

President's Update

Tiffany Quinlan

While it might seem like summer is a distant memory there is still plenty happening at TSLSC. Patrols are rostered until Easter, Senior Aussie Titles commence at the beginning of April, year end and AGM preparations are underway along with Presentation Night plans. So, plenty to look forward to for everyone.

You will see from the Nipper and Competition Reports that State Titles have been run with some amazing results – none more so than the amazing sportsmanship demonstrated and the commitment from all to Team T.

A highlight over the past month was the long-awaited boat christening – the Garry "Gazza" Pettigrove. It was terrific to see Garry attend and so many members experience the tradition of a christening. A great club gathering bringing all sections together again.

Torquay hosted a regional council of lifesaving meeting where fellow clubs shared achievements and obstacles with the aim of combining efforts where possible to create efficiencies and utilize each club's strength. More on this, but a really productive meeting with lots of actions and plenty of initiatives to follow.

As we start to plan for next year, there will be plenty of opportunity for people to get involved. A reminder that this is a community club run by volunteers. You don't need any special skills or experience to get involved just a can-do attitude.

Wishing all our athletes heading up to Aussies all the very best. Enjoy the experience and wear the blue and gold with pride.

HELP NEEDED!
Looking for helpers for some key club events, contact info@torquayslsc.com.au if you can lend a hand.
FISH FRIDAY - DOOR KNOCK - PRES. NIGHT

**2022
TSLSC
PRESENTATION
NIGHT**

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 21ST MAY

**FISH
Friday!**

TORQUAY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

GOOD FRIDAY 15TH APRIL

MENU

Fried Fish & Chip Pack \$17.00
Grilled Fish & Chip Pack \$17.00
Dim Sim & Potato Cakes \$1.20ea
Basket of Chips \$5.00
Vegetarian Burger & Chips \$17.50

Bar Open 12pm - 3pm
Kitchen 11.30am - 2.30pm
No bookings

**For the
DIARY**

Apr 1	Club Bar Open
Apr 2-10	Australian Championships Gold Coast QLD
Apr 8	Club Bar Open
April 15	Fish Friday
May 21	Club Presentation Night RACV

Around the Club

Julian Sweeney, Club Captain

It's been an exciting time around the club over the last month with the Nipper State Titles, the Senior State Titles, the Master State Titles, and the christening of the TORQUAY HOTEL surfboat. Thank you to all the members, including Life Members, that attended the christening and thank you to the TORQUAY HOTEL for their generosity.

I had the privilege of attending all 3 events and the one thing that stood out to me was the amount of support all Torquay SLSC competitors gave to each other. Whether it be a clap of encouragement or a cheer (loud cheer in the case of the Nippers) of excitement, it was great to see our Torquay spirit shining through.

I witnessed parents marshalling nippers and handling equipment. Surfboat rowers carrying boats and making sure crews were in the right allies ready for their next race and senior competitors rallying their teams in preparation for the teams' events.

On that note, the entire Torquay SLSC Team had a unique air of excitement about it this year. All sections and all age groups have been amazing. From our first year junior competitors to our champions, it has been an honour to witness you all striving to be the best you can be. We cannot all be Victorian Champions, but we can all be proud Torquay competitors and members.

I still go into races at carnivals hoping to win even when I know the chances may be slim. This sport isn't all about winning, it's about our community and the amazing people in it.

If you were to ask me, my highlight for the year is being a member of the Torquay SLSC and spending time with all of the people that have crossed my path. It has, and will always be, an honour to meet, and spend time with you all. Whether it be on patrol, doing water safety, having a chat out the back of the club, or at a committee meeting.

In signing off I would like to wish all of our amazing Torquay SLSC competitors competing at AUSSIES 2022 the best of luck. I know you will do us proud. See you at the club.

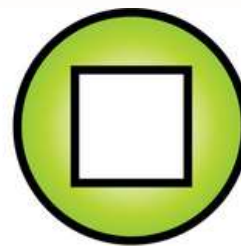
EDUCATION NEWS

We are currently working on the training plan for next season with some courses being run from as early as August in preparation for the season. I encourage everyone to think about obtaining just one more award. These are life skills that not only help you but help our great club.



Welcome to our latest Bronze group, many of who have joined a patrol team. Thank you to the trainers and assessors who again gave their time to secure more patrollers.

We had club sponsors Grand Slam Physio run a great stretch session for our Bronze course. A great way to get the team engaged with our supporting partners! Thank you!



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COMPETITION NEWS

PETER QUINLAN
Competition Director

youth & seniors

The domestic season is now over with the completion of the Victorian Titles held at Warrnambool over the long weekend in March. Finishing second last year in the Teams point score, we were keen to take it up to Ocean Grove and that we did. They got the jump on us on Day 1 of competition, however over the last two days of competition they only drew ahead further by a mere 5 points to again finish in second spot in the overall points score.

We finished the carnival with 18 gold, 26 silver and 16 bronze medals as well placing between 4th and 6th on 32 occasions. This certainly helped our overall point score to keep ticking along during the two and half day carnival.

With the nippers also having a very successful State Titles this year, hopefully this is now the start of a long era of competition success for the Torquay SLSC. Certainly, the building blocks are there and with the Boat Section rebuilding, we will again take up the challenge to take the Teams title next season.

Detailed results of the Senior Victorian Surf Lifesaving Titles will be published in this year's Annual Report. Huge thank you to our sponsors this season, Urban Elements Landscaping for our team rashies, and Aussie BBQ Cleaning for a great team uniform, we were certainly turning heads on the beach,

The Torquay SLSC will be represented at this year's Australian Titles with 7 Youth, 13 Seniors and 4 Masters competitors. Competition commences on April 2 with the youth competitors at North Kirra Beach and concludes on Sunday April 10 at Broadbeach with senior finals. Make sure you stay tuned to the member's Facebook page for competition updates.



boat crews

The Boat Section has had another great month of competition, patrol and club activity.

The highlight was the successful completion of the Bronze medallion for 6 of our new rowers. Huge congratulations to Tash, Nell, Jess, James, Ryan and Baxter on completing their bronze. All showed great enthusiasm during the course and will be valuable both "hanging onto an oar" and on patrol.

The Victorian Senior Titles was another highlight with possibly the best weather for a Victorian carnival ever, like ever!! 52 crews contested all divisions on the day and a massive thank you must go out to VSRL for a well-run event. The medal presentation at Pavilion Bar was a great start to the evening with the Warrnambool Surf Club party providing a great end for most.

Our Under 23 Men's crew was the best performers on the day winning a Silver Medal, narrowly missing Gold with the final race deciding the top 2 positions.

The best and last carnival is still to come with the Aussie Titles just a few weeks away. Good luck to all Torquay competitors heading north to do the Blue and Gold proud.



Mathew Blair, Boat Captain



Thanks Aussie BBQ Cleaning for the States team uniform!







Surf Coast Times

“Gary doesn’t just row boats”: ‘Gazza’ christened at Torquay boat reveal

BY VINNIE VAN OORSCHOT

BOAT christenings at Torquay Surf Life Saving Club can be an emotional yet happy day and Sunday was no different.

Hundreds of members gathered in the club’s rear courtyard to listen to speeches, take photos and christen the club’s new \$30,000 crew boat sponsored by Torquay Hotel.



Members of all ages were there for the reveal of the newest addition to the boat ranks.

MC for the reveal, club captain Julian Sweeney, named the boat after member Gary “Gazza” Pettigrove for his long and effective tenure as a life member and integral role within the club since he joined in 1969.

Mr Pettigrove is the son of founding Torquay SLSC members John and Wilma Pettigrove and is also a recipient of the Wishart Medal, the top individual award that can be bestowed upon a Victorian life saver.

“It’s a huge honour,” Mr Pettigrove said post-reveal. “My family has four boats named after them, it’s a big deal for a single member to get one but to have four within our family, is just a massive honour. My parents were the ‘gold star’ people of this club and I was just another member within Torquay, but I love this club and I’m very lucky to be a part of it.

Gary rowed with and has been mentored by some of the Torquay SLSC’s biggest legends including John ‘Moose’ Russell, John Heathcote and Ray Heathcote, brothers of the club’s current

Open men’s sweep Neil ‘Hec’ Heathcote.

“Gary doesn’t just row boats,” Torquay SLSC president Tiffany Quinlan said.

“He has contributed more than just about any of our other members to be brutally honest. He’s mentored me, he is an amazing human being, he has contributed his life and soul to this club and the christening is richly deserved.”

Another club figure to learn under Mr Pettigrove was Mr Sweeney.

“I earned my Bronze medallion under Gary, so everything I’ve done over the last 30 years or so has been as a result of Gary,” Mr Sweeney said.

“I thank Gary for what he has contributed to the club and my family. My daughter is rowing now, she wouldn’t be doing that if it wasn’t for Gary and, as the Wishart Medal says, it goes to the champion lifesaver, and he is a champion.”

The new Torquay Hotel boat will be cruising the waves at the Vic State Champs in Warrnambool this weekend before hitting the Aussie Championships in Queensland.

NIPPER NEWS

MATT CARMICHAEL
Director Junior Development

HAYDEN

Junior State Titles were held at Lorne this year, with LSV moving all water events to the Friday due to forecasted deteriorating conditions over the Saturday and Sunday. Despite the last minute change, we still managed to field a team of nearly 100 nippers with only a couple of our teammates having to withdraw late due to Covid.

Our team exhibited all the characteristics that we love to see. Always happy and smiling, lots of great sportsmanship, making friends with nippers from other Clubs and being respectful to officiating volunteers and water safety personnel. Every nipper exhibited a "never give up" attitude and they all did us proud. We were impressive in events that many had only learnt in the last few weeks. Events like belt and reel, rescue and resuscitation and board rescue. This was despite having a shortage of board rescue boards, and our belt and reel having a catastrophic failure in front of the LSV judges and being banned from the beach! Many thanks to Jan Juc, Point Leo and Mentone for coming to our aid and lending us equipment when ours came up short.

Our March Past Team looked magnificent. Maybe it was the experience of my first State titles but I have to admit seeing the graduating U13 on the beach in their March Past Uniforms made my eyes well up!

Our water safety and officials contributed to a smooth couple of days that ran on time for most age groups.

Due to the size of our team, we were required to contribute 10 water safety and 10 officials across each of the 3 days and we are so thankful for the contribution of these superhero members.

The Junior team finished up with:

8 GOLD

11 SILVER

13 BRONZE

All medal winners will be listed in the 2021/22 Annual Report

In the point score Torquay finished in 3rd place, our best result in almost a decade and up four places from last year where we were limited to U12 and U13 competitors only. Congratulations to Ocean Grove for taking first place again!

Our Nippers End of Season Celebration was held on the 6th of March and coincided with the christening of the new surfboat. It was a fantastic day with many representatives from all sections of the club in attendance, reinforcing the fabulous family atmosphere that makes our Club so great. As always, Rob was a magician in the kitchen dishing up hot dogs and kranskys' to the hungry masses.

I have enjoyed a wonderful experience in my first season as Director of Junior Development and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know so many friendly, helpful and considerate individuals amongst the nippers and their families. It has been a daunting task given my short history at the Club but there has always been someone there to help out when needed. For me, it has been immensely rewarding and I look forward to next season.

Thank you to all our sponsors, especially Hayden Real Estate. Without their support we would be unable to run all the fantastic programs we run. Also, a big thank you to Torquay Animal House, Techné, Hudson Ridge Builders, Crossfit Bells Beach and Store n More.

I would also like to thank a couple of people for their amazing contributions. The Nipper Sub-Committee, in particular Hayley Browning whose support was unwavering. Matt Henderson and Scott McCardel for putting the framework in place for such a great program, all our volunteer helpers, water safety, Age Managers, Team Managers and Officials and of course Leah Jenkinson and the BBQ and kiosk crew. A special mention to all the new Age Managers, Team Managers and parent helpers in the U6 and U7 age groups. It can be intimidating stepping up to the plate in your first or second season but there has been nothing but positive feedback from parents in these groups. Can't wait to get a heap of you through your Bronze Medallion and/or Officiating Courses next season.







SLSA HALL OF FAME

Tony Fraser Club Historian

TSLSC is very proud to announce that 55 year member Peter Milburn has been inducted into the Surf Life Saving Australia Hall of Fame.

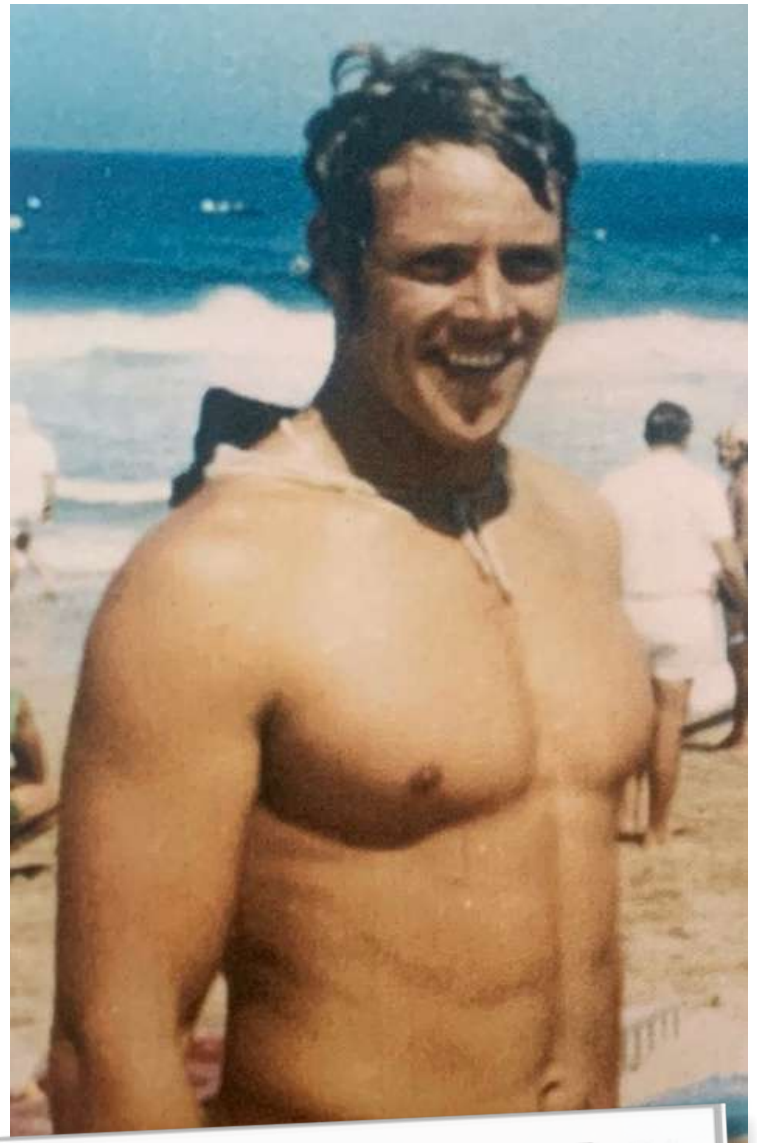
From SLSA

'The contribution you have made to surf lifesaving has been outstanding and your achievements and dedication remain highly valued by the organisation. The honour of being inducted into the SLSA Hall of Fame is justly deserved.'

In 1963 Peter's late father Harry asked me if I could look after him in my patrol, he was a 13 year old cadet member. Our patrol team went on to win 3 club patrol competitions!

Since the first Aussie Titles in 1915 only a handful of people Australia wide have won this very prestigious award. Peter started his career in our organisation as a young teenage cadet member and a member of the patrol that won 3 patrol competitions in a row. This record still stands in 2022. In competition he won his 1st medal as a Junior Iron Man at the Aussie Titles at Ocean Grove in 1970. After all the medals he won in the craft area, he also finished with a Bronze Medal in the Senior Boat at the Aussie Titles in Point Leo in 1985. In Victoria, Peter won the John Wishart Memorial Medal, being the most outstanding Surf Life Saver in Victoria, 1975. At state level he won 11 Gold as a Torquay member. Peter won 9 Gold, 6 Silver and 6 Bronze Medals at Australian Championship level.

We are all very proud of Peter's commitment to lifesaving.



Milburn joins SLSA Hall of Fame

BY VINNIE VAN OORSCHOT

A FIRST for Torquay and a first for Victoria, one of Torquay SLSC's own, Peter Milburn, has been selected by the directors of Surf Life Saving Australia in Sydney, for the Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Hall of Fame.

"It is a great honour, and I am very humbled to be given the selection in the Hall of Fame," Milburn said. "Torquay SLSC has taught me some great life lessons and it's been an integral part of moulding who I am today and this selection."

Milburn started as a cadet member at 13 years of age in Torquay, his hometown club, where as a patrol captain, Tony Fraser's team went on to win three club patrol competitions. A record that still stands today in 2022.

In Surf Life Saving competition at the National Championships Milburn won 11 gold medals, six silver and six bronze competing against 300 clubs nationally. His first medal, competing as a junior, was a bronze medal bought home from the Aussie Championship's Junior Iron Man race at Ocean Grove in 1970.

Milburn specialised in the craft arena for the next 15 years, where he travelled state-to-state and then of course to national competition.

The accolade column is extensive with Milburn responsible for bringing 66 individual gold medals at Australian Championship level and 11 Victorian State Titles to Torquay.

Milburn no longer lives in Torquay due to work obligations travelling across the country in several roles at Surf Life Saving Australia located in South Australia and New South Wales.

However, the current Torquay member still manages to get down to his original place of residence at least two times a year to visit the



A recent photo of newly inducted SLSA Hall of Famer Peter Milburn. Photos: SUPPLIED

club, but also to revisit his lifelong friends. "It's a wonderful place, I love getting down to it and there are a number of memories there that I cherish," Milburn added. "Among my favourite memories at Torquay SLSC, I would have to say surfing in my early days ranks up there, remembering some of the big waves there, as well as some of the characters you'd meet."

The Surf Life Saving Australia Hall of Fame commemorates and recognises members and teams who have achieved outstanding accomplishments and exceptional contributions to the development of surf lifesaving.

"The contribution you have made to surf lifesaving has been outstanding and your achievements and dedication remain highly valued by the organisation. The honour of being inducted into the SLSA Hall of Fame is justly deserved," a SLSA statement said.

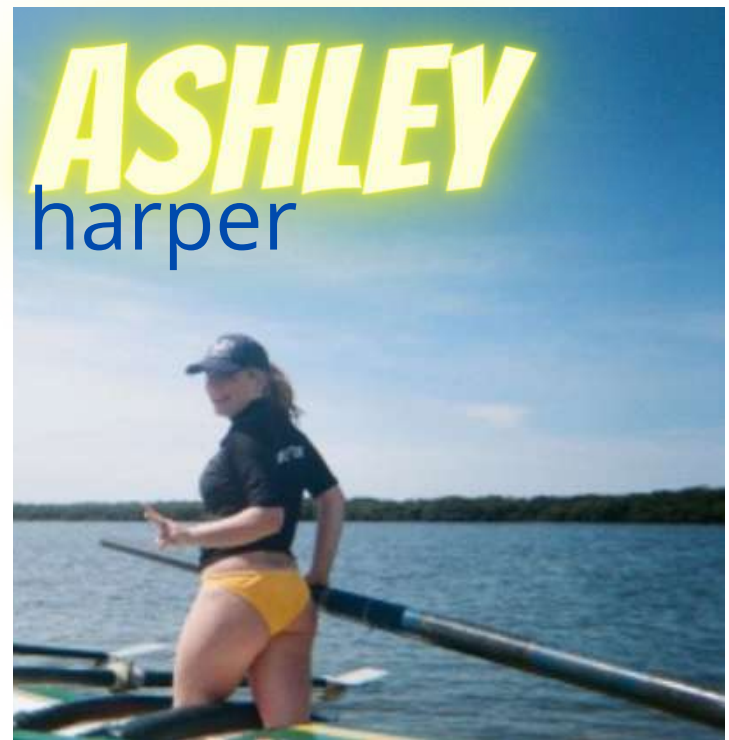
PEOPLE of TSLSC

All things considered, I don't believe I was born a 'water baby'. However, my time in lifesaving has definitely turned me into one! When I moved to Ocean Grove from the Hills Districts in Sydney, I was 11 years old and though a confident swimmer, very inexperienced in open water. I started at Ocean Grove as a Nipper and trained all the way up into Youth Squad, where I found I really loved team events like March Past, Belt and Reel and Aqua Cameron relays. When I was 16, I was going to take a season off, but was asked to try surfboats instead. And in that moment during my first wave session when my oar threw me headfirst into the water, I knew it was love at first sight. And after deciding to don the blue and gold cap and join Torquay's community my love has only grown.

Surfboats is the perfect sport for those who love the water, adrenaline and other people. I've had a different boat crew every season for the past five seasons, which has allowed me to meet the most incredible people. Being in a crew together is such a special thing to share. So much laughter, air time and sometimes pain is something that I wouldn't trade for anything. Some of my fondest memories are representing the Torquay SLSC in some incredible surf nationwide and then being able to return to my supportive community with a huge smile on my face. This is really all thanks to the incredible work of my sweep/coach Jacko, the committee, and the dedicated members of Torquay SLSC.

This season I am so lucky to be the Patrol Captain of Patrol Team Boats 1. I have attained my S1 accreditation towards sweeping surfboats and was able to help out with the Adult Bronze camp in February. The candidates were absolutely incredible and I'm so excited for you to meet them all.

I look forward to seeing you all on the beach (I always bring something sweet to patrols so definitely come say hi)!



Ashley is 3rd from the left



LIFE SAVING

William Fleming

Well team, the season is fast drawing to a close, with water temperature heading South, Sun going North and us sure to be left with an Autumn Beach in the middle.

This last month or so of patrols is traditionally the toughest in terms of patrolling numbers and attendance on patrols.

Could I implore all patrolling members to make that extra effort as we head to April, the last month of patrols with the finish line on Monday the 25th April, fittingly Anzac Day. With the year in full swing, it's easy to forget about cooler beaches and competitions that may be finished for many. Easy to have distant memories for nippers and the public, all who have headed back to non-beach ways. Most of us will only have a couple of patrols left, please make that effort and commitment to finish as strongly as you started.

We are encouraging every patrolling member for the month of April to learn something new. Ask questions on patrol get someone to show you something new. It might be a first aid technique, a lesson in the duck or timing a mock rescue. All of these are vital skills that only practice can make perfect.

Every time I think of patrols, I am filled with gratitude for every member who has worked this season either on patrols directly or in other parts of the club supporting that end game of keeping our beaches safe. Again, my gratitude also to the Patrol Captains for all the chasing, organising and running of their respective patrols.

Stay healthy and safe, if you do catch Covid or a cold don't forget to give your Captain as much warning as possible if you can't patrol.

FUNCTIONS UPDATE

ROB GERVASONI
Functions Director

My thanks go to all our members that have supported our Wednesday Family Nights and weekend Summer Nights throughout this summer. They have been a huge success and have been well supported by not only our members and their extended families, but lots of local regulars too. Thanks to all the parents, members and helpers that made these nights happen.

The season for functions is now in full swing. People are starting to remember how to party before Covid hit us. We are now starting to receive plenty of enquiries and bookings for parties, weddings, meetings and functions at the club.

If you would like to enquire about a booking for a function, get in early as weekends are already booking up quickly. Please email Michelle at info@torquayslsc.com.au.

Remember also if you are a financial member of the Club you will receive a 20% discount off the hire rate for your party.

TORQUAY RESCUE

What an amazing season the Torquay Rescue gang has had! Lots of first, many traditions, good friendships, valuable skills and a heap of good fun! Huge thanks to Grant and Nikki for taking this on this season, and massive shout out to our sponsors Barwon Valley Smallgoods. Thank you for investing in such an important program. See you next season!



sponsorship NEWS

Sarah O'Dwyer
Director of Marketing

Wow, this season (which isn't over yet!) has just delivered way beyond expectations. The support from sponsors, donations and grants has been truly wonderful and so valuable for our club.

As I have mentioned before, there are many opportunities for sponsors to get involved, we pretty much create every partnership bespoke, that's what makes them so unique and powerful.

Whether it's to get behind one of our teams, purchase some much needed training equipment or lifesaving supplies, or simply to support a passion for lifesaving and TSLSC.

Every contribution helps, and there's a place for everyone to be involved.

The next 18 months will be critical with our sponsorship and fundraising as we focus on the club re-development.

We have big plans to grow our program with more opportunities to achieve big goals

If you can lend a hand with our sponsorship program, whether that's comms, co-ordination or lead gathering, your help is needed!



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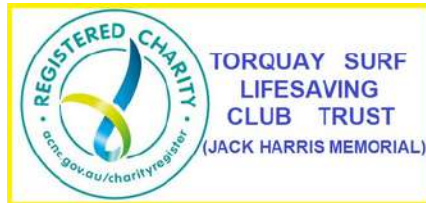
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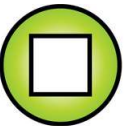


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