



The Mine

Newsletter of Point Leo SLSC

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President's Report

It has been another challenging year in Victoria and my heart goes out to the many club members that have done it so tough. Thankfully, with the end of lockdown and easing of restrictions, there is some normality and finally some socialising, training, and fun back into our lives. Let's look to the season ahead with anticipation, enthusiasm, and a keen sense of optimism. It is exciting; and I am so looking forward to this season where we can all connect. But let's hope that the weather improves!

SEASON KICK OFF !

Much planning, again, has been done in the background to ensure that we provide Point Leo SLSC programs and operations in a CovidSafe manner. Our club guiding principle is to keep Club members

and the public as safe as possible in the most practical way. A huge thanks to Tamara Brawn who has led the PanTeam and devoted an enormous amount of time and energy developing the plans in alignment with LSV guidelines for our Club. Also, thanks to the PanTeam, Tarena Murray, Jason Romari, Andrew Welsh, and Jon Ford who have assisted in the development of plans in ensuring our club remains a CovidSafe place. Special mention to Andrew Welsh and Andrew Gibson for their contribution in preparing the clubhouse so that it complies with CovidSafe practices.

Well done Britt Morgenthaler, our Chief Instructor, who has commenced Life Saving training, kicking off with the Surf Rescue Certificate course. We thank Britt for the endless hours of planning and for her commitment to providing another enjoyable SRC in a CovidSafe manner.

Thanks to Romy Lipszyc and Bridget Barnes for being so organised in organising patrols and Patrol schedule. Looking forward to seeing patrols on the beach. Well done!

The Junior Surf Lifesaving Program Team headed by Diana McKellar continue to plan for a CovidSafe JSLP. The Team has managed to increase numbers to include over 460 nippers, so this is an incredibly challenging

task so thanks Dianna and to the team for their ongoing commitment to providing a quality program.

Membership renewals and the beginning of the season is always a remarkably busy time for Kim Williams so thanks Kim for your ongoing commitment to our club.

Great to see that SurfSports, seniors and JSLP have commenced training. Exciting to be back in the water and on the beach as a group. Thanks to Jon Ford and the coaches for their continual dedication.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Extremely exciting! The building sub-committee led by Luke Treadwell is currently undertaking internal works at the club, planning and developing a new multi-purpose and caretaker's room.

Also, plans for the external storage area and enhanced outdoor spaces, continue to develop in the background. We continue to work with Foreshore Committee, and value our collaborative relationship here in ensuring that we maintain the integrity of our beach and surrounds. We continue to source Government Grants to assist in funding of this project and I thank Mick Treadwell for his commitment here. We also appreciate the many generous donations towards this project from Club members and will

embark on further fund raising over the summer season. Much thanks to Luke Treadwell and Simon Merrigan and all the subcommittee for the time dedicated to this project.

SPONSORSHIP

We would like to welcome C Fulton Garden and Building Supplies to our club. Thank you for your contribution to our Junior Surf lifesaving Program. We greatly appreciate their support. C Fulton Garden and Building Supplies has just opened a new site at 2165 Frankston - Flinders Rd, Hastings VIC 3915 so be sure to visit to get all your gardening and crushed rock supplies.

We acknowledge with gratitude all our sponsors including Vantage Fuels and Bowser Bean Café, Paton Real Estate BlueScope Westernport, Bluegum and Mornington Prime Cuts for support of our club through the active season. We will forge ahead with mutual recognition for the upcoming season.

Our relationship with the Balnarring and District Community Branch of Bendigo Bank continues to strengthen. We have developed a strong partnership with the Community Bank and value our enduring relationship.

Point Leo SLSC sincerely thanks the Balnarring and District Community Bank for support of our club and looks forward to further collaboration in the upcoming season.

We are sincerely grateful for the contribution of all Point Leo SLSC sponsors and encourage club members to support these businesses in acknowledgement of their support.

GET INVOLVED!

Remember that there are several important activities to be performed and managed across the various portfolios of the Point Leo SLSC to

ensure efficient and successful operations. I urge you to get involved; there are plenty of opportunities across all areas to find something that will interest and inspire you. Please contact me at president@pointleoslsc.com.au or any of the committee members if you feel like you would like to contribute or be involved in any way. Involvement is rewarding and can be much fun.

I also want to thank the committee for all their challenging work and dedication behind the scenes. I continue to enjoy collaborating with this fabulous and passionate bunch of people who are committed to the best interests of Point Leo SLSC.

Stay well and stay safe.

Julia O'Shaughnessy

SLSA – National Patrol Service Awards

We proudly acknowledge and recognise the following Point Leo SLSC members who have each received an individual National Patrol Service Award from Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA).

The Award recognises the achievements of lifesaving volunteer members for their long service to surf lifesaving patrols.

We have such incredibly experienced members, some of which have been patrolling a very long time and have willingly dedicated themselves to keeping our Point Leo beach safe.

As we lead into another summer season, we can have great comfort in knowing the depth of knowledge and experience of our patrolling members is supporting our community.

Thank you to the following people for keeping our great Club strong.

Who can catch up to the formidable Andrew Gibson, OAM?

McDonald	Clayton	30 Years
Gibson	Andrew	25 Years
Royal-Hebblewhite	Michelle	15 Years
Ford	Isabella	10 Years
Hough	Patrick	"
Jones	Morgan	"
Lipszyc	Adam	"
Lipszyc	Romy	"
Rydberg	Hayden	"
Austin	Isabella	5 Years
Barnes	Bridget	"
Clarke	Nathaniel	"
Doherty	Ellie	"
Ford	Jon	"
Ford	Nicholas	"
Gluskie	Isabella	"
Hoskins	Charlotte	"
Laussen	Ella	"
Laussen	William	"
Lethlean	Stacey	"
Marcus	Malcolm	"
McFarlane	Thomas	"
McKenzie	Alasdair	"
McMeeken	Lily	"
Merrigan	Simon	"
Morgenthaler	Ky	"
Mourney	Bruce	"
Starr	Jane	"
Walsh	James	"
Warner	Bella	"
Wilkins	Danielle	"
Woods	Bodhi	"
Woods	Nicholas	"

Clayton McDonald has now retired from patrolling. He commenced patrolling in 1979/80 so has actually completed 40 years of patrol, but unfortunately there are several years of records missing so we are unable to provide the necessary evidence to SLSA to verify the earlier years of his patrolling history for a 40 year award to be approved.

Sarah Jo Mason

Andrew Ford – Thank you for your nipper donation

It's so exciting that we can celebrate our 40th Nipper program anniversary with some new equipment that has generously been donated to us from one of our members.

After many years helping with beach set up, Andrew Ford knew the challenges of using the existing equipment for a growing program. Andrew's three children (Harvey, Evie, and Fraser) have all been involved in the Nipper program in recent years.

Andrew wanted to thank Point Leo SLSC for making each summer for his children so educational and so much fun. Knowing that his children could navigate their way safely in the beach and open water environment was of utmost importance to him. The long-lasting friendships made were a bonus and is what brings Andrew and his family back each season.

Thanks to Andrew, the Nipper program has purchased new tug of war ropes, fitness equipment, a volleyball set, parachute and bean bag sets. Wow Andrew, you have now raised the 'fun' bar higher at Nippers!

It's through the generosity of Nipper volunteers like Andrew, that we can feel certain our great Nipper program will continue for many more years to come.

Thank you again, Andrew, see you at Dude's Bar!

Sarah Jo Mason

Celebrating 40 years of Nippers

This year, Point Leo is celebrating 40 years since the beginning of nippers. As a celebration of this, we take a look back at Nippers history.

Photos provided by Alf Treadwell



Pictured 2 - The first Nipper of the Year award presented to Caroline Kidd by Peter Whilans.



Pictured 3 - The 1989 Under 6 group with Alf as leader.



Pictured 1 - A visit from the Uncle Toby's Iron men and women in the late 90s. These visits were always very successful amongst the nippers!

Point Leo Training Courses

This year, the Point Leo Instructors have risen to the challenges of COVID restrictions as we've seen the beginning of a huge season of Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC), Bronze, Advance Resuscitation Training Certificate (ARTC) and First Aid (FA) courses.

The first SRC Camp was run on the weekend of the 31st October with no power or reception due to the storms that hit Victoria that week. Since then over 50 SRCs have achieved their certificate across 3 separate courses, and are now qualified to patrol this season.

We've also seen 15 patrolling members achieving their ARTC & FA through the Point Leo course run on the 6th November, establishing a well-skilled group of members for the upcoming patrol season.

Thanks as always must go to all of the trainers and assessors; Brittany Morgenthaler, Ella Laussen, Zali Cargill and Andrew Gibson as well as all of the water safety who came down to assist. We look forward to seeing all newly qualified members down on the beach this season!

Ella Swaney



Pictured 4 - SRC trainees practicing their tube rescues



Pictured 5 - SRC trainees practicing patient assessment and CPR

As always, many thanks to our wonderful sponsors:

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