

President's Update

Tiffany Quinlan

TSLSC really is a great community that offers something for everyone. This month has been a hive of activity with so many sections coming together as one. The sensational Wednesday night meals have been a hit with members from a very broad cross section enjoying a meal at the club with friends and making new ones along the way.

We also held the first Pink Patrol and Ladies' Luncheon, thank you to the group of members who organised the events. The luncheon was a pleasure to be involved in. We saw members of the first ladies March Past Team, along with Rescue Squad members and everyone in between in attendance. There were plenty of laughs, an abundance of food and terrific speeches. From new member Shannon Reynolds, who shared her experience as a 2020 Australian Olympian in the K4 to Dr Anne Waterhouse, who shared her experiences from the Antarctic to the remote parts of central Australia. Both fascinating women.

There has been an increased focus on lobbying politicians and the necessary fundraising that goes along with any redevelopment. Whilst no elections have officially been called, there is a lot happening at both State and Federal level so we are doing all that we can with the interests of the entire club at the forefront. You will see in the coming month a dedicated page on our website for the redevelopment to keep everyone up to date with progress.

We have 16 potential new bronze medallion holders currently in training from a cross section of the club. Their energy and enthusiasm is infectious. So, from the youngest to the oldest member there are ways to become involved.



For the DIARY

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| Feb 25 | Bar Open |
| Feb 25-27 | Nipper State Champs at Lorne |
| Feb 27 | WOW Challenge Open Water Champs Willie |
| Mar 6 | Nipper End of Season Presentations |
| Mar 6 | New Surf Boat Christening |
| Mar 11-13 | Senior State Champs at Warrnambool |
| May 21 | 2022 TSLSC Presentation Night RACV |

Around the Club

Julian Sweeney, Club Captain

It's been a beautiful summer this year. Apart from the constant Easterly winds, the summer has been one to enjoy. The Torquay Surf Life Saving Club has been in full swing. From Rob Gervasoni and his Wednesday night Parmi's (or is it Parma's?) to his juicy chicken burgers, the club has been alive.

Even with the return to school, high numbers at Nipper training are continuing and this is a testament that our program is one of the best. The leadership of our Nipper Captains and their online messages of support to the entire team before carnivals shows Torquay Surf Life Saving Club's future is in great hands.

One personal highlight I have experienced this season has been doing water safety with the Adult Bronze. The Adult Bronze course is a diverse cross section of what I see is the future of our great club. From the nipper parents to future surfboat champions and everybody in between.

I'd like to mention one candidate if I may. His name is Shashi and he is the parent of two young Nippers. Shashi was born in India and lived far away from the ocean. He would never have dreamed that he would be where he is now when he was a young man. He is now living the Aussie dream with his wife and amazing two children. What an amazing journey Shashi has been on. What an absolute champion! Well done for everything you have achieved in life so far Shashi.

On that note I'd like to thank each and every one of our 2022 members. We value the support and colour each individual member brings to our club, and I hope to see you all at the beach soon.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We're always interested to hear of our members giving back to the community! Recently mother and daughter Marisa and Izzy Joseph (SRC) took a water experience session at the beach for the 1st Torquay Joey Scouts.

Kimmy Gilling spoke about staying safe at the beach to Town & Country Children's Centre's 4 year old kinder children.

Do you have a story of a member going over and above? We'd love to hear about it!



Andy Berry Photography



Third Wave Kiosk

SHANNON ECKSTEIN

Classic Summer of Surf

by Harris Henderson

Milli Harris and I were fortunate enough to be invited to compete in the Shannon Eckstein Summer of Surf Iron Man Event at Northcliffe Beach in Queensland on February 12th this year by the Surf Sports Development Squad. The team consisted of 10 U15 and 10 U17 boys and girls, all coming from different clubs in Victoria. The team was welcoming and friendly making the trip an enjoyable experience. When it came to race day everybody was fired up and ready to go, the conditions were extreme with a huge sweep, keeping all the competitors on their toes! All the athletes saw this opportunity as a learning experience in preparation for Aussies in April this year. Milli and I went pretty well, having some good races but also getting smashed a few times, so we learnt a lot! Hopefully come this time next year we see a few more Torquay caps competing up North! Thanks to Surf Sports Development Squad for the opportunity, and our TSLSC team mates for pushing us every training session and carnivals, opening this door for us!



I was very grateful to be invited to be part of a team to compete at the Summer of Surf event with a group of other young Victorian competitors.

The surf was huge and extremely challenging, and the competition was full of high-quality athletes. It was a great opportunity to expose myself to the high level of competition expected at Aussies. We also got a taste of what we might expect the Gold Coast conditions to be like at Aussies. I was very happy to make it through a few rounds in the U17 Board Race in wild and tricky conditions and enjoyed competing in all the team events. I also really enjoyed making friends with competitors from other Victorian Clubs and getting to know everyone well.

by Milli Harris

COMPETITION NEWS

PETER QUINLAN
Competition Director



youth & seniors

We are now at the business end of the season with just a few weeks away to the Victorian State Titles to be held in Warrnambool on the long weekend in March. The Seniors along with Boats are looking forward to a great weekend of competition.

This season has been like no other season with training delayed because of Covid restrictions, competitions cancelled due to Covid outbreaks, interstate travel restricted also because of quarantine protocols. This season will be one we won't forget for quite some time. We must thank LSV in getting us to this point and enabling us to compete during the season.

In line with the Pink Patrol that has occurred recently to recognise females in lifesaving, I am pleased to report there has been a 'changing of the guard' in recent times with females outnumbering, and in some cases, outperforming their male counterparts. In recent years it was always the males that dominated the Senior Competitive Section of the club.

Good luck to all the nippers at the Junior Victorian Championships which are due to run at the end of February in Lorne.



boat crews

The Boat Section has enjoyed a solid month of competition and training with crews competing at Anglesea, Lorne and Elouera.

The 'old' boys had a day of mishaps but managed a 3rd in the 200+ event at The Victorian Masters at Lorne. A big shout out to Jase who managed an entire race without taking a stroke, while the U23 men's crew -The 'Heatstrokes' have been rowing well, narrowly missing out on the win at Anglesea.

The 'Heatstrokes' headed north to compete last weekend at the ASRL Open at Elouera, just south of Sydney. Unfortunately the start of the event was delayed due to the shark incident earlier in the week that forced the closure of all the Sydney beaches. With an all clear given for competition to begin on Friday, the nearly 300 crews in attendance were met with challenging conditions to race. The boys rowed in a horrendous onshore swell with every race a lottery across the course. They rowed strongly for the first two rounds. However, in their third race they came unstuck as they moved the boat into their alley and were hit by an incoming boat, putting a rather large hole in the boat and an end to their racing.

Preparations are underway for our next event being the Victorian State Titles in Warrnambool where we hope to have 4 crews lining up in the blue and gold.

The 'come and try' days have been a great success with 4 new rowers undertaking their Bronze at Torquay which is currently being run by our amazing training team.

The new Torquay Hotel boat will be christened on the 6th of March in time to make its debut at the senior Victorian Championships. The christening will coincide with the nipper break up party, so food and beverages will be available. We will announce further details shortly, but everyone is welcome at the club for this event.

Andy Berry Photography



Mathew Blair, Boat Captain



TSLSC LADIES LUNCHEON

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LIFESAVING

Sue Mercer & Judy Beacham

Our inaugural Pink Patrol ladies lunch was held on Saturday 19th Feb, celebrating the contribution of women in Surf Life Saving. We had a wonderful day with lots of entertaining stories from women across the generations and some amazing food. Thankyou so much to our talented resident chef Rob and Jodie who not only prepared food, but along with Sarah put this day together.

Our aging club scrubbed up well with some beautiful flower arrangements from Robertsons Farmgate and of course nothing beats the view from those front windows on a sunny day !!! So Ladies we are on a roll, next year will be bigger and pinker !!! Keep those gorgeous pink dresses on ice for next year.



NIPPER NEWS

MATT CARMICHAEL
Director Junior Development

HAYDEN

The past month, and in particular the last week has been very busy for the Junior Aquatic Sports participants of our nipper program. We have not only braved the journey across to Point Leo on Sunday 6 February - taking a team of 82 nippers no less, but we also had the Torquay & Jan Juc Friendly Carnival on Friday 11 as well. Our U13s also participated in their first ever Senior carnival on Sunday 13th February at Lorne. It is fantastic to see so many nippers and their families supporting carnivals far and wide across the State.

We have been doing exceptionally well at all these carnivals but the best part for me is seeing all the nippers develop their skills and have a go at everything. We have been putting in lots of hard work this season and no matter what the results are at the end of the day, all the nippers should be proud of their development and successes over the season.

The U13s did such a great job at the senior carnival - with the boys' sprint relay even bringing home a first place pennant! Thank you to Peter Quinlan and all the senior and youth competitors for taking our U13s under their wings and supporting them at training and during the senior carnivals.

Our thanks must also go out to Kylie, Nathan and Shaun at Jan Juc SLSC for organising such a great friendly carnival. Everyone was so disappointed that this did not go ahead last year and the team at Jan Juc have really set the bar high for us for next season! A great, friendly atmosphere with the evening enjoyed by nippers and families alike.

The focus has now shifted to States at Lorne on February 25 - 27. Thankfully at this stage all age groups U9-U13 will be competing over the 3 days. LSV are trying a new format this year with all beach events being held on the Friday afternoon, leaving the 2 days over the weekend to contend with Lorne's sometimes robust conditions. It's been another challenge trying to cram in training for events we have not been able to do all year like Board Rescue and Belt & Reel. I can't wait to see our magnificent March Past team in action for my first time. There isn't an Official I talk to, that doesn't mention how good our uniforms look!

We wish all the competitors well and thank all the officials, water safety and volunteers that have been contributing their time to help our nippers compete. We also wish to thank all our sponsors including Hayden's Real Estate for a great season, your support continues to be the backbone of our Nippers. Also thank you to Torquay Animal House and new sponsor Techne for coming on board to help with team merch. As always with the U13s cycling up to Youth next year we will be losing some of our volunteer water safety and officials. So, if you are looking for something to do during winter, log onto the SLSA Portal and complete the Officials Course.

At this stage our nippers end of season celebration will be held on Saturday March 6th. We are just finalising the location and plans. Details will be advised through Team App as soon as possible. If all goes to plan, this will be the same day as the Christening of the new Surf Boat and the Assessment Day for our most recent bronzies. There is going to be a fantastic cross section of the club in attendance, and it will be a fantastic day for the nippers to see the pride and ceremony surrounding a boat christening!

Good luck to our State Team and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our end of season celebration on Saturday March 6th!



FROM THE ARCHIVES *Tony Fraser Club Historian*

The below photo (also in last month's edition) was taken in the family home with 13 year old Dick junior wrestling with his dad. It was featured in the Melbourne Sun on October 27 1956. This was 3 weeks prior to Melbourne hosting the 13th modern Olympic Games. At school Dick junior's sport was rowing. He represented Xavier College in the Head of the River for 2 years.



Peter Doak and Richard Gerrard pointing to their names on the Torquay SLSC's Olympic board. Photo: VINNIE VAN OORSCHOT

Not to be outdone by his dad he represented Australia at the 15th modern Olympics in Tokyo in 1964 in the coxless fours rowing team. He also rowed for Torquay SLSC winning many State Championships and has been previously involved with the management of our Club. Dick is a 40+ Year member. He is also the self-proclaimed Lord Mayor of Bells Beach.



VIRTUAL DOOR KNOCK

This season (and last!) we have been very limited with our fundraising options. No tin rattles, highway collections or door knocks due to the lingering COVID environment means we are definitely in need of some alternatives to engage the community in our fundraising needs.

On the next page is a poster/flyer you can print at home or work and below are some ways you can help to get people involved;

- *Put the poster up at your workplace*
- *Drop it as a flyer into some letterboxes*
- *Ask your school or group to add it to their newsletter*
- *Share it with family and friends*

On the website we have also loaded the poster and a social tile as its own file so you can easily download to share.



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VIRTUAL DOOR KNOCK



PEOPLE of *TSLSC*

- My surf lifesaving story started when Uncle Greg took me into the Apollo Bay SLSC in 1972. The BEGINNING of my story, my culture.
- To Jim and all my swimming team mates. 10 years of early mornings and after school training. The FOUNDATION of my story, my culture.
- To 45 years of surf carnivals. From swimming, Ironman, board, ski, beach & surfboat rowing. From first to last and every place in between. The JOURNEY of my story, my culture.
- My first Open surf race with Tony Strahan. Victorian Teams with sons David and Simon. To the present having Simon's daughter Belle in Torquay Rescue training group. The GENERATIONS of my story, my culture.
- All the beaches I've raced at. Australia, Hawaii and California. Unforgettable but I still call the Surf coast home. The PLACE of my story, my culture.
- To my mate Daron. His 18th, his 21st, his wedding and his funeral. Thank you for giving me Yin and Yang. The SPIRIT of my story, my culture.
- To the elders, coaches, friends, team mates and competitors. The wave of support, the best wave I have ever ridden. My MOB, my story, my culture.
- And to Nikki. We met 31 years ago on patrol. Thank you for absolutely everything. My LIFE, my story, my culture.

Nutri Grain Grand Prix Series 1986/87 Elouera.



*Grant
Matthews*

LIFE SAVING



William Fleming

Thanks for everyone who is patrolling and the Captains for keeping your patrols going and keeping our beaches safe. I know it's sometimes difficult but please make the effort to attend your rostered patrols on time and in uniform.

Thanks to you all for being part of our great club and keeping an iconic part of the Australian coastline safe. Stay focused in the surf and with your health.



FUNCTIONS UPDATE

ROB GERVASONI
Functions Director

Our Wednesday family nights have been a great success with good numbers attending each week and a great mix from all sections. Stories have been shared along with club updates, and our last night was huge! Over 200 meals served and the club was a hive of activity! A massive thank you to all kitchen helpers that have helped cook, serve and wash dishes each week. I appreciate your help!

While function bookings remain slow with the uncertainty around COVID and maximum function numbers allowed, we are seeing an increase in enquiries for the year which is hopefully great news.

Remember that as a member you receive a discount when booking a function, so please don't hesitate to contact myself or Michelle if you have an occasion that needs celebrating – where else can you take in one of the best views in town!



TORQUAY RESCUE



I enjoy rescue squad because it is very fun, and it helps me learn skills for lifesaving. Grant and Nikki always make you laugh and although it can be a bit of fun and jokes, rescue squad still has its fair share of hard and exhausting work. It's really good for experience and strength on the board and anyone can come no matter what skill - everyone is involved. We have some unique rituals such as respecting the wave gods by throwing sand into the water before every session (apparently it gives you better waves). Everyone is invited to come down to Torquay rescue squad. **By GEORGE O'DWYER**



sponsorship NEWS

Sarah O'Dwyer
Director of Marketing

It's getting near the end of the season, and we are still having new sponsorship conversations! How great is our community and how great is the brand we have all created! A brand that represents community, lifesaving, education and belonging.

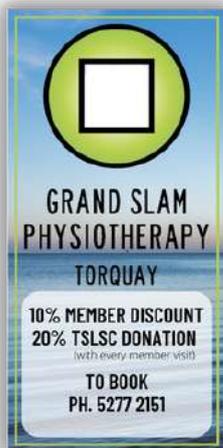
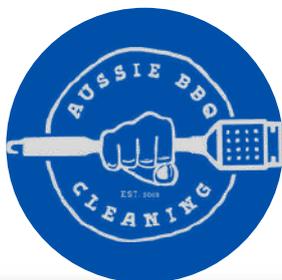
Thank you to the members who have introduced new sponsors and started conversations, the best referral channel we have is you!

On that note, a huge shout out to Techne Architecture & Design for coming on board to support the club and assist the Nipper team with team apparel. And wow, thank you to Aussie BBQ Cleaning for your ongoing support of our club and allowing the seniors to hit the beach strong with team gear.

A focus for next season is the development of more member engagement opportunities for sponsors, demonstrated with the success of Grand Slam Physio presenting at two bronze courses this season. A great way to foster relationships between our sponsors and members.

Please get on board the Virtual Door Knock by donating a few dollars via the QR Code, sharing with friends and family. Every little bit makes a difference.

If you are interested in getting involved in sponsorship, events and/or communication for next season, I can always use the help! Lastly, the response in the way of donation of goods such as flowers and food for our Ladies Luncheon, as well as the wonderful prizes we had on board, was just amazing. Thank you to Saltair Spa, Ministry of Skin, Robertson's Farmgate, Green Hip Workwear, Rip Curl, Corks Crew, Your Yoga Room, Barwon Valley Smallgoods, Body Dreams and Crossfit Bells Beach.



HAYDEN

HOME TO SELL OR RENT?

Every referred sale or property management earns for TSLSC!

Hayden Real Estate is a long time supporter of life saving & TSLSC, you've probably seen some of the team around the club! For every sale referral from a TSLSC member, the Hayden team will donate \$1,000 to the Club or a much-needed training mal for our Rescue group, and for rental referral they will pledge \$200 to our club.

Contact ph. 5261 2101 for more information




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2021/2022

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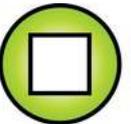


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