



# EVERYDAY LIFESAVERS

PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, EMPOWERED WITH SKILLS TO SAVE LIVES.

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# MISSION

To prevent aquatic related death and injury in all Victorian communities.

# VISION

That all Victorians will enjoy our aquatic environment after learning water safety, swimming and resuscitation.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## It gives me great pleasure to present Life Saving Victoria's Annual Report for 2012/13 and to deliver my first review since assuming the role of President of LSV in November 2012.

Having commenced my Presidency half way through the financial year, I cannot claim as my own the many achievements of the organisation. Indeed, as is always the case with an organisation that is driven by its volunteers, the credit belongs to no one man or woman; it is shared by the many. I would however like to make special mention of my predecessor, Michael Martin AM, who has served as LSV President with such distinction and whose big shoes I must now try and fill. More about Mike later.

This 2012/13 Report sets out an impressive list of achievements and progress across a range of activities and initiatives. It also provides a glimpse of the many challenges and opportunities that confront us as we seek to deliver on our mission of a safe aquatic environment for Victoria.

It is essential that LSV has a sound financial base to meet the many needs of its members and the community. This year we have posted a modest but sound operating surplus of some \$225,000, roughly in line with our 2012 result. This allows us to maintain our financial reserves so that we can make strategic investments in services and manage unforeseen fluctuations in expenses or income.

Lifesaving is built on its people – volunteers and a dedicated staff – and I am delighted to acknowledge a number of outstanding individual member achievements, including:

- Daniel Sullivan (Woolamai Beach SLSC) – awarded DHL Lifeguard of the Year at the Surf Life Saving Australia Awards of Excellence in October 2012;

- Dianne Montalto ESM (Edithvale LSC), was appointed as President of the Royal Life Saving Society – Australia;
- Lisa Happ, (Jan Juc SLSC) – was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women;
- Minty Saberi (Edithvale LSC) – was one of 17 Australians selected as new People of Australia Ambassadors; and
- Immediate Past President Mike Martin (Anglesea SLSC) - recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2013, being admitted as a Member of the Order of Australia.

Congratulations to each of these members, for their inspiring accomplishments and contributions.

The year has not been without its challenges and I am pleased to say that LSV has taken these on diligently and embraced them as opportunities for progress.

The safety of our members is paramount and the loss of life in lifesaving activities over recent years has been a source of great sadness and concern. Extensive safety reviews by Surf Life Saving Australia have already brought about changes to our approach to Personal Protective Equipment. As our investigations and research progress, there will be more changes. LSV has wholeheartedly embraced the new safety measures introduced by Surf Life Saving Australia and we will work closely with our clubs to ensure new safety equipment and protocols are rolled out successfully across the state. These measures are essential in a movement that is continuously evolving and improving its techniques and procedures.

I have also been actively engaged in Surf Life Saving Australia's reform of its governance, following an independent review commissioned by SLSA and delivered by Deloitte in late 2012. Changes already implemented have simplified and focussed the national Board. Our objective is to deliver the best in sound and contemporary governance practice while respecting the critical role of volunteers in key aspects of decision making.

Although in numbers our beach lifesaving volunteers are the biggest part of our organisation, they are just one, albeit very important, aspect. Our work spans water safety and drowning prevention for all waterways across the state, and we also work closely with Royal Life Saving Society – Australia in these endeavours.

I would like to thank the Victorian Government for its continued support, through the Play it Safe by the Water initiative, as well as a range of other programs. To our sponsors, partners and supporters, thank you for your continued backing throughout the year.

To my fellow Directors who have served on the LSV board over the past year (and in some cases many years), thank you for your contributions to shaping LSV as the peak water safety organisation in Victoria. Special acknowledgement must go to Mike Martin, Nancy Joseph, Ric Mitchell, Mark Scott and Martin Walsh, all of whom retired this year.

Thanks also goes to our CEO, Nigel Taylor, for his dedication throughout the year, and particularly for his strategic work in positioning LSV for upcoming opportunities and future challenges. To all the staff at LSV, thank you for your work throughout the year. Whether you have delivered new projects, or kept up our business as usual, every contribution plays an important role in the progress of our organisation.

And finally, a sincere thank you to all of our valued volunteers. From nippers to masters and all the roles in between, I thank you for your dedication to keeping our beaches safe, be it through beach patrols, assisting with junior programs, sports, serving on club, state and national committees, and helping out behind the scenes in administration and fundraising. Every contribution counts and is greatly appreciated.

Yours in lifesaving,

**Tom Mollenkopf**  
President, Life Saving Victoria

# CEO'S OVERVIEW

Once again it is a pleasure to provide a brief strategic and operational overview of the 2012/13 year; a year in which LSV continued to evolve into the community/government partnership as a water safety delivery mechanism for all Victorians.

In terms of the big numbers, unfortunately the drowning toll was up this year. The medium-term trend is still down, with the year's increase coming about as a result of an increase in drowning deaths of people over 60 years. This age category has been given little focus in the past and will require some new thinking as we aim to address it in the future.

On a brighter note, LSV again had a new record membership. At 28,463 we are getting closer to our aim of having 30,000 members by 2015. Recruitment and retention are a pivotal part of LSV's strategy to deliver on its commitment to community responsibility for water safety provision, particularly in the area of lifesaving patrol services.

As part of addressing retention, it is important that club facilities continue to be improved. This year saw the construction of a new clubhouse at Carrum and the start of building at Fairhaven. These are both clubhouses of the future and will play a key role in bringing the club and broader community together in both areas.

This year was also the year we began to transition towards a new strategic plan. This new plan will see an orderly extension of recent developmental trends. In summary the themes will be:

- **LSV from Anywhere** – use of technology to bring us closer together.
- **Everyday Lifesavers** – everyone can play a role in making our community safer.
- **Resource Ready** – adequate financing and other resourcing of all strategies and initiatives.

As examples of LSV from Anywhere, in 2012/13 we saw the launch of the new online education portal – 'Education from Anywhere', the trial of online patrols sign-on and off – 'Communication from Anywhere', the introduction of the capability to do the theory component of the Bronze Medallion requalification on your mobile device – 'Learn from Anywhere' and the development of a more comprehensive online registration process for commercial candidates – 'Register from Anywhere'.

## IT IS BECOMING EVIDENT THAT ONE OF THE BIG CHALLENGES IN CREATING 'EVERYDAY LIFESAVERS' IS THE GENERAL SWIMMING CAPABILITY OF THE VICTORIAN COMMUNITY.

As for 'Everyday Lifesavers', we saw the continued development of participants in our multicultural programs to the point whereby some who originally were learning to swim are now qualified swim instructors or pool lifeguards. Others assisted with our rock fishing initiative and have become ambassadors for this safety campaign in their communities and in the media. We also saw examples of students applying learnings from recent LSV school visits to save lives in everyday situations.

Other examples of 'Everyday Lifesavers' included the introduction of LSV's Female Leadership Network to inspire female lifesaving members of all ages and the Building Leaders Scholarship program continuing the development of 'Everyday Lifesavers' in Sri Lanka.

It is becoming evident that one of the big challenges in creating 'Everyday Lifesavers' is the general swimming capability of the Victorian community.

Our research into the swimming capability of students finishing primary school is nearing completion, with the key finding that either 40 per cent (parents view) or 60 per cent (teachers view) of Year 6 students cannot swim more than 50 metres. Improving this situation will be a key challenge for the new strategic plan and will require a significant commitment from the industry and government alike.

LSV's Training Services area has won three major contracts to deliver aquatic industry and first aid training for William Angliss Institute (resort management and outdoor recreation training), YMCA Victoria (aquatic and first response training) and the Victorian Department of Human Services (first aid and CPR). It is very pleasing and exciting for LSV to be selected for these training partnerships, as it consolidates our position in the industry. It also confirms LSV as a market leader for these commercial training services.

In the sporting arena, LSV athletes competed on the world stage at Rescue 2012, which was held in Adelaide from November 7-18, 2012 and included five separate competitions - World National Team Championships, World Interclub Championships, World Masters Championships, World Surf Boat Championships, and World Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships. I am pleased to report that LSV athletes performed admirably, both in spirit and competition, bringing home 12 gold medals across a range of events.

Extensive safety reviews by Surf Life Saving Australia have brought about changes to our Personal Protective Equipment this year. As an organisation, it is important that we continuously review and improve our services and safety measures to ensure the best possible environment for our members and beachgoers.

As a result we are working closely with our clubs to introduce new safety equipment, including lifejackets for IRBs and helmets for surf boat rowing as quickly and effectively as possible.

LSV continued to develop the Community Government Partnership Model for delivering water safety in Victoria. With support from the Department of Justice, we established a new senior position dedicated to industry and government relations. The new senior position will assist in strengthening LSV's linkages with emergency management in Victoria and enhance our capabilities in working with the aquatic industry and the community.

Financially, we were able to produce a positive result in 2012/13. In difficult economic times, we have been regularly reminded of the need to be prudent in future planning. We would not have been able to achieve our current position without the valued support of Government, our sponsors and partners (noted in the supporters section of this report) and donors. I note our sincere appreciation for the generosity of all our supporters.

Finally, with so many activities to be delivered, we are reliant on the input of so many valued volunteers, members, supporters, officials and staff. Personally and on behalf of LSV generally, I note our appreciation and admiration of your vital input. To the LSV Board (past and present members), ably led by our new President Tom Mollenkopf, the two lifesaving national bodies and the various committees, thank you for your contributions and generosity in so many forms.



Nigel Taylor ESM  
CEO



## OUR RESEARCH INTO THE SWIMMING CAPABILITY OF STUDENTS FINISHING PRIMARY SCHOOL IS NEARING COMPLETION, WITH THE KEY FINDING THAT EITHER 40 PER CENT (PARENTS VIEW) OR 60 PER CENT (TEACHERS VIEW) OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS CANNOT SWIM MORE THAN 50 METRES.



# OUR BOARD

## Mr Michael Martin AM

LSV President (until November 2012)  
Appointed: November 2002  
– Resigned November 2012  
Occupation: Company Director,  
Chemical Engineer

Mike is a company director and was President of LSV from 2006 until 2012. He is also a Board member of Surf Life Saving Australia and the President of Surf Life Saving Victoria. He has been involved with the Anglesea SLSC since 1979 and is a Life Member of Anglesea SLSC, SLSA and LSV. He expands his volunteer contributions with his committee membership of the Honours and Awards Committee.

## Mr Tom Mollenkopf

LL.B., B.Juris., MBA., FAICD., FCSA

LSV President and Board Chairman  
Appointed: November 2012  
Occupation: Company Director

Tom is a Company Director and Independent Advisor. He is a Board Director of Western Water, WaterAid Australia and SLSA. He is a former Chair of the Water Industry Superannuation Fund and Director of Water Australia Solutions Ltd.

Tom was CEO of the Australian Water Association from 2007 until 2013. Prior to that he was Deputy Executive Director of the International Water Association based in London. From 1995 to 2005 he was a General Manager at South East Water in Melbourne. Tom's background is in law, first in private practice and then as corporate counsel.

In addition to being a Life Member of Point Leo SLSC (where he maintains his lifesaving proficiency), Tom chairs the Gary Tierney Foundation.

## Mr Nicolas Hall

Appointed: August 2006  
Occupation: Aquatics Manager

Nic currently works within local government in the aquatic and recreation industry. In his current role, he is the manager responsible for the operation of a number of community aquatic and leisure centres.

He has been involved in the provision of aquatic education, from beginner level 'learn to swim' through to the training of professional pool lifeguards, for almost four decades.

During this time he has held positions with the Community Aquatic Education Council at LSV and with its predecessor the Community Education Council of the Royal Life Saving Society, Victoria Branch where he continues as a member of the Board of Directors. Nic is a Life Member of LSV.

## Mr Allan Holmes

Appointed: September 2012  
Occupation: Retired

Allan is a retired former businessman. He is a former Victorian State Manager and Victorian Sales Manager of Auspine Limited and Wills Timber.

Allan has had an involvement in lifesaving spanning 47 years. He has been a member of the Apollo Bay SLSC for the past 45 years, during this period he has held many Executive Committee positions including President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Also during this period he has held many Committee positions with Surf Life Saving Victoria and now LSV.

For his commitment Allan has been awarded with Life Membership of LSV and the Apollo Bay SLSC.

## Ms Nancy Joseph MBA

Appointed: March 2006 – Resigned June 2013  
Occupation: Community & Stakeholder Manager

Nancy is a Communications and Government Affairs Manager, spanning a number of organisations including not-for-profit, federal politics, corporate and public sector.

Nancy is a long standing member of the lifesaving movement. Her contribution to lifesaving has spanned 23 years at club, state and national levels, where she has held numerous committee positions. She was made a Life Member of the Fairhaven SLSC for her ongoing contribution and in 2011 awarded the Graeme Long Memorial Medal - Victorian Volunteer of the Year and the DHL Australian Volunteer of the Year for her volunteer contributions to lifesaving, particularly her role in developing leadership programs to ensure the long term sustainability of lifesaving.

Nancy continues her commitment as an active member of the Fairhaven SLSC, and is currently a member of the SLSA Standing Development Committee and Youth Development Committee.

## Dr Michael Kennedy

OAAM., DBA., B.Bus., FAICD., FCILT., FLGPRO

LSV Company Secretary  
Appointed: November 2002  
– Resigned October 2012  
Occupation: Chief Executive Officer

Michael is Chief Executive Officer of Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. He is a Director of Inner East Community Health Service and Chair of Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network.

Prior to Michael's 20 years as a local government CEO he held senior positions in the shipping, transport, logistics and manufacturing sectors.

Michael was Life Saving Victoria's founding Chairman, and an Independent Director for six years.

## Ms Catherine McCraith

B.App Sci (Phys Ed.), LL.B (Hons)  
Appointed: June 2013  
Occupation: Teacher

Catherine is a mother of three and has a strong personal and close family association with lifesaving in Victoria. Catherine has worked in sport management, recruitment and is currently working in special education with the plan to eventually finish her Masters in education. Catherine has been a member of various clubs including Rosebud, Gunnamatta, Mentone and Point Leo. For the last decade Catherine was LSV's Membership Protection Officer.

## Mr Darren McLeod

Appointed: April 2013  
Occupation: Business Manager

Darren is the Managing Director of a SME in the electronics industry which he has been part of for more than 30 years, and is a member of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services.

Darren has been actively involved in lifesaving since the early 80's when he joined Point Leo SLSC. He is the current President of Seaford LSC where he actively patrols.

In addition to being a Life Member of LSV, Darren is a Life Member of Hampton LSC.

Darren holds a number of committee positions with LSV including the Chair of LSV's Honours and Awards Committee.

## Mr Richard Mitchell

Appointed: August 2010  
– Resigned September 2012  
Occupation: Site Manager

Ric is a Senior Site Manager for AE Smith Air Conditioning and has been in the Construction Industry for 45 years.

Ric is a Life Member of Venus Bay SLSC, LSV and SLSA.

He is currently a member of the SLSA Rules and Technical Committee.

## Mr Mark Scott

Appointed: July 2006  
– Resigned April 2013  
Occupation: Sub Contractor

Mark is a building sub-contractor and has been involved in lifesaving since 1965 as a member of the Wonthaggi LSC. During this period he has held many committee and executive positions and is the current Club President. He is also a board member of the Royal Life Saving Society Australia, Victoria Branch.

Mark has been a LSV board member since 2006 and held the portfolio of Director of Lifesaving Operations. He continues his volunteer contribution on the Life Saving Operations Council Executive, in the role of State Emergency Management Officer. He is also a sports coach, official, trainer and assessor. He is a Life Member of the Wonthaggi LSC and LSV.

## Mr David Schultz

MIEAust., CPEng., GAICD  
Appointed: April 2013  
Occupation: Civil Engineer

David is a Civil Engineer and holds a Company Director Diploma. He is an independent member of the Bass Coast Shire Council Audit Committee and a Non Executive Director of South Gippsland Water.

David has been actively involved with the Inverloch SLSC since it started in 1998, being a member of the first patrol and President of the club from 1999 until 2006.

Previously David held various executive roles with GHD Global including Practice Leader of the Management Consulting practice and Senior Project Director Middle East.

## Mr Stuart Wall

Appointed: February 2011  
Occupation: Project Manager

Stuart Wall is Managing Director – Business Development at Buff Wombat Media.

He is an active member of the Woolamai SLSC. Stuart has been a board member since 2011 in the role of Director of Assessment and Training.

## Mr Martin Walsh

Appointed: December 2006  
– Resigned November 2012  
Occupation: Partner in Public Accounting Practice

Martin is partner at Ernst & Young, Melbourne in the practice areas of Financial Services specializing in asset management and superannuation.

Martin has been actively involved and a major contributor to the Lorne SLSC since 1970, where he held the positions of Beach Captain, Treasurer and Pier to Pub Race Director. He was the former Auditor and Finance Director of Surf Life Saving Victoria from 1996 to 2002. He was appointed to the LSV Board of Directors in 2006 and held the portfolio of Finance, Risk and Audit Committee Chair until 2012. He is currently a Board member of SLSA and Chair of the SLS Foundation.

## Mr Peter Williams

M.Sc., BEng(Mech.), Dip Mech Eng.  
Appointed: April 2013  
Occupation: Business Consultant

Peter is a former executive manager with VicRoads and now provides technical assistance in the development and implementation of international development assistance projects. He has over 20 years experience in the delivery of international projects in Asia and the Middle East. His background is in environmental engineering having worked in the electricity industry and then as a consulting environmental engineer before moving into international project management.

Peter is a Life Member and President of Anglesea SLSC and continues to patrol there. He is also a Trustee of the Anglesea SLSC Foundation.

# LOWERING THE DROWNING TOLL

Our community engages in a wide variety of recreational aquatic activities, visiting Victoria's:



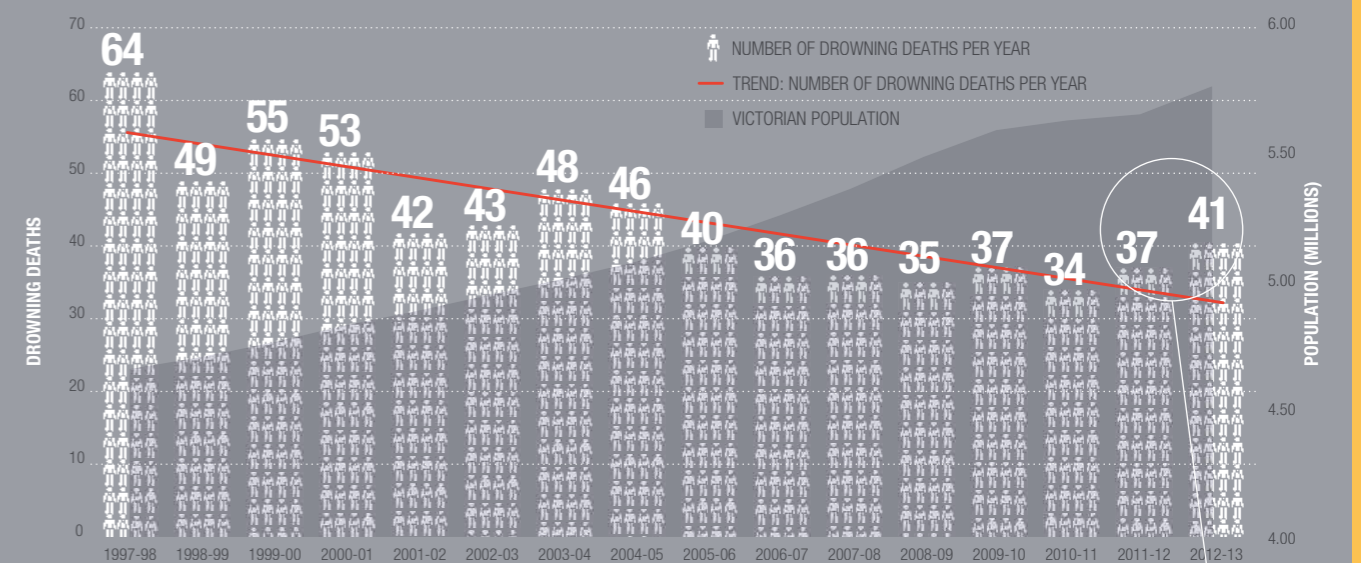
Our prevention efforts span a breadth of activities across these and other locations.

In the past 16 years, there has been an overall decrease (48%) in the number of people drowning in Victoria.

This decrease is even more reassuring given the population growth and subsequent increase in the number

of people enjoying our Victorian waterways and recreational pursuits.

## DROWNING DEATHS IN VICTORIA TRENDING DOWN DESPITE THE INCREASING POPULATION



Drowning deaths in 2012/13 indicate:

- a 65% increase in the drowning rate for people aged 60+ years, compared to the rate over the last decade.
- an increase in drowning deaths in people from multicultural communities.
- a 52% increase in coastal drowning deaths, compared to the last decade.

For more information, refer the 2012/13 Victorian Drowning Report available at [www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au](http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au)

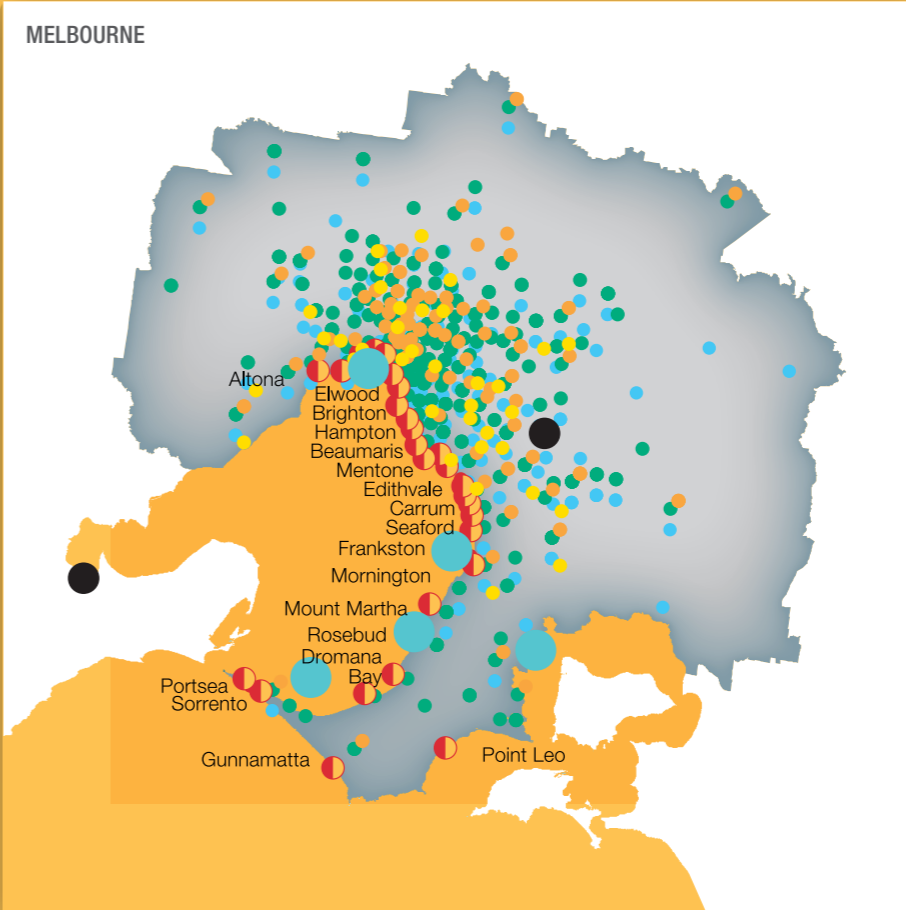
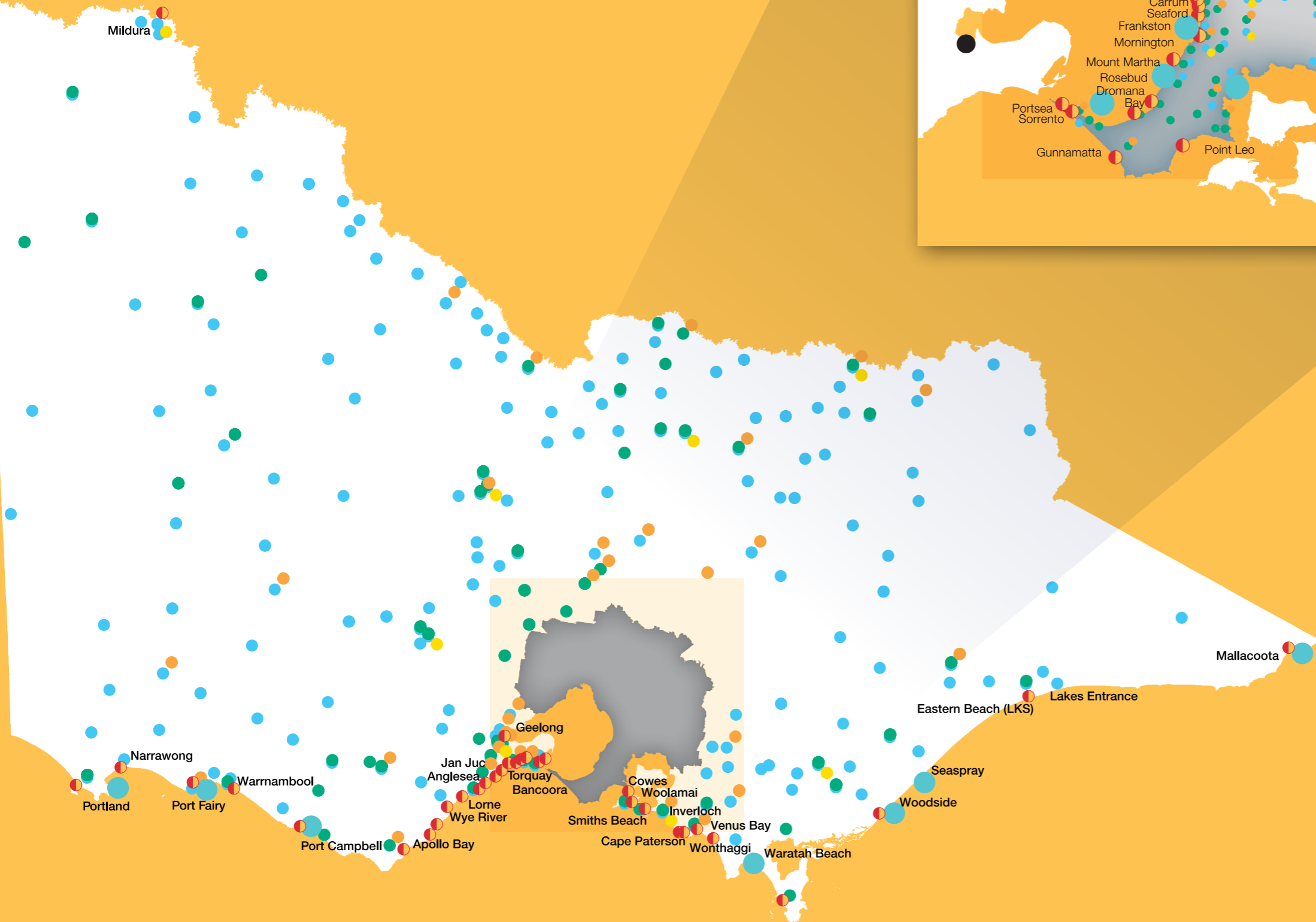
LSV continues to play a pivotal role in bringing together the community, the aquatic industry and Government to enhance water safety in Victoria.

Scan to see the LSV Drowning Report 2012/13



The increased drowning rate per head of population in the last two years highlights the importance of expanding our efforts in providing water safety for our community.

# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



- LIFE SAVING VICTORIA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**
- **Training Services** - includes training programs delivered by staff, licensees and service members
  - **Education Programs** - includes school, open water and aquatic facility based programs
  - **Multicultural Programs** - includes school, open water and aquatic facility based programs
  - **Lifesaving Operations** - includes life saving clubs and patrolled beaches
  - **Aquatic Risk Services** - includes aquatic facility assessments and consultancy services
  - **Marine search and rescue and water craft services**
  - **Life Saver Rescue Helicopter base**

# MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

## SWIMMING ABILITY RESEARCH

An extensive research project was undertaken to investigate the swimming ability of school-aged children in Victoria through a survey of parents and teachers of Year 6 children.

This important research found that at least one in three Year 6 students was likely to be unable to swim 50 metres or float for more than two minutes.

This evidence is being used to inform water safety programs and curriculum recommendations.



VICTORIAN CHILDREN LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOL UNABLE TO SWIM 50M



## FEMALE LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Females are an integral part of the past, present and future of the lifesaving movement. LSV's Female Leadership Network (FLN) was established in June 2013, to celebrate the many roles and facets that females contribute, pay tribute to the exceptional role of our female volunteers and acknowledge the opportunity that lifesaving brings for females to be active, participate, develop and lead. The network is open to all female volunteers and staff aged over 18, and includes networking, mentoring and workshop events for females to share experiences, inspire and be inspired.

In 2014, the FLN will expand its existing reach to also offer two regional programs. These programs will target regional female lifesavers, and endeavour to up skill, empower and provide networking opportunities with likeminded females.



## ROCK FISHING SAFETY

This year LSV commenced a three year rock fishing safety project, incorporating extensive research and communications. The first year of this project has seen delivery of a benchmarking survey, observational study and a successful rock fishing safety workshop, which attracted 22 Chinese rock fishers, as well as initial roll-out of advertising in Chinese and Vietnamese media.



## TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS

This year, LSV has won contracts to deliver training for the Victorian Department of Human Services, William Angliss Institute and YMCA Victoria. These contracts serve as recognition of LSV's high standards of first aid and aquatic training delivery.

A network of training partners has also been established, to enable LSV to offer more diverse training opportunities and grow the training business. Through this network of partners, including Scuba Culture, Victorian Fitness Academy, Coast Guard, Aquatics and Recreation Victoria, Kangan TAFE and Training Sense, LSV is able to increase training opportunities, which not only enhances business but also allows us to specialise in multiple areas.

## SINK OR SWIM PROGRAM

The Sink or Swim program was developed as part of LSV's 'Education from Anywhere' initiative, in response to an increase in drowning of children aged 5-14. The program provides an extensive suite of online teaching resources, to help delivery of water safety lessons in the classroom, across a range of learning areas.

The program also incorporates free Meet a Lifeguard water safety presentations for schools in 'at-risk' areas, due to historic drowning occurrences.



## CARRUM SLSC FACILITY REBUILD

Works were completed this year on the new Carrum SLSC facility.

Construction took place from August 2012 – August 2013, to replace the existing building and provide a two storey facility comprising lifesaving operational facilities, a kiosk and public toilets on the ground floor and a Coastal Resource Centre to promote community activities and provide year round occupancy of the facility.

Sincere thanks to Kingston City Council, which oversaw the project and provided the major funding contribution, as well as the Victorian Government through the Life Saving Victoria capital works program.



## FAIRHAVEN SLSC FACILITY REBUILD

With a growing membership, Fairhaven SLSC secured funding through club members, a public community appeal, club reserves and the Life Saving Victoria capital works program, towards building a new clubhouse to service its needs into the future.

The old clubhouse was demolished late in 2012, and after some delays due to asbestos being found on the site, works commenced in May 2013 to build a new facility on the site.

The new clubhouse is expected to be completed in time for the 2013-14 patrol season, and has been designed to be self-supporting to allow for changing environmental conditions.



## ONLINE REQUALIFICATION SUCCESS

LSV's 'Learn from Anywhere' initiative saw the introduction of Skills Maintenance Online for the 2012/13 season, enabling volunteers to complete the theory component of their annual requalification online.

Over 2200 volunteer lifesavers took up this option to complete their annual update in the convenience of their own time, using their own PCs and mobile devices.

# LIFESAVING OPERATIONS



Lifesaving operations experienced a busy season in 2012/13, with hot weather continuing well into autumn. On two occasions, in early January and over the school holidays following the Easter weekend, lifesaving clubs responded to requests to field additional volunteer patrols beyond their usual commitment due to extreme or unseasonal hot weather.

The season also saw a spike in coastal drowning deaths, increasing to 23 from the 10-year annual average of 15. Sadly, all of these incidents occurred at unpatrolled beaches.

A major achievement in the year was expanding the capacity of LSV Comms, our state-wide communication centre based in Port Melbourne, with additional equipment and volunteer operators. LSV Comms also ran a successful trial, providing the option of online sign-on and sign-off for lifesaving clubs and services.

The annual Lifesaving Conference was again a great success, with 250 members attending to exchange information and updates for the upcoming season, across training, operations and membership and leadership development.

In their second year of service, the Volunteer Support Officers (VSOs) have again proved to be of great assistance to our volunteers, with overwhelmingly positive feedback received from clubs.

## CASE STUDY: 'EVERYDAY LIFESAVERS' ASSIST LIFESAVING OPERATIONS

On Saturday 9 March, the Labour Day long weekend took a tragic turn, with three separate drowning deaths in one day, including two fathers who were trying to rescue their sons from rip currents, and a man in his 30s who was snorkelling at Rye back beach.

Lifesaving services were called to assist with the rescue of a father and son in the water at an unpatrolled beach at St George River, just 1km south of the patrolled beach at Lorne.

An IRB crew from Lorne responded, together with the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter, which assisted in the search operation and the Regional Duty Officer, who assisted in managing the incident and debriefing LSV crews.

On arrival, the Lorne IRB crew found a local policeman had already recovered a young boy from the water to safety on the beach, and was assisting the unconscious father in the water. Lifesavers hauled the man into the IRB and immediately commenced CPR while transporting him to the beach. Paramedics continued CPR on the beach until sadly, the man was pronounced dead.

With lifesaving services having to travel to attend this incident, the quick response of 'Everyday Lifesavers' was critical.

Beachgoers Nick and Claire Costello and responding Lorne Police Sergeant David Cooper were commended for spotting the pair in difficulty in the water and acting quickly to rescue the 12-year-old boy from the rip, before returning to assist his father. Their heroic actions assisted in preventing two lives from being lost in this tragic incident.

Scan to see more about our Lifesaving Operations



## Highlights

- Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopters assisting with Victorian bushfire operations in February 2013. Duties included aerial reconnaissance and operating as an Air Attack Supervisor platform.
- Advanced Lifesaving Camp format restructured to focus on scenario based, practical training to build participants' operational capacity to the highest standards of lifesaving.
- Successful trial of a collaborative signage project with Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and selected lifesaving clubs to better inform public about water quality.

- Planning for new radio network emergency service business case to align LSV with Victoria's emergency services radio communications strategy, which includes LSV moving to a new network that complies with ACMA changes and uses new technologies allowing better service delivery.

## Future developments

- Introduction of new safety measures in line with Surf Life Saving Australia safety initiatives, including roll-out of life jacket use in IRBs by 1 October 2014.
- Roll out of EPA signage project across all Port Phillip Bay lifesaving clubs at EPA monitored locations.

## Supporters

- State Government – Volunteer Emergency Service Equipment Program & Valuing Volunteers grants
- Westpac
- DHL
- AIM Hire
- Barwon Heads Airport
- Moorabbin Airport
- Neann



# 790



## RESCUES

# 85,829

## PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS



# 1738

## FIRST AID ASSISTANCE



# 28,463

## TOTAL MEMBERS

# 2.8

## MILLION

ESTIMATED BEACH ATTENDANCE

# 20%

INCREASE ON PREVIOUS SEASON

# TRAINING



The Training Services department has made great progress in 2012/13, in both supporting training delivery to lifesaving club members and delivery of commercial training courses.

LSV's 'Learn from Anywhere' initiative has seen the introduction of Skills Maintenance Online, enabling volunteers to complete the theory component of their annual requalification online, in their own time, using their own devices, including home PCs, laptops, tablets and smartphones.

Over 2200 volunteer lifesavers took up this option to complete, with overwhelmingly positive feedback.

In addition to this, LSV has developed an online registration process for commercial training, which significantly reduces the amount of paperwork for both participants and the training administration team at LSV. The initiative will be trialled with volunteer training during the 2013/14 season.

In the commercial arena, LSV has won contracts to deliver training for the Victorian Department of Human Services (Sole Supplier), William Angliss Institute (Sole Supplier) and YMCA Victoria (Preferred Supplier). These contracts serve as recognition of LSV's high standards of first response and aquatic training delivery.

A network of training partners has also been established, to enable LSV to offer more diverse training opportunities and grow the training business. Through this network of partners, LSV is able to increase training opportunities, which not only enhances business but also allows specialisation in multiple areas.

Another key focus of the year has been engaging with LSV trainers.

A series of workshops were held across the state during the year, to enable trainers and assessors to update their qualifications in line with updates to nationally recognised training packages, as well as to provide feedback about their experiences, which is valuable for LSV's continuous improvement of training processes and delivery.

## CASE STUDY: CPR QUALIFICATION TURNS EVERYDAY SHOPPING INTO 'EVERYDAY LIFESAVING'

LSV Logistics Officer Bruce Andrew stepped up to become an 'Everyday Lifesaver' when a man collapsed in front of him at Highpoint Shopping Centre.

Seeing the man was alone and no one else was assisting, Bruce jumped in to assess his condition and upon finding him unresponsive and not breathing, commenced CPR.

Bruce engaged assistance from a bystander to help him with the CPR and another to call the ambulance. Together they continued CPR, keeping the man alive until paramedics arrived.

Bruce says that he saw the man on the ground and when no one jumped in, he realised that he needed to act.

"My heart was racing but I knew I had to do something.

"I knew from doing CPR training at LSV that doing something is better than doing nothing."

Ambulance Victoria have since informed Bruce that the man survived, and praised Bruce and others who assisted for their early intervention and actions.

Bruce completed his CPR training with LSV 12 months ago. His quick actions show just how important it is to have 'Everyday Lifesavers' out and about in our community.

Scan to see more about our Training activities



### Highlights

- Success of skills maintenance online, with over 2200 volunteer lifesavers completing the theory component of their requalification online.
- Roll out of online and face-to-face Certificate IV in Training and Education upgrade course for LSV trainers and assessors.
- Success in achieving new training delivery partnerships with William Angliss, Department of Human Services and YMCA Victoria.
- Developed network of training partners to assist in LSV training delivery, including Scuba Culture, Victorian Fitness Academy, Coast Guard, Aquatics and Recreation Victoria (Watch Around Water Program), Kangan TAFE and Training Sense.

### Future developments

- Increasing LSV's online learning delivery.
- CPR and Senior First Aid training online.

### Supporters

- Laerdal
- Department of State Development Business and Innovation – Broadband Enabled Innovation Project (BEIP) funding



# 29,614

COMMERCIAL COURSE PARTICIPANTS

VOLUNTEER QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED DURING THE 2012/13 SEASON

# 133

CERTIFICATE II PUBLIC SAFETY (AQUATIC RESCUE) QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED

# 1569

# 5582

INCREASE IN SILVER MEDALLION BASIC BEACH MANAGEMENT PARTICIPANTS

# 17%



INCREASE IN POOL LIFEGUARD PARTICIPANTS

# 28%



INCREASE IN DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE PARTICIPANTS

# EDUCATION



LSV's Education programs have grown into the online space this year, launching 'Education from Anywhere', an online portal for teachers and educators to access free water safety teaching resources.

The Sink or Swim program was also launched in response to an increase in drowning of children aged 5-14, incorporating these online teaching resources together with targeted classroom water safety sessions.

Alongside these new programs, existing programs have continued to succeed and expand, again achieving a record number of participants in the Open Water Learning Experience, Meet a Lifeguard program and Beach Programs as well as awarding a record number of Victorian Water Safety Certificates.

LSV Education services has actively partnered with:

- YMCA Victoria and Geelong Camps, to continue delivery of the Open Water Learning Experience;
- The Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER), as a program partner for its annual conference;
- Victoria University Secondary College, to deliver Resuscitate a Mate programs to disadvantaged youth;
- Altona Life Saving Club, to deliver Meet a Lifeguard and Resuscitate a Mate programs to schools and community groups in the Hobsons Bay area; and
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, to deliver another successful Children's Week Meet a Lifeguard program.

LSV has continued to lead the industry in swimming and water safety education, running 11 successful Aquatic Professional Development Workshops for 160 teachers of swimming and water safety.

The Swim and Survive program has also continued to expand, with over 200 licensees now delivering Royal Life Saving's swimming and water safety program in Victoria.

## CASE STUDY: LIFESAVING LESSONS PUT INTO ACTION BY 'EVERYDAY LIFESAVER'

In 2012/13, LSV awarded an increasing number of Certificates of Commendation to 'Everyday Lifesavers' for putting their lifesaving learning into action to assist friends, loved ones and even strangers.

Just weeks after participating in LSV's Resuscitate a Mate program, Churchill North Primary School Year 4 student Shania Ritchie demonstrated maturity beyond her years to assist her friend Madeline when she fell and was knocked unconscious on their way home from school one afternoon in May 2013.

Shania demonstrated bravery through her quick actions to get help for her friend.

Remembering the DRSABCD emergency response sequence from the Resuscitate a Mate program, Shania put her newly acquired lifesaving skills into practice. Fortunately, Madeline has made a strong recovery; she has since returned to school and was in attendance at a special school assembly where LSV Education Coordinator Melissa Laird awarded Shania with a Certificate of Commendation for her brave actions.

As an 'Everyday Lifesaver', Shania's quick thinking to apply the skills she had learnt and to seek help for her friend shows the value of educating children in the emergency response sequence at an early age; it is an important skill that can help in an emergency.

Scan to see more about our Education activities



In support of our Swim and Survive licensees, two successful licensee seminars were introduced and hosted at LSV bringing licensees together to provide updates on the industry, relevant curriculum and resources, an open forum for questions, sharing of ideas and to provide an invaluable networking opportunity.

### Highlights

- Launch of the 'Education from Anywhere' online water safety education resource portal.
- Launch of the 'Education from Anywhere' eNewsletter sent to all Victorian schools twice a term.
- Launch of the Sink or Swim water safety education program, incorporating free online classroom resources for teachers and free Meet a Lifeguard water safety presentations for schools in at-risk areas, due to historic drowning occurrences.
- Melbourne Show and Moomba activations, featuring a foam rescue pool and lifesaving jet-ski to engage parents and children in water safety.
- Acceptance of abstract for presentation of 'Sink or Swim; a programmatic response to drowning trends in Victoria' at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Potsdam, Germany, in October 2013.

### Future developments

- Provision of feedback for the inclusion of aquatic education, throughout the consultation phase of development of the Australian Health and Physical Education: Foundation to Year 10 curriculum.
- Introduction of Royal Life Saving's Water Smart Award and input into the continuing development of the new eLifesaving program for secondary school students.
- Implementation of an online rostering system to enhance education program capacity and efficiencies.
- Continuous review of education programs to respond and adapt to emerging research trends, campaigns and curriculum updates.

### Supporters

- Department of Justice – Play it Safe by the Water campaign
- School Focused Youth Service Grant
- H.V. McKay Charitable Trust
- QR National
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Surf Life Saving Australia Public Education Fund (Australian Sports Commission)
- Royal Life Saving Society - Australia
- YMCA Victoria and YMCA Geelong
- Sport Education Development Australia (SEDA)



# 52,886

PARTICIPANTS IN FACE-TO-FACE DELIVERY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

# 189,666

PARTICIPANTS IN LSV EDUCATION PROGRAMS (INCLUDING SWIM AND SURVIVE AWARDS)

# 136,780

SWIM AND SURVIVE AWARDS ISSUED

# 5000

PARENTS AND CHILDREN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN WATER SAFETY AT ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW



# 371



PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR THE EDUCATION FROM ANYWHERE ONLINE WATER SAFETY EDUCATION RESOURCE PORTAL

# 8752

PARTICIPANTS IN AT-RISK REGIONAL LOCATIONS PARTICIPATED IN SINK OR SWIM CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS



# MULTICULTURAL SERVICES



With overseas migration contributing more to population growth in Victoria than natural increase, water safety for new arrivals to our state is more important than ever.

Nationally, multicultural drowning has accounted for 36 per cent of coastal drowning deaths from 2004-2012.

A 2013 LSV Research department study into the state of Victorian Primary school children's swimming ability revealed that, "most teachers believed that the swimming ability of children born outside Australia was below that of an 'average swimmer'". CALD communities have been identified as being at greater risk of drowning than other communities within Australia because a large proportion reportedly cannot swim and often have little or no experience with Australian aquatic environments".

LSV's Multicultural Services have therefore reached out to more participants than ever before, in activities including learn to swim sessions, beach programs, Meet a Lifeguard programs, the Open Water Learning Experience programs, Resuscitate a Mate programs and accredited training courses.

LSV has continued to create inclusive pathways into lifesaving, through the third year of teen Surf Rescue Certificate participants at Edithvale Life Saving Club, and the second year of Burmese nippers at Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club.

The Edithvale Life Saving Club facilitated 10 Afghani teens to undertake Surf Rescue Certificate training alongside other club members, while a further 12 Burmese nippers, who had previously completed LSV's multicultural swimming program, joined the Williamstown S&LSC's nippers program, to build on their swimming and water safety skills in the open water.

## CASE STUDY: GIVING BACK AND SAVING LIVES

LSV's multicultural services team has engaged and worked alongside the Karen community of Wyndham for seven years, in the areas of learn to swim, beach awareness, classroom education and industry training.

In 2013, LSV produced the DVD "Giving Back and Saving Lives" to tell the Karen community's inspiring story of aquatic success.

Coming from refugee camps with no access to recreational waters, Karen community members have embraced the opportunity to learn to swim, and progress into aquatic opportunities, including joining their local swimming and lifesaving clubs and becoming pool lifeguards and swimming teachers.

Participants have benefitted from getting involved at their local aquatic facility. Many have had increased confidence as a result of their participation, as well as job opportunities in the aquatics industry.

Through the progressive program, LSV has empowered this community of new arrivals to not only learn how to swim, but to become 'Everyday Lifesavers' by giving back to their community and helping others to learn to swim and get involved in the program.

Scan to see more about our Multicultural Services



## Highlights

- LSV was awarded the 'Building Health through Sports' award at VicHealth's 2012 Health Promotion Foundation Awards.
- Edithvale Life Saving Club member Imtiyaz 'Minty' Saberi awarded People of Australia Ambassador, in recognition of outstanding work at the Edithvale Life Saving Club in building strong and cohesive local communities.
- 100 per cent increase in participation in multicultural learn to swim programs, with over 800 participants taking part in 2012/13.

## Supporters

- Victorian Government – Department of Justice
- VicHealth
- City of Port Phillip
- Parks Victoria
- Rootvij Kadakia Foundation



# 267

SESSIONS DELIVERED TO MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

FACILITATING

# 7000

SWIMMING LESSONS

ACROSS

# 8

VENUES



TO OVER

# 800

PARTICIPANTS



# 10,360

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN MULTICULTURAL WATER SAFETY PROGRAMS

# AQUATIC SPORTS



Victorian athletes have achieved great results in 2012/13, competing in state, national and international competitions.

Lifesaving sport is a fantastic opportunity for participation across all age groups, from nippers to masters.

A number of Victoria's sporting veterans proved their strength at both World Rescue 2012 and the 2013 Australian Lifesaving Championships, with some great results, particularly in Rescue and Resuscitation and across the Masters events.

A number of Victoria's elite pool athletes also made Australian teams in 2012/13.

Safety of competitors in lifesaving sports is of the utmost importance for LSV and this season saw the introduction of high visibility vests across all local and state competitions for water events. Conditions for each carnival continued to be closely monitored and mitigated for competitor safety; notably the junior Cosy Corner state carnival was rescheduled for the following day, due to extreme (40°C+) temperatures forecast for the scheduled competition day.

An internal staff restructure in the Aquatic Sports team has also seen improvement in the management of carnivals and sporting administration. The team now has a dedicated staff member for both senior and junior sport, which has already proven successful, with an increase in positive feedback from volunteers.

## Highlights

- Introduction of "state of origin" for athletes participating in state teams, saw some former Victorian champions, including Ironwoman Harriet Brown, return to competing for Team Vic after having moved interstate for professional training.
- Increase in local inter-club competition, building healthy competition within regions.
- Implementation of national results system.
- Introduction of video finishing system at IRB carnivals.
- Record number of participants in the Winter Development Squad.

## CASE STUDY: DEVELOPING LIFESAVING SKILLS

Amidst the excitement of carnivals and competition, it can be easy to forget that lifesaving sport was born from the aspiration to further develop skills for lifesaving operations.

Alongside Surf Education nippers programs, lifesaving sport provides juniors with a pathway to develop their surf experience and skills, ready to become future 'Everyday Lifesavers'.

In the senior sport arena, lifesavers further their speed, strength, surf experience and team sportsmanship, all qualities that are required for operational beach patrol duties.

Even during competition, things can go wrong, and the fantastic response by 'Everyday Lifesavers' was highlighted twice this season at Lorne, during the Mountain to Surf event in January 2013 and just prior to the Masters Lifesaving Championships in February 2013. In both cases, a competitor went into cardiac arrest, and was able to be treated quickly on scene by 'Everyday Lifesavers' who quickly commenced CPR and automatic external defibrillation, literally saving two lives.

Scan to see more about our Aquatic Sports



## Future developments

- Introduction of Victorian Endurance Championships, to incorporate long distance events into Victorian Lifesaving Competition.
- Athlete Personal Protective Equipment review, in line with Surf Life Saving Australia recommendations.
- Innovation of existing carnival programs.

## Supporters

- Surf Coast Tourism – Event Sponsorship Program
- Mircoflite
- Carman's Kitchen
- Department of Planning and Community Development – Significant Sporting Events grants program
- Engine Swimwear
- Sport and Recreation Victoria – Volunteers Innovation and Volunteers More Active programs
- Dolphin Surfcraft
- TRE Motorsport
- Tohatsu Outboard Motors
- TTG Trailers
- AIM Hire
- Officeworks
- Polaris
- Great Ocean Road Real Estate
- RAPP
- Charger Surfcraft

## AUSTRALIAN LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

### Open

**GOLD** Womens 5 Person Rescue and Resuscitation – Anglesea SLSC

9 podium placings

### Masters

10 Gold

13 Silver

7 Bronze

## RESCUE 2013 RESULTS

### Medal Tally

12 Gold



## CARNIVAL PARTICIPATION



# 3551

SENIOR CARNIVALS

# 3787

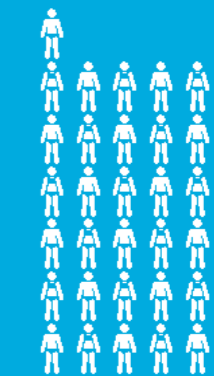
JUNIOR CARNIVALS

268 OFFICIALS

246 COACHES

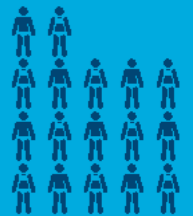
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JUNIOR LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS



862

SENIOR LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS



393

JUNIOR POOL



259

SENIOR POOL



411

IRB CARNIVALS



174

IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS



1920

JUNIOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



# MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Formerly Youth and Leadership Development, 2012/13 saw the department shift its focus to include development across LSV's broader membership demographic.

Strategic work has been completed to structure LSV's leadership programs, with links to Surf Life Saving Australia's national leadership framework, to enable clear leadership development pathways for identified leaders in lifesaving clubs.

This year saw the relaunch of the U13 Development Camp, to foster fun, active learning and teamwork, as well as develop relationships and inter-club networks among our senior nippers.

A new Female Youth Leadership program, tailored for 16-18 year old females, was introduced in July, in partnership with Sport and Recreation Victoria, Game Changers Australia and a range of other State Sporting Organisations. Thirteen female participants from LSV were selected to attend the three day camp in February 2013, engaging in leadership workshops in areas including self-leadership, public speaking, social media, personal brand, and personal management.

To complement the Building Leaders Scholarship Program, a two-day intensive professional development and leadership program for members aged 18-25, was introduced in February 2013. Led by a panel of young leaders in lifesaving, the inaugural weekend course attracted 17 aspiring leaders to further develop their skills.

## CASE STUDY: CREATING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL 'EVERYDAY LIFESAVERS'

In the second year of the revamped Building Leaders Scholarship program, another six outstanding scholars will travel to Sri Lanka to share lifesaving skills, while developing their own leadership skills in a foreign environment.

Supported by a senior LSV trainer and mentors from the previous year's program, the scholars will deliver internationally accredited lifesaving training to over 150 'Everyday lifesavers' in Sri Lanka, including hotel lifeguards and volunteers from the Life Saving Association of Sri Lanka.

The benefits of these training sessions extend beyond the individuals participating, with knowledge and skills learnt in these sessions being taken back into local communities across the country for developing even more 'Everyday lifesavers'.

This program is part of LSV's strategy to improve the quality of ongoing lifesaving training in Sri Lanka and ultimately to help lower the country's drowning toll, which is estimated at around 1000 lives lost per year.

Scan to see more about Membership and Leadership Development



### Highlights

- Launch of LSV's Female Leadership Network - an initiative to enhance the development of future female leaders, in an environment that encourages networking, sharing and development of positive relationships between female participants - with over 80 participants at the inaugural event.
- Hosting the Emergency Services Foundation's Volunteer Leaders Forum at Life Saving Victoria, as a successful partnership for both organisations.
- Water Safety Wednesday initiative, which saw the Volunteer Support Officers and Portland, Seaspray and Aspendale Life Saving Clubs team up with the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service to deliver water safety programs to three lucky primary schools as part of Water Safety Week in December 2013.
- Four new lifesaving clubs participating in the Youth Involvement Program (YIP's).
- Camp America Scholarship Partnership for one LSV member to take their lifesaving skills to work at a summer camp in the USA.

### Future developments

- Build on initial success of the Female Leadership Network, with regional female leadership workshop to cater to broader membership.
- Introduce a revamped Junior Champion Lifesaver.
- Increase and expand the reach of the Professional Development Weekend.
- Expansion and provision of additional program resources for clubs for Surf Education.

### Supporters

- Sport and Recreation Victoria - Volunteer Innovation Program, Victorians More Active Program
- Victorian Department of Justice - Valuing Volunteers Program
- Carman's Kitchen
- Ghanda
- Emergency Services Foundation
- VicSport
- Australian Sports Commission
- Sport and Recreation Victoria



# 99909

## NIPPERS PARTICIPATED IN SURF ED PROGRAMS



# 225

## CURRENT AND ASPIRING LEADERS PARTICIPATED IN LSV CAMPS AND PROGRAMS



# 26

## NEW AGE MANAGER FACILITATORS TRAINED, FURTHER ENABLING LIFESAVING CLUBS TO RUN THEIR OWN AGE MANAGER COURSES

# 783

## NEW AGE MANAGER AWARDS OBTAINED

# AQUATIC RISK AND RESEARCH



In 2012/13 the Aquatic Risk and Research team has provided expert advice and evidence to the aquatics industry to further develop a range of programs and services.

In partnership with Ambulance Victoria, LSV's annual drowning research was expanded to include non-fatal drowning incidents, giving greater insight into the extent of drowning incidents across Victoria as part of the Victorian Drowning Report 2012/13.

Extensive research projects were also undertaken to investigate the swimming ability of primary school-aged children in Victoria, and to investigate and observe rock fishing behaviours and practices as part of a three year Rock Fishing Safety communications campaign. (See Major Achievements p9 for further details.)

A major project was conducted in partnership with the Environment Protection Authority Victoria, to trial and evaluate the provision of water quality information signage during lifesaving patrols at four lifesaving clubs. Following the success of this trial, the program will be rolled out across a number of Port Phillip Bay patrolled beaches in 2013/14.

A range of risk assessments were completed throughout the year for pool facilities at hospitals, theme parks, schools, state sports centres, residential, swim schools, hotels, holiday/tourist parks/resorts, detention centres, public and private aquatic facilities and AFL club facilities.

The Platinum Pools Program hosted a summit for the first time, to engage the aquatic industry with best practices in risk and safe facility operation.

The Professional Pool Lifeguard Challenge was also reintroduced, with the inaugural event hosted at Kardinia Aquatic Centre in April 2013. Over 50 of Victoria's top pool lifeguards put their rescue skills to the test, challenging themselves in a practical and fun environment, incorporating simulated scenarios, theory and race events.

## CASE STUDY: 'RUN TO SAVE A LIFE' PROVIDES LIFE JACKETS FOR ROCK FISHERS

On the seventh anniversary of the drowning death of her father, Rasim Pedic, in a rock fishing accident at the Punch Bowl in 2006, Jasmina Pedic became an 'Everyday Lifesaver' by completing a 'Run to Save a Life' to commemorate her father and raise over \$6000 to assist Life Saving Victoria in promoting rock fishing safety.

Jasmina ran from her home in Noble Park North to the site of her father's death at the Punch Bowl, near San Remo, to raise awareness about the dangers the ocean presents to rock fishers, and to highlight the importance of safety awareness while rock fishing.

Jasmina's motivation and dedication has been truly inspiring and has made a huge contribution to both fundraising, and raising awareness of rock fishing safety.

Jasmina's fundraising has made a direct contribution to LSV's rock fishing safety project, by providing a life jacket for each participant in LSV's rock fishing workshops, the first of which was held in May 2013 for 22 Chinese rock fishers, with Jasmina in attendance to personally hand out the life jackets.

Additional workshops will be held in 2013/14 for Chinese and Vietnamese rock fishers, as part of LSV's ongoing Rock Fishing Safety campaign.

Scan to see more about our Aquatic Risk and Research activities



The team has also taken a major step forward in delivering open water environmental risk assessments, developing a new data collection tool as a joint collaboration with Esri Australia to enable spatial data recording including observations, descriptions and values. Using the tool, dynamic maps can be created to assist land managers in managing aquatic risks and placing risk controls.

### Highlights

- Delivery of research project to investigate swimming ability of Victorian primary school children.
- Delivery of the inaugural Professional Pool Lifeguard Challenge, to engage lifeguard staff in a practical challenge to test their lifesaving skills.
- Delivery of year one of a three year Rock Fishing Safety project, including provision of a benchmarking survey, observational study and practical workshop to engage Chinese rock fishers in safety practices.
- Acceptance of two abstracts at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Potsdam, Germany, in October 2013; one on research into children's swimming ability and another on rock fisher's attitudes and behaviour.
- Provision of expert witnesses at two coronial enquiries.

- Publication of work on drowning related out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the international peer-reviewed journal Resuscitation: "Dyson, K, Morgans A, Bray J, Matthews B, Smith K. (2013) Drowning related out-of-hospital cardiac arrests: Characteristics and outcomes. Resuscitation 84: 1114-1118".

### Future developments

- Implementation of improvements to audit of aquatic facilities following an extensive review this year.

### Supporters

- Ambulance Victoria
- Coroners Prevention Unit
- Department of Environment and Primary Industries - Recreational Fishing Grants program
- Surf Life Saving Australia – internal research scheme
- Royal Life Saving Society - Australia
- Department of Justice – Play it Safe by the Water campaign
- RMIT University



# 1000+

FACILITIES ENGAGED IN AUDITS AND ASSESSMENTS



# 56

KILOMETRES OF COASTAL ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED

# 25

FACILITIES IN PLATINUM POOL PROGRAM



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Continued increase in revenue

LSV generated total revenue of \$14.7 million, a 22 per cent increase on the previous year, with an operating surplus of \$225,621 compared to a \$276,150 surplus in the previous year.

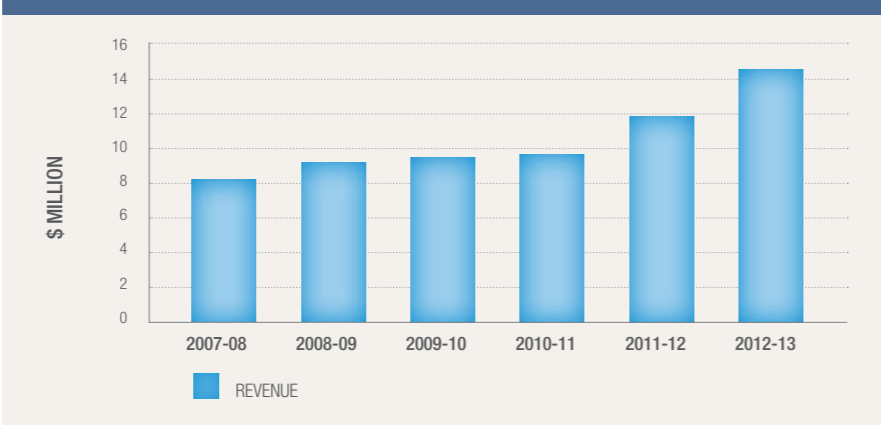
## Financial support for lifesaving clubs

LSV strives to secure financing opportunities to support our lifesaving clubs. Major achievements in the year were a further \$2 million for facilities development through funding from the Department of Justice and over \$790,000 for volunteer training through the Skills Victoria program.

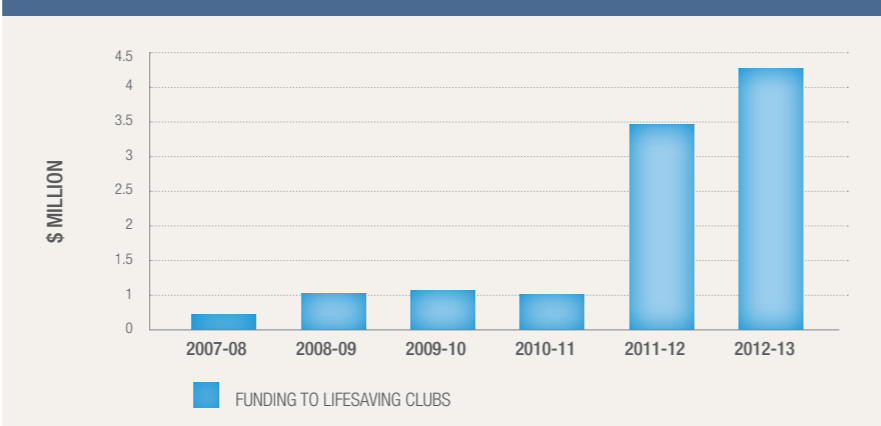
Other financing for direct club assistance included:

- Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program Grants - \$624,355
- Community Support Emergency Services Program Grants - \$168,713
- Club Administration Support Grants - \$140,000
- Special Club Administration Assistance Grants - \$297,000
- Club Risk Management Assistance Grants - \$146,000

CONTINUED INCREASE IN REVENUE - TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE



TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LIFESAVING CLUBS



**\$14.M**

TOTAL REVENUE 2012/13

**22%**

INCREASE ON 2011/12

**\$2.M**

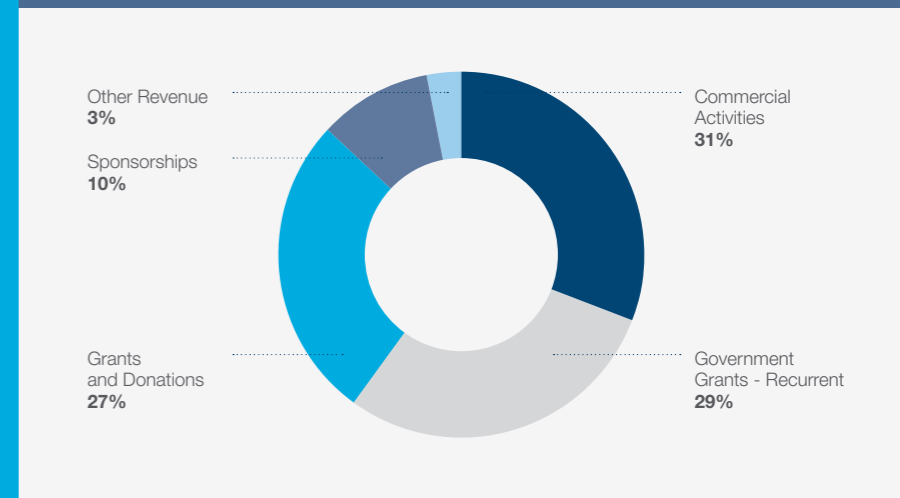
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# SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## CONTINUED DIVERSIFICATION OF FINANCING

LSV continued to maintain focus on diversifying financing for operations through development of commercial activities, including training, risk advisory and fee based water safety programs, and program specific grants.

SOURCES OF REVENUE



## SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEET 2010/11 – 2012/13

LSV's balance sheet as at 30 June 2013 showed total assets of \$12.1 million, liabilities of \$4.8 million and Members Funds of \$7.3 million.

The following table shows the major elements of the balance sheet and their respective values for the past three years.

ASSETS	2010-11 \$'000	2011-12 \$'000	2012-13 \$'000
Property, Plant & Equipment	5,309	5,412	5,000
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,469	4,787	1,992
Other Assets	1,250	789	5,144
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>9,028</b>	<b>10,988</b>	<b>12,136</b>

LIABILITIES	2010-11 \$'000	2011-12 \$'000	2012-13 \$'000
Creditors and Grants in Advance	1,651	3,260	4,126
Provisions	575	650	707
Borrowings	-	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>3,910</b>	<b>4,833</b>

<b>Members Funds</b>	<b>6,802</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>7,303</b>
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Scan to see LSV's financial statements



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R Anthony  
 H G Ashworth  
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 S Barnes  
 N Bayles  
 M J Bell  
 A Bellotti  
 P I Bennett  
 W Birkenhead  
 A Birt  
 R W Blackney  
 R O Blackwood  
 D L Boswell  
 W D Boulton  
 B H Bowman  
 R K Boyce  
 H Brereton  
 H F Brockhoff  
 M M Brodie  
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 K Brooks  
 A S Buchannan  
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 P J McGibbon  
 W H McLearn  
 D M McLeod  
 J G Meehan  
 O G Merritt  
 J H Millett  
 R Millett MBE  
 R A Mitchell  
 D G Montalto ESM  
 N W Morarty OAM  
 J I Morgan  
 B A Morgan OAM  
 D G Morland  
 F L Muir  
 B Murray  
 M M Napthine  
 H A Norris  
 G Nutbean  
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 P J O'Rourke OAM  
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 J C Williams  
 A Williamson  
 H C Windmill  
 R S Wood ESM  
 J G Worrell  
 A E Wright  
 A Wynne  
 B J Young

# HONOURS AND AWARDS



## Life Saving Victoria Volunteer of the Year (Graeme Long Memorial medal)

Darren McLeod, Seaford LSC

## Life Saving Victoria Lifesaver of the Year (John Wishart Memorial medal)

David Nankervis, Torquay SLSC

## Outstanding Achievement of the Year

Point Lonsdale SLSC Lifesaving Emergency Response Team

## Patrol Efficiency Club of the Year

Waratah Beach SLSC

## Administration Club of the Year

Point Leo SLSC

## Beach Lifeguard of the Year

Lachlan Pearse

## Teams of the Year

Anglesea Open Women's 5-person R&R team  
Williamstown A – Men's IRB Team Race

## Male Athlete of the Year

Joel Simondson, Anglesea SLSC

## Female Athlete of the Year

Kira Kinsey, Ocean Grove SLSC

## Masters Athlete of the Year

Shane Edmonds, Anglesea SLSC

## Junior Male Athlete of the Year

Tyler Annan-Coe, Mordialloc LSC

## Junior Female Athlete of the Year

Emily Carty, Mordialloc LSC

## Coach of the Year

Emma Moore, Anglesea SLSC

## Competition Official of the Year

Maurice McCutcheon, Fairhaven SLSC

## Victorian Championship Point Score Winner

Anglesea SLSC

## Training Officer of the Year

David Rylance, Elwood LSC

## Assessors of the Year

Bree Ambry, Point Leo SLSC  
Jim and Helga Stott, Mentone LSC

## Commercial Training Licensees of the Year

Ararat & District YMCA  
Greater Geelong City Council

## Commercial Trainer of the Year

John Barton

## Life Saving Victoria Service Member of the Year

Kate Nichols

## Education Instructor of the Year

Michelle Royal-Hebblewhite

## Life Saving Victoria Swim and Survive Licensee of the Year

Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre

## Pool Lifeguard of the Year (Awarded by Aquatics and Recreation Victoria)

Ebru Kilinc from Fawkner Leisure Centre

## LSV Professional Pool Challenge Champions

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre

## Fred Westfield Nipper Champion presented by Dolphin Surfcraft

Sam Hensen-Thompson,  
Half Moon Bay SLSC

## Nipper Parent of the Year

Yvette Costello, Hampton LSC

## Membership and Leadership Development Service Awards

Lisa Happ, Jan Juc SLSC  
Aaron Tannahill, Jan Juc SLSC  
Mark Turner, Brighton LSC

## National Leadership College

Hayden Burch, Ocean Grove SLSC  
Cassandra Mond, Inverloch SLSC and  
Wonthaggi LSC

David Potter, Cape Paterson SLSC

Leigh Ryan, Jan Juc SLSC

Jessica Silverster, Gunnamatta SLSC

Aaron Tannahill, Jan Juc SLSC

## Leaders Masterclass (previously National Leaders Conference)

Bree Ambry, Seaford LSC

Yvette Costello, Hampton LSC

Jill Douglas, Gunnamatta SLSC

Angela Malan, Inverloch SLSC

Bruce Robertson, Gunnamatta SLSC

David Simpson, Anglesea SLSC

## Building Leaders Scholarship Program

Owen Carbery, Woolamai SLSC

Courtney Higglett, Anglesea SLSC

Brydie Murrhly, Lorne SLSC

David Potter, Cape Paterson SLSC

Ashlea Smith, Anglesea SLSC

Jack Robinson, Seaspray SLSC

## Media Service to Lifesaving

Angus Thompson, Herald Sun

## National Medal

Phillip Hughes, Point Lonsdale SLSC

Darren McLeod, Point Lonsdale SLSC

David McNeil, Point Lonsdale SLSC

Charles Pilgrim, Point Lonsdale SLSC

David Ponsford, Point Lonsdale SLSC

Matthew Ponsford, Point Lonsdale SLSC

## LSV Life Membership inductees

Andrew Barnes, Point Leo SLSC

Colin Ellicott, Brighton LSC

Maurice McCutcheon, Fairhaven SLSC

Martin Walsh, Lorne SLSC



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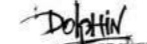
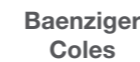
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