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June - July 2024



From the President - Laura Dixon



Last month, we celebrated our club awards night. It was so lovely to be able to recognise just a fraction of our dedicated volunteers for their time, dedication and expertise.

We were fortunate to have the Todd Rockcliff Lifesaver of the Year award (awarded to Ross Beveridge pictured below) presented by Todd's family. Todd tragically drowned off Penguin Island after getting caught in the rip in 1985, aged just 15.

A dreadful event which ultimately led to the sparking of community call out for a local surf club. It was some years and the passion and effort of many that eventually got the club off the ground. Todd's story reminded us the very real reason we are all here - to save lives and prevent such terrible events happening to other families. We gratefully thank the Rockcliff family for their support of our club and appreciate them coming to share their experience.



Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is fast approaching. It will be held on Sunday June 16th at 3.00 pm at the club house and all are welcome to attend. Nomination forms were emailed but if you need one please contact portsorellslc@gmail.com

If you have completed your form, please return before the AGM if possible. If you would like to get involved but aren't sure what roles involve please reach out to Laura to discuss on 0401 842 966.

Key dates

Sun 16 June - Annual General Meeting at the Club at 3.00 pm.

Sat 22 June - Winter Solstice Splash from 3.30 pm see Facebook event for details.

Sat 28 July - Devonport Jazz event at the Club, watch Facebook and Club Notice board for details.

Child Safety & RWVP Cards

Surf Life Saving Tasmania (SLST) prioritises the safety and well-being of the children and young people within our community. In alignment with this commitment and our ongoing process to adopt the Child and Youth Safe Standards, the SLST Board has mandated new safety protocols, to be implemented immediately across the membership of all affiliated clubs and units.

All SLST members aged 18 and over must hold a current registration to work with vulnerable people card RWVP (previously known as WWVP). This includes:

- ensuring all details are accurately registered in the Tasmanian Government's RWVP register,
- and that each member has completed the SLST's online Child Safe Awareness course.

The new requirements for RWVP cards does not just affect surf life saving but all voluntary organisations across Tasmania. If you are a current club member or are looking to become a club member or if your child will be joining Nippers this season then we ask that you please apply for your RWVP card now and name Port Sorell Surf Lifesaving Club Saving Club as the organisation you volunteer with.

You can register for your RWVP card here: <https://cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/work-with-vulnerable-people>

If you have any questions please reach out by emailing portsorellslc@gmail.com.

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Ready to lead

Our President, Laura Dixon was recently awarded a scholarship through Surf Life Saving Tasmania to attend the Ready to Lead Program run by Women in Lifesaving, Life Saving Victoria.

This is one of a number of amazing opportunities open to our Surf Club members through the organisation, which not only empowers individuals but also improves their skills and capabilities with great benefits for our Clubs.

Laura is pictured below with other successful recipients of the scholarship, during a workshop session held in Melbourne.



Winter events

Our Market by the Beach team are working really hard to bring events to our community. How wonderful to know we don't need to travel into Devonport to participate. Join in our Winter Solstice swim, grab some friends, dress up, have a laugh, a family friendly, safe event. Come along and hear some Jazz in late July, and a chocolate event in August. Your support of our events contributes to funds that ensures surf life saving activities continue. Details

Website: www.portsorellslsc.org.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc>

Email: portsorellslsc@gmail.com

Volunteers

Our club, situated by the beach, lends itself to hosting events and functions. Like most Clubs we rely on volunteers to perform a range of duties at these events.

We are particularly keen to hear from people who would like to spare some of their time manning our bar. You will need the Responsible Serving of Alcohol certificate or if you don't have this but are keen to help, please reach out to us on email: portsorellslsc@gmail.com. The bar shifts are a short duration and generally with two people per shift depending on the size of the function.

Next season

If you would like to know more about joining a patrol team over summer, crewing or driving our inflatable rescue boats, or becoming a Patrol Captain, please reach out to Jesse Beveridge on 0456 781 143.

Strategic plan

On the back page of the newsletter, you will see a draft Strategic Plan (SP) for our club. The intention of the SP is to provide objectives and an action plan that will help drive our growth and success.

It is important that members understand the SP and if you have questions, please raise them with our President Laura Dixon before the AGM. Once the SP is ratified at the AGM, a set of actions will be developed that will require membership support to achieve.

We hope to have a club member appointed to drive the strategic plan actions and keep us all accountable. The future of our Club does rely on us working together to realise our objectives.

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Strategic Plan 2023 - 2028

<h3>Vision</h3>	Bringing the community to the beach		<h3>Core Values</h3>
<h3>Mission</h3>	To create a safe and healthy beach community by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having fun together on and off the beach • Learning with and from each other • Developing lifelong personal and community skills • Protecting community and promoting healthy lives 		Be respectful Embrace Opportunities Be supportive Opportunities Be responsible Give your best effort
<h3>Strategic Priorities</h3>			
<h4>Rescue Ready 365</h4>	<h4>Community engagement</h4>	<h4>Members matter</h4>	<h4>Inspiration & education</h4>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure patrol equipment is fit for purpose and a replacement schedule is in place • Have a well-trained IRB crew to be rescue ready and capable of responding to community needs • More members participating in pathways to 'rescue ready' lifesavers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even greater presence and relevance in the local community year round • Promote and provide an awareness of the role of SLSC in the community and safe beach practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a welcoming, well organised and inclusive organisation that is seen as a community hub • Improve flexibility to enhance volunteer participation and satisfaction to support surf club activities • Growing membership • Be seen as a community that values membership-for-life beyond family (Nipper) involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and provide quality education to PSSLSC Members • Increase in the number of trainers and assessors at PSSLSC • Provide nippers and seniors with knowledge and skills that will foster lifelong learning practices
<h3>Strategic enabler: Financial Sustainability</h3>			