

President's Update

Tiffany Quinlan

The planning for season 2021/22 is well underway. We learnt a great deal last year about the need to be agile and able to pivot and it may be that time again. At the AGM we had several board vacancies but as this goes to print, I am very proud to say that for the first time in many years we have all board positions filled. This is critical if we are to share the load and get new perspectives. Thanks to all those who have volunteered, together we can achieve a great deal.

The website is currently getting an overhaul so make sure you check it out. Regular updates and information will be provided. The Audit and Risk committee will embark on a major constitutional review this year which we aim to have completed in time to present at the end of this season. This is a significant piece of work however it's very overdue.

The roof in the members bar upstairs has been repaired which is terrific news, now we just need COVID restrictions to ease so we can get it open again. Due to density limitations First Friday of the month drinks will be held in the main hall to allow as many to attend as would like. The purchase of some outdoor heaters should also make those chilly nights more pleasant outside.

The security system has been upgraded as the old system was simply failing us and unable to be repaired. Please ensure you lock up after yourself and treat club assets with respect. Many hours of fundraising go into the purchase of new equipment for everyone to enjoy.

In June we welcomed Michelle Gilling as our club Office Manager. Michelle has already proved a huge asset. Please ensure you direct all enquiries to info@torquayslsc.com.au for Michelle to ensure someone gets back to you. As the club continues to grow and evolve, the compliance and governance requirements expand and supporting volunteers is essential for our ongoing sustainability. Stay safe.

MEET the TEAM



Hi I'm Michelle and I'm excited to be working at the club. Make sure if you are around that you pop into the office to say hello.

A little background about me - In 2017 our family decided on a sea change and moved from Warrandyte to Ocean Grove. I have a daughter, Kimmy, who competes for Torquay and a son Matt who competes for Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park QLD and Torquay. I am a mad keen Western Bulldogs member & supporter not like everyone else down this way who all seem to barrack for Geelong Cats!! We have 2 Labrador dogs - Sparkles (who you will see if you visit me in the office) and Quarry a Seeing Eye Dog Puppy who we have for around 12 months before he goes into formal training. In my spare time I enjoy walking, netball, AFL & going to the movies.

Michelle Gilling, Club Administrator

Memberships

2021/22 TSLSC memberships are now due. In order to continue access to member areas of the club via a swipe band, memberships must be renewed. Don't forget it's a 3-step process, payment, SLS renewal and Working With Children Check.

For the DIARY

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| Aug 06 | Club Closed until August 13 |
| Aug 13 | Youth/Senior Team Meeting 5.30pm |
| Aug 30 | Youth/Senior Training commences |
| Nov 12 | Lorne Nipper Camp |

Around the Club

Julian Sweeney, Club Captain

Welcome to a new season at Torquay SLSC and thank you for the opportunity to be your Club Captain. As a part of my role as Club Captain I will be out and about around the club, meeting as many of you as possible.

I have had strong and long-lasting relationship with many members of the Torquay SLSC over the years, from my days as a nipper to my years competing in Surfboats for the club at competition level. I am really looking forward to strengthening those relationships further and building new relationships into season 2022.

If you have any concerns or advice on how we can make Torquay SLSC more inclusive or a better place to be, please feel free to reach out to me.

The Torquay SLSC is a strong and proud club that strives to help people be the best they can be. It's not all about being a champion iron man or woman, or champion surf lifesaver (or though that can be a bonus) but a great club member.

The club and the Committee cannot achieve anything without the help of their members. I encourage as many of you as possible to get more involved around the club. Whether it be doing patrols, gaining your bronze medallion, helping with water safety or just generally be a great role model and helping around the club.

Let's work together to make season 2022 a season to remember for us all at Torquay SLSC.

See you at the beach.....



On the beach LAST SUMMER

While the world was busy fighting a pandemic virus, it seems many found solace at the beach last season as visitation numbers soared on previous years. Here are a few stats for how busy our patrol teams were!

3,640 Interventions

60 First Aids

2 Rescues

3,800 Patrol Hours

Av. 20 hours per Active Member

Thank you to our patrol teams and casual patrollers, your dedication is a great asset to the Surf Coast community.

Statistics from Surf Life Saving Australia for summer:

- 70 people died on the Australian coast this summer
- 49 were due to drowning
- 88% of fatalities were male
- Rip currents were linked to 100% summer bystander rescue drowning deaths
- 1 in 2 swimming and wading summer drowning deaths were linked to rip currents
- 46% summer drowning deaths were intrastate visitors who lived more than 50km from the drowning location



COMPETITION NEWS

PETER QUINLAN
Competition Director

youth & seniors

I hope everyone is getting their Olympic fix at the moment. There have been some incredible feats by our Aussies already. A big congratulations to Brendan Smith from Half Moon Bay SLSC who won a Bronze medal in the 400 Individual Medley. Torquay have had some epic battles with Half Moon Bay over the last few years in the Open Male Taplin relay with Brendan usually anchoring the swim leg.

We are currently not far away from commencing official training. I know everyone is keen to get back and we are also looking forward to welcoming our new bunch of U14's into the fold.

LSV are planning to start the carnival season early this year with the Endurance champs to be held at Cosy Corner in October. Save the date for our own Jim Wall event which will be held on Sunday January 9th 2022.



boat crews

Although it's been a quiet and cold winter there has still been a lot happening behind the scenes.

- Carnivals are almost planned for the coming season with most to be run by VSRL
- A forum was held at Anglesea with new Club Captain Julian Sweeney in attendance along with Jackson Costa, Mathew Blair & Rod Costa. We discussed carnival dates and venues, Sweeps school, State Team selection, carnival draws and much more.
- A Sweeps School will be held at Port Campbell on 23/24th October. Mathew Blair has already nominated for this, however I would love to have some more members put up their hands to become new sweeps. It's heaps of fun and we need you now more than ever. The weekend at Port Campbell will get you your S1 accreditation and then you will need to progress from S1 through S2 to S3.
- New sweeps will need new rowers. Come and join the boat section at Torquay. We are a great bunch supporting Junior development within the club. We have accredited coaches who will teach you the basics of surfboat rowing and great equipment for you to utilise. Why not get some friends together and give me a call.
- The Sunrays U23 girls have had a few seasons together in the boat, together with a couple of the U23 Boys. As you know it's been difficult in the current situation so get on your ergo's and keep up your gym sessions.
- Great news is that the new "Torquay Hotel" boat has finally arrived and has just been sign written. It looks fantastic and a big thanks to Proud Sponsor "Torquay Hotel".

Look forward to seeing you all at a future training session or around the club.

Rod Costa, Boat Captain

YOUR 2021/22 COMMITTEE



Club President
TIFFANY QUINLAN



Secretary
NOVA HUNTER



Club Captain
JULIAN SWEENEY



Treasurer
REBECCA DRAPER



Director of LifeSaving
WILLIAM FLEMING



Competition Director
PETER QUINLAN



Facilities Director
JOHN MERCER



Functions Director
ROB GERVASONI



Fundraising Director
TROY HARRIS



Marketing Director
SARAH O'DWYER



Membership Director
SCOTT MCCARDEL

***Nippers Director TBC**

Hi I'm Troy and I'm excited to join the Committee as the Fundraising Director. I have lived in Torquay for 15 years and been involved with the club for 11 years. I have 3 children who compete in this sport. Ben, Grace and Milli have all come through the nipper program at Torquay. Ben and Milli compete for Torquay in the seniors and Grace now lives on the Sunshine Coast where she competes for Alexandra Headlands.

Troy

I am very excited to be joining TSLSC committee as Club Secretary. I am looking forward to supporting the club, the Committee and its members in this role.

I joined TSLSC 10 years ago when my youngest son started the Nipper program. Both he and his younger brother now patrol for the club and train in the Youth Squad. For the previous 4 years I have been the Nippers Summer Holiday Program Coordinator supporting the club's Junior Development program.

My partner and I moved to Torquay 17 years ago from the UK. Working for Ford Australia in Geelong, we only ever intended to stay for 2 years but we loved the Torquay lifestyle so much we never left.

In my spare time I enjoy running along the coastal paths, exploring the local area with family, and I am in the process of completing a Master of Literature at Deakin University.

Nova

Hi I'm Rob Gervasoni and I'm excited to be joining the committee as Functions Director. My family and I moved to Torquay in 2012 and within weeks we joined the surf club and our kids started in the Nipper program. It wasn't long before I was managing the Nippers BBQ and earned myself the nickname from the kids as 'BBQ Rob'.

I decided to take on this Director role, as I have extensive hospitality experience and want to make the club's function space the talk of the town. When I'm not volunteering at the club, I love fishing, travelling, gardening and entertaining with friends and family. I work at GenU in the supported employment field, providing meaningful employment for people living with disabilities. So if you are looking for a function space with the best view in town, don't hesitate to get in touch. I can't wait for the season to really begin and getting to see you all around our great club!

BBq Rob

Hi Everyone, I'm honoured to be representing members as the TSLSC Club Captain and am really looking forward to the season. I began my life saving as a Torquay Nipper, followed by achieving my bronze medallion. I have been a patrolling member and active lifesaver for 30 years now. I have spent many years rowing boats and currently row in the Men's Open, Reserve and Masters' divisions and have competed at local, Victorian and Australian Titles level for Torquay.

I am now a Long Service active patrolling member for Torquay, living with my family including two kids in Bells Beach and enjoying working in the renewables sector.

Julian

sponsorship

Sarah O'Dwyer
Director of Marketing

NEWS



It's a busy time for TSLSC Marketing as the season planning is full steam ahead. After a wonderful year of support from our long term and new sponsors, we hope we can continue these relationships again this season.

Last season we saw a huge increase in beach visitation (3 times) on previous years, the restrictions on travel and other sporting activities drove many people beachside. Similarly, we saw our membership numbers remain pretty steady which is a real testament to the role TSLSC plays in the community, a place people want to be.

This all means TSLSC is a wonderful opportunity for sponsors whether it be via a branded asset, access to our members, event activation or involvement in supporting an essential community service.

Thank you to the ongoing support of Surf Coast Times who are back on board for season 2021/22, your community support is wonderful.

WELCOME BACK Thank You

Surf Coast Times

Your community values
your support of lifesaving



CALLING ALL (WINTER) SWIMMERS

A group of TSLSC members is looking for helpers to get a new event off the ground, dedicated to those 'year-round swimmers'.

The 2022 Winter Solstice Swim will be quite unique in the open water swim calendar, and has the potential to raise some funds for our club. Having already secured a small grant from the Shire, the next step is collecting some volunteers to set the event up for success.

If you would like to be involved, please email marketing.tslsc@gmail.com.

Every little bit helps...



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SPONSORSHIP TEAM HELP

We are calling out for help with our sponsorship program. Meeting new sponsors, looking for opportunities and managing relationships. If this sounds like you, we'd love to know!
email: sponsorship.tslsc@gmail.com