

PORT FAIRY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

2020/21



Firebirds Crew - Silver Medallists
Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships - April 2021

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Portfolio	Name	Meeting Attendance
President	Ian Powell	100%
Vice President	Paul Buchanan	89%
Club Captain - Head of Lifesaving Committee	Adam McCosh	78%
Secretary - Head of Administration Committee	Abbie Artis	89%
Treasurer	Tania Dalton	56%
Development Manager - Head of Development Committee	Nicole Dwyer	100%
Chief Instructor	Shaun Murrirhy	67%
Surf Sports Manager - Head of Surf Sports Committee	Paul Buchanan (acting)	89%
COVIDSafe Coordinator (non-voting)	Michael McGoldrick	Not Required
Club Administrator (non-voting)	Paul Nash	100%



The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted most of our Club activities for the past 18 months. Thankfully, of our 732 Club members, none have contracted the virus. However, last season's Presentation Night had to be cancelled and this year it was postponed several times. Patrol activities for most of the period had to be severely modified. Despite this the Club provided 2,667 hours of volunteer beach patrols: a wonderful service to the community. Thank you Adam McCosh and your team of volunteers. Adam also wins the "Michael Locket" award for the most volunteer patrol hours: 136.

Shaun Murrihy and his dedicated team of trainers continue working in the background, teaching life saving techniques and expertise. I cannot stress enough the importance of their work. Well done Shaun: 847 awards gained this season.

The Club boat crews did well in the many carnivals they attended. At the Australian Surf Championships in April the Firebirds (women's) finished second thus bringing home a medal and the Shearwaters (men's) did well and were ahead of many top Australian crews. Congratulations to the boat captains, Brooke Green and Dean Dwyer.

The Club had a great Australia Day Nippers Carnival on 24 January. As numbers had to be curtailed due to the pandemic, only the Port Fairy Club was involved. Our nippers enjoyed the day, especially the fun slides and jumping castle. Once again it was Nicole Dwyer bringing this great program together. Thank you Nicole.

As I have said, the past 18 months have been stressful. Our Covid Safe Coordinator, Mick McGoldrick has led us through these difficult times by liaising with government authorities and Life Saving Victoria on how to respond to the pandemic. A lot of liaison as well as putting up and taking down signs and talking to people. Mick has handled it all in a calm and professional manner. Thank you Mick.

Over the last season we operated under a new Board structure. It worked well with a lot of the operational work now being carried out by committees under the Board. Our Club Secretary Abbie Artis was the driving force behind this change. Thanks Abbie for initiating these changes which have led to more efficient management of the Club. Club finances are in good shape and I thank Tania Dalton and Paul Nash for keeping the Club on track.



OUR
PRESIDENT

Finally, I wish to thank the Club Vice President, Paul Buchanan, the Board and the many committees for the excellent work done throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working with these dedicated volunteers. You have all made my job as President easier.

Being President for the past 14 years has been rewarding and challenging. It is now time to move on. I will not be standing for any Board positions at the upcoming AGM. I encourage members with time and motivation to come forward and volunteer themselves for positions. Clubs like ours thrive on the vibrant involvement of members. I wish the incoming Board, committee members and the Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club, the best in all their future endeavours.

Ian Powell
President



What a year we've had! While COVID curtailed lots of our Club activities, our members have excelled in all aspects of the Club. Nippers, patrols, award training, surfboat crews, fundraising, community liaison; all have helped to lift the profile of our Club and provided members with much needed skills, community involvement and recreation.

This year saw heavy use of our new Education Centre and will see completion by Moyne Shire of the car park on the block behind our clubhouse. Landscaping and plantings will be a Club project for next season. Many grant applications have resulted in upgrades of Club equipment and facilities, as well as a focus on OH&S and COVID safety.

This season is the last with Ian Powell as our Club President. Whilst staying on at a committee level, his leadership of our Board of Directors will be sorely missed. His contribution has been outstanding and the Club owes him much for his tenacious promotion and representation of our organisation.

Ian's attention to detail and involvement in all areas has seen progressive development, putting our Club at the forefront of surf lifesaving in the region and the state.

On a personal note, I have worked closely with Ian on many projects and have been thankful for his wise counsel and dedication to our Club.

Paul Buchanan
Vice President

OUR VICE PRESIDENT



Port Fairy SLSC



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIFESAVING COMMITTEE

- Club Captain / Lifesaving Manager
- Patrol Manager
- Rescue Equipment Officer
- 1st Aid Officer
- Radio Officer
- IRB Officer
- Emergency Management Coordinator
- OH&S & Risk Management Officer
- Honorary Medical Officer

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Development Manager
- Chief Instructor
- Nipper Coordinator
- Youth Development Officer

SURF SPORTS COMMITTEE

- Surf Sports Manager
- Boat Captains
- Gear Steward
- Board & Ski Captain
- Water Area Captain
- Beach Area Captain
- IRB Sports Captain

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- Secretary / Administration Manager
- Treasurer / Finance Manager
- Club Administrator
- COVIDSafe Coordinator
- Member Protection Officer
- Media & Promotions
- Building & Maintenance Supervisor
- Events & Social Coordinator
- Apparel Purchasing Officer
- Sponsorship & Fundraising
- Club Historian
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2020/21

AWARD WINNERS

PRESIDENTS AWARD

Michael McGoldrick

SFR HEDDITCH MEMORIAL Club Person of the Year

**Dean Dwyer
Abbie Artis**

PICKLES MALONEY AWARD Lifesaver of the Year

**Andrew Lehne
Helen Finnigan**

MICHAEL LOCKETT MEMORIAL Most Volunteer Patrol Hours

Adam McCosh

BOYCE LE COUTIER AWARD Best Performing Junior Member

**Mitzi Adamson
Liam Kelly**

TRACEY TRIMBY CUP Best Performing Cadet Member

Oscar Blake

PATROL CAPTAINS AWARDS

**Martina Murrihy
Peter Artis
Anthony Dixon
Andrew Lehne**

PATROL HOURS AWARDS Exemplary service on Patrol.

**Senior Male: Adam McCosh 136.65 hrs
Senior Female: Nicole Dwyer 109 hrs
Junior Male: Liam Kelly 57.42 hrs
Jr Female: Mitzi Adamson 46 hrs
Cadet Male: Oscar Blake 16.25 hrs**

LIFESAVING COMMITTEE

Portfolio

Club Captain

Patrol Managers

Rescue Equipment Officers

First Aid Officer

Radio Officers

IRB Officer

Emergency Management Coordinator

OH&S & Risk Management Officer

Honorary Medical Officer

Name

Adam McCosh

Greg Dalton & Martina Murrhiy

Dean Dwyer & Danny Van Engelen

Helen Finnigan

Rachael McMahon & Leonie Boyd

Peter Artis

Scott Hetherington

Mick McGoldrick

Stephen Watty



Wow...what a tremendous effort by all for season 2020/21. This year we were presented with challenges and uncertainty that the Club has not faced before with the global pandemic, but much to the credit of the fantastic Board, eager community minded volunteers and the direction of LSV we were able to have a wonderful and virtually incident free 2020/21 season.

Patrolling numbers were strong with new Bronzies really keen to put the gear on and start patrolling. I look forward to expanding our patrol groups back out to five next year. With some members really ramping up their training and involvement within the Club I feel certain that our 5th Patrol Captain will be a new face who has not undertaken this role before. This year we also saw our inaugural pink patrol, to celebrate and highlight female contribution and ability within the Club, something I hope becomes a regular staple in our patrol season.

For a number's re-cap, we had a total of 61 patrolled days with 95 members registering approximately 2667 patrolling / water safety hours this season. An amazing effort! Wouldn't it be great to see us exceed 100 active patrolling members next year!?!

Valuable training opportunities with Marine Rescue popped up again this season including the Moyneyana Ocean Swim, Air Ambulance water retrieval training, Survival at Sea training and IRB to Marine Rescue patient transfer training.

To my amazing Patrol Captains this year - Helen, Sami & Danny V, thank you all so much for your dedication and mentoring of our members throughout the season! I do hope you all remain in this leadership role within the Club for next year.

Pete Artis oversaw the IRBs and was extremely knowledgeable and pro-active in ensuring our most valuable lifesaving assets were in top working order at all times. His re-organisation of the IRB room, high quality maintenance procedures, stock control, storage overhaul and the OH&S audit he completed with Mick really demonstrated his professionalism to his role.

Mick McGoldrick ran a combined OH&S / COVIDSafe Coordinator role this year and was instrumental in highlighting our OH&S risks by providing a highly detailed, and long overdue, audit report. Many high risk items highlighted on his report have been attended to and we will look to address remaining items throughout the off season.

OUR CLUB CAPTAIN



Leonie & Rachael maintained our radios to a high professional standard this season. This was a somewhat confusing task at times as LSV radio operations tended to be a fluid and ever-changing environment with different channel configurations, call signs, new equipment etc... So thank you both for helping our members better understand these important lifesaving pieces of equipment.

Helen Finnegan was again our first aid champion ensuring our first aid room and stock levels were to the satisfaction of LSV's high standards! A huge effort during COVID of course. With only 12 incident reports / near misses registered, we can be truly grateful of our safe 2020/21 season. This was all the more remarkable given the state statistics which were quite saddening. We could all see how well managed the first aid room was and that our members were well trained accordingly.

Dean Dwyer & Danny Van Engelen oversaw & maintained our patrol rescue equipment throughout the year. They also procured some very important items, some of which are still arriving, and will be crucial to operations next season. A new ATV is a noteworthy winner here thanks to persistent grant applications made by Paul Buchanan. LSV visitors to our Club made special mention of the quality maintenance of the life saving equipment we have, which is a testament to the work that Dean & Danny put in.

Scotty Hetherington, our Emergency Call Out Coordinator, is about to kick into gear for the off season ensuring the call out team and equipment are ready to go, in the unlikely event of an off season call out. Last season an emergency call out roster was produced proving quite effective in our preparedness to cope with such events. Training opportunities will continue to present themselves in the off season for the call out team hopefully with Marine Rescue, Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria.

Martina Murrihy & Greg Dalton, my Patrol Managers, managed to swing together and produce a patrol roster that Albert Einstein would be happy with! A very difficult task indeed.... Registering hours and managing patrol lists will continue to be streamlined in future as these legends put some serious brain power into this every year & we continue to look for avenues to improve. Thank you again for supporting me with these arduous tasks.



To Steve Watty, our Honorary Medical Officer, whilst we didn't use you this year, buckle up, I'm putting you to good use next year! Thanks again for agreeing to be there as an important resource for our Club.

To my Life Saving Committee again – Pete, Dean, Martina, Greg, Mick, Leonie, Racheal, Danny V, Steve & Scotty, thanks again for adapting to the new Club structure and playing pivotal roles in my team. Many hand hands make light work and the new structure allows us to not only spread responsibility, but better define roles & responsibilities for any champion who wishes to help run this Club.

Adam McCosh
Life Saving Manager - Club Captain



Sub-Membership Category	Last Name	First Name	Hours	Sub-Membership Category	Last Name	First Name	Hours
Active (18yrs and over)	McCosh	Adam	136.65	Active (15-18 yrs)	Graham	Tom	19.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Lehne	Andrew	120.75	Active (18yrs and over)	Cooper	Scott	19
Life Member	Dwyer	Dean	116	Active (15-18 yrs)	van der Aa	Hannah	18.67
Life Member	Dwyer	Nicole	109	Active (15-18 yrs)	Mohan	Radushan	18.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Artis	Abbie	77.5	Active (18yrs and over)	Crapp	Peter	17.5
Life Member	Buchanan	Paul	68.5	Active (18yrs and over)	Gibson	Robert	16.5
Active (18yrs and over)	van Engelen	Daniel	66	Active (18yrs and over)	Carson	Ilona	16.25
Active (18yrs and over)	Dixon	Anthony	65.25	Cadet Member (13-15 years)	Blake	Oscar	16.25
Life Member	Murrihy	Martina	63.75	Active (18yrs and over)	McPherson	Linda	15
Life Member	Murrihy	Shaun	62.92	Active (15-18 yrs)	Dixon	Meg	14.5
Active (18yrs and over)	McMahon	Chelsea	59.5	Active (18yrs and over)	Moore	Scott	14
Life Member	Finnigan	Helen	59	Active (18yrs and over)	Young	Sara	13
Active (15-18 yrs)	Kelly	Liam	57.42	Active (15-18 yrs)	Sharp	Demi	12.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Artis	Peter	57	Active (18yrs and over)	Sinnott	Billy	11.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Beekhof	Robert	56.75	Active (15-18 yrs)	Sinnott	Esther	11.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Adamson	Susan	54.75	Active (15-18 yrs)	Tweedly	Isla	11.5
Active (15-18 yrs)	Zehir	Eren	52.25	Cadet Member (13-15 years)	Hughes	Jackson	11.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Henderson	Anna Jane	48.25	Active (15-18 yrs)	Godde	Lily	11.25
Life Member	Hetherington	Scott	46.75	Active (18yrs and over)	Trickey	Tara	11.17
Active (15-18 yrs)	Adamson	Mitzi	46	Life Member	Dalton	Tania	10.75
Active (15-18 yrs)	Macpherson	Grace	45.5	Active (18yrs and over)	Mackenzie	Gavin	10.5
Active (18yrs and over)	McGoldrick	Michael	41.5	Active (18yrs and over)	Hayes	Jessica-Anne	10
Active (15-18 yrs)	Adamson	Tobe	40.25	Active (15-18 yrs)	Myers	Oliver	9.5
Active (15-18 yrs)	Lang	Robert	36.75	Active (15-18 yrs)	Carey	Lilly	9
Life Member	Dalton	Gregory	36.5	Active (15-18 yrs)	Carey	Molly	9
Active (18yrs and over)	Mullins	Bradley	36.25	Active (15-18 yrs)	Williams	Lucas	9
Active (18yrs and over)	McMahon	Rachael	35	Active (15-18 yrs)	Finnigan	Alexis	8.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Ryan	Breearna	35	Active (15-18 yrs)	Hunter	Scarlett	8.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Zehir	Sami	35	Active (15-18 yrs)	Yildirim	Yasemin	8.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Titmus	Megan	34.77	Cadet Member (13-15 years)	Carson	Lekaya	7.25
Active (18yrs and over)	McCosh	Fiona	32.67	Active (18yrs and over)	Martin	Isaac	6.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Hipwell	Angela	30.25	Active (18yrs and over)	Murphy	Liam	6.5
Active (18yrs and over)	Boyd	Leonie	29.5	Active (15-18 yrs)	Carson	Kalani	6.5
Active (15-18 yrs)	van der Aa	Jack	28.5	Active (15-18 yrs)	Cormick	Hayden	6
Active (15-18 yrs)	Henderson	Georgie	26.91	Active (18yrs and over)	Dixon	Mimi	5
Active (18yrs and over)	Green	Brooke	26	Active (18yrs and over)	Flannery	Martin	5
Life Member	Cooper	Amy	26	Active (18yrs and over)	Kelly	James	5
Active (15-18 yrs)	Gibson	Sophie	26	Active (18yrs and over)	Mccorkell	Dustin	5
Active (15-18 yrs)	Sutcliffe	Charlotte	26	Active (18yrs and over)	Riordan	Laura	5
Active (15-18 yrs)	McCreanor	Tyler	25.25	Active (18yrs and over)	Sharples	Lola	5
Life Member	Hetherington	Catherine	25	Active (18yrs and over)	Tutt	Tim	5
Active (18yrs and over)	Godde	Greg	23	Active (15-18 yrs)	Cashill	Sean	5
Active (15-18 yrs)	Henderson	Charlie	23	Active (15-18 yrs)	Conlan	Paddy	5
Active (18yrs and over)	Haldane	Ewan	22.25	Active (15-18 yrs)	Giblin	Nicola	5
Active (18yrs and over)	Young	Tim	21.5	Active (15-18 yrs)	Lee	Maddison	5
Active (18yrs and over)	Mathison	Eliza	20.5	Active (15-18 yrs)	Matthews	Pablo	5
Active (15-18 yrs)	Graham	Milly	20	Active (15-18 yrs)	McLindin	Finley	5
Active (18yrs and over)	Maguire	Denise	19.75				

OUR PATROLS



ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Portfolio

Secretary

Treasurer

Club Administrator

COVIDSafe Coordinator

Member Protection Officer

Media & Promotions

Building & Maintenance Supervisor

Events & Social Coordinator

Sponsorship & Fundraising Coordinators

Apparel Purchasing Officer

Club Historian

Lease Liaison Officer

Name

Abbie Artis

Tania Dalton

Paul Nash

Mick McGoldrick

Ilona Carson

Nicole Dwyer & Abbie Artis

Neil Dyson

Lucy Lehne & Nicole Dwyer

Nicole Dwyer & Lucy Lehne

Nicole Dwyer

Ian Powell

Martina Murrihy



Wow – what a season it turned out to be! 2020/21 certainly threw some challenges our way, but Port Fairy SLSC definitely rose to the challenge. The continued flexibility, adaptability, vigilance and cooperation of our Board, our committees and our members is something we should all be truly proud of.

This has been my first year as Administration Manager of our great Club. I have found the role at times challenging and somewhat overwhelming, but absolutely rewarding. The support and experience of my fellow Board Members, combined with the “can do” attitude of the Administration Committee has certainly made my job a lot easier.

We had a busy season in the Administration Committee as we adapted to the new governance structure of the Club, which allowed us to really spread the workload. It also provided opportunities to implement new procedures, act on fresh ideas, undertake new roles, and review the way we have traditionally done things to seek avenues for improvement.

Together, we have achieved a lot. We:

- Overhauled the Board communication system, including new Club managed email addresses for all Board members & key committee position holders
- Introduced a collaborative online communication and work platform for all Board members
- Finalised, documented & implemented our Club Member Protection Policy
 - This document includes our Club Code of Conduct, our Club Values and 12 different Club policies
- Updated the Club website
- Processed over 700 memberships
- Raised over \$5000 through the sale of Club merchandise & apparel
- Introduced a Club newsletter
- Ensured 100% compliance with Working With Children Check requirements for patrolling members

OUR ADMIN TEAM



- Organised sponsorship, fundraisers & events which have resulted in over \$18,000 raised for our Club
- Increased our social media presence
- Improved the accuracy of our membership database & put strategies in place for improved database integrity for future seasons
- Introduced new accounting software which has streamlined our account keeping processes & resulted in improved & more detailed financial reporting
- Commenced a review of our Club membership categories, which we hope will be finalised for season 2021/22
- Collated, recorded & stored numerous items of historical significance to our Club

The Administration Committee has been a well-oiled team all year, and I thank every single committee member for rolling up their sleeves, pitching in, helping out, undertaking training, attending meetings & just generally getting the job done. Although not always the highest profile members of our Club, the team are always working hard behind the scenes to ensure our Club continues to be successful.

To Tania, Nashy, Mick, Ilona, Nicole, Lucy, Neil, Ian & Martina, I express my heartfelt thanks for all your hard work. It's been a pleasure working with you all, and I hope you are all proud of what we have achieved for our Club.

I would also like to make special mention of Ian Powell, our outgoing President. The hours & energy that Ian has put into our Club, including his 14 years at the helm, is unbelievable. I have enjoyed the opportunity to volunteer alongside Ian, and have benefited from his extensive knowledge of our Club and lifesaving in general. He leaves the Club in excellent shape to tackle whatever the future may hold, and I thank him for this.

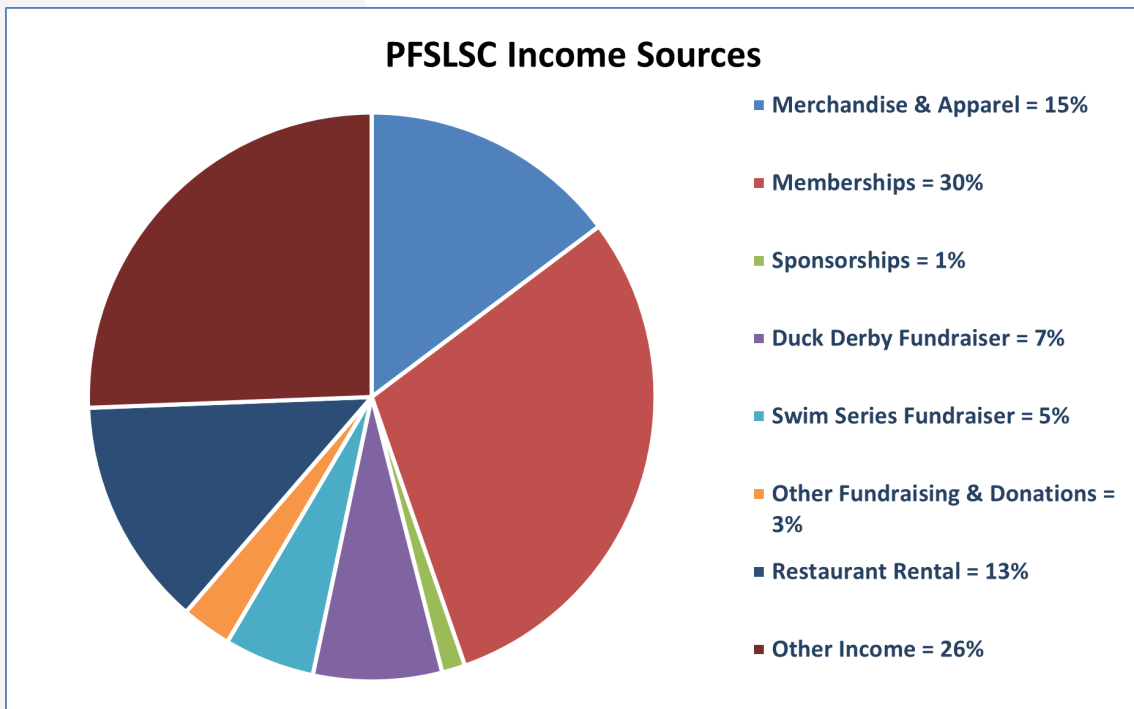
Abbie Artis
Administration Manager - Secretary



Thank you to Paul Nash for his excellent bookkeeping and accounting of the Club's income and expenses for the last 12 months. I would also like to thank Abbie Artis, our Club Administration Manager, for all the assistance she has provided me.

I am pleased that the Club continues to be financially secure and feel that we should all be proud of the Club's financial position, especially after the year we have had with COVID.

Tania Dalton
Finance Manager - Treasurer





Sub-Membership Category	Total Members	Male Members	Female Members	Indeterminate Gender	Unknown Gender	2019 Season Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	0	0	0	0	0	2	0 %
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	399	207	192	0	0	407	98.03 %
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	17	12	5	0	0	41	41.46 %
Active (15-18 yrs)	39	18	21	0	0	24	162.5 %
Active (18yrs and over)	58	31	27	0	0	152	38.16 %
Associate	201	93	108	0	0	88	228.41 %
Life Member	18	11	7	0	0	18	100 %
Total	732	372	360	0	0	732	100 %



OUR MEMBERS





MAJOR SPONSORS

MIDFIELD MEATS

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HEARN'S PORT FAIRY ACCOMMODATION

54 on BANK
64 SACKVILLE
ALLEN PLUMBING
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BALEKA
BAMSTONE
BANK STREET & CO
BELFAST AQUATICS
BENNING BOUTIQUE
BLUE PRINT COMMERCIAL
BROOKS TIMBER & HARDWARE
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CHARLIE'S ON EAST
COAST TO COUNTRY BUILDING
APPROVALS
CONLANS WINE STORE
CROSBY FAMILY
DECKED OUT ON BANK
FRY CARTAGE & CONTRACTING
GLADIOLI RESTAURANT
GREAT COFFEE MOMENTS
GOLDENSTORE
HETHERINGTON PLUMBING
HOUZ of HAIR
IF THE SHOE FITS & ISABELLAS
JAMES TAYLOR BUILDER
JIM CHAMBERS BUILDER
JUNO BOUTIQUE
KEIK

2020/2021 CLUB SPONSORS

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PORT FAIRY COFFEE ROASTERS
PORT FAIRY POST OFFICE
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PORT FAIRY PHYSIO
PORT FAIRY TAXI & TOURS
PORT FAIRY TREES
PORT FAIRY WAGYU
REBECCA'S

LANGLEY'S ACCOMMODATION
LESKE JEWELLERS
LOCATE CABLES
LOCKETTS REAL ESTATE
LOVE HER MADLY
LUONE JEWELLERY
MADDENS LAWYERS
MANGO WOOD
METAL PRO ENGINEERING
MICK & HELEN FINNIGAN
MIKE & CLARE VAN DER AA
OAK & ANCHOR HOTEL
PAUL SOLOMON ELECTRICIAN
PENNY & REIBY

REFLECTIONS
ROSEMOSS
SALT HAIR
SHEEHAN'S MEATS
SIMON KNEE BUILDING
TAYLOR BOBCAT SERVICES
THE DAKTARI SURF SHOP
THE PASSAGE PORT FAIRY
THE WHARF PORT FAIRY
THE HUB
TOM TAYLOR BUILDING
VILLAGE BAKEHOUSE
VICTORIA HOTEL

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to become a
sponsor next
season

OUR SUPPORTERS



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Portfolio

Development Manager

Chief Instructor

Nipper Coordinator

Youth Development Officer

Award Assessors

Trainers

Name

Nicole Dwyer

Shaun Murrirhy

Nicole Dwyer

Nicole Dwyer

Paul Buchanan

Helen Finnigan

Shaun Murrirhy

Paul Buchanan

Daniel Van Engelen



The Development Committee serves two main functions for our Club; training of members in a range of lifesaving awards, and Junior development. We aim to encourage participation and to ensure our patrolling members are well trained and highly qualified. Our committee is focused on providing more opportunities for our members to get involved and be a major part of the Club's future.

Throughout this season the Development Committee has worked closely with the Lifesaving Committee to ensure that our patrolling members have the skills and awards we need. Despite the impact that COVID had on our ability to run award training programs, our Chief Instructor was able to organise several courses and opportunities which both added to our volunteer patrol numbers, and upskilled the patrolling members we have.

Although limited this year, we have also worked alongside the Surf Sports Committee, in the sports development area, to organise sports projects and programs, training, coaching and other initiatives, with more in the pipeline for the upcoming season.

Our Development Committee encourages not only the participation of our younger members via our Nippers program, but also provides an avenue to further develop their Surf Life Saving skills. Our Nippers program continues to attract high participant numbers and is well regarded around the state.

I want to thank Shaun Murrihy & his team of Trainers and Assessors for overcoming so many obstacles this season, and to all the helpers at Nipper, Cadet & Junior level, our Club is in a better place because of you all. I hope season 2021/22 allows us more scope to offer training & development opportunities for all of our members, as we continue to develop and grow this great Club.

Nicole Dwyer
Development Manager

OUR DEVELOPMENT



The past season has been very challenging & interesting with the number of awards well down on previous seasons due to a range of factors.

Firstly, I would like to thank Mick McGoldrick for putting his hand up to be our COVIDSafe Coordinator. Without him in this role our Club would not have been permitted to undertake any training. Mick's knowledge & guidance made it possible for our training to proceed & to proceed safely. There's an old saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person," which is certainly true in this case. Thanks Mick.

Due to COVID restrictions the maximum number of participants allowed in our Bronze training program was heavily capped. This resulted in several people missing out on the opportunity to undertake their SRC or Bronze Medallion, which was very disappointing. We certainly hope they can participate next season.

We have been very fortunate to have a number of Club & community members available to assist with training, including Haidee, Antonia, Woody & Paul. I am very grateful for their help & the knowledge they have shared.

Congratulations to those five members who gained their IRB Driver award, and also the four members who gained their IRB Crew. This training was nearly 16 months in the making, and I extend my thanks for being so patient. A special mention to Meg Dixon who, alongside her Dad, Anthony, gained her IRB Driver award. Meg is only the 2nd female in our Club to gain this award.

I would like to thank Paul Buchanan for his dedicated assistance. His stories & life experiences make for an enjoyable time when training. I could not do it without him, thanks Paul.

Finally, thanks to Martina for all her help behind the scenes with the administrative aspects of the role, I am very appreciative.

Shaun Murrhy
Training Manager - Chief Instructor



**OUR
TRAINING**

Awards originating FROM Port Fairy

Award	Total	Male	Female	Indeterminate	Unknown
Bronze Medallion	12	5	7	0	0
Inclusive Beaches Online	1	1	0	0	0
IRB Crew Certificate	4	3	1	0	0
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 14	25	12	13	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 10	42	21	21	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 11	41	22	19	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 12	47	25	22	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 13	42	23	19	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 14	25	12	13	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 6 - Restricted	77	38	39	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 7 - Restricted	36	20	16	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 8	43	26	17	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 9	50	25	25	0	0
Safeguarding Children and Young People Awareness	2	1	1	0	0
Silver Medallion Beach Management	10	9	1	0	0
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	5	4	1	0	0
Surf Aware One	44	26	18	0	0
Surf Aware Two	51	25	26	0	0
Surf Play One	78	39	39	0	0
Surf Play Two	37	20	17	0	0
Surf Safe One	44	22	22	0	0
Surf Safe Two	41	22	19	0	0
Surf Smart One	47	25	22	0	0
Surf Smart Two	43	24	19	0	0
Total	847	450	397	0	0



The 2020/21 season, that we were lucky enough to enjoy, will be forever known as the “COVIDSafe Nipper Season.”

Planning for this season started very early in August 2020 with a lot of unknowns, online meetings and collaboration between LSV and all the Victorian Surf Life Saving Clubs. There were plenty of moments when we thought that Nippers wasn't going to happen, but that was fortunately not the case in the end.

After many months of preparation our COVIDSafe Nipper Program commenced on the 20th Dec 2020 and concluded on the 28th Feb 2021, with 13 sessions in total. After a lot of unknowns, we still attracted a total of 416 Nippers to our 2020/21 program, which was amazing considering the unique circumstances.

We were blessed with good conditions for our Sunday and Friday night sessions which contributed to the large numbers of enthusiastic youngsters taking part. East Beach was again a sea of pink, green and orange as our Nippers were joined by a large quantity of both qualified and trainee water safety personnel.

COVIDSafe Changes:

- We introduced split Nipper sessions to avoid huge crowds at any one time on the beach and around the Club area.
 - The 1st Session was 9.30am to 10.30am for U6/U7/U8/U9
 - The 2nd Session 11.00am to 12.00pm for U10/U11/U12/U13/U14
 - This was very well received by all parents and nippers.
- LSV supplied us with a number of COVIDSafe signs to use in and around the Club. This helped us create an IN / OUT path for safety and social distancing.
- Unfortunately, we could not provide shared fresh fruit and our BBQs were only introduced at the end of January after some restrictions eased.
- Our Club was fortunate to have a local business donate a “Sanitising Machine,” enabling us to sanitise all the equipment after each use.

OUR NIPPERS



Our Program:

Throughout the season, our team of age managers, water safety and other volunteers ran 13 Nippers sessions that covered all of the prescribed theory and practical lessons as per the LSV Nippers program, including:

- Basic first aid skills including a CPR demonstration and hands-on practice
- Identifying rips and different types of waves
- Understanding the hazards on our beach
- Sun safety, signals, learning what a lifesaving patrol does, etc.
- Tours of clubrooms

And most importantly, we also had the fun activities on the beach and in the water (which the Nippers all love), as per below:

- Board paddling technique and races
- Swims – short and long
- Ironman / Ironwoman events (individual swim/run/board event)
- Aqua Cameron events (team event which includes wade/board/swim/run legs)
- Beach flags
- Beach sprints and relays
- Long beach runs

A special thanks must go to our Nipper Age Managers for their dedicated and energetic approach to our program. Also, to all of our diligent water safety volunteers, who fill such important roles for our Club and Nipper Program.

Age Managers:

- Under 6 Abbie Artis
- Under 7 Andrew Lehne
- Under 8 Chelsea McMahan
- Under 9 Nigel Harper/ Ed Thomas
- Under 10 Mick McGoldrick
- Under 11 Scott Moore
- Under 12 Greg Goode
- Under 13 Tim Tutt
- Under 14 Anna- Jane Henderson



Finally, the Port Fairy Nippers program is run entirely by volunteers, so it is imperative that every family plays a role in helping us to deliver a safe, inclusive and engaging experience for our kids. We are always in need of more volunteers for various roles, so please reach out to us at nippers@portfairyslsc.com.au if you can assist in any way - whether it is on the beach, in the water, or behind the scenes helping us with social events, the BBQ, ordering supplies and various planning and administrative tasks.

This season's champion Nipper award went to Paige Kermeen who was rewarded for a great year overall, including a dominant effort at our local Club Championships. (All other age results on the next page.)

Although it's not clear at this stage what the Nippers program will look like for the upcoming season, we are hopeful that the season will proceed in a COVIDsafe way and we're looking forward to seeing everyone on the beach once again!

On a personal note, I'd like to thank our Age Managers and Water Safety, IRB drivers and crews, the set-up crew and many others who assisted in other areas including, administration, merchandise and let's not forget the BBQ team!! Thanks to all members on the PFSLSC Board for your help and support.

Nicole Dwyer
Nipper Coordinator



Under 8 - GIRLS

Clare Haldane
Pippa Fisher
Lilly Harris

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 9 - GIRLS

Della Lonergan-Harst
Ivy Condon
Zia Taylor

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 10 - GIRLS

Esther Gleeson
Lily Goodman
Charlotte Versace

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 11 - GIRLS

Lexie Dwyer
Alice McPherson
Lexi Lee
Emily Porter

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze
Bronze

Under 12 - GIRLS

Ava Murrihy
Grace Godde
Milla Gleeson

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 13 - GIRLS

Chloe Adams
Maisie Henderson
Bella Rayner

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 14 - GIRLS

Paige Kermeen
Megan Agar
Jade King

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 8 - BOYS

Angus Reid
Harry Manley
Luke Rayner

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 9 - BOYS

Hugo Thomas
Royce Sheehan
Buddy Artis
Seamus McDonald

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze
Bronze

Under 10 - BOYS

Jimmy Dyer
Charlie Stenhouse
Buddy Macdonald

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 11 - BOYS

Lachlan Reid
Lenny Hetherington
Archie Thomas

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 12 - BOYS

Harrison Lu
Charlie Murray
Riley Thompson

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 13 - BOYS

Adam Lee
Casey Turnbull
Griffen Atkins

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze

Under 14 - BOYS

Karatua Keightly
Jamieson Mueglitz
Cooper Thompson

Medal

Gold
Silver
Bronze



OUR NIPPER CHAMPIONS

SURF SPORTS COMMITTEE

Portfolio

Surf Sports Manager

Boat Captains

Gear Steward

Name

Paul Buchanan (acting)

Dean Dwyer & Brooke Green

Paul Buchanan (acting)



Unfortunately we were not able to find a candidate for the Surf Sports Manager position under the new structure for our Board of Directors. We were grateful to Mel Rayner who accepted the position for a short time, with the rest of season falling to the Vice President to manage.

The only lifesaving competition area currently represented by Port Fairy is in the Surf Boats. They have for many years been a force to be reckoned with and had much success, winning many pennants, state medals and now an Australian medal - see the boat captains reports.

We also note that our Club is well represented in the Shipwreck Coast Swim Series, with many of our members participating. It's also pleasing to see the number of both junior and senior members, particularly in the warmer months, undertaking recreational board & ski paddling.

There is plenty of scope to develop the surf sports training and competition areas within our Club and we hope to find someone willing to take on this role for next season. The promotion of surf sports has the potential to increase and retain our members, especially younger members which is very important for long term Club progression.

Paul Buchanan
acting Surf Sports Manager

OUR SURF SPORTS



Training for the Shearwaters started later than previous years with the crew hitting the water in early November. With Shaun Murrhly out with a knee replacement, the Shearwaters welcomed Adam McCosh into 3rd seat. He joined the crew of Scott Hetherington, Greg Dalton, Dean Dwyer and sweep, Paul Buchanan. The Shearwaters managed to race in most of the carnivals throughout the season with some very pleasing results. The results over the season are as follows:

- December 19th 2020- Ocean Grove carnival - Crew rowed A Reserve and placed 3rd
- January 9th 2021- Bancoora carnival - Crew rowed A Reserve and placed first!
- January 16th 2021- Cape Bridgewater State Team Selections- Crew rowed A Reserve and narrowly missed representing Victoria (2nd)
- February 6th 2021- Lorne Masters Championships - 180+ champions!
- February 7th 2021- Lorne Carnival- Crew made final in A Reserve
- March 5th 2021- Mollymook (NSW) ASRL Masters - 180+ Age Group:
 - 3.35kms - 3 Races: 3rd, 2nd and 3rd - Missed final by 1 point!
 - Pulled out of A Reserve - big, windy conditions
- April 5th 2021- Torquay Victorian State Championships A Reserve - Finished 4th in the state. Great rowing!
- April 19th 2021- Alexandra Headlands Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 180+ - Made semi-finals but missed the final by one place!
- April 21st 2021 - A Reserve Aussie Championships - Missed out on cut.

Dean Dwyer

Boat Captain - Shearwaters



**OUR
SHEARWATERS**

The Firebirds hit the water training in early November this year, a little later than usual, however it had been a very “different” 12 months that’s for sure! We had several injuries & illnesses and various work commitments for our crew throughout the season, so to say we slightly modified our training and competition plans is an understatement. That’s not to say we didn’t all put in, on the contrary, we found ways to train smarter and on our own or in pairs.

When we did all get in the boat, our trusty “super coach / sweep”, Greg Dalton, really made sure we made the most of it! All the hard work certainly paid off and we hit our reduced competition schedule at full speed;

- December 19th 2020, Ocean Grove - Crew rowed A Reserve, finished 2nd overall after a count back. Great start to the competitive season.
- February 6th 2021, Victorian SLS Masters Championships - 180+ years Champions, 4th year in a row.
- April 5th 2021, Victorian SLS Open Titles, Torquay - Crew rowed A Reserve and finished 2nd in the final after qualifying 4th.
 - Inspirational stuff from our sweep Greg Dalton, who wouldn’t let the Firebirds forget why they had worked so hard and what they needed to do to get some “bling” around their necks.
 - The Gopro footage of that race is well worth a view!
- April 19th 2021, Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, Alexandra Headlands QLD - 180+ years Silver medalists.
 - Great rowing by the crew, in hardly any surf (not our favourite conditions). Second place in the country for our age group saw the Firebirds bring home some more “bling” and the first ever National surf boat medal for the Club.



OUR FIREBIRDS

All of our successes on the big stages this year wouldn't be possible without our amazing sweep / coach / mentor, Greg Dalton. The time, effort (and patience) he puts in for the Firebirds is so very much appreciated by the whole crew.

With such a disrupted season, the Firebirds also had many "fill ins" for training sessions over the months, and again, our success wouldn't have been possible if these people hadn't stepped up and helped out: Tania Dalton, Adam McCosh, Dean Dwyer and Shaun Murrhiy.

It goes without saying, that the whole Shearwaters crew, and the trusty support team, were always there encouraging and cheering on the Firebirds and everyone's contribution was greatly appreciated and played a vital part in the Firebirds success this season.

Brooke Green
Boat Captain - Firebirds



VALE - KEN SUTHERLAND

During the first year of formation of the Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club, Ken gained his Bronze Medallion in the first training squad. He was the first Club Secretary (1951 - 1959), first Club Captain (1951 - 1957) and first Chief Instructor (1951 - 1957). He was made a Life Member of the Club in 2011.

He came to Port Fairy as a graduate to work as an industrial chemist with Glaxo Laboratories and later worked for Nestles in Dennington. He was a very active community member for nearly 10 years before moving to Sydney.

Ken, his wife Betty and son and daughter are well remembered members of the Port Fairy community. Ken died on the 2nd July 2021. He was 94 years of age.



Keith Richardson, Park Fitzgibbon, Kirain Dalton, George Dusting, **Ken Sutherland**, and Ray Fitzgibbon

The Board of Directors of the Port Fairy Surf Life Saving Club would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to every single one of our members. From our patrolling members, to our Nipper families, to our life members and competitors, and all of our committee members, you are all what makes our Club so great to be involved in.

To Ian Powell, our outgoing President - after 14 years at the helm you leave our Club in fantastic shape to tackle whatever the future may hold. Thank you for everything you have done for our Club. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and will not be forgotten. Our gratitude is immense.

We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces back at the Club in season 2021/22.

Thank you.

