

# SURF, SUN 'N' SAND



TSLSC CLUB NEWSLETTER | March 2020

## President's Update



*What a crazy world we live in. There is so much going on at the moment it is hard to keep up. In recent days we have said goodbye to Life member Charles Lyne which has hit us all hard. We have lost too many wonderful members this year, it certainly reminds us of what is important.*

*We have had the Victorian Senior/Youth Championship and Aussie Titles cancelled and are uncertain of many events in the future. One thing that remains open is our magnificent beach and for that we should remain grateful.*

*It is unclear what further measures will be taken to slow the spread of COVID-19 but we remain diligent in our actions and communication as a committee and will keep members informed as soon as information comes to hand.*

*On a more positive note the Nippers did get to have their State Championships and you will read all about that in Matt's report. We had a team travel to South Melbourne to compete in State R&R, the first time in many years, so again great to see progress in that area of life saving. We are seeing Youth members finding their place with two Youth members Charlotte Gervasoni and Georgia McCardel coaching our junior March Past team at the last minute and they placed fourth. Great effort and we cannot wait to see what can be done with more preparation.*

*Whilst our Senior & Youth crew feel hollow and frustrated & all their hard work has been unfulfilled, we are proud of all that they have achieved this year.*

*A highlight in recent days has been the outstanding result of our second blue diamond of the season. For those not familiar with the term it is an audit undertaken by an LSV trained representative at least twice each year of every club. The purpose is to ensure as a club we are following 'patrol standard operating procedures' and are capably performing the duties associated with our primary purpose of patrolling the beaches. A huge congratulations goes to Competition Patrol 2 under the very capable guidance of one of our youngest Patrol Captains Jaime Patterson. Her leadership all year has been second to none. Jaimee managed the LSV audit process with grace and poise leading the relatively inexperienced team through the process with only deductions being uniform related.*

*So for now please take care, follow advice and look after your families and look out for the more vulnerable members of our community. The beach remains open so there is no excuse not to get out in the fresh air and enjoy life.*

**Tiffany Quinlan, Club President**

## Club News .....

### SUPPORT YOUR CLUB WITH MEMBERSHIP

As we near the end of the season, a reminder that memberships are due on May 1. Members will need to renew memberships in order to continue access to the gym and change rooms. With months of functions and event cancellation ahead of us your membership support is more important than ever.



### CELEBRATIONS POSTPONED

While we had booked our Club Presentation Night for May 30th, we will await further advice regarding the current global situation and advise members of plans with a view to possibly re-scheduling for later in the year.

### TSLSC AGM

With the COVID-19 pandemic creating a rapidly changing landscape, the Committee is reviewing options and compliance measures for the planned June AGM. Further information regarding this will be forwarded to members in due course.

## For the Calendar

**MAY 1 – 2020/21 Memberships Due**

KEEP UP-TO-DATE AT THE CLUB CALENDAR >  
[WWW.TORQUAYSLSC.COM.AU/EVENTS](http://WWW.TORQUAYSLSC.COM.AU/EVENTS)



## SERVICE VIGILANCE

The patrol season is fast drawing to a close.

Thanks each and every one of you who have turned up to protect the public at our wonderful beaches. An extra special thank you goes to the Patrol Captains, thanks for your continued effort.

Everyone, please keep up your dedication and attend your allotted patrols as we finish the season on a strong note. As always the last patrol day is the Easter Monday holiday. Remember to contact your patrol captain if you are not going to make your patrol and do your best to get a substitute.

A note of thanks and congratulation to Jaime Patterson and her team with an outstanding effort on a blue diamond recently.

By the time you read this we will all be well and truly living in a pandemic based world. I am taking a positive attitude combined with care, hygiene and common sense, and most of all let's try and put others and Australia first, that will solve so many problems. On a practical note Life Saving Victoria is keeping us up to date with advice on how we should operate, safety etc. At the time of writing it was business as usual on the beach with an added focus on hygiene, distancing and protective gloves, etc when dealing with first aid. I will immediately inform patrol captains if any advice changes in this area and we are directed to act differently.

Last thanks from me to Cam, Vaughan and all you other patrolling members who have stood up when we have been short on patrols and in a few tight spots this season over the last couple of months, your efforts have got us through and kept our beaches safe.

Summer is almost gone, autumn in Torquay is lovely, be safe out there!

**William Fleming**  
Director of Lifesaving



## MEET YOUR PATROL CAPTAIN TOM KENNEDY

### How did you become involved in lifesaving?

I had been coming to my grandparents' house in Torquay since I was born and already spent a large amount of time surfing. In year 7 I witnessed a fatal car accident with 2 injured victims, no bystanders knew what to do which made it a stressful event to witness. I told my friend at school what I had seen and that it made me want to do a first aid course. He recommended I do my SRC because he had just done his at Sorrento SLSC and thought it would be perfect for me, he was right and 12 years later I'm still involved.

### What do you love the most about lifesaving?

Patrol with friends at the beach while also helping the public enjoy going to the beach safely, especially those who may not have much experience in the water.

### What do you do outside of the surf club?

In 2019 I finished a double Bachelor of Commerce/Property and Real Estate at Deakin University. I have just started a new job in property valuations in Melbourne. I also enjoying surfing, bike riding and hockey.

### Biggest tip for anyone new to the surf club?

There are so many nice people at the surf club, the best place to meet them is on patrol.



My first shift  
as an SRC



Port Phillip  
Bay



# COMPETITION ROUND UP



## Director of Competition – PETER QUINLAN

*Youth/Senior board, swim, ski, beach team*

Well the season has come to sudden and abrupt end. It happened as we were embarking on our final preparations for the Victorian State Titles. However the season has not been a wasted one with a number of stand-out team and individual performances in both the Boat and Craft section. Both sections have increased in size and we had a combined team of 76 competitors entered to compete at the State Titles before the COVID-19 shut all forms of sport down.

Our last event was the Jim Wall Iron Carnival 'Take 2' held at Torquay on Saturday 29th Feb. The event was held in some challenging surf and full credit goes out to those competitors who braved the ocean especially our young Under 13 and 15 competitors. The main male race was won by Queenslander Matt Bevilacqua with local young gun Archie Vernon close behind in second place. This event is fast becoming one of the more popular events on the LSV calendar.

We must thank our generous sponsors, Torquay Animal House for sponsoring this year's SRC group, and Social Media Mania and Linfox for helping us out with plans for team apparel.

With our young R & R team gaining valuable competition experience, the entire youth team turning heads in both beach and craft, our senior team a year older, wiser and stronger and the boat section increasing their number of crews in competition, there is lot that Torquay SLSC can look forward to in season 2020/21.

Stay safe and hope to see you all soon.



### Boat Captain, Rod Costa

Well Boaties' season didn't quite finish as expected. In fact we copped everything from bushfires, floods, extreme surf to COVID-19. There are many positives to come out of last season, the main one being the overall strength and unity of our section. As club Boat Captain I'm extremely proud of you all and the way you performed not only on the beach but during patrols, interstate and general club activity. Hoping you'll all be back for 2020/21 and we'll have a better season. Looking forward to catching up in the coming weeks.





# HAYDEN

## NIPPER NEWS

Director of Junior Development, Matt Henderson

In hindsight, the Nippers section was very lucky to be able to participate in their State carnival before disruptions due to COVID-19 really kicked in. We had a team of 93 Nippers that were easily the best dressed on the beach in their new jackets (thanks to sponsors Linfox, Hayden Real Estate and Torquay Animal House) and plenty of Torquay beanies on show due to the cold and windy weather. LSV mixed things up a bit this year holding a "Finals Monday", which was great from a spectacle perspective but Saturday and Sunday were still two long days on the beach, the resilience of our nippers is amazing!

As you would expect from a State carnival, there were plenty of highs and lows however, the Torquay teams sportsmanship shone through, with all competitors competing to the best of their ability in the sometimes trying conditions and having lots of fun whilst doing it! Highlights included gold medals in the U9 Boys Board Relay and U11 Boys Beach Relay, U9 boys medalling in 7 events and a 4th place in the March Past for the U13's. A massive thank you is due to all the Age Managers, Assistants and Team Managers, Officials, Water Safety and IRB that supported the team, and all the parents that kept their kids fed, hydrated and warm throughout the carnival.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Nipper End of Season Presentation, so the suspense continues for the announcement of our Nipper Champion and Spirit of Nipper Award winners. We'll reschedule this as soon as practically possible.

We are extremely grateful to our major sponsor Hayden Real Estate, our team loved having you a part of every session this season, your brand looked fantastic on our rashies and having so many of your staff involved is just the perfect fit.

Thank you also to our apparel sponsors this season, we loved having you on board; Grand Slam Physiotherapy, Coulter Roache, Torquay Animal House and LinFox – we hope we can continue to work together in coming seasons!

Another hugely successful season, we are already planning for an even better 2020/21!  
See you in the water for some winter swells.

## OUR 2020 STATE MEDALLISTS

### Under 13

BRONZE : Flynn McNamara, Boys Beach Run

### Under 12

SILVER : Ashton Schram, Cassius Allan, George O'Dwyer, Boys Board Relay

SILVER : Ashton Schram, Cassius Allan, Boys Board

Rescue SILVER : Ashton Schram, Boys Iron

### Under 11

GOLD Connor Boswell, Jack Thompson, Taj Purcell, Boys board Relay

SILVER Geordi O'Shannessy, Boys Sprint

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Broadhead, Koby Bajada, Boys Sprint Relay

BRONZE Jensen McNamara, Boys Beach Run

### Under 10

SILVER Angus Brereton, Max Flakemore, Gulliver Master, Joshua Sampson, Boys Surf Race Team

### Under 10

BRONZE Grace Wright, Stella Muir, Olivia Hayden & Miah Walsh: Girls Surf Race Team

### Under 9

GOLD Charlie Costelloe, Jack Keys, Joshua Lee , Boys Board Race

BRONZE Charlie Costelloe, Cooper Conquest, Jack Keys, Joshua Lee, Boys Beach Relay

BRONZE Charlie Costelloe, Harry Maw, Jack Keys, Joshua Lee, Boys Wade Relay

BRONZE Charlie Costelloe, Cooper Conquest, Jack Keys, Joshua Lee, Boys Swim Team

BRONZE Joshua Lee, Boys Beach Run

SILVER Jack Keys, Boys Board Race

SILVER Cooper Conquest, Boys Flags

BRONZE Joshua Lee, Boys Board Race



# 2020 JUNIOR STATE CHAMPS WARRNAMBOOL





# GRADUATING UNDER 13S



**2019/2020  
U13 Nippers**

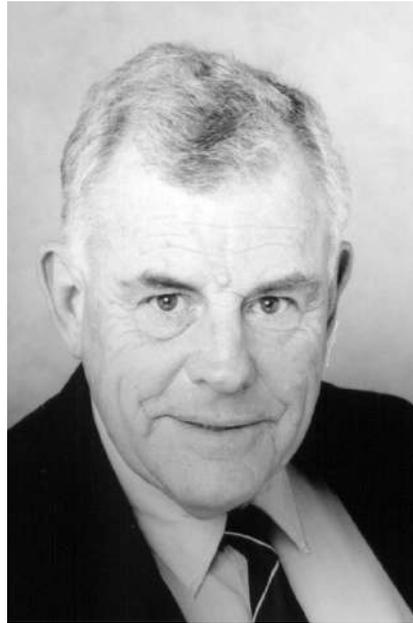


## VALE CHARLES LYNE

After many years contributing to the Royal Life Saving Society through the North Brighton Life Saving Club, Charles joined Torquay and obtained his Bronze Medallion in 1966 and later the Instructor's certificate. His involvement in the foundation of the Torquay Nippers in '67/'68 was instrumental to the success of the program today. After learning the art of surfing from ski paddling due the large size of this craft, you kept well away from him 'out the back'!

His initial contribution to the club as a Vice President was on many sub-committees including being the Surf, Sun 'n Sand editor, Building, Recruiting, Constitution, Rock Pool and also the Club's Assistant Secretary. At the AGM in 1970, Charles was appointed as the 6th President of our club. On the 9th of July of the same year our clubhouse was burnt to the ground. With his strong management skills, leadership and commitment he over saw all aspects of rebuilding, re-equipping and the very important task of fundraising as President for the following 3 years 1970/71, 71/72, 72/73. With over 20 other totally committed people on various sub-committees this helped with the tasks ahead. An opportunity arose again for the Presidency, which he took on for the season of 1978/79. For outstanding service he was awarded Life membership in 1981.

Charles was a leader across lifesaving and a proud President of Surf Life Saving Victoria during the years 1987 – 2000 and unwaveringly committed to the motto of "Vigilance and Service". As Club President, Charles served as Club Delegate to Life Saving Victoria, and was admitted to the Board of Examiners, in 1981. During his term he implemented strategies for the return of financial stability to Surf Life Saving in Victoria. The successful marketing of new sponsors and the welcome influx of Bayside clubs to the surf scene. In January 1996, he was honoured by the Commonwealth of Australia with his admittance as a member of the Order of Australia. A much admired and valued member of our lifesaving family, he will be sadly missed. A big man, a big personality, totally committed to the cause.



Charles will be greatly missed by so many people...At this stage, given the current situation LSV and TSLSC are working with the family to plan how we will honour him and his contributions to lifesaving in Victoria. It is envisioned that a memorial event will be held at a time when mass gatherings are appropriate, and we will inform you about this when we know more.

## 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](mailto:foundation.tslsc@gmail.com)





# FUNDRAISING

## NEWS Fundraising Director Lanie Conquest

### FISH FRIDAY CANCELLED

In line with government restrictions on gatherings of more than 100 people, as well as recent LSV announcements, Fish Friday has been cancelled for 2020. This is an event that has traditionally seen over 250 meals served to members on a day of family and team celebration.

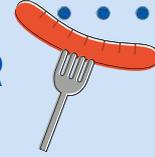
Further advice in relation to other Fundraising Activities such as our final Tin Rattle on Easter Sunday will be provided closer to the events when we have greater clarity around the situation.



## Do you have your TSLSC bumper sticker?

Contact [membership.tslsc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.tslsc@gmail.com) to organise.

## NEW BBQ TRAILER IS ON THE WAY



At the end of last season we finally farewelled our loyal BBQ trailer as it succumbed to the elements of our coastal location. Our Club BBQs are a huge part of our fundraising, in fact the Nippers BBQs was one of our biggest fundraising efforts club wide.

Thank you to Club Sponsor Aussie BBQ Cleaning we are pleased to say we will be back cooking snags and egg and bacon rolls for next season! That is if we can find another 'BBQ Rob 'to take over the tongs! We'd also like to thank the Torquay Lions Club for contributing some additional funds to our new trailer purchase.

We can't wait to get our new trailer into action for next season.



## 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)





# Surf Coast Times JIM WALL 2020 'TAKE TWO' IS A WINNER

When the Surf Coast Times Jim Wall 2020 rolled into town AGAIN on the 29th February, bringing with it over 160 high quality athletes from around Vic and interstate, along with some ripper surf conditions and captivated spectators – we were all treated to an event to remember always.

The Jim Wall holds a special place in the hearts of Torquay members. Starting as the Jim Wall 'Surfathon' in 1962, named for early club President Jim Wall, the unique event was first created at TSLSC to challenge all round surf and water ability, with an endurance format including continuous efforts in swimming, board and ski paddling and beach running. It is believed to be the first continuous ironman event ever staged, in that format that has now become standard. The event has become a coveted 'hit out' for both local and interstate athletes, with the sought-after prize being a hand on the Jim Wall trophy.



A huge congratulations to all competitors on the day, particularly the Under 13 Nippers who definitely showed they could mix it with the big guns.

But we can't take anything away from the victors of the day – Matt Bevilacqua and Georgia Miller – Jim Wall Iron Champs for 2020!

A huge thank you to our event sponsors for helping us bring this together – Surf Coast Times, Barwon Valley Smallgoods, Engine Swim, Rip Curl, Corks Crew Cellars, JOLYN, and the Wall and Beacham Families. Also thank you to the many TSLSC members who contributed to the success of day, it wouldn't have been possible without our team.

Bring on Jim Wall 2021...





# SPONSOR NEWS

While we are nearly at the end of our life saving season, we thought we'd share just a few of the branding opportunities we have had for sponsors at our club over the very successful 2019/20 season. Who doesn't want their brand to be seen by the hundreds of thousands of beach goers each year...





## 2019/20 SPONSORS

### PLATINUM PARTNERS



# Surf Coast Times TORQUAY HOTEL • MOTEL

### GOLD PARTNERS



### SILVER PARTNERS



### BRONZE PARTNERS



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