

# Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club Annual Report 2019 / 2020



**Giving to the Community**

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Squid seat - thank you Don Stewart



Australia day carnival 2020



New picnic table and landscaping



On patrol



On patrol



Nicole's Australia Day award

**Photo credits:** Thank you Martina Murrhly and Paul Buchanan.

# **Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated**

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This report has been prepared for presentation to the Club's Annual General Meeting to be held at the clubhouse 7 pm. Wednesday 7 October 2020. Attached are financial reports and statements for the season 2019/ 2010 as required under the Club's constitution.

The Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is a registered charity. Thus, donations to it are tax deductible.

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 Port Fairy Swimming and Life Saving Club (Royal Life Saving - Australia) 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](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren)> and then submitted at a Post Office. For volunteers there is no charge and it is valid 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Members are asked to review their WWC card and renew it before it becomes out of date.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/ Council of Life Saving Clubs	11
Neil Dyson	Vice-President/ Lifesaving Operations Council/ Safety Officer	11
Tania Dalton	Club Secretary/ Club and Patrol Apparel	7
Bob Beekhof	Club Treasurer/ Membership and Leadership Development Council/ Power Craft Officer/ Engine Room/ SBS Officer	6
Shaun Murrhiy	Club Captain/ Gear Steward/ Chief Instructor/ Boat Captain/ Boards and Skis/ Special Events	8
Abbie Artis	Welfare and Member Protection/ Social and Special Events	8
Leonie Boyd	Surf Boats/ Social Events	6
Paul Buchanan	Aquatics Sports Council/ Grants Officer/ Project Officer	8
Ilona Carson	Youth Development Officer/ Welfare and Member Protection	6
Nicole Dwyer	Nippers/ Marketing/ Sponsorship/ Fund Raising/ Social Events	8
Helen Finnigan	First Aid Officer	5
Scott Hetherington	Emergency 24/7 call-out coordinator	7
Adam McCosh	Internal Building Maintenance/ Social Events/ Welfare and Member Protection	6
Mike McGoldrick	Gear and Equipment Steward	5
Daniel van Engelen	Life Saving Operations Area Maintenance	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.

## Other Club Portfolios

Name	Portfolio
Martina Murrhiy	Charlies on East Liaison Officer/ Publicity Officer/ Events Officer
Catherine Hetherington	Competition Manager - Seniors
Anthony Dixon	Competition Manager - Juniors
Ian Sutherland	Honorary Medical Officer

# Club President

Dear members:

The later part of the season has been very stressful for many members due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The patrol season finished early with the last patrol held on Sunday 22 March. This was due to the pandemic rules set out by Life Saving Victoria (LSV) and the government. In addition, our early morning swimmer activities were restricted and many other Club events were curtailed. Unfortunately, the Club presentation night was cancelled. The operations area down stairs was closed for all Club activities involving gatherings of more than two people.

The Australia day nipper carnival was the last major Club activity and was held on Sunday 26 January. It was a great success with nippers and their parents coming to Port Fairy from Portland, Mildura, Warrnambool and Port Campbell. The Warrnambool pipe band started the events off and nippers enjoyed the “jumping castle” and BBQ at the end of the event.

Volunteer patrols were well attended with 2,018 hours given to the community, and 107 lifesaving awards were gained – thank you Shaun and Paul for your dedicated leadership. Also, well done Shaun for your 81 volunteer patrol hours. Club membership of 724 was up on last year’s 658 but down from the previous year’s figures.

Fundraising was very successful and this has helped maintain our Club in a good financial position.

The women’s and men’s surfboat crews gained a gold and silver at the Victorian Masters at Lorne in February. Well done under atrocious conditions on the day. Very brave crews. You are a credit to our Club.

The Education Centre is well established and is the venue for many Club and community activities. The facilities are state of the art and world class. Thank you to our donors and sponsors for getting the Club there with this wonderful facility.

I do thank all Board Directors and Paul Nash our Administrator for their dedication in managing the Club. It is not a very exciting job, especially with attending meetings on cold, wet and windy nights.

I commend this report to the meeting.

Ian Powell, President.



Early morning swimmers

## **Club Captain**

Another season of life saving comes and goes so very quickly (more so this year!).

Patrols were very well attended maybe because the weather was kind again or because we were able to add another patrol group to make five. I thank Sami Zehir for committing to lead this group; it seemed to take the pressure off everyone else.

We had two new group and patrol captains in Adam McCosh and Danny Van Engelen. They really stepped up, which was terrific to see. I also thank the other patrol captain Scott Cooper for continued support - and all active members for your contributions in attending patrols.

Our patrol audits went well with a perfect score for one! We still recorded some defaults on patrols; this was mainly due to lack of qualifications within the attending patrol. I will be urging all to upskill and gain more awards when the opportunities arise later this year.

Well done to Nicole and Dean on another terrific season of nippers. Nippers have become a massive part of our Club.

Finally, I thank Martina for her continued help and support.

Shaun Murrhiy, Club Captain.

## **Club Secretary**

The Club has had a successful 2019-2020 season. Once again, I would like to thank our administrator, Paul Nash for all his work and our President, Ian Powell for the many hours he puts in to running the Club. We are very grateful to have many hard working volunteers in our Club. Thank you to all.

It was another successful year for our fundraising efforts over the season, which include, New Year's Eve Duck Race, Swim Series and New Year's Eve collection.

I would like to also thank Nicole Dwyer for all the hours she put into running the nipper programme. Through Nicole's hard work, dedication, and with the assistance from many nipper parents, Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club now run one of the largest Nipper programmes in Victoria. It is an amazing programme that our Club is very proud of.

On the competition side, our men's and women's boat crews rowed well. The women won gold in the Victorian Masters in February with the men bringing home silver. The surf was large and tricky so they really have done us proud. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 pandemic restrictions they did not get to row at Victorian Titles or Australian Titles on the Gold Coast.

Lastly a big thankyou to all Board members and our dedicated volunteer members that give their time to patrol and help the club to be successful.

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

Bob Beekhof, Treasurer.

# Chief Instructor

Once again, our Education Centre was a hive of activity prior to the season opening and during the season with 107 Awards achieved ranging from SRC/Bronze Medallion to First Aid and Training Officers Certificate. I encourage all members to aim at gaining one extra award each season.

Because of Covid-19 pandemic several members missed out on gaining their IRBC/IRBD awards; hopefully we can pick that training up prior to the 2020/21 season.

I am very grateful to have Paul Buchanan as my main assistant; I could not do it without his time, commitment and expertise.

Shaun Murrehy, Chief Instructor.



Skills maintenance



Skills maintenance



Tom, Jack and AJ with skills maintenance assessor Paul Buchanan



Skills Maintenance



Moyneyana ocean swim



New year's eve street parade



New year's eve street parade



Driver Paul Buchanan with President Ian Powell



Shearwaters men's boat crew



Firebirds women's boat crew



## Surf Life Saving Australia Awards

<b>Awards</b>			
<b>Award</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Advance resuscitation Technique (AID)	5	5	0
Age Managers Course Presenters Award	1	0	1
Assessor Surf Rescue	1	1	0
Bronze Medallion	22	14	8
Facilitator Bronze Medallion	1	1	0
Facilitator Surf Rescue Certificate	1	1	0
First Aid [AID]	2	1	1
Resuscitation [AID]	46	27	19
Safeguarding Children and Young People Awareness	1	0	1
Safer Surf Clubs Online Part 1	1	0	1
SS - ASC Officiating General Principles	3	1	2
SS - Technical Official Online Theory Modules	4	1	3
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	15	7	8
Training Officer First Aid [AID]	1	1	0
Training Officer Resuscitation [AID]	1	1	0
Training Officer Surf Rescue	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>44</b>

# 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 - 22.42 minutes  
First male patrolling Club member to Finish - Sam Murrhly - 17.44 minutes

**Club Championship award:** Each year our Club Captain challenges our patrolling members to an aquatic duelpitting 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) – Junior male champion (Stokie Family trophy) – Open female champion – Open male champion – Masters female champion – Masters male champion –

(Club championships not held this season)

**Club Volunteer 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 cases.

Junior female (under 13 years) – Lily Goode 25.00 hours  
(runner-up) – Maya Ebery 3.50 hours  
Junior male under 13 years) – nil  
(runner-up) – nil  
Cadet female (13-15 years) – Grace Mac Pherson 37.75 hours  
(runner-up) – Hannah van da Haa 32.25 hours  
Cadet male (13-15 years) – Tobe Adamson 35.00 hours  
(runner-up) – Tom Graham – 53.25 hours  
Active female (15-18 years) – Mitzi Adamson 30.75 hours  
(runner-up) – Kalani Carson 23.00 hours  
Active male (15-18 years) – Liam Kelly 40.50 hours  
(runner-up) – Eren Zehir 37.50 hours  
Senior female (18+ years) – Nicole Dwyer – 63.26 hours  
(runner-up) Abbie Artis – 38.75 hours  
Senior male (18+ years) – Shaun Murrhly 81.25 hours  
(runner-up) – Dean Dwyer 68.75 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 Shaun Murrhly – Grace Mac Pherson  
Patrol Group 2, Captain Scott Cooper – Dean Dwyer  
Patrol Group 3, Captain Danny van Elgelen – Scott More  
Patrol Group 4, Captain Adam Mc Cosh – Andrew Lehne  
Patrol Group 5, Captain Sami Zehir – Milly Graham

**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.

Shaun Murrhly - 81.25 hours

**Tracy Trimby Memorial Cup for Cadets (under 15 years)** 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.

Female – Grace MacPherson

Male – Tobe Adamson

**Boyce Le Couteur Memorial Award for Juniors (15 to 18 years)** 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.

Female – Georgie Henderson

Male – Liam Kelly

**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.

Female – Nicole Dwyer

Male – Danny van Engelen

**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.

Female - Martina Murrhly

Male - Adam Mc Cosh

**Graham Woodrup Memorial Award** Graham Woodrup was an outstanding Club and community member. After his untimely 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 promotions of the Club over the season.

Abbie Artis

**Life Membership Awards:** As recognized under the Club's constitution.

Tania Dalton  
Amy Cooper

## Club Membership

Category	Female	Male	Total
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	184	219	403
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	21	19	40
Active (15-18 years)	8	16	24
Active (18yrs and over)	72	80	152
Associate	53	34	87
Life Member	7	11	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>724</b>

In 2018-19 total Membership was **658**, 2017-18 total **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	43
Beach attendance - mid patrol	3471
Patrol beach clean-up	43
Minor First Aid	2
Major First Aid	0
Preventative actions taken	59
Swimmer assistance	0
Rescue by IRB	0
Rescue by Board	0

# Patrol Hours

First Name	Last	Hours	First Name	Last	Hours
Shaun	Murrihy	81.25	Rachel	McMahon	21.75
Dean	Dwyer	68.75	Lekaya	Carson	21.25
Nicole	Dwyer	63.25	Scott	Moore	21.25
Adam	McCosh	57	Fiona	McCosh	21
Daniel	van Engelen	43.25	Scott	Hetherington	20.75
Liam	Kelly	40.5	Bradley	Mullins	20.25
Scott	Cooper	39.75	Demi	Sharp	19.5
Abbie	Artis	38.75	Oliver	Myers	17.5
Andrew	Lehne	38.5	Yasemin	Yildirim	17.5
Susan	Adamson	38.25	Harry	Hogan	17
Grace	Macpherson	37.75	Esther	Sinnott	17
Eren	Zehir	37.5	Leah	Kermeen	16.5
Michael	McGoldrick	36.75	Pablo	Matthews	13.5
Ilona	Carson	35.25	Alexis	Finnigan	12.5
Martina	Murrihy	35.25	Denise	Maguire	12.5
Hannah	van der Aa	35.25	Linda	McPherson	12.5
Tobe	Adamson	35	Lucas	Williams	12
Brooke	Green	34.5	Riley	Mullins	10
Jack	van der Aa	34.5	Billy	Sinnott	10
Anna Jane	Henderson	33	Haidee	Benning	9.5
Tom	Graham	32.75	Arjuna	Buttonsaw-Benning	9.5
Mitzi	Adamson	30.75	Mitch	Hodgson	9.25
Milly	Graham	30.25	Peter	Crapp	9
Chelsea	McMahon	30.25	Jonathon	Adams	8.25
Megan	Titmus	30.02	Catherine	Hetherington	8.25
Paul	Buchanan	29.5	Hayden	Cormick	8
Robert	Beekhof	28.75	Natasha	Hogan	8
Robert	Lang	28.5	Margo	Hocking	7.5
Leonie	Boyd	28.25	James	Kelly	7.25
Sami	Zehir	28	Lucy	Fletcher	6.5
Helen	Finnigan	27.25	Tommy	Fletcher	6.5
Tyler	McCreanor	26.75	Radushan	Mohan	6.5
Oscar	Blake	26.25	Laura	Riordan	6.5
Vicki	Hetherington	25.25	Isabella	Conheady	5.5
Lily	Godde	25	Kurt	Smith	5.25
Jasper	Nugent	25	Dustin	Mccorkell	5
Gregory	Dalton	24.25	Robert	Gibson	4
Isla	Tweedly	24.25	Finley	McLindin	4
Greg	Godde	23.75	Daniel	Murrihy	4
Angela	Hipwell	23.48	Samuel	Murrihy	4
Peter	Artis	23	Maya	Ebery	3.5
Kalani	Carson	23	Ruby	Mullins	3.5
Georgie	Henderson	22.83	Tania	Dalton	3.25
Liam	Murphy	22.5	Brody	Moore	2
Charlie	Henderson	22.25	Nicola	Giblin	1.5
Anthony	Dixon	22			

**Total volunteer patrol hours given to the community 2,018.08 hours**



Nippers gathered in front of the clubhouse for the Australia day carnival



Under 13s - paying attention!



Under 12s – ready to go



Nicole Dwyer – Nipper coordinator

# Nipper Co-ordinator

Our Nippers program once again continued to be recognised as one of the best in Victoria, with over 450 registered this season.

Once again, 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, Stockdale & Leggo Port Fairy and our local IGA Supermarket for these items. There were 15 sessions in total and there's absolutely no way we can successfully run a program catering for these sorts of numbers without a lot of help and the highlight of the season for me has been how many people have been willing to volunteer their assistance.

We 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. Thanks to Shaun Murrhiy (Club Captain / Chief Instructor) for your time and efforts in training our Water Safety volunteers. 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, IRB drivers and in particular, Dean Dwyer who helped set up each week. Martina Murrhiy captures the moments for us through her photography and this is something we have to cherish forever. I also appreciate many others who assisted in other areas, administration, merchandise, fruit cutters and let us 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 Jack Lee who was rewarded for a great year overall, including a dominant effort at our local club championships.

Thanks to all the members on the board for your on-going support and now, let us have everything crossed that our 2020-21 Nippers Season will proceed due to COVID 19!

Nicole Dwyer, Nipper's Coordinator.

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\*\* We asked the Nippers what they like about the program \*\*

Flags, Relays, Sausages, Games, Oranges, Surfing with Sharks, Boards, The Onions, My Age Manager, Everything, Poison Ball, It's Fun, Jumping off the Boat, Catching Waves, Long Run, Being with Friends, Swimming, Fun Day, Relaxing in the water, Jumping castles, Being with my mates, Competition Day, The Sea, It's inclusive, Australia Day, My family are here, Playing Games, Learning new things, Great program, Waves, The leaders are the best, The carnival, Sand, Mum and Dad watch me, Fitness, I feel good, Iron event, When Santa visited, Dolphin Diving, Beach Sprints, Lying in the water, Wading, Octopus Tiggy, Different Activities, Being at the Beach, East Beach is the best, Duck Diving, Watermelon!



Under 6: Boys and Girls



Under 7: Boys and Girls



Under 8 Girls  
1 Poppy Shepherd, 2 Dela Louise,  
3 Evie Templeton



Under 8 Boys  
1 Hugo Thomas, 2 Buddy Artis,  
3 Jacob Murray (absent)





Under 9 Girls  
 1 Esther Gleeson, 2 Sophie Satchell,  
 3 Charlotte Versace



Under 9 Boys  
 1 Harry McDonald, 2 Charlie Stenhouse,  
 3 Lincoln Arthur (absent)



Under 10 Girls  
 1 Lexie Dwyer, 2 Alice Macpherson,  
 3 Sunette Bother



Under 10 Boys  
 1 Tom Templeton, 2 Hugh Hunter,  
 3 Lenny Hetherington



Under 11 Girls  
 1 Grace Godde, 2 Milla Gleeson,  
 3 Pepper Bowes



Under 11 Boys  
 1 Riley Thompson, 2 Charlie Murray,  
 3 Max Dance



Under 12 Girls  
1 Poppy Myers, 2 Elsa Tutt,  
3 Chloe Adams



Under 12 Boys  
1 Adam Lee, 2 William Sinnott,  
3 Stephan Bother



Under 13 Girls  
1 Amelie Reddick, 2 Claudia Phillips(absent) ,  
3 Matilda Lu (absent)



Under 13 Boys  
1 Oscar Hill, 2 Xavier Tweedly,  
3 Sunny Hansen



Under 14 Girls  
1 Karoroina Karatau-Keightley, 2 Claudia Phillips,  
3 Daisy Searby (absent)



Under 14 Boys  
1 Jack Lee, 2 Miller Turnbull,  
3 Declan Kelly (absent)



Champion Nipper 2019-2020  
Jack Lee



Nipper Volunteer of the Year  
Tommy Leembruggen



Nippers lined up ready to go



Under 10s – with their Nipper boards



IRB patrolling the under 10s board race



Willing volunteers preparing snacks for the Nippers



Lucy - Selling Club apparel



Club apparel – rear views



Under 9 – receiving special care



Nipper volunteers, Anna-Jane Henderson and Eren Zehir

# Surf Boat Captains

The Victorian Masters carnival was once again held at Lorne. However, the conditions were atrocious with onshore winds and unusually large seas. Due to many of the crews either not being able to make their way out to sea, or rolling over on their way back to shore, the carnival was called off with very little racing. In saying that, the Firebirds, led by the great sweeping of Greg Dalton, managed to navigate their way through the huge surf and with some close calls on the way back to shore managed to tame the ocean to win the gold medal in their age group. The Shearwaters managed to have two rows before the carnival was called off. The boys spent most of the time dodging oars and their own boat as they spent more time in the water than the boat!! They managed to accumulate some points to finish up with the silver medal. The Open Carnival the following day was called off due to the dangerous conditions.

The trip to Mollmook for the Shearwaters was an excellent experience for the crew. Whilst it was disappointing to miss the final in their age group by one point, it was a great opportunity to see where they were at against the top crews from around Australia. As per usual, the crew started their first round with a poor result, but they continued to gather momentum as the rounds progressed, even winning their last round, but alas, this did not quite get them through to the final. Interestingly enough, their last row was against crews that went on to place in the final and the Shearwaters had a convincing win against them in their last race. One of the highlights of the carnival was the collegiate atmosphere of the Victorian crews who gathered to watch the carnage as the swell grew throughout the day!

As we know, no more competition was to be held throughout Australia due to the impact of Covid-19 pandemic. This certainly ended the season early. The Firebirds and Shearwaters now will wait until restrictions ease which will allow them to be able to jump back into the boat and train for the 2020/21 season. But, who knows when that will be the case?

## Boat Captains

Dean Dwyer and Brooke Green



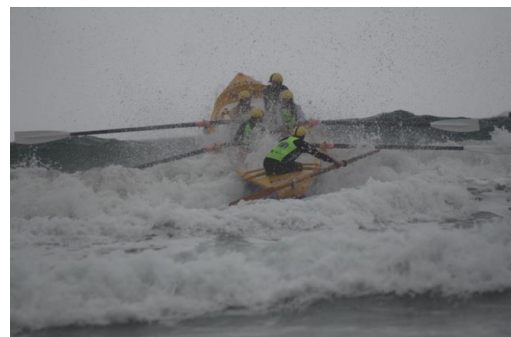
Firebirds with their gold medals



Firebirds women's boat crew



Shearwaters men's crew



Club crews - competing at the Victorian Masters Championships, Lorne, 8 February

## **Member Protection**

During the season, the Club, with assistance from South West Sports, Life Saving Victoria and Sport and Recreation Victoria, has been working towards compliance with the Victorian Government's Fair Play Code.

The Fair Play Code includes five core values – integrity, respect, responsibility, fairness and safety. Although compliance is non-compulsory, the Club is proud to embody these values and as such, our Board of Directors has been working diligently towards compliance, which we believe is an important factor in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of our members.

The Club has taken a number of steps designed to protect both our members and our Club. In June 2020, we adopted a Values Statement as well as an updated Code of Conduct. We have appointed three Member Protection Officers (MPOs) – Abbie Artis, Adam McCosh & Ilona Carson. Their role is to listen to member concerns, provide information about rights & responsibilities and to support and protect the wellbeing of members and the Club. Abbie has also joined Life Saving Victoria's network of MPOs, which is made up of MPOs from clubs throughout Victoria, who are working together to share information and support each other in this important role.

The Board also currently has a broad reaching Member Protection Policy under review. This document encompasses a range of sub-policies including Protection of Children, Inclusive Practices, and Information Privacy, to name a few. It is expected that the Member Protection Policy will be finalised and adopted ready for the start of the 2020/21 season.

The Club Board of Directors is extremely proud of the work being done in the area of Member Protection and compliance with the Fair Play Code. We value the safety and wellbeing of our members, all of whom have the right to be treated with respect and dignity as they carry out their vital volunteer roles.

The Club is an inclusive environment, which embodies the volunteer spirit and values respect and wellbeing. We conduct ourselves with transparency and value building a safe and welcoming community for our members and the public.

Abbie Artis, Member Protection Officer

## **Engine Room and Power Craft**

Thank you to all members who assisted with the maintenance and care of our Club's equipment. This last season we took ownership of two Thundercat IRB's thanks to LSV and Club funds. The Club has sold two of its older motors and now boasts three relatively new motors.

All IRB gear has been updated on the LSV database. Our trailers and motors were serviced and rotated throughout the season. They were used for the, Moyneyana ocean swim, New Year's Day duck race, IRB support at two surf carnivals, nipper activities and rostered patrol duty.

Thank you to all drivers and crew for your support and assistance during the season. A big thank you again to Shaun Murrhy for the IRB summer training course, which will increase our driver and crew ranks.

Bob Beekhof, Engine Room and IRB Officer.

# Project Officer

It has been wonderful to see the completion of some major projects and some smaller ones this season.

Our Education Centre continues to be well appreciated and utilised by our own Club for numerous training and meeting needs, as well as an increasing utilisation by local clubs and corporate meetings.

The installation of a roller door to cover the rubbish skips and deliveries of Charlies Café has been a welcome finalisation to our redevelopment project.

The relocation and installation by our members of local sculptor Don Stewart's 'Squid Seat' has been a popular addition to our East Beach foreshore. It has been a much-photographed item by locals and tourists. Thank you to Star Printing Terang for their donation of the accompanying information plaque.

The installation of 30 personal belongings lockers has also been completed. Purchased with a grant from the Department of Justice and Community Safety. Four lots of storage shelving for nippers gear, lifesaving gear, fundraising equipment and competition equipment was also designed and installed this season. Thanks to Pete Artis, Jim Chambers and Adam Dumnsney for their work on these projects.

A grant from Wannon Water enabled us to install a filtered water fountain near our patrol platform. This has been a welcome addition to our community facilities and has had the bonus of reducing the need for beach goers to buy bottled water.

The refurbishment of the men's and women's showers and change rooms is to be undertaken and partly funded by Moyne Shire. The project should be completed for the next patrol season. Moyne Shire will also refurbish the lower roller door.

The Surf Boat rowers group have undertaken the re-varnishing of the timber stairwells in the tower and passage leading to the Education Centre.

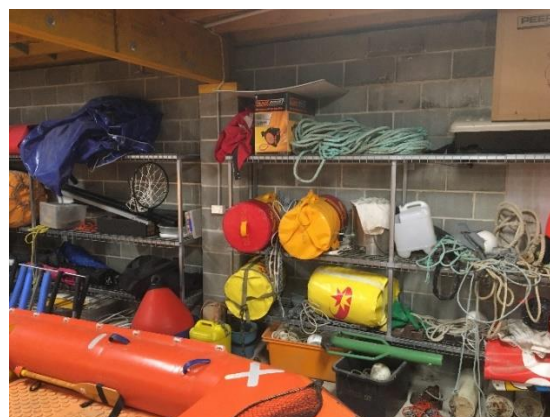
The restoration of the Club's first rescue reel has been completed by Bob Beekhof, Jim Claridge and Tony Ketelaars and is to be put on display with an information plaque in the Education Centre. There are also more major and minor projects in the pipeline awaiting funding to proceed.

Thank you to all our members who have helped to complete this year's projects.

Paul Buchanan, Project Officer



New lockers under the patrol desk



New shelving for our equipment

## Charlies on East

“Charlies on East” with the managers Bill, Di & Emma Foran, and their staff continues to be a great asset to our Club in providing a steady, valuable income stream.

Due to the uncertainties and decrease in business caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we were able to assist Charlies on East business to exist and continue to trade with a reduction in rent.

Please consider “Charlies on East” for your next function, lunch date or coffee catch-up; the view of our beautiful East Beach is so worth it!

Martina Murrhy, Liaison Officer.



New year's day duck derby – a major fund raiser



## Club's First Life Saving Rescue Reel

This life saving rescue reel was made in the 1930s by William Haldane, in the lighthouse keepers quarters workshop on Griffiths Island. William was the son of Hugh Haldane, the lighthouse keeper and harbour master at the time. Part of the timber used was recovered from the SS Casino, of the Belfast and Koroit Steam Navigation Company, which traded between ports in Melbourne and South West Victoria. The SS Casino sank in 1932 at Apollo Bay, with loss of life, after 50 years of service. Timber from the ship was used in the reel to commemorate those who lost their lives. The Club colours at the time were royal blue and white.

It was used for life saving activities at the South beach and beach competition carnivals until 1942. During World War 2, the Club went into recess and the reel was stored in a small fibro sheet shed in the South beach sand hills. The site is now under the car park across the road from the current change rooms at the end of James Street. The former Port Fairy Swimming and Life Saving Club (Royal Life Saving - Australia) passed on the reel to the Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club in 1951.

It is of note that in a surf carnival in the 1950s the reel failed a Surf Life Saving Australia test, as one dimension was not up to regulation. Thus, a neighbouring club beat Port Fairy in a march past competition.

Thank you to Bob Beekhof, Jim Claridge and Tony Ketelaars who restored the reel in 2020. The restored reel is now in pride of place in the Club's Education Centre.



Reel prior to restoration, circa 2019



After restoration – June 2020



This photo shows the reel in a march past competition. The photo is probably taken during a Melbourne bay-side beach carnival in the mid-1930s. L-R: Fredrick Emms, Alexander Goldie, William Haldane, Norman Bruce, Lindsay Sproal, and Lloyd Goldie stand behind the reel.

Alexander Goldie said that the team would travel to Melbourne carnivals in the back of a furniture removal van. They would sit for 5 to 6 hours on the floor along each side of the van with their lifesaving gear down the middle. No windows, no ventilation!

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