

Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club Annual Report 2018 / 2019



IRB Training



Entrance to the new Education Centre from Hughes Avenue

Giving to the Community



Nippers – ready to go!



Tommy Leembruggen – Nipper Club Person



Nippers



The Education Centre in use



Going out through a breaker
At the Aussies in Queensland



IRB drivers and crew

Photo credits: Thank you Martina Murihy and Paul Buchanan.

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This report has been prepared for presentation to the Club's Annual General Meeting to be held at the clubhouse at 2 pm, on Sunday 18 August 2018. It contains reports and financial statements for the season 2018/ 2019 as required under the Club's constitution.

The Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient, thus donations to the Club are tax deductible. The Club is a registered charity.

The Club operates from a building at the East beach, Port Fairy, constructed in 2000. During the season members patrol the moderately safe beach in front of the Club building. The sea to the North is far more energetic and at times dangerous. The Surf Club was formed in 1951 out of the former Royal Port Fairy Swimming and Life Saving Club that operated from the sheltered South beach, from 1924 to 1942.

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Working with Children Check

Under the "*Working with Children (WWC) Act 2005*", all members involved with activities of children under 18 years of age must have a valid WWC card before they can renew their membership. At the time of Club membership renewal, enter the card number on your renewal form. WWC cards can be renewed on-line <www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren> and submitted at a Post Office. For volunteers there is no charge and the validity is for 3 years.

Members are asked to review their WWC card and renew it before it becomes out of date.

Board of Directors

Name	Portfolio	Meeting Attendance
Ian Powell	President / Risk Management	10
Neil Dyson	Vice-President/ Safety Officer	6
Tania Dalton	Club Secretary/ Club and Patrol Apparel	4
Bob Beekhof	Club Treasurer/ Power Craft Officer/ Engine Room	4
Shaun Murrhiy	Club Captain/ Gear Steward Chief Instructor/ Boat Captain/ Boards and Skis/ Special Events	8
Helen Finnigan	First Aid Officer	3
Paul Buchanan	Projects Officer/ Grants Officer	6
Oscar Dunens	Gear and Equipment Steward	4
Ilona Carson	Committee member	6
Paul Nash	Club Administrator / Membership Officer / Association Secretary/ Member Protection	10

Board meetings were held at 7.00 pm, on the first Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse.

Club Portfolios

Name	Portfolio
Catherine Hetherington	Competition Manager - Seniors
Anthony Dixon	Competition Manager - Juniors
Ian Sutherland	Honorary Medical Officer
Jim Chambers	Emergency 24/7 call-out Liaison Officer
Martina Murrhiy	Charlies on East Liaison Officer/ Publicity Officer/ Events Officer
Nicole Dwyer	Nippers/ Marketing/ Sponsorship/ Fund Raising/ Social Events
Scott Cooper	Radio and Communications

Club President

Dear Members:

What an exciting season this has been. The new Education Centre was opened 1 December 2018 by the Shire Mayor, Mick Wolfe, and our local State Member of Parliament, Roma Britnell. The Club now has an ample dry training area which includes the latest audio visual aids, air conditioning and adequate tables and chairs for class room type training. Below this room, the equipment storage and lifesaving operations space has been doubled and is far better organized with shelving for storage. In all a very pleasing result. This was possible through fund raising efforts over several years, and the generous help of several benefactors, donors and sponsors. I take this opportunity to thank them all – we could not have achieved all of this without your financial help. Thank you for supporting us. A list of sponsors and supporters is provided on pages 26 and 27 of this report. Well done Paul Buchanan for coordinating the project as Project Officer.

On the beachside of the clubhouse, the Moyne Shire has carried out major landscaping works. Many have been wondering what is going on. Let me assure the concerned public that these works will help mitigate the effects of coastal erosion on the foreshore and in particular the clubhouse. In addition, an all-weather access ramp from the car parking area to the beach has been provided. This will allow Club and emergency vehicles easy access to the sand level. An “accessible” footpath and wheel chair ramp to the beach has been provided in the works. Also included is a concrete slab for a new patrol platform that gives an excellent view of the patrolled area. Further, the Moyne Shire proposes to upgrade the adjacent car park area and Hughes Street to provide more parking and better access. New toilet blocks will also be built. These works are proposed to be carried out over the next few years.

Beach attendance during patrol times was 5,943 and a total 2,206 patrol hours were provided by Club volunteer members. Paid lifeguards also patrolled in January during weekdays. The beach was patrolled during the season without any major incident. Thank you patrol Captains Bob Beekhof, Shaun Murrphy, Scott Cooper, Scott Hetherington and your teams for making the beach safe. Dean Dwyer patrolled 109.50 hours this season – thank you Dean for your fine volunteering effort.

Training has been more organised this season through using our new Education Centre and with the increase in size of the equipment storage space below. Thirteen Bronze Medallions and eight Surf Rescue Certificates were awarded. Also, the new points of access to the beach from the new patrol platform is making beach patrolling more friendly and functional. Thank you Club Captain and Chief Instructor, Shaun Murrphy, for leading the Club with training and beach patrols.

Membership stood at 651, with Nipper members at 460. This is a large number of 7 to 13 year-olds to manage on the beach. The Club had an exciting Nipper program from December to February. I thank Nicole and her band of 50 or more age-managers and helpers.

Our two boat crews did well at carnivals: the Shearwaters (men) and Firebirds (women) crews - at state carnivals and the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships in Queensland.

The Club had a successful presentation night on 10 May. This year the President's Award went to Shaun Murrphy who provided such drive and initiative to get the Club moving in the operations area. Thank you Shaun, we appreciate how much you have done.

On behalf of the Club, I express deep regret concerning the loss of life of two Port Campbell members at Easter time. Ross and Andy Powell were dynamic members of their club. Our thoughts are with club members, the immediate family and friends.

To the Board of Directors – thank you for your time spent in managing the Club: an onerous but rewarding task. All Club members appreciate your efforts.

It is with pleasure that I commend this report to the meeting.

Ian Powell, President.

Club Captain

I thank all patrolling members who made the season 2018/19 a good safe season. Numbers at the beach were well up on last season due to exceptional summer weather. Our new beach access ramps are a credit to the Moyne Shire and our Club for collaborating together to create them and our new Education Centre & storage area is a wonderful asset for us and is fantastic for training. We have many up and coming juniors who in years to come will be our leaders; I look forward to that time.

Our Nippers program goes from strength to strength; many people have commented to me how well run and organised it is and with record numbers it needs to be well run! We are indebted to Nicole Dwyer for the hours/time/dedication she puts into the Nipper program.

We seem to have big numbers turn up to requal/skills maintenance each season, but it would be even better if more of these members achieved some patrol hours. That will be my goal for the start of the coming season.

Lastly, I could not fill my roles if it was not for all the work Martina does behind the scenes. Thank you Martina.

Shaun Murrphy, Club Captain.

Club Secretary

The Club has had another very successful 2018-19 season. I would like to thank our Administrator, Paul Nash for all his hard work and congratulate our President, Ian Powell for the many volunteer hours he puts in to enable the smooth running of the Club.

We are very grateful to have many hard working volunteers in our Club. Thank you all for what you do. Another great year for all our fundraising efforts over the season which include the Duck Race, Swim Series, and New Year's Eve collection.

Once again, another huge thank you to Nicole Dwyer for the many hours she volunteers in the massive co-ordination of our very successful nipper programme. Through Nicole's hard work, dedication, and assistance from many nipper parents, we now run one of the largest nipper programmes in Victoria. It is an amazing programme that our Club is proud of and is the future of this Club.

The competition season was a busy one. Our men and women boat crews had a very successful year. The crews competed in the Australian Titles at South Broadbeach on the Gold Coast QLD with both crews doing an amazing job in very big difficult surf. We hope to get more of our younger members interested in rowing, skis, and boards to enable them to compete in the future.

Thank you to all board members and our dedicated volunteer members that give their time to patrol and help the Club to be successful.

We look forward to another successful season.

Tania Dalton, Club Secretary.

Club Treasurer

Thank you to Paul Nash for his excellent bookwork and accounting of our Club's income and expenses.

Included in this annual report is Sinclair and Wilson's audit of our books.

Bob Beekhof, Treasurer.

Chief Instructor

It was our biggest year for members gaining awards since I have been Chief Instructor. See page 9 of this report for the list of awards gained. Broken down they are essentially:

- 13 BM (Bronze Medallion)
- 8 SRC (Surf Rescue Certificate)
- 12 IRBC (Inflatable Rescue Boat Crew)
- 1 IRBD (Inflatable Rescue Boat Driver)
- 11 Spinal & 12 ARTC (Artificial Resuscitation Technique Certificate)

Things were made so much easier last season with our new Education Centre for training; it is what we have needed as our Club has grown significantly in membership in the last few years. We had a few patrol defaults this season due to some patrol groups having low attendance, especially as the season progressed. With so many members gaining awards it should be easier to fulfil this patrol commitment.

Thank you for your commitment to your/our Club.

Shaun Murrhly, Chief Instructor.



Training in the new Education Centre



Training on the beach



Engaging with the public – CPR education before the Duck Derby on New Year's day



Examiners; Neil Dyson, Michael Edwards, Helen Finnigan, Ben Heenan and Martin Flanagan



Archie and Danny



New-year's Eve parade



New year's Eve
Martina - coin collecting



Start of the new year's day duck derby



Yellow ducks racing



Corporate ducks racing

Surf Life Saving Australia Awards

Award	Total	Male	Female
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	12	6	6
Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills (PUASAR012C)	16	9	7
Bronze Medallion	13	9	4
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA21012)	16	9	7
Communicate in the workplace (PUACOM001C)	15	9	6
Crew small power-craft in a rescue operation (PUASAR015A)	12	7	5
Follow defined occupational health and safety policies and procedures (PUAOHS001C)	15	9	6
IRB Crew Certificate	12	7	5
Junior Competition Skills Evaluation, 6-14 years of age	390	201	189
Operate and maintain a small power-craft and motor for rescue operations (PUASAR014A)	1	1	0
Operate communications systems and equipment (PUAOPE013A)	16	9	7
Participate in an aquatic rescue operation (PUASAR013A)	16	9	7
Prepare maintain and test response equipment (PUAEQU001B)	1	1	0
Provide advanced resuscitation (HLTAID007)	12	6	6
Provide basic emergency life support (HLTFA211A)	16	9	7
Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] (HLTAID001)	12	6	6
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	1	1	0
Spinal Management	11	6	5
SS-ASC Community Coaching General Principles	1	1	0
SS-ASC Officiating General Principles	2	1	1
SS-Development Coach Online Theory Modules	1	1	0
SS-Technical Official Online Theory Modules	1	1	0
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	8	2	6
Work effectively in a public safety organisation (PUATEA004D)	16	9	7
Work in a team (PUATEA001B)	15	9	6
Total	631	338	293

Club Awards

Moyneyana Ocean Swim Award The Moyneyana Ocean Swim is a major fundraiser for the Club, making over \$6,000 this year. It is a huge event attracting well over 200 swimmers each New Year, and can only be run with the support of our members, and with the assistance of the Warrnambool & Port Campbell clubs.

We want to encourage our members to participate in the swim and the following awards recognise our patrol members who came home first in this year's swim.

First female patrolling Club member to Finish - Abbie Artis
First male patrolling Club member to Finish - Liam Lowe

Club Championship award: Each year our Club Captain challenges our patrolling members to an aquatic duelling the lifesaving skills of member against member in a titanic battle against the elements of sea and beach. The winner on the day of competition is forever recognized as the Club's Iron man or Iron woman for that year.

Junior female champion (Lorna Stokie cup) – Esther Sinnott (20.50 minutes)
Junior male champion (Stokie Family trophy) – Eren Zehir (16.53 minutes)
Open female champion – Angela Hipwell (30.09 minutes)
Open male champion – Sami Zehir (19.28 minutes)
Masters female champion – Sue Adamson
Masters male champion - Shaun Murrhiy

Club Patrol Awards These awards recognise those patrolling members who give the most volunteer service hours to the Club's beach patrols. Some stats: patrolling members (junior and senior) who clocked up patrol hours for our Club this season - preventative actions, lost children - rescues - significant first aid.

Junior female – Grace MacPherson – 59.5 hours
(runner-up) – Margo Hocking – 53.5 hours
Junior male – Tobe Adamson – 23.5 hours
(runner-up) – Finley McLindin – 17.5 hours
Cadet female – Georgie Henderson – 71.5 hours
(runner-up) – Mitzie Adamson – 38.0 hours
Cadet male – Liam Kelly – 73.25 hours
(runner-up) – Jack van der Aa – 53.25 hours and – Tom Graham – 53.25 hours
Senior female – Nicole Dwyer – 89.75 hours
(runner-up) Anna-Jane Henderson – 63.00 hours
Senior male – Dean Dwyer – 109.5 hours
(runner-up) – Shaun Murrhiy – 96.5 hours

Patrol Captain's Awards Each patrol captain nominates a member of their patrol who has given exemplary volunteer service to the patrol.

Patrol Group 1, Captain Robert Beekhof – Danny van Engelen
Patrol Group 2, Captain Shaun Murrhiy – Sue Adamson
Patrol Group 3, Captain Scott Cooper – Georgie Henderson
Patrol Group 4, Captain Scott Hetherington – Liam Kelly

Michael Lockett Memorial Award Michael Lockett was a terrific member of our Club who died young. This award given each year by his parents, Garry and Lorrie Lockett, is in honour of his memory. This major Club award recognizes a senior patrolling member who has served the most volunteer patrol hours and provided the most benefit to the patrol system during the year.

Dean Dwyer – 109.50 hours

Tracy Trimby Memorial Cup for Cadets Tracy Trimby was a Club cadet champion in 1974. He left Port Fairy for Darwin and died young. His family donated this cup to honour their son and to encourage involvement of future cadet members of the Club. This award goes to our best performing cadet member.

Toby Adamson

Boyce Le Couteur Memorial Award for Juniors Boyce Le Couteur was the Surf Club's President from 1951 to 1960. He was a doctor practising in Port Fairy prior to moving to the United Kingdom. This award goes to our best performing Junior member.

Georgie Henderson

S.F.R. Hedditch Memorial Award – Club person of the year Sidney Hedditch was a Club President and a tireless worker during the building of the 1964 clubhouse and his wife was a dynamic member of the Club's women's auxiliary. The "Club Person of the Year" award honours a member who has given consistent high value service to the Club during the year.

Nicole Dwyer
Robert Beekhof

Pickles Maloney Award – Life Saver of the year Graham Maloney supported the Club over several years and donated this shield to recognise the outstanding service by volunteer patrolling members of the Club throughout the season. Volunteer life saving duties remain the core work of our Club. This "Lifesaver of the Year" award recognises a member who has provided exemplary performance in this field.

Sue Adamson
Adam Mc Cosh

Graham Woodrup Memorial Award Graham Woodrup was an outstanding Club and community member. After his un-timely death in a cycling accident, the Club honoured his memory with an award fitting to the exemplary contribution Graham had made to many community organisations. The criteria for this award is to be a member of the Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club and to have provided outstanding service to other clubs and organisations.

No award this season.

President's Award To recognise a senior Club member who showed energy and initiative with overall Club activities and promotion of the Club over the season.

Shaun Murrhy

Club Membership

Category	Female	Male	Total
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	193	207	400
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	13	13	26
Active (15-18 years)	10	18	28
Active (18yrs and over)	52	54	106
Associate	44	31	75
Life Member	5	11	16
Total	317	334	651

In 2017-18 total Membership was **749**, 2016-17 total **575**, 2015-16 total **535**, 2014-15 total **487**, and 2013-14 total **451**.

Assistance given by the Club

Assistance	Event
Patrols	47
Beach attendance	7,395
Patrol beach clean-up	78
Minor First Aid	9
Major First Aid	1
Preventative actions taken	42
Swimmer assistance	0
Rescue by IRB	0
Rescue by Board	1

Engine Room and Power Craft Officer

Thank you to all members who have assisted with the maintenance and care of our Club's equipment. This last season our two new IRB motors had minor repairs but are now fully serviced and ready for the coming season. Thanks to Paul Buchanan's excellent grant submissions, we were able to purchase a new compressor as well. LSV funded two new IRB's which the club will receive in November 2019. Thank you to LSV for their valuable contribution.

The following details are required reading for all members:

State inspectors passed all our IRB gear on 16/11/2018 and has been updated on the LSV database. Our trailers were rotated throughout the season. They were used for the:

- Port Fairy Ocean Swim.
- New Year's Day duck race.
- Surf Carnival IRB support at two carnivals.
- Nippers support
- EMA Training day

Thank you to all our drivers and crew. Your support and assistance during the season is very much appreciated. A big thank you again to Shaun Murrhy for the IRB Summer Training Course, which has increased our driver and crew ranks.

Bob Beekhof, Engine Room and IRB Officer.

Presentation Night



Boat Captains; Dean Dwyer and Brook Green



Club awards



New Bronze Medallion awards



IRB crew awards



ARTC awards



Patrol awards

Patrol Hours

Last Name	First	Hours	Last Name	First	Hours
Dwyer	Dean	109.5	Hocking	Harrison	25.5
Murrihy	Shaun	96.5	Hipwell	Angela	24.17
Dwyer	Nicole	89.75	Adamson	Tobe	23.5
Murrihy	Martina	79	Dalton	Tania	23.5
Van Engelen	Daniel	75.5	Zehir	Eren	23.5
Kelly	Liam	73.25	Spence	Matthew	22.5
Beekhof	Robert	72	Mullins	Bradley	20.5
Henderson	Georgie	71.5	Dixon	Anthony	20
Henderson	Anna Jane	63	Benning	Haidee	18.67
Macpherson	Grace	59.5	Hetherington	Catherine	17.5
Cooper	Scott	58.5	McLindin	Finley	17.5
Dalton	Gregory	58	Mullins	Ruby	16.5
Artis	Abbie	56.25	Moore	Scott	16
Artis	Peter	55.25	Buttonshaw-Benning	Arjuna	15.17
Finnigan	Helen	55.08	Hogan	Natasha	13.5
Finnigan	Amy	54	Lang	Robert	13.5
Hocking	Margo	53.5	Spence	Hayley	13.5
Graham	Tom	53.25	Dunens	Oscar	12
Van der Aa	Jack	53.25	Kermeen	Leah	12
McCosh	Adam	52	Hogan	Harry	11.5
Adamson	Susan	47.5	Dixon	Mimi	9
Boyd	Leonie	43.5	Green	Jack	9
Hetherington	Scott	42.5	Giblin	Nicola	8.5
Carson	Ilona	40.5	Conlan	Paddy	8
Buchanan	Paul	38.5	Mullins	Riley	7.67
Adamson	Mitzi	38	Balmer	Tilly	6.5
Godde	Greg	35.5	Cashill	Tomi	6.5
Green	Brooke	34.92	Dixon	Meg	6.5
Hetherington	Vicki	33.75	Sharples	Lola	6
Godde	Lily	33.25	O'Keefe	Tex	5
McMahon	Chelsea	31.5	Chambers	James	4.5
McCosh	Fiona	30.5	Lay	Griffin	4.5
Titmus	Megan	30	McPherson	Linda	3.5
McGoldrick	Michael	29.5	Serong	Carmelita	3.5
Zehir	Sami	27.5	Giblin	Erin	2
Carson	Kalani	26			

Total volunteer patrol hours given over the season to the community 2,352.68 hours

Nipper Co-ordinator

Nippers continued to move forward in season 2018-19 with record attendance of approximately 460 registered Nippers. Our first session was 9th December and we concluded on the 24th February. Every registered Nipper received a welcome pack, which included a swim bag, shopping bag, pencil case and drink bottle. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Port Fairy & District Community Bank Branch and our local IGA Supermarket for these items. There were 15 sessions in total and there is absolutely no way we can successfully run a program catering for these numbers without a lot of help. The highlight of the season for me has been how many people have been willing to volunteer their assistance.

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteer helpers and family members, we again managed to get through the whole summer without any major incidents involving our Nippers.

Safety remained our main priority and we ensured that we complied with all safety measures as required by LSV.

We again were blessed with good conditions for our Sunday and Friday night sessions that contributed to the large numbers of enthusiastic youngsters taking part. Our aim as always is to increase our Nippers' water safety and surf knowledge whilst enjoying a fun and friendly atmosphere. East Beach was again a sea of pink, green and orange as our Nippers were joined by great numbers of both qualified and trainee water safety people. The pink vests along with their colour age caps enable us to easily spot an athlete under the water, whilst the other colours make it much easier for myself and our Age Managers to ensure we have the required number of helpers for each activity.

A few of the highlights this season included Friday night twilight sessions, the Australia Day Carnival, our own Club championships days and let us not forget the fresh fruit and a sausage in bread! We are proud to be a "soft drink free" Club.

In particular, I would like to thank our Age Managers and Water Safety people. Further, I thank Dean Dwyer who helped set up each week and our IRB drivers. I also appreciate the many others who assisted in other areas, administration, merchandise, fruit cutters and let's not forget the BBQ team!!

We certainly value the input from all those that contribute to our program and encourage all interested parties to put their hands up and ask how they can help – with the numbers now attending our program it's more important than ever that we have as many volunteers as possible.

This season's champion Nipper award went to Tobe Adamson who was rewarded for a great year overall, including a dominant effort at our local Club championships.

I look forward to another great season in 2019-20!

Nicole Dwyer, Nipper Coordinator.

Nipper Championship Results

Under 8 Girls		Under 11 Boys	
Gold: Esther Gleeson		Gold: Adam Lee	
Silver: Sophie Satchell		Silver: Charles Anastasopoulos	
Bronze: Audrey Baxter		Bronze: Griffin Atkins	
Under 8 Boys		Under 12 Girls	
Gold: Harry McDonald		Gold: Amelie Reddick	
Silver: Buddy Macdonald		Silver: Jade King	
Bronze: Charlie Stenhouse		Bronze: Abbie Langley	
Under 9 Girls		Under 12 Boys:	
Gold: Lexie Dwyer		Gold: Oscar Hill	
Silver: Lena Watty		Silver: Xavier Tweedly	
Silver: Alice McPherson		Bronze: James Verhoef	
Bronze: Kitty Curtain			
Under 9 Boys		Under 13 Girls	
Gold: Tom Templeton		Gold: Claudia Tutt	
Silver: Lucas Harper		Silver: Lekaya Carson	
Bronze: Oliver Davis		Bronze: Kara Keightley	
Under 10 Girls		Under 13 Boys	
Gold: Pepper Bowes		Gold: Oliver Myers	
Silver: Grace Goode		Silver: Jack Lee	
Bronze: Milla Gleeson		Bronze: George Hogan	
Bronze: Chloe Kinley			
Under 10 Boys		Under 14 Girls	
Gold: Charlie Murray		Gold: Maddie Green	
Silver: Riley Thompson		Silver: Demi Sharp	
Bronze: William Verhoef		Bronze: Maddie Lee	
Under 11 Girls		Under 14 Boys	
Gold: Poppy Myers		Gold: Tobe Adamson	
Silver: Elsa Tutt		Silver: Charlie Henderson	
Bronze: Maisie Henderson		Bronze: Oscar Blake	

Champion Nipper: Toby Adamson



Nippers



Nipper Co-ordinator – Nicole Dwyer



Nipper age managers



James - Chelsea - Abbie
Water Safety and Age Managers



Simon - Georgie - Anna Jane



Lucy Lehne selling Club apparel



Nippers – 2018 – 2019 season

Surf Boat Captains

The two active rowing teams of the Shearwaters (Male Masters 200 years) and Firebirds (Female Masters 180 years) headed off to South Broadbeach (Kurrawa) to take part in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. The Shearwaters, composed of Paul Buchanan, Dean Dwyer, Shaun Murrhly, Greg Dalton and Scott Hetherington, took on the challenging surf on the Monday of the carnival. The first two races they finished fourth and first. The surf rating was reassessed and the call was made to make helmets compulsory which was probably a good decision as the Shearwaters rolled on the nasty first sandbar in their third round race. After a scramble to re-right the capsized boat and make it back out around the cans before the 8-minute time limit, the Shearwaters thought their campaign was over. Fortunately, they scraped into the semi-finals by one point!

A great start off the beach, through the challenging surf where two others boats rolled over, the Shearwaters were able to save some energy ready to give everything they had for the upcoming final, finishing second when they hit the beach.

The Shearwaters were up against some formidable, strong clubs like Nth Cronulla, Maroochydore, Bilgola, and Mollymook. Having beaten Nth Cronulla and Bilgola in earlier races, the Shearwaters were confident they could take it up to them. However, the final race was not to be the Shearwaters best race. They did not have the best starts off the beach and could not find the form they had earlier to row any of the teams down. All the boys were disappointed with their efforts but on reflection, it was an amazing effort to once again finish in the top six clubs in Australia. The Shearwaters have travelled around Australia to compete in eight national championships and have made the final four times. A great effort for such a small club who come up against the biggest clubs in the country. Therefore, we are back to Kurrawa, I mean South Broadbeach again next year!

Therefore, an A Reserve pennant, Victorian 200 years Masters Champions and National Finalists completes another successful season for the Shearwaters.

The following day the Firebirds, consisting of Greg Dalton, Nicole Dwyer, Megan Titmus, Brooke Green and Leonie Boyd, were faced with just as, if not, more challenging conditions than the previous day. Three rounds based on a point system would determine how the Firebirds would finish in their 180 years category. With a fantastic start and other crews getting smashed, the Firebirds led out and around the cans and made their way back to shore. With first place looking assured, the Firebirds took on the nasty first sandbar and came off second best. Second race was a tough race, where the Firebirds continually got smashed as they made their way around the cans. Their final race for the day did not work out the way they had hoped. After missing the start and making their way to the first sandbar, they were once again met with the fierce shore break where Brooke was flung out of her seat and into the surf, losing her oar in the process. By the time the Firebirds got Brooke into the boat and retrieved the oar the time limit was almost up. Their campaign was over. Both the Firebirds and support crew were disappointed because the surf dictated the results and I am sure that had all things been equal, the Firebirds could have ended up with different results. Nevertheless, that is why we call it surfboat racing. The Firebirds also can hold their heads up, as they are Victorian 180 years champions and State and National Finalists. I believe that if they can keep their team together more success is coming their way in the future.

In saying that, no one was overly injured (some scrapes and pride maybe) and no major damage to the boat or oars.

On a side note, many competing members took a liking to the club shirts that Scott Hetherington organised. A big thank you Scott. Also, thanks once again to Freda and John Forbes who take the Club surf boat to the Championships for us, which then allows us to fly up at our discretion. This is very much appreciated. In addition, to the surf club who continues to support us in our endeavours to put the club on the map!

Dean Dwyer and Brooke Green
Surf Boat Captains



The Firebirds



The Shearwaters



The Firebirds in Queensland



The Shearwaters (Reserve Grade pennant winners) and the Firebirds at Anglesea



Lorne and Port Fairy (Firebirds) tangling at Anglesea



The Shearwaters at the Aussies

Charlies on East

“Charlies on East” with the managers Bill, Di and Emma Foran, and their staff continues to be a great asset to our Club in providing a steady, valuable income stream. During this year we have re-negotiated the lease between ourselves and them and are pleased to say the great relationship we have will continue into the future. The “Ray and Lorna Stokie Room” is now part of Charlies floor area as we have the Education Centre for our use.

Martina Murrhly, Liaison Officer.

Projects Officers

It has been a big year with the completion of some major projects for the Club.

Education Centre:

The official opening of our ‘Education Centre’ by Mayor of Moyne shire, Mick Wolfe and Local MP Roma Britnall on 12 December 2019 was the culmination of some mighty efforts in both fundraising and project management. The major project donors, trades and businesses involved listed below demonstrate the community commitment to this project. The result has received widespread commendation for the workmanship, design, versatility and functionality of the new addition to our Club building. It is clear that the centre will have long-term benefits for the membership and ability of our Club to serve our community through lifesaving education and training.

Equipment Storage:

Because of our new education centre, we achieved a doubling of our equipment storage space on the beach level below. Making this space workable has involved partitioning, shelving and re-modelling of storage design. We now wonder how we ever managed in the small space we had previously!

Beach access and patrol viewing platform:

Together with Moyne Shire, we have re-developed the beach access and apron area in front of our Club building. This has ensured long-term accessibility and effective lifesaving patrols of our beach.

We applied for and received a generous grant from Emergency Management Victoria to support Moyne Shires plans for the rock wall and ramp works, including a patrol-viewing platform. From this, we have completed landscaping, plantings, and the installation of a highly visible instructional and programmable LED sign.

Thank you to all members who contributed to these major works - in particular, Jim Chambers, Ian Powell, Martina Murrhly, Paul Nash, and Ebony Perrin.

Paul Buchanan, Projects Officer.

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Port Fairy Surf Lifesaving Club Building Project Committee: Ian Powell, Paul Buchanan, Martina Murrhly, Neil Dyson, Jim Chambers, Cr. Ralph Leutton, Adam McCosh, Cr. Jordan Lockett and Bill Foran		



Official opening of the Education Centre



Re-vamped patrol viewing platform, new apron and access to the beach



Pete and Adam
On duty with the Nippers program



Entrance to the Education Centre

IN FRONT OF THE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB BUILDING



From this in 2007



To this in 2019

Tragedy at PORT CAMPBELL

The entire life saving community was rocked by the deaths of experienced Port Campbell surf life savers Ross and Andrew Powell last Easter.

Father and son, both stalwarts of their community and great friends of many Port Fairy members were drowned trying to save a tourist who had got into difficulty in the treacherous waters around the cliffs of Port Campbell. A huge outpouring of grief extended from international lifesaving organisations to the entire Australian Surf Life Saving Association.

Their funerals included a guard of honour and a row-out and oars-up at Port Campbell beach, in which many of our members were involved, such was the esteem in which these wonderful men were held. Our sympathies extend to the Powell family and Andy's partner who is to give birth to their baby in August. So much sorrow in a community that is so proud and supportive of its emergency and community services.

Paul Buchanan



Ross (Po) and Andy Powell



Guard of honour after the memorial service held in Port Campbell



Oars-up in front of the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club building

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APPENDIX

Funds received from major donors for the Education Centre

Date	Details	\$
2014	Isobel & D Jones Foundation	11,770.00
2014	A L Lane Foundation	10,000.00
2014	N D Nolan Foundation	6,000.00
23/02/2015	Moyne Shire Council - community assistance fund grant (architect)	20,000.00
28/10/2017	Pacific Hydro Grant – audio-visual, table & chairs	6,000.00
15/06/2016	Dept. of Social Services grant - audio, video, electrical	4,950.00
30/06/2016	South West Community Foundation	5,000.00
4/07/2016	My Cause Funding - new building (funds received to date)	1,578.77
30/12/2016	Port Fairy and District Community Bank - building	2,000.00
24/08/2016	Lions Club Port Fairy Belfast	2,000.00
27/01/2017	Bakers Delight, Paula Groves - building	100.00
26/04/2017	Ray & Joyce Uebergang Foundation - building	10,000.00
22/05/2017	Gwen & Edna Jones Foundation - building	10,000.00
2/06/2017	Norman, Mavis & Graeme Waters Trust	20,000.00
4/07/2017	Port Fairy and District Community Bank - building	10,000.00
18/09/2017	Moyne Shire Council - grant	110,000.00
24/11/2017	Department Justice - Security Grant	8,640.50
30/11/2017	AL Lane Foundation	5,000.00
4/05/2018	Commonwealth Bank	10,000.00
30/05/2018	South West Community Foundation	5,000.00
18/06/2018	Port Fairy Folk Festival	80,000.00
2/11/2018	Williams Glass & Doors	1,500.00
7/11/2018	Brookes Timber & Hardware	5,000.00
13/12/2018	Brookes Timber & Hardware	5,000.00
13/06/2019	Bamstone	10,000.00
	Total:	359,540.00

Total project cost including Club and donor funds for the building, furniture, fixtures and fittings \$ 650,000

Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

Attached: