles Lyne)

Dennis Hogan

Most Improved Athlete
Josh Patterson

Most Outstanding Under Age Rower
(donated by Geoff French)

Louis Martinez

Most Outstanding Crew at State Titles
Lightning Crew

Boat Crew Encouragement Award
(donated by William Booth)

Greer Butcher

Boat Captain's Award
(donated by Rod Costa)

Scott Hastie

Most Water Safety/Patrol Hours in Nipper Group
Vaughan Furniss



MORNING BODY SURFING GROUP

Geoff Morgan Geoff Chambers

Its 6am. You wake, look at the clock, and then (with a pleasant smile on your face) sink back into the warmth of your bed for another two hours sleep.

But not all of your fellow residents are so occupied! At that time you will find a hardy soul already at the Torquay Surf Club, checking and recording the water temperature, and preparing for the daily dip in the briny.

He is soon joined by like-minded souls from the life-saving fraternity [including Alan & Ian from Kithbrooke] and at 7am a physical warm up in the gym proceeds, enlivened by much banter and story-telling as they prepare for the morning dip. This group represents several hundred years of membership in, and service to, life-saving.

Following the warm up the majority brave the elements and head for the water! Body surfing is the "choice de jour" and a wonderful range of skill and ability is soon exhibited, again enlivened by banter and some fairly direct advice as to the merit of some of the surfing on display! The joy the participants get from this activity is profound and only exceeded by the joy of the hot shower which follows, especially in winter!

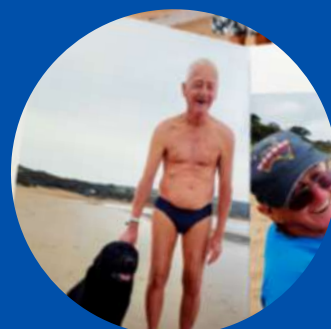
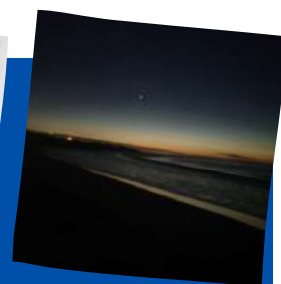
The group then adjourns for a well-earned coffee, created by our skilled and quality barista AD. And, of course, the stories continue, and the camaraderie flourishes. Money raised from the coffee is donated to the surf club.

The optional slow walk home, connecting us with our wonderful coast and nature, is an added attraction for some and a great boost for the soul!

.....and then it all happens again tomorrow!

Morning Crew: Peter Doyle, Alan Dell, Ian Cook, John Mercer, Brian Conquest, Robert Burton, Paul Nolan, Peter Sharp, Joe Remenyi, Geoff Morgan, Gerry O'Byrne, Peter Cramp, Brian Hayden, Phil Pickering RIP: Bobby Dickenson

PHOTO CREDITS: GERRY O'BYRNE GEOFF MORGAN





NEW LIFE MEMBER

At the 74th Annual General Meeting William Fleming was nominated and elected to TSLSC Life Membership. The highest honour that can be bestowed upon to our members. William joined the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club in 1986. He gained his bronze medallion in January 1987 and for 32 seasons he has patrolled our beach in a conscientious manner. With his professional attitude and willingness to teach others by example, William has been a successful Patrol Captain for 16 seasons. He was one of 6 best patrol persons in 1988/89, 1991/92 and 1996/97. Also the club's Instructions Director from 1989 to 1991.

William Fleming, congratulations and felicitations for your Life Membership in recognition for your outstanding service to the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club inc.

MEMBERSHIPS & CLUB SECURITY

A reminder that the 2019/20 season has officially commenced and membership fees are now due. Club facilities, equipment and training sessions are reserved for financial members. This doesn't include non-member friends and family. Members are reminded to respect membership guidelines when it comes to facility access including the gymnasium.

Additionally, while it is quieter on the beach during the winter months, we still need to protect the club's and member's equipment, please do not obstruct the automatic roller door on the craft shed. If you need a new wrist band for access, contact info@torquayslsc.com.au to arrange

2018/19 SERVICE AWARDS

At the 74th AGM a number of our impressive members were recognised for the dedication and passion for TSLSC and lifesaving overall. We congratulate these members and greatly appreciate that they chose to be a part of our club over the years. Over the next few editions we will profile these members and share their stories.

60 Years of Service

Edward Beacham
Kenneth Godfrey
Bryan Hayden
William Johnson AM
John Russell

70 Years of Service

Brian Beck
Eugene (Titch) Culity

COMPETITION TEAM CROSSFIT TRAINING

Thank you to club sponsor CrossFit Bells Beach, and members Lisa and Shanon Purcell for hosting a combined training session for our competition team recently.



Youth, Senior and Boat Crews joined for an hour and a half of cross functional fitness, agility, technique and strength. We are going to be a team to beat this season on the beach and in the water. These sessions will be scheduled monthly for the competition team, keep an eye out for dates.

For those members interested in giving CrossFit a try, Lisa and Shanon welcome you to take up a free trial, and make the most of the TSLSC specialty VIP pricing for memberships.





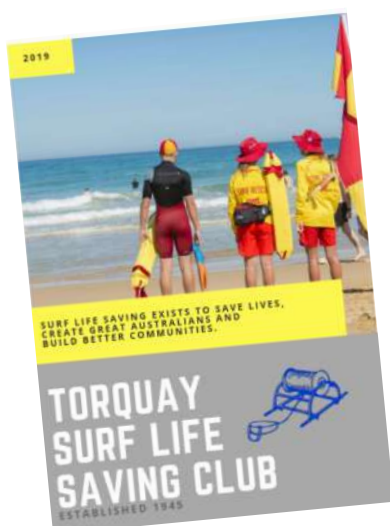
SPONSOR NEWS

We had a fantastic season in sponsorship in 2018/19, so many businesses and individuals who were keen to come on board and support our essential lifesaving service and club as we grow. Thank you to Lanie Conquest for her networking skills! I am sad to lose her from sponsorship but it's a huge win for club fundraising for her to take up the committee role.



Throughout July I will be spending time meeting with last year's partners and confirming their support for the new season. Importantly, while some sponsorships involve a contribution to a particular club area (such as Nippers or a Boat), our sponsors are supporting our club as a whole. I encourage all our members to embrace and support their businesses to nurture our long term relationships. We all have a role to play in making this work.

If any members have sponsorship ideas and/or contacts to forward on, please send to marketing.tslsc@gmail.com, all ideas welcomed! A new partnership booklet is available to present to prospective business, a great way to showcase all that our club does for the community and the many opportunities to promote businesses and engage with members.



2018/19 SPONSORS

