



SURF, SUN 'N' SAND

TSLSC CLUB NEWSLETTER | September 2019

President's update



The last month has seen a flurry of activity around the club. You will see from the club calendar and various section reports that there is plenty going on as we approach the season.

Unfortunately we farewelled two life members last month. A service for Geoff "Rocky" McCoppin was held at the club on Sunday August 25, a fitting memorial to a wonderful man and contributor to our club. While I did not have the pleasure of knowing Rocky as well as many of those in attendance, the number of people who came to pay their respects and the stories they told, reiterated for me that our great club has so many purposes, not least of all a place to connect and build friendships that are longlasting. A key strategic pillar this year is community and this was very evident at the service. Members and guests will have the chance to say farewell to Ken Pollard OAM on October 5 at the TSLSC.



This month also saw one of our Directors Patrick Spinazzola step down from his role. Patrick has given a great deal to the club and will continue to do so in other ways while he focuses on his career, which is progressing rapidly. With every change there comes opportunity for others. A number of subcommittee roles have been created to encourage people to assist while appreciating time limitations.

We have met with Libby Coker MP and now have in writing the commitment of \$500k so the redevelopment project continues. While this is short of the funds we need, we will be able to stage the work and at least begin the process. The lobbying will continue, however we ask every member to think of potential sponsorship leads and forward them to the Marketing Director. We need circa \$3m to complete the works required to make us a fully sustainable and functioning club.

Read the emails, check TeamApp and stay up-to-date in the coming months, there is plenty going on and we hope you all get involved and enjoy the community that is the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club.

Tiffany Quinlan, Club President



Club News

Well the season is fast approaching so a lot is getting done around the club. The gym working bee was a success thank you to all those who turned up and helped out on such a rainy day. We are now looking for anyone who would like to sponsor or donate equipment for the new look gym. The gym is a space that is used all year round and is a great place to not only get strong and fit but also meet and socialise with others.

As we plan for the patrol season, we are now looking for Patrol Captains to lead our patrolling members to provide our key lifesaving services to the community. Please contact me if you are interested or would like to know more.

I am also in charge of Youth Squad, which will this year act as an orientation for youth (U14 and 15) to all things lifesaving and competition, this will also include SRC. The lifesaving component will meet every Sunday starting on the 6th of October at 8am. It will act as a great starting platform for your kids moving into the senior ranks of the club. Please note, this is in addition to optional training sessions and the SRC course scheduled for October.

We are looking for expressions of interest for participants and senior people to help train our Youth Squad. If interested please email me theclubcaptain.tslsc@gmail.com

Youth Squad

Starts: October 6, 8am info session with a board rescue refresher

Where: Beachside of Surf Club,

Bring: Wetsuits and boards (if you have one)

Who: U14 and U15

Every Sunday @ 8am October – March, covering competitive and life saving disciplines and will also act as a fun social group. **Cam Mercer, Club Captain**

For the Calendar

September 6..... First Friday Drinks

September 6/7...Swimwear Expo

September 7..... R&R Meeting

September 8..... CrossFit Training

October 5.....Ken Pollard's Memorial

October 12..... Club Working Bee



COMPETITION ROUND UP



Director of Competition – PETER QUINLAN

The 2019/20 season is now on our door step with official training just about to commence in Board, Ski and Iron. I encourage everyone to get to training, beginning in the first week of September, if you are not sure of the schedule, then you can either contact me or check it on the clubs website. For those who are not yet a financial member you will need to be before you commence training.

Just a reminder to all Beach and R & R competitors that there will be Info sessions on Saturday September 7th that the surf club starting at 12.30 pm with the Beach meeting and the R & R at 1.00 pm. All communication for Youth and Senior sections will continue through the clubs TeamApp so if you are not signed up then you need to be before the season starts.

We lost some amazing Life Members a few weeks ago in Ken Pollard and Geoff "Rocky" McCoppin both members made outstanding contributions to this great club and I was very fortunate to spend some time with both of them over the last few years. Rocky with his behind the scenes work in securing Linfox sponsorship for the Nippers and Ken with his astonishing memory of the history of our club. His work as Author in writing the book "History of Torquay Surf Life Saving Club the first Fifty Years 1945-1995" is an incredible collection of events and stories of an important period of our great club. Ken has made it possible that we will not lose the history by putting it to print.

Rest in peace both Ken and Rocky



Boat Report

With winter soon to be a bad memory our crews are about to get serious with pre-season. Twelve Crews will be on the water by September including 2 senior women's teams (4 crews) training for the George Bass Marathon and another 8 Under Age Crews all committed to a massive summer.

VSRL will be holding a Youth Forum for all U19/23 crews on Sunday 6th October 9am at Point Roadknight. Lunch provided. Also we will be having a club training session for all crews on Sunday 13th October, 8am followed by BBQ lunch. Venue either Fishos or club. More later.

Rod Costa, Boat Captain

Swimwear update

We are close to finalising the supplier for the 2019 Club swimwear range, with a member review September 6 & 7. Importantly, we will be placing the order based on pre-paid Expression of Interest (once supplier confirmed) for the first order with a view to a second order if demand there.
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JOIN THE CONVERSATION

LSV is hosting sessions across Victoria throughout August & September (including online options) for all members to share their ideas and shape the direction that lifesaving will take into the future and how it will benefit both members and the community. All LSV members aged 18 years+ are invited to participate, add your voice, we encourage you to be a part of the future!



Read more: <http://bit.ly/LCARRconversations>



NIPPER NEWS



Hi members, it's been another busy month preparing for the season and I'm really pleased to announce and welcome to the Nipper Sub Committee:

Hayley Browning – Administrator

Marisa Joseph – Volunteering and Social Coordinator

Jay Muir – Safety Coordinator

Dennis Hogan – Gear Steward



We're still looking for a Summer Holiday Program Coordinator and Age Manager Coordinator and have lots of opportunities in the Age Manager, Assistant Age Manager and Team manager roles. I know many of you remain occupied with winter sport and may not even really be thinking about Nippers yet but let me know if you need any further information on what these roles entail and if you are keen to assist. I'm really looking forward to the LSV Conference in September and hearing about a range of new initiatives for the season, particularly the new TeamApp which we hope will make a range of administrative functions easier. Additionally, the changes to the competition season and the impact on State Championships as we have no qualifying carnivals this year. Once I have all the facts I'll share them with the section ASAP.

Pleasingly we've had a steady stream of inquiries from potential new nippers this year so early indications are for continued growth of the section particularly through the younger age groups. With this continued growth it's critical to the success of the section that everyone steps into a role at some stage throughout the season, large or small, and with the new Committee in place you'll start to hear more about these opportunities and lock down some time. Stay tuned for some initiatives from the club such as the Adult Bronze, which not only qualify you to support your kids through the nipper career but support the club through valuable patrol hours! I'm looking forward to the water starting to warm up and getting back on the beach with you all soon....until then see you in the surf!

HAYDEN SUPPORTS NIPPERS THIS SEASON!

We are very excited to announce Hayden Real Estate as the sponsor of the TSLSC Nipper Program for 2019/20. This sponsorship provides much needed funds to educate and nurture the lifesavers of the future, from aged 5 through to 13. We look forward to the official program launch coming soon. Keep an eye out for the Hayden team on the beach with the Nippers this season with their kids!

HAYDEN





TSLSC FOUNDATION

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 the TSLSC. The TSLSC Foundation is reliant upon the generosity of the wider TSLSC community. As a result of this generosity the Foundation exists to contribute to the TSLSC so that it may continue to provide a valuable community service.

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



CROSSFIT BELLS BEACH TURNS ONE!

Join in the fun community WOD (workout) and/or Champagne BBQ Breakfast! Everyone is invited, please bring your friends and family! We will also use this opportunity to help raise some \$ for the Torquay Surf Lifesaving Club!



MEMBER TRAINING

October First Aid Course

Great opportunity for members to obtain their HLTAID003 Provide First Aid with a course to be run in October. It is best practice to have members with this award on every patrol. This course was formerly known as level 2 first aid / workplace first aid and is recommended for any person employed as an occupation health and safety or first aid representatives or who needs the qualification for their work. It is also recommended for anybody working as a care worker, sports coach, trainer, educator, or a person working in a high risk environment.

IRB Crew and Driver Courses

While we finalise our 2019/20 training calendar we are seeking Expressions of Interest for IRB Crew and Driver Courses. Dates will be finalised based on interest and resources.

IRB Crew – Bronze Medallion is a pre-requisite

IRB Driver – Bronze Medallion, Crew Certificate & current state/territory boat license are pre-requisites

To register interest in participating in any of these learning opportunities, email info@torquayslsc.com.au





TSLSC MEMBERS GO GOLD!

Congratulations to the members selected among a large field of applicants, to complete their GOLD Medallion. A fantastic achievement to be selected, we look forward to seeing your new skills in action!

- Michael Tass*
- Lachlan Jenkins*
- Remony Reid*
- Hugo Bibby*



First Aid Officers ON BOARD!

Please congratulate members Katrina Sinfield and Mick Bajada for coming on board as First Aid Officers for the 2019/20 season, the season is getting closer!



GIVE BACK WITH REBEL

Did you know that if you have a Rebel Active loyalty card you can register Torquay SLSC as a beneficiary, so that every time you spend in store or online, money goes back to the club? Next time you're in store ask to have your club assigned to your card so TSLSC can be rewarded!

Any queries: marketing.tslsc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Does your workplace have a community grants or sponsorship program? Is there an opportunity to nominate your Club for some community funding? Or, would your workplace consider sponsoring your Club, contributing to a vital community service and volunteer organisation? Research shows that businesses receive maximum benefit from sponsorships/support they undertake in conjunction with their staff network.

Contact marketing.tslsc@gmail.com if you can help.

SRC TEENS READY TO LAUNCH

Our 2019/20 SRC Course is shaping up to be a big one with over 15 teens ready to take the challenge. The SRC course involves 30 hours of blended learning (combination of contact hours and pre-learning) and is an important step in the lifesaving pathway, working towards the bronze medallion.

Registrations are still open, for those 13 and over by course date, email : info@torquayslsc.com.au





SPONSOR NEWS

As the season draws close, we are working hard to secure partnerships with our sponsors to enable us to work towards our three strategic pillars for the season. All our sponsor partners are contributing to nurture the sustainability of lifesaving through education programs and community engagement. We have many wonderful opportunities to get involved as a supporter of the club, whether it is via a donation of goods and services, a member offer, or financial support.

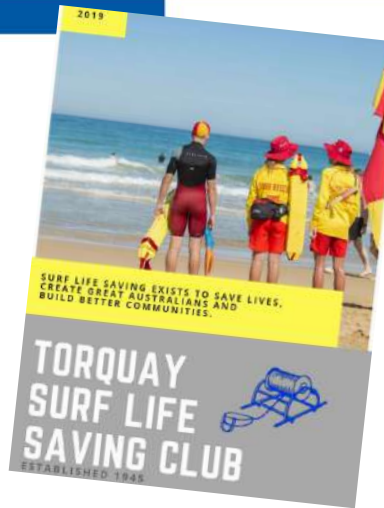
If you would like to discuss opportunities or have some business connections to share, please email sponsorship.tslsc@gmail.com to start the conversation.

WELCOME SPONSOR...

To assist Torquay Surf Life Saving Club in providing vital services on one of Victoria's busiest beaches, **Torquay Village Shopping Centre** has become a Bronze Sponsor. Each year, TSLSC calls on local businesses to sponsor the club so that we can continue our outstanding work. All funds raised ensure that TSLSC can provide lifesaving equipment, education, training and beach monitoring.

"Local community organisations like Torquay Surf Life Saving Club are the heart of our communities, we are thrilled to be a Bronze Sponsor and look forward to working with the team to ensure that the Club continues to grow & prosper" said Daniel Feldman, from Torquay Village Shopping Centre.

With Coles and 16 specialty stores to choose from, Torquay Village has a convenient selection of food, fashion, homewares and services retailers. Take a look at their new website to find out more:
www.torquayvillage.com.au



Thank you to the ongoing support of The Jack Harris Memorial Trust



**TORQUAY SURF
LIFESAVING
CLUB TRUST**
(JACK HARRIS MEMORIAL)

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. Donations to the club since the formation of the Trust are in excess of \$157,000.

Last season, 2018/19 the Trust presented the club with a cheque for \$6,279.10 which covered the cost of vital life saving equipment for the club.



MEET KAREN

Most of us have called her for help with something during the season, are you curious about the person at the end of the phone or email? Please meet the TSLSC Office Admin, Karen Witcomb!

Where are you originally from?

I am a Pom who moved over here from the UK 13 years ago from a little Shropshire village called Ludlow, married with two adult sons who still live at home (can't get rid of them) and my husband Steven who is a Carpenter - we just love it here in Torquay.

What did you do before coming to TSLSC?

Before coming to work at TSLSC I was a Receptionist at a Wellness Clinic - meeting and greeting people. So hence I love my job here at TSLSC, helping and meeting new people and listening to the "older" guys and their stories of days gone by.

What do you love about the Surf Club?

What a wonderful place to work, on the beach although I can't surf and not fond of swimming but love the sea.

What is your favourite colour?

Well a no brainer! PINK you will always see me wearing it!



MEMBER SERVICES

A reminder that memberships are now due, any issues with renewing, contact info@torquayslsc.com.au or membership.tslsc@gmail.com for assistance.

Please note that ALL Club training sessions and equipment is only for the use of current financial members.

We are starting the tours of the club for new members at the next First Friday drinks (Sept 6). This will commence at 7pm meeting down in the Main Hall, so if you are a new member or know of any new members who would like to see our great club please bring them along. For those who can't make it next Friday, we will then be offering tours Sunday morning commencing mid-October following the Nippers session. This is a great way for new members to find out about our club and ask any questions that they may have as well as check out our facilities and what we have to offer. To keep up to date with club news, events and information, make sure you have joined the Torquay SLSC Members group on Facebook.

FUNDRAISING – WE NEED YOU!



We've now got a great team of Sub-Committee Members:

Rob Gervasoni – Catering Manager

Tim Altman – Donations Manager

Briony Smith – Entertainment Manager

Tony Fraser – Special Events

There's plenty to be done, so don't be shy in talking to any of us about how you can get behind our Fundraising efforts this season. This month we're specifically calling for Expressions of Interest in our Music Program that will form part of the TSLSC Kitchen events over Summer. If you are a keen musician yourself, or know of anyone who would be interested in performing at the Club, please email Briony at brionypetesmith@bigpond.com. We'll be paying for a few higher profile performances, but also welcoming those "up-and-comers" who would love the opportunity to showcase their talents as a "Busking Performer". As we get closer to Summer, we'll be able to start sharing more details of our TSLSC Kitchen plans and the Nipper BBQ Roster, as well as how you can get involved in Beach Collections, Door Knocks, Highway Patrols and more.

Lanie Conquest, Director of Fundraising

2019 WORKING BEE



After a successful 'all hands on deck' working bee last season, we are looking to rally troops again in 2019. More details to come...

SAVE THE DATE > OCTOBER 12

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

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Ken Pollard

It is with the deepest sadness we acknowledge the passing of life member and club stalwart Ken Pollard who passed away last month. Ken will always be remembered for his famous speeches and deep love for our great club and all that it stands for.



His significant contribution and character will live on forever. Our thoughts are with Nancy and the extended family and this very sad time.

Ken joined TSLSC in November 1952, gaining his Surf Bronze Medallion the following year. For the next ten years he participated as an active lifesaver, with six years as Patrol Captain. Ken competed for TSLSC until the end of 1962/63, mainly as a board paddler, winning the State long board title two years in a row, 1957 and 1958, and was recognised as the Club Champion in 1960. He held many Committee positions from 1958 to 1975 and was the club delegate to State Council for eight years during that time. Ken was elected as Vice President in 1985 and served the club for many years as historian and magazine editor. In recognition of his outstanding service, he was elected as a Life Member in 1972, and received his 40 year membership medallion in 1992. He authored the History of Torquay Surf Life Saving Club in 1995, a fantastic keepsake for our club. Ken Pollard was the first Victorian to receive the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) For service to the community through the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club, in 2009. Any spare time he had was either 'out the back' waiting for the right wave or having a cold ale with his mates. All of Ken's family have been involved with the surf club, with four out of his five daughters becoming active patrollers. Ken is survived by his wife Nancy of 61 years, and has 11 grandchildren and a great grandson.

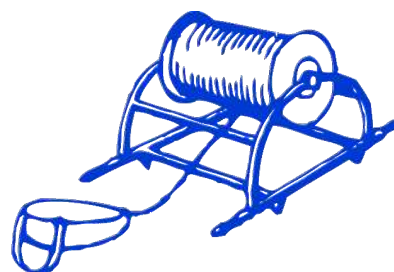
Ken's life is to be celebrated on Saturday 5th October, 11am at the club house and his ashes to join his other passed Torquay mates in the surf

Geoff McCoppin

It is with a heavy heart we acknowledge the passing of Life Member Geoff McCoppin. Geoff made many significant contributions to our great club over his time as a member and was always referred to as a true gentlemen. Our deepest sympathy to wife Margaret and children Bradley, Jacqui, Cindy and families.



Geoff 'Rocky' joined in November 1957, obtaining his Bronze Medallion in January 1958, his Instructors Certificate in 1972 and joined the Board of Examiners in 1977. He was a patrol person until 1966 and then granted active reserve status. As a competitor Rocky was a member of the B crew which won gold at the state championships in 1960. He was club treasurer from 1960 to 1964 and again in 1968-69. Rocky became vice-president from 1976-78 and president from 89-91, when he introduced the Torquay Swim Run Classic. When the building was found to be suffering from 'concrete cancer' Rocky organised to have it repaired at no cost to members. His relationship with Lindsay Fox is the reason the transport giant has been a club sponsor in the past. After 37 years of active and administrative service to our club he was elected to life membership in 1995.



TORQUAY S.L.S.C.

"Waves Roll Always"