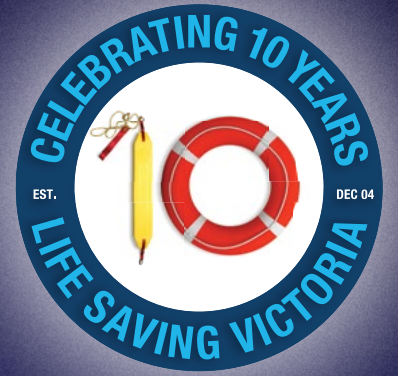




Life Saving Victoria
Annual Report
2014/15



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Mission

To prevent aquatic death and injury
in all Victorian communities.

Vision

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

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I think it reflects the dynamic and powerful nature of the lifesaving fraternity that, after over twenty years' involvement in lifesaving, I can continue to be amazed and energised by the commitment, courage and capabilities of its people. I can truly say therefore that it gives me great pleasure to present Life Saving Victoria's Annual Report for 2014/15, for there is always something exciting and new to report.

The past season was particularly significant for Life Saving Victoria, as it reached a full ten years of service, following the integration of Surf Life Saving and Royal Life Saving in Victoria. Our successes are built on the work of the men and women of these two proud and iconic organisations and their vision in identifying that the 'whole' was greater than the sum of its parts. Our standing is clearly recognised in our seat as a central organisation to the newly established Emergency Management Victoria, further strengthening the Government and Community Partnership model.

While the familiar red and yellow caps are probably our most recognisable feature, a reading of this Annual Report reveals the depth and reach of LSV: We cover Aquatic Sports (both in the pool and on the beach), Commercial Services (such as training and pool safety audits), Education, Lifesaving Services (including paid lifeguards), Membership and Leadership Development, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Programs and Volunteer Training. Furthermore, as the peak water safety body in Victoria, we have a key role in advocacy and government affairs.

It is heartening to see our volunteer membership numbers remain strong at approximately 31,000. It is also always gratifying for a President, as Chairman of the Board, to be able to report on the financial strength and sustainability of the organisation.

THE PAST SEASON WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT FOR LIFE SAVING VICTORIA, AS IT REACHED A FULL TEN YEARS OF SERVICE, FOLLOWING THE INTEGRATION OF SURF LIFE SAVING AND ROYAL LIFE SAVING IN VICTORIA.

The full financial year result for LSV was a surplus of \$311,438, compared with a deficit of \$463,938 in 2013-14. The main reasons for the significant turnaround are:

- the prior year included an expense related to lodgement of \$477,606 with the Surf Life Saving Foundation, there was no equivalent expense in the current year;
- a turnaround of \$153,878 in doubtful debts expenses, due primarily to hard work to recover outstanding balances; and
- strong cost control, notably realisation of improvements in management and scheduling of public courses.

The Board and management continue to seek a balance in our social enterprise and volunteer activities to cover the cost of services and to provide the support to our affiliated clubs and members. The Board has also approved a capital reserves strategy and is implementing an investment plan to provide long term security to LSV and to ensure that its work can continue for decades to come.

At the core of our achievements as an organisation is a genuinely unique culture where our volunteers, commercial partners and paid staff all come together in pursuit of a common and noble mission: the prevention of aquatic related death and injury. This cohesion was evident at the end of season event for our Westpac Lifesaver Rescue team where staff, volunteers and our partners from Microflite all came together as one, celebrating another successful year.

During the course of this past 12 months, it has been my pleasure to recognise many outstanding achievements. Some of them in high profile roles, others from 'Every Day Lifesavers.' I would like to make special mention of two members who were awarded at the national Awards of Excellence only a few weeks ago: Katrina Antony of Portland SLSC, National Assessor of the Year; and DHL Lifeguard of the Year, Luke Plant, who this year took on the role of Chief Lifeguard for the Phillip Island region in addition to being a member of the Woolamai Beach SLSC.

There are, as always, some important people and organisations to thank. First, the Victorian Government for its continued support, through the 'Play it Safe by the Water' initiative and the range of other programs that support our volunteers and drowning prevention work.

Thanks also to our sponsors, partners and supporters for your continued assistance throughout the year.

Thank you to each of my fellow Board Members for your contributions and service to shaping LSV's strategic priorities in addressing water safety issues and initiatives. I would like to take this opportunity to particularly thank outgoing members Catherine McCraith and Allan Holmes for their diligent service to LSV. I also welcome incoming directors during the year Rachael Rylance and Angela Malan. They join a strong and capable Board comprising Norman Farmer, Darren McLeod, David Rylance, David Schultz, Vincent Sheehan, Jeannene Stewart, Peter Williams and Dr Michael Kennedy OAM (Company Secretary.) I have valued the collective intellect and insights of each of my fellow directors

To Nigel Taylor, CEO, thank you for another year of committed service and leadership across LSV's diverse water safety programs and services.

To all the staff at LSV, thank you for your continued work in delivering outcomes and progressing LSV as the peak organisation for water safety in Victoria.

In closing, I would like to extend a very special thank you to each and every one of LSV's dedicated volunteers. Every contribution, whether on or off the beach, is justly appreciated. Your dedication to water safety and drowning prevention continues to be both inspirational and what makes the lifesaving movement truly great.

Yours in lifesaving,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Mollenkopf'.

Tom Mollenkopf
President



TRAGICALLY 39 LIVES WERE LOST TO DROWNING IN 2014/15. WHILST THE NUMBER IS STILL TOO HIGH, IT DID REFLECT A REVERSING OF A RECENT SHORT TERM TREND TOWARDS ANNUAL INCREASES.

With the mission to prevent aquatic related death and injury in all Victorian communities, the following pages of this annual report outline a number of the supporting strategies and related actions, that were implemented in 2014/15. I will highlight some of those below and commend the rest of the report to you for a more detailed overview of the years activities.

I will begin by noting that tragically 39 lives were lost to drowning in 2014/15. Whilst the number is still too high, it did reflect a reversing of a recent short term trend towards annual increases. As with the road toll, zero is the only acceptable number for this statistic.

In terms of positioning water safety as an integral aspect of the state's emergency service responses, this year will firstly be remembered for the introduction of Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) and secondly, for the formal inclusion of LSV as the specialist entity responsible for the water safety component. EMV is a network of agencies delivering an "all agencies, all hazards" approach to disaster response, management and associated recovery. Ideas, practices and resources are shared to deliver maximum efficiency in the sector, through its networks.

Our inclusion in this network is recognition of the valuable work undertaken in the past and, in particular, in the last decade as the hard decisions were made in regard to creating the most proficient organisation possible.

The last paragraph refers to a long term strategy now implemented. Another is really just at the introductory phase. The organisation is committed to seeing every child leave primary school with an understanding of water safety principles and some linked swimming capability. We believe this can only be achieved if delivered through our primary school systems. We also understand that there are complications in delivering on this strategy. However when our research tells us that either 40% (parents' perspective) or 60% (teachers' perspective) of children leaving primary school cannot swim 50 meters, the risk of an eventual major escalation in the state's drowning toll is too high and needs to be addressed as a matter of some urgency.

As noted, we understand the complexities with crowded curriculum, cost and time out of school. In an attempt partially address these issues, this year we trialled in two regional centres, a before school delivery mechanism. Our education staff also reworked the learn to swim content for that trial. It is fair to say the results of the trial were very encouraging. We are now looking to replicate the trial in some metropolitan areas to see if the results can be repeated in that environment.

In an attempt to convey water safety, first aid and CPR theory in a more interesting manner, particularly for year 7 & 8 students, we produced the "Everyday Lifesaver" app. This app delivers its messaging using the games based approach and attempts to make what can sometimes be a pretty dry subject come to life. With development and trialling now completed we will launch to the schools and "other" markets in the summer of 2015/16. I note our appreciation of the Victorian Government Technology Innovation Fund for their enthusiastic support with its development. With a more interesting form of delivery, hopefully the level of self-learning in regard to acquiring these life skills will improve significantly.

This was also a year in which our multicultural staff further expanded the reach of our programmes to include external employment opportunities for longer term participants in our water safety platforms. Jobs as pool lifeguards were initially made available by the YMCA and as the year progressed, by some local councils. Now with longer term participants working as water safety instructors, pool lifeguards and swim teachers, the concept of expanding it to other emergency services is being explored. We look forward to a positive result with this expansion in the next twelve months. Whilst mentioning our multicultural activity, I am also pleased to note that the year culminated with LSV being recognised for its work with these projects, as a finalist in the Federal Government's Australian Migration and Settlement Awards.



On the lifesaving club front, in April we celebrated the opening of the new Mount Martha LSC clubhouse. This was another exciting development in LSV's strategy to recruit new members and retain existing ones by redeveloping the lifesaving club facilities. We now have Seaspray's construction well underway, St Kilda about to begin and planning and design for Mordialloc and South Melbourne at very advanced stages. A number of others are in the early planning phase. I acknowledge and thank the State Government and the related local councils for their financial and planning support with and for these projects.

Our lifesaving club membership remains at recent record levels with just over 31,000 members in 2014/15. We are aware that we need to constantly review our retention programs and have spent considerable time developing more efficient training processes and attempting to streamline the related paperwork. Once again the volunteer support officers have played a significant part in our advances in this important body of work.

On a similar theme, our lifesaving services were supported with the development of an online system that enabled them to sign on/off, report incidents and conditions via their computer, mobile phone or tablet. Using the related mapping tools, the LSV communications centre could then play a more immediate co-ordination role to support the lifesaver on the beach. With 500 rescues conducted and 1,700 first aid incidents, we can see that it is imperative to continue to look for a better way to support the delivery of these services.

With over 5,500 new awards administered this year, our training resources are being constantly stretched. In an attempt to relieve this burden, again we looked to digital technology for some relief. In recent years more and more of the award content has been reworked to form part of a growing, interactive online, "do in your own time" training resource. This year was no exception, with work undertaken on the CPR and First Aid components of various awards.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY IS PLAYING AN EVER INCREASING PART AS LSV LOOKS TO IMPROVE MEMBER CONNECTEDNESS, STREAMLINE PROBLEMATIC PROCESSES, EXPAND THE REACH OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS AND CREATE EFFICIENCIES.

It was also a successful year for LSV's athletes, with world and national records set in the pool and 13 gold, 10 silver and 19 bronze medals won at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. At the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships, Victorian lifesavers collected 6 gold medals. It should also be noted that the Victorian IRB team retained their second place ranking for the second consecutive year at the Australian IRB Championships. Overall attendances at state based carnivals were up slightly however there is a general acknowledgement that the sport needs some revitalisation. With this in mind, Victoria will also play a key role in the national sport review as SLSA looks to work with the states to collectively reinvigorate some aspects of the sport.

For those reading this introduction to the annual report, it will be evident that digital technology is playing an ever increasing part as LSV looks to improve member connectedness, streamline problematic processes, expand the reach of education and training programs and create efficiencies to improve lifesaving services delivery. To address these matters from an in house perspective, this year we introduced the position of senior software engineer at LSV. Having access to this expertise on a daily basis has proved invaluable already and we can see any number of future opportunities to work with any of our technology suppliers and where appropriate to develop our own IT solutions. An immediate example of the benefit of this step will be our ability (this coming summer) to undertake our gear inspections at any location and submit the results immediately to a database either "in the cloud" or on the LSV servers.

This capability will in future years spread to many of our other operational tasks that have in the past required a transfer of paperwork and or additional inputting back in the office.

In finishing this overview, I would like to note my sincere appreciation of the Victorian Governments continued input, as well as our sponsors, partners and donors (see p26). Your generosity when combined with the dedication of our members, officers and staff makes for a fine example of co-operative community strengthening.

To the LSV President Tom Mollenkopf and the LSV Board, the two lifesaving national bodies and the various lifesaving committees and issue based working groups thank you for your dedication and passionate contributions.

And finally and most importantly I note my appreciation and admiration of the membership and staff, without whom none of this would be deliverable.



Nigel Taylor ESM
CEO



Our Board



MR TOM MOLLENKOPF

LSV President and Board Chair
LL.B., B.Juris., MBA., FAICD., FCSA

Appointed: November 2012
Occupation: Director & Consultant

Tom is a Company Director and Independent Advisor. He is a Senior Associate with Aither and holds a series of Board roles. He is Deputy Chair of Wyong Water, Senior Vice-President of the International Water Association and a Director of Dandenong Market and SLISA. His previous positions have included Chair of the Water Industry Superannuation Fund and Director of Western Water, Water Aid Australia and Water Australia Solutions Ltd. From 1995 to 2005 Tom was a General Manager at South East Water, then Deputy Executive Director of the International Water Association in London, and from 2007 to 2013, CEO of the Australian Water Association. Tom's background is in law, first in private practice and then as corporate counsel. He is a Life Member of Point Leo SLSC and chairs the Gary Tierney Foundation.

Meetings: 10/11



MS CATHERINE MCCRAITH
Director Membership & Leadership Development

B.App Sci (Phys Ed). LL.B (Hons). Grad Dip Ed

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 lifesaving clubs including Rosebud, Gunnamatta, Mentone and Point Leo. For the last decade Catherine was LSV's Membership Protection Officer.

Meetings: 8/11



MR DAVID SCHULTZ
Director Council of Lifesaving Clubs

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.

Meetings: 11/11



MS JEANNENE STEWART
Independent Director

Appointed: August 2014

Occupation: Company Director

Jeannene held the position of Director Corporate Services for the Victorian State Emergency Service from 2008 until 2013 when she retired from full time work. Previously Jeannene was Senior Adviser to the Commonwealth Minister for Ageing, and prior to that she was the Funding and Retirement Living Manager for Aged and Community Care Victoria. Jeannene is a Certified Practising Accountant with more than 25 years' experience in senior management roles in the welfare, information technology, health and aged care sectors. She currently provides support for family businesses and does some consulting in the not for profit sector.

Meetings: 11/11



MR DAVID RYLANCE

Director Training & Assessment

Cert 4 Training and Assessment

Appointed: April 2014

Occupation: Firefighter

David is the Leading Firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and has been a fire fighter for the past six years. Prior to this he worked for Bravis Climate Systems as Research and Development Technician for over 11 years. He is a Life Member of Elwood LSC and member of Williamstown S&LSC.

Meetings: 8/11



MR ALLAN HOLMES

Director Aquatic Sports

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 49 years. He has been a member of the Apollo Bay SLSC for the past 47 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.

Meetings: 8/11



MR DARREN MCLEOD

Director Lifesaving Services

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.

Meetings: 11/11



MR PETER WILLIAMS

Director Council of Lifesaving Clubs

M.Sc., BEng(Mech), Dip Mech Eng.

Appointed: April 2013
Occupation: Business Consultant

Peter is a former executive manager with VicRoads and now provides consulting assistance in the international development sector. 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 was a Director of Anglesea SLSC from 1995 to 2000 and President from 2000 to 2006 and from 2011 to 2014. He is a Life Member of Anglesea SLSC and continues to patrol there. From 2001 until 2014 was a Trustee of the Anglesea SLSC Foundation.

Meetings: 10/11



MR NORMAN FARMER ESM

Director Aquatic Education Council

Grad Dip Mgmt AGSM AMICDA

Appointed: April 2014
Occupation: Retired General Manager

Norm was a General Manager with Surf Life Saving Australia (2007 to 2014) having previously been CEO of RLSSA Victoria Branch (1998 to 2005) and joint CEO of Life Saving Victoria (2003/2005). Norm has experience in water safety program design in Australia and overseas, aquatic facility design, management and operation, and was editor of the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation from 1992 to 2005. Norm is currently volunteer Chair of the Business Commission of the International Life Saving Federation-ILS, a Life Governor of the Mordialloc LSC and past President of Frankston LSC.

Meetings: 8/11



DR MICHAEL KENNEDY

LSV Company Secretary

OAM DBA., B.Bus., FAICD., FCILT., FLGPRO., FIPAA (Vic)

Occupation: Senior Advisor & Consultant

Michael served as a local government chief executive officer for more than twenty years, most recently at Mornington Peninsula Shire, which hosts eight lifesaving clubs. He has extensive senior management and CEO experience in the business sector, in shipping, transport, logistics and manufacturing. Michael is an experienced company director in the community sector, in health, education and youth transitions. Michael was Life Saving Victoria's founding Chairman, and an Independent Director for six years.

Council Executives and Committees

COMMUNITY AQUATIC EDUCATION COUNCIL

Norman Farmer ESM	Chair
Nick Hall	Facilities
Kate Simpson	Staff representative

AQUATIC SPORTS COUNCIL

Allan Holmes	Director
Bernie Murray	Chief Referee
Anthony Orwin	Board & Ski Representative
Maurice McCutcheon	Beach Representative
Peter Van Deuren	Council Chair
Brian Happ (Part)	Junior Referee
Elliott Lewis (Part)	
Rachael Rylance	Pool Panel Coordinator
Aaron Green	Swim Representative
Stuart Mackinnon	Sport Development Coordinator
Justin Burton	Powercraft & Gear Coordinator
Max Collins	Lifesaving Events Coordinator

LIFE SAVING OPERATIONS COUNCIL

Darren McLeod	Director – Lifesaving Services
David Rylance	Director – Training & Assessment
Julian Meagher	Council Representative/Chair
Justin Burton	Council Representative
Scott Ivey	Lifesaving Services Representative
Kerry Bell	Lifesaving Services Representative
Katrina Antony	State Training & Assessment Supervisor
Alison Porter	State Resource Research & Development Officer
Mark Scott	State Emergency Management Officer

State Officers

Alexandra Cain	State Training Membership Development Officer
Samuel Hines	Training Strategy & Communication Officer
Simon Cartwright	State Lifesaving Communications Officer
Justin Burton	State Powercraft Officer
Samuel Adam	Service Efficiency & Standards Officer
Scott Ivey	State Gear & Equipment Officer

Regional Officers

Alex Judd	Bass Regional Officer
Tony Hodder	Bellarine Regional Officer
Barrie Smith	Gippsland Regional Officer
Kerry Bell	Kingston Regional Officer
Toby Dobell	Peninsula Regional Officer
James Quine (since Jan 2015)	Port Phillip Regional Officer
Paul Lunny	Surfcoast Regional Officer
Rebel Noter	Western Regional Officer

District Officers

Samuel Hines	Bass District Officer
Helen Quinn	Bayside District Officer
Sebastian Phoenix	Bellarine District Officer
Murray Colvin	Gippsland District Officer
James Stott	Kingston District Officer
Bree Ambry	Mornington District Officer
Chris Ward	Otway District Officer
<i>Vacant since 2014 AGM</i>	<i>Port Phillip District Officer</i>
Tim Mason	South Barwon District Officer
Katrina Antony	Western District Officer

COUNCIL OF LIFE SAVING CLUBS

Peter Williams	Director
David Schultz	Director
Ian Fullagar	Council Representative
Lloyd Simpson	Council Representative

MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Catherine McCraith	Director
Yvette Costello	Council Chair
Mimi Craig/Jack Lynch	Leadership Programs Coordinator
Helen Barnes (Part)	Member Protection Coordinator
Darryl Mayman (Part)	Development Camps Coordinator
Teagan Thom (Part)	
Angela Malan	Lifesaving Development Coordinator
Council Representative	Leonie Newey

FINANCE RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dr Michael Kennedy OAM	Chair
Neil Morarty OAM	
Garry Martin	
Neil Hough	
Dean Sibun	
Vincent Sheehan	

GRIEVANCES AND JUDICIARY PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Peter Wilson	Chair
William Kelly	
Graeme Eddiehausen	
Richard Symon	
Mark Hebblewhite	
Ms Rosie Johnson	

HONOURS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

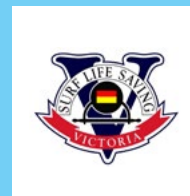
Darren McLeod	Chair
Michael Martin AM	
Neil Morarty OAM	
Dianne Montalto ESM	
Andrew Barnes	
Bree Ambry	
Tony Fraser	
Philip McGibbon	
Russell Rees	
Belinda Porter	Awards of Excellence Committee Chair

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

David Schultz	Chair
Neil Morarty OAM	
Garry Martin	
Dr Michael Kennedy OAM	
Raymond Webb	

Celebrating 10 Years of Life Saving Victoria

2003 -2004	LSLV Membership at all time high 17,850	RLSSAV Centenary of RLSSA-V Celebrated July 2004	LSV State Government provides financial support for the creation of LSV	LSV Expansion of aerial (helicopter & fixed wing) surveillance through Westpac Life Saver Rescue Service	LSV All SLSV & RLSSA-V Clubs operating under LSV	LSV Consolidation and improvement of Administration systems	LSV All Lifesaving Clubs are now recipients of uniformed qualifications eg Life Saving Bronze (SLSA Bronze) and Lifesaving Star (SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate)	LSV LSV consists of 57 Lifesaving clubs at amalgamation	LSV Interim Board for LSV in place Dr Michael Kennedy, Independent Chairman, Michael Martin (Anglesea SLSA) Interim President LSV
	LSV Beginning of construction of the \$7m LSV Educational, Training & Administration Head Office at Todd Rd Port Melbourne	LSV Cease having the lifesaving office at Beaconsfield Rd Port Melbourne. All staff to be based at the RLSSA-V office at Oakleigh	LSV 5 family members tragically drowned at Penguin Island near Warrnambool	LSV Lifesaving Command Office split, to be run from Hampton LSC (volunteer patrols) & Woolamai Beach SLSC (lifeguard command)	LSV Jets Ski Rescue water craft trialled at Ocean Grove, Lorne, Woolamai Beach, Apollo Bay performed 6 rescues	LSV Membership data base introduced	LSV Training in the use of semi automatic defibrillators recognised nationally	LSV Club Development manual introduced	LSV Introduction of the new 'Age Managers Course'
LSV Conducted Rescue 2006 ILS competition & Seminar Geelong & Lorne February 2006	LSV New Marine safety regulations for wearing of Personal Flotation Devices for recreation boaters was introduced December 2005	LSV Interim Board of LSV terminated, sanction of LSV Board as the Governing body of LSV Michael Martin inaugural President with 6 other Board members	2006 -2007	LSV LSV concluded its headquarters at Oakleigh, open at new Headquarters Todd Rd Port Melbourne 1st August 2006	LSV Oakleigh premises sold in December 2006	LSV Life Saving Command set up at the new LSV Headquarters	LSV 2007 Proclaimed as the Year of the Surf Lifesaver (100 years SLSA)	LSV Opening of the completed Headquarters building for LSV at Todd Rd Port Melbourne	LSV LSV winning Victoria's Award of Excellence in Multicultural Affairs - Multicultural Victoria Education Award for Bridging the Gap: Water Safety for all
LSV Coastal Watch camera surveillance system improved now 10 sites	LSV Lifeguard exchange program with RNLI (UK)	LSV Implementation of Defibrillation & Hydrotherapy rescue Awards		LSV Inaugural Southern States IRB Challenge	LSV First Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment Report released	LSV LSV to provide Aquatic Safety Signage for Commercial & natural aquatic environments	LSV Promotion of Water safety for Hotel & Motel Pools	LSV Publication of a paper 'Injuries in Public Swimming Pools in Victoria: A Pilot Study'	LSV Interactive Water Safety CD-ROM program developed for Victorian Primary School Children
LSV Introduction of an Anaphylaxis course	LSV Re-naming the Function Centre operated by LSV as 'Lifeguards at 200'	LSV Launch of Campaign Don't Drink & Drown' campaign	2010 -2011	LSV Over 1300 nippers participated at a Nipper carnival - Cosy Corner	LSV Club Members reaching 26,000 volunteer Members	LSV Conservative estimate of 160 million visitors to Aquatic facilities (inclusive of Parks Victoria & Aquatic industry figures)	LSV Extension of the helicopter service to operate a full 12 months, addition of a 2nd one to cover peak summer period	LSV Launch of Bay Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) for use at city beaches - supported by Westpac	LSV Opening of new Inverloch SLSC Club House
LSV Delivering 2012/2015 Victorian Water Safety Master Plan for the Community & Government December 2011	LSV Expansion of Online training solutions	LSV Appointment of 3 Volunteer Support Officers appointed to assist Clubs with their Administrative tasks		LSV Trial of a Rescue Water Craft Lifeguard Service in the Kingston area (jet Ski)	LSV Completion of Dromana Bay Lifesaving facilities - Opening December 2012	LSV Clubhouse audit was conducted for all Life Saving Clubhouses	LSV Intensive leadership training for 6 candidates for the Building Leaders Scholarship Program at LSV & sending them to Sri Lanka to assist with training of Life Guards	LSV LSV from anywhere strategy launched- Upgrading of LSV Headquarters communications infrastructure	LSV Development of the Victorian Water Safety Guide as a mobile application available through the Apple App Store & Google Play
LSV Introduction of high visibility vests for all local & state competitors	SLSA Introduction of 'State of origin' for athletes participating in state teams	LSV Introduction of video finishing system at IRB Carnivals	LSV Professional Pool Lifeguard Challenge reintroduced. Held at Kardinia Aquatic Centre April 2013	2013 -2014	LSV Carrum LSC Club House completed August 2013	LSV Online delivery of 'blended' CPR, & Senior First Aid courses	LSV Introduction of the 'Grey Medallion pilot program	LSV Volunteer membership at an all time high 30,685	LSV Drowning increase in Victorian waters to 47 (highest level in past 10 years)



<p>LSV LSV to be part of Emergency Services within the Department of Justice</p>	<p>LSV 59 Lifesaving Clubs were realigned into 12 districts</p>	<p>LSV Introduction of Workbooks & Assessor guides, modification Certificate IV Workplace training Modules</p>	<p>LSV LSV present at the first meeting in Germany for an International Standard for water safety signage</p>	<p>2004 -2005</p>	<p>LSV 1st female Life Member SLSV - Barbara Morgan (Sth Melbourne LSC)</p>	<p>LSV Management of Oasis Pool by RLSSA-V / LSV (15 yrs) to cease 30th June 2005</p>	<p>LSV LSV Board introduced & implemented a Governance Structure for the organisation with Councils for Aquatic Sport, Lifesaving Operations, Youth & Leadership Development and Community and Aquatic Education</p>	<p>LSV Recognition of LSV by national bodies of Surf and Royal as Chief operating entity for lifesaving services and programs in Victoria</p>
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<p>LSV Y&LD 'Member Protection' requirements introduced, Working with Children Legislation</p>	<p>LSV LSV Platinum Pool award developed for Aquatic facility safety Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre & Dandenong Oasis inaugural winners</p>	<p>LSV Boating Safety for Kids program began</p>	<p>LSV LSV Website upgraded new face of LSV November 2004</p>	<p>LSV Centenary Carnival (RLSSA-V) held and 100 oldest Lifesavers event (December/January)</p>	<p>LSV New Ethnic Media campaign commenced</p>	<p>2005 -2006</p>	<p>LSV Roll out of Certificate 2 in Public Safety (aquatic Rescue)</p>	<p>LSV Spinal Management Certificate introduced</p>	<p>LSV LSV became a Registered Training organisation</p>
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<p>LSV LSV winning Victorian Marine Awards-safety initiative by an organisation or individual - Boating Safety for Kids Program</p>	<p>LSV Introduction of the Clubhouse of the future concept</p>	<p>LSV International training of Lifeguards for Vietnam & Indonesia</p>	<p>LSV U6 & U7 able to be included in JAB activities by SLSA</p>	<p>LSV Angel Ring Pilot project to arrest rise in drownings of people rock fishing begins</p>	<p>LSV Keep Watch @ Public Pools education program introduced</p>	<p>LSV Indigenous program commenced under 'Play it Safe by the Water'</p>	<p>LSV LSV Team retain the Wieland Shield - Torquay</p>	<p>LSV Ceased management contract for the Dandenong Aquatic & Leisure Centre - Oasis: 30th June 2006</p>	<p>2007 -2008</p>
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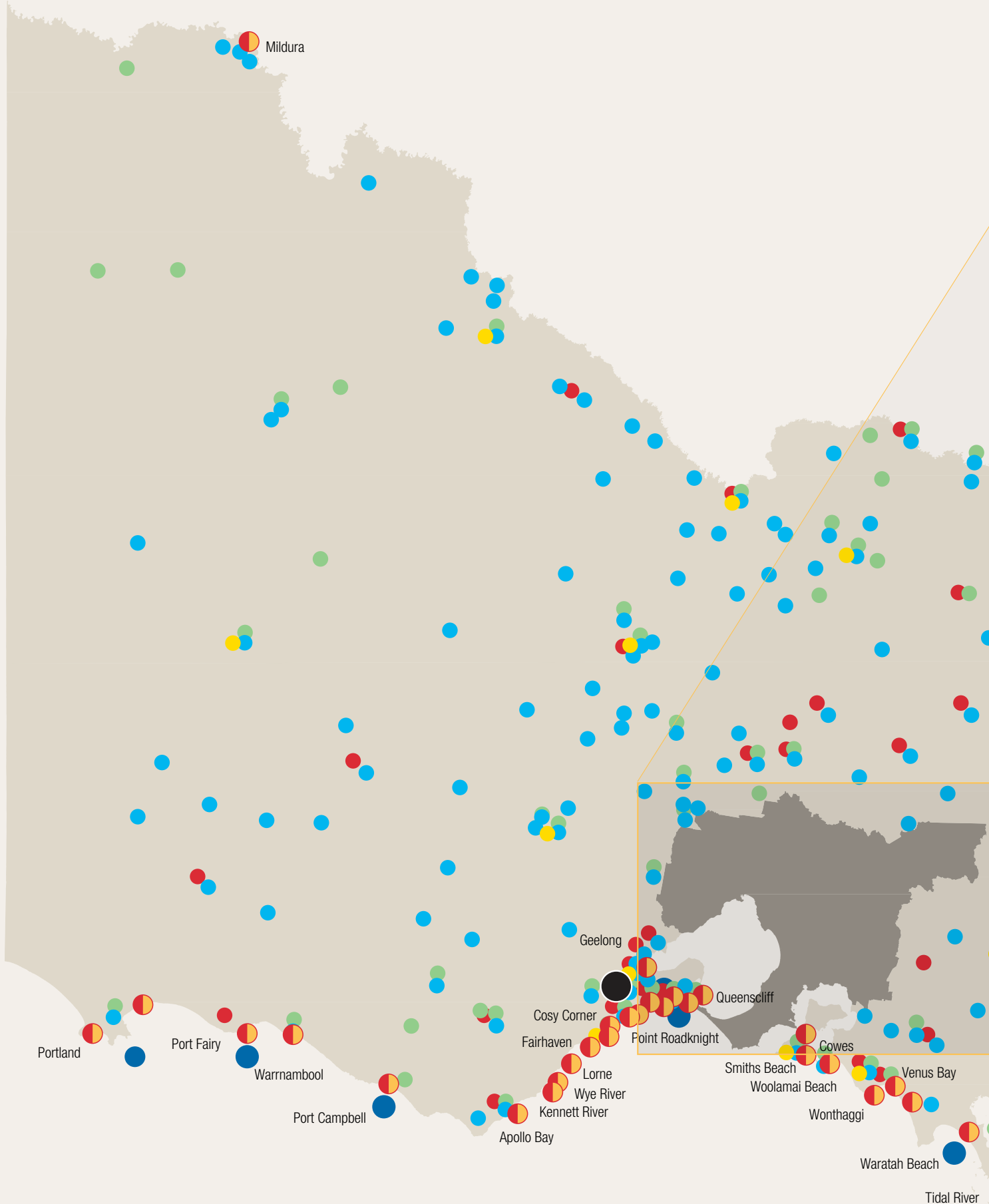
<p>2008 -2009</p>	<p>LSV LSV winner 2008 Australian Safer Communities Award for its Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Communities program</p>	<p>LSV Interstate IRB competition held for first time</p>	<p>LSV Affiliation of VMR Mornington & Hastings Marine Rescue Service to LSV</p>	<p>LSV AMSAR introduction of Certificate 1 in Maritime Operations</p>	<p>LSV Radio communications systems improved, linking of VHS coastal network back to LSV Coms</p>	<p>LSV Roll out of Community Defibrillation & Spinal Management courses in a 'dry land' setting</p>	<p>LSV Evaluation of 'The Boating Safety for Kids' program</p>	<p>2009 -2010</p>	<p>LSV State Government donation of an administration Grant \$5k per Club</p>
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<p>LSV Finalisation of the new Swim & Survive Resource</p>	<p>LSV Past Wishart medallists were recognised at a function at Lifeguards at 200'</p>	<p>LSV Completed Stage 3 of the Radio network, most clubs now having direct communications with LSV Com from their portable radios</p>	<p>LSV Rolled out Psychological First Aid resources to members</p>	<p>LSV Complete review of internal award processing procedure</p>	<p>LSV Over 200,000 participants taking part in water Safety education in Victoria</p>	<p>LSV Record participation in the Open Water Learning Experience Program</p>	<p>LSV Partnered with YMCA Victoria to deliver LSV's Open Water Learning Experience Program</p>	<p>LSV Working in conjunction with RLSSA to develop & review aquatic based education programs & resources</p>	<p>2011 -2012</p>
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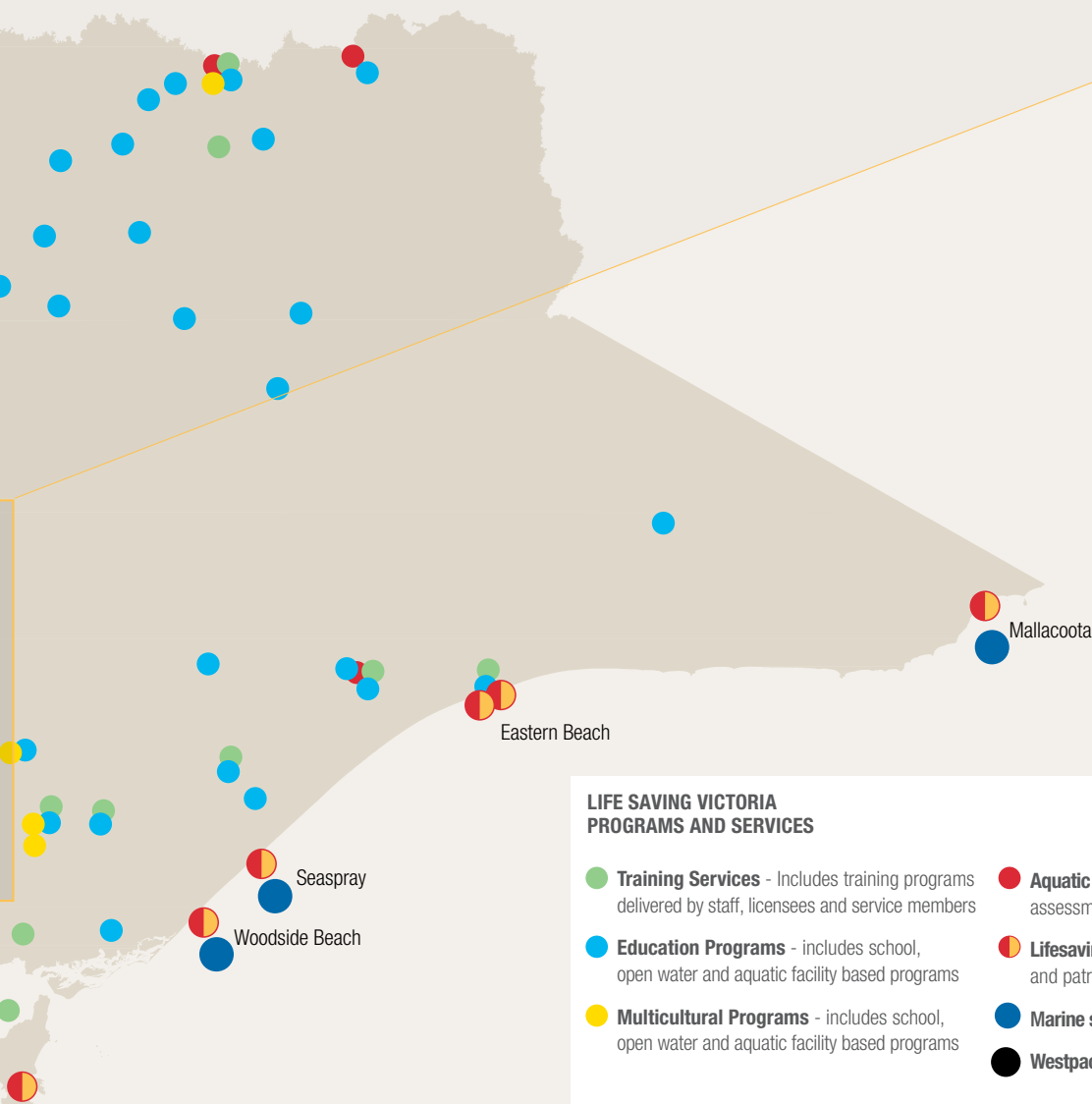
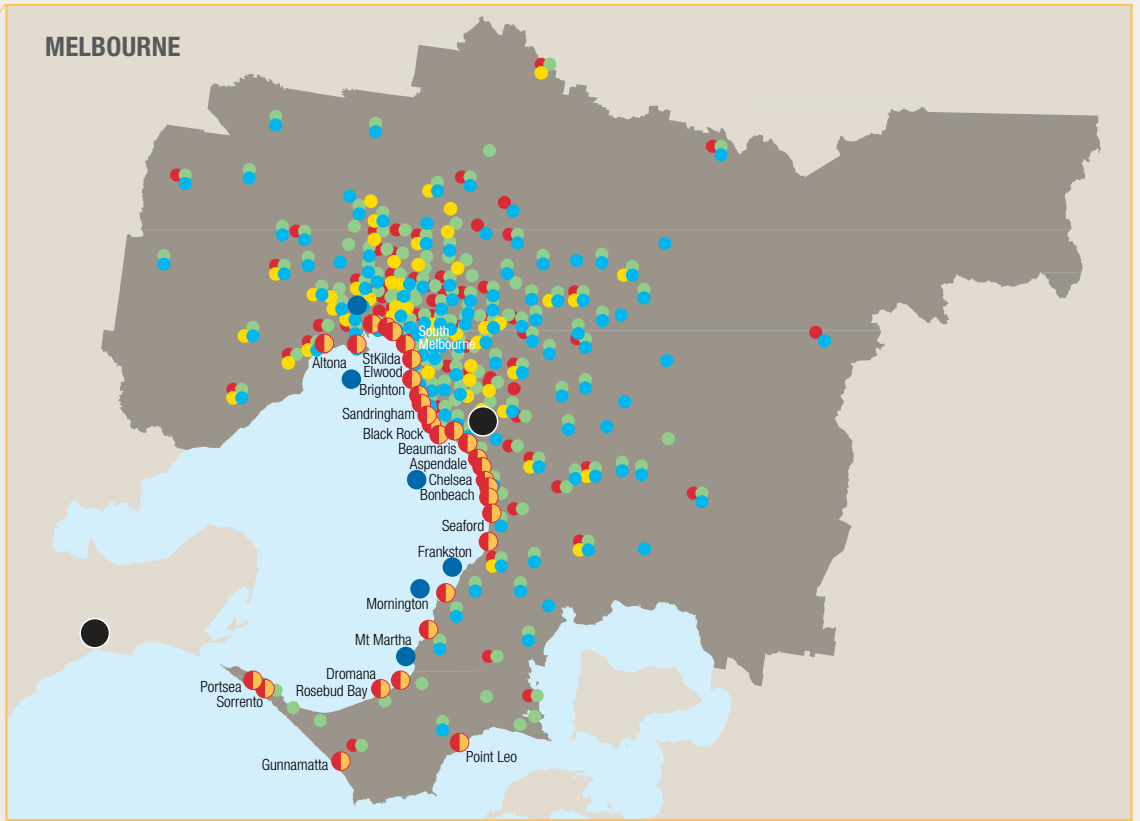
<p>LSV Agreement with EPA for LSV Beach Signage & Water quality forecasts at Clubs in the Bay</p>	<p>2012 -2013</p>	<p>LSV Michael Martin (Anglesea SLSC) steps down as President of LSV; Tom Mollenkopf (Pt Leo SLSC) the new President November 2012</p>	<p>LSV Introduction of LSV Female Leadership networks</p>	<p>LSV New online Education portal- 'Education from Anywhere'</p>	<p>LSV Capability of theory for Bronze Medallion online</p>	<p>LSV LSV selected as a training network for 3 organisations - William Angliss Institute (Resort Management & Outdoor recreation Training); YMCA Victoria (Aquatic & first response training) & Department of Human Services (First Aid & CPR)</p>	<p>LSV Safety equipment introduced - helmets for boat rowing; lifejackets for IRBs</p>	<p>LSV Research into the swimming ability of Year 6 school children</p>	<p>LSV Commenced 3 year Rock Fishing safety Project</p>
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<p>LSV Completion of new clubhouse for Fairhaven SLSC January 2014</p>	<p>LSV Pilot 'Sink or Swim' school education programme won 2013 Victorian Resilient Australia Award</p>	<p>LSV Bayside Clubs winning all State Titles - (Pool & Beach, Masters, Senior & Junior)</p>	<p>LSV LSV from 1st July 2014 will sit under Emergency Management Victoria, as the new overarching body for coordination of the Victorian water safety issues</p>	<p>LSV Online Skills maintenance Volunteers requalification assessment expanded</p>	<p>LSV Multicultural Ambassador Training undertaken</p>	<p>LSV Wieland Shield success for LSV at Torquay, Lorne & Jan Juc</p>	<p>LSV A new Rescue base for Woodside Beach Offshore rescue boat</p>	<p>LSV Life savers able to gain Certificate in Front Line Management as part of Emergency services</p>	<p>LSV Inaugural Endurance Championships were held at Torquay</p>
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Programs and Services



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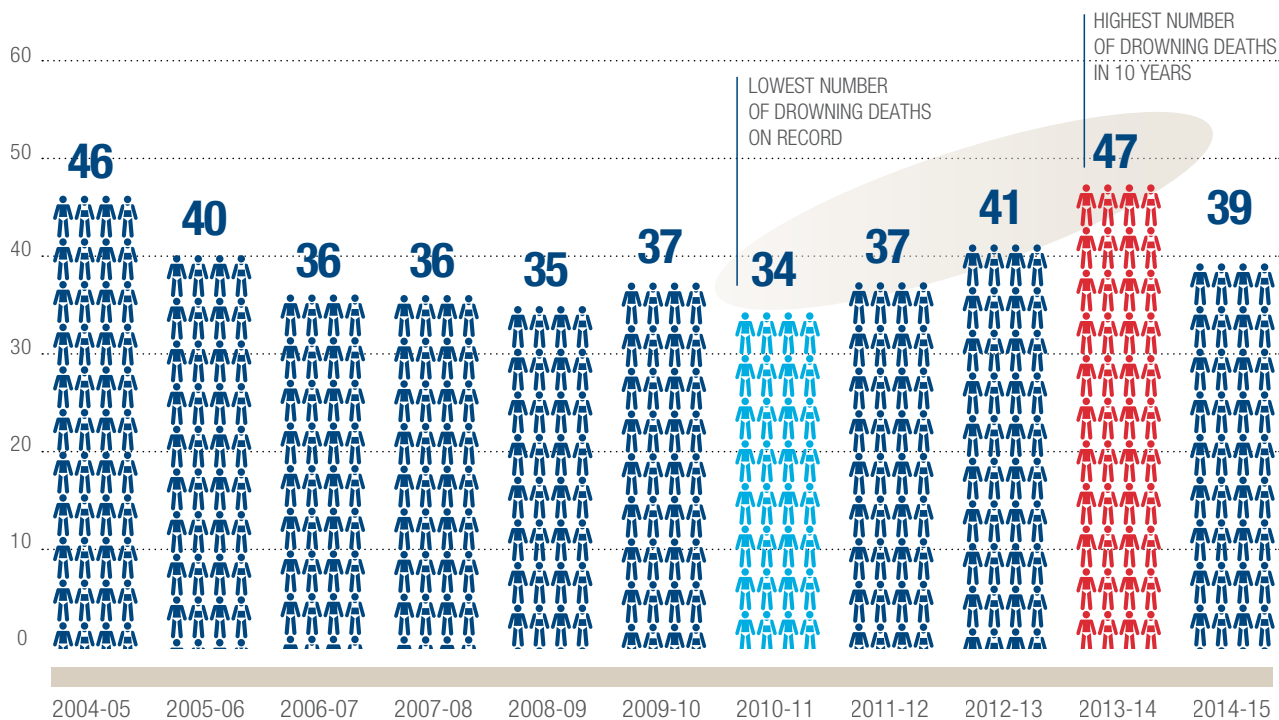


LIFE SAVING VICTORIA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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

Addressing the Drowning Toll

VICTORIAN DROWNING DEATHS OVER 10 YEARS



In 2014/15, 39 lives were lost to drowning; this is the same as the average number of drowning incidents in Victoria over the past 10 years.

Trends in 2014/15:

- A 19% increase in the drowning rate of those aged 45-64 years, a 17% increase in those aged 65 years and over, and a 14% increase in young children aged 0-4 years, compared to the average over the previous 10 years (2004-2014).
- A 28% increase in drowning in coastal waterways compared to the 10-year average—following the decrease observed for this location in 2013/14.
- A continuing trend for increased boating drowning fatalities, with nine this year compared to the average of four per year since the introduction of legislation requiring mandatory wearing of lifejackets in 2005.

- Alcohol continues to be an issue in 2014/15, with seven drowning deaths in which alcohol was reportedly consumed by the individual prior to drowning. Alcohol-related deaths represented one in four drowning deaths in Victoria over the previous decade.
- Multicultural communities continue to be at risk with nine drowning deaths in 2014/15 representing 23% of the total drowning deaths, compared to the 10 year average of 15%.

309

LIVES WERE
LOST TO
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NUMBER OF
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IN VICTORIA
OVER THE PAST
10 YEARS.

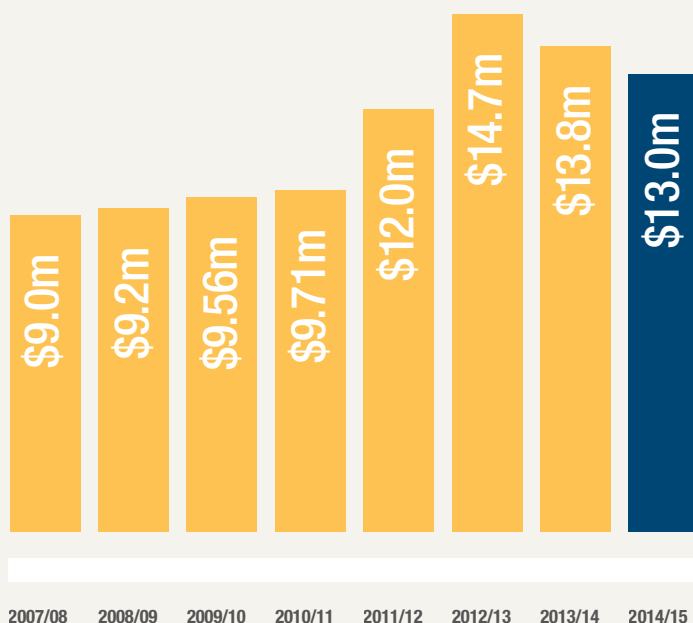
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INCREASE IN DROWNING
IN COASTAL WATERWAYS
COMPARED TO THE
10-YEAR AVERAGE.

28%

TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE



LSV GENERATED TOTAL REVENUE OF \$13.02M WITH AN OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$311,438 COMPARED TO A (\$463,938) LOSS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, A TURNAROUND OF \$775,376.

Overview

LSV generated total revenue of \$13.02m with an operating surplus of \$311,438 compared to a (\$463,938) loss in the previous year, a turnaround of \$775,376. The net result increase was generated by strong cost control, recovery in relation to doubtful debts expense and an adjustment to the treatment of the Surf Life Saving Foundation distribution.

LSV continues to benefit from fundraising opportunities in conjunction with the Surf Life Saving Foundation, resulting in \$394,575 received in distributions in 2014-15. Distributions received in 2013-14 (\$453,740) were reinvested, contributing to the deficit whereas in 2014-15 the distribution was treated as income, contributing to the surplus result.

Government Support for Lifesaving Clubs

LSV continues to explore financing opportunities to support our lifesaving clubs. During the year a further \$3.5m for facilities development through funding from the Department of Justice was realised.

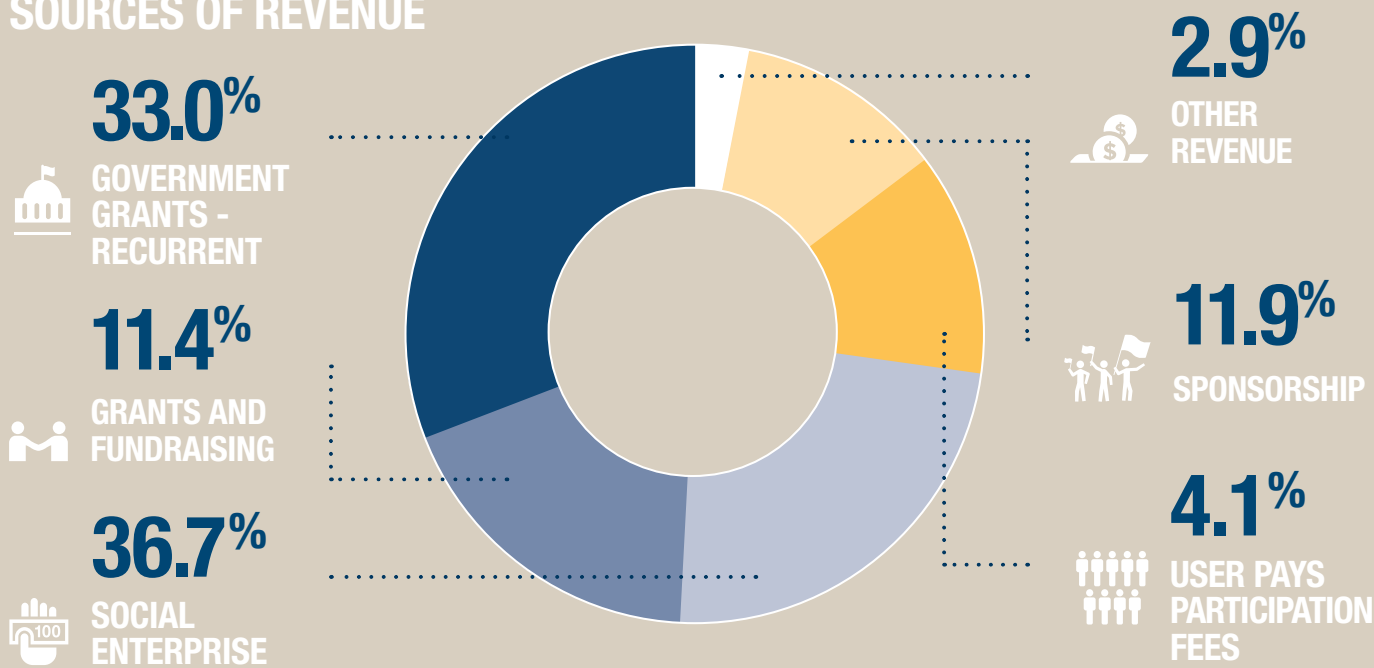
Other financing and direct club assistance included:

- Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program Grants - \$846,116
- Community Support Emergency Services Program Grants - \$58,918
- Club Administration Support Grants - \$123,500
- Club Risk Management Assistance Grants - \$157,533

DURING THE YEAR A FURTHER \$3.5 MILLION FOR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WAS REALISED.

Summary of Financial Position

SOURCES OF REVENUE



ASSETS	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property, Plant & Equipment	5,000	4,870	4,551
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,992	1,200	589
Other Assets	5,144*	6,677*	7,802
Total Assets	12,136	12,747	12,942

* Note: Includes \$4 million term deposit arranged on behalf of LSV by Surf Life Saving Foundation.

LIABILITIES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Creditors and Grants in Advance	4,126	5,078	5,020
Provisions	707	829	771
Borrowings	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	4,833	5,907	5,791

Members Funds	7,303	6,839	7,151
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Continued Diversification of Financing

LSV continued to focus on diversifying financing for operations through development of social enterprise activities and program specific grants. The majority of revenue (69%) is from Recurrent Government Grants which are state based and Social Enterprise activities which include public training and water safety services. Social Enterprise, previously named Commercial Activities comprised 36.7 per cent of total revenue (33.3 per cent in 2013-14) and User Pays Participation fees, a new category previously included in Commercial Activities comprised 4.1 per cent of total revenue. Recurrent government grants comprised 33 per cent of total revenue (22.9 per cent in 2013-14). Grants and Donations decreased from 24.3 per cent to 11.4 per cent of total revenue.

Summary of Balance Sheet 2013/14 – 2014/15

LSV's balance sheet as at 30 June 2015 showed total assets of \$12.94 million, liabilities of \$5.79 million and Members Funds of \$7.15 million. The table to the left shows the major elements of the balance sheet and their respective values for the past three years.

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1688 +
FIRST AID ASSISTANCE

109 MAJOR
FIRST AIDS

This year saw the launch of LIMSOC (Lifesaving Incident Management System and Operations Console), an online system that enables clubs to sign in to LSV Communications and report rescues or other incidents, via computer, mobile or tablet. The system creates increased efficiencies in integration and the management of incidents with Victoria Police, Research Coordinating Committee (RCC). Looking ahead, early 2016 will see the integration of this system with Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) and additional functionality.

The Operations team also undertook a Rescue Water Craft (RWC) safety review in order to ensure the maintenance of high level delivery, adequate training resources and the prevention of RWC incidents. After broad consultation with lifesaving services and relevant stakeholders, the review saw the introduction of Safety Management Systems and Safety Management Plans, with a focus on gear and equipment, safety of crafts and training and assessment. These also included recommendations to ensure the highest standard in the delivery of RWC services are implemented. A number of existing policy positions were reconfirmed.

Other highlights included the continuation of the RWC Lifeguard Program, the expansion of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Water Quality Program and the ongoing improvement of the Advanced Lifesaving Camp.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Implementation on next generation of LIMSOC
- Rollout of a Gear Inspection App
- Upgrades to the Barwon Heads and Moorabbin helicopter bases
- Rollout of new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

NIPPERS

10,501



5 FEMALE LEADERSHIP NETWORK SESSIONS

12 LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

123 MEMBERS OBTAINED AGE MANAGER AWARDS

With a view to further 'building resilient communities', LSV's Membership and Leadership team, embarked on a project aimed at addressing gender equality and inclusion.

Together with Vicsport, research was undertaken as part of an Inclusion Action Plan, exploring the barriers regarding females and positions of leadership across all facets of lifesaving. The resulting report Exploring Gender Equality in Volunteer Leadership Roles within Life Saving Victoria provides LSV with quantifiable data that greatly assists in the development of informed strategies and policies to support gender diversity in the future.

The year also saw the continued growth of participant numbers in the Under 13 (U13) and Under 15 (U15) camps. These camps provide participants with the opportunity to meet fellow lifesavers in a fun and relaxed environment and develop as young lifesavers and leaders. Attendees participate in a variety of activities that challenge and engage, building leadership and teamwork skills.

Other highlights included the ongoing development of the Building Leaders Scholarship (BLS) and Female Leadership Network; the successful reworking of the Champion Junior Lifesaver event into a one day format involving former BLS scholars in the development and facilitation of the event; and the many cross agency development opportunities available via the emergency services sector.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- LSV Leadership Alumni Network
- U13 & U15 Youth Camp Leader Planning Group (compiled of former youth leaders)
- Member Protection Model Refresh
- Scholarships for World Conference on Drowning Prevention

OVERALL PARTICIPATION 2014/15

13,260



3700 BEACH PROGRAMS

7800 CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

1700 SWIMMING PROGRAMS CHILDREN

400 SWIMMING PROGRAMS FAMILIES

LSV's multicultural services saw continued growth in 2014/15 with over 13,000 people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities engaged in a suite of training and education activities.

This year saw the completion of the VicHealth State Sport Association Participation Program (SSAPP), a four year program providing water safety knowledge to the CALD community through education programs such as Meet a Lifeguard, Resuscitate a Mate and Beach Programs.

Following VicHealth's 'Everyone Wins' framework, LSV further developed its promotion of inclusive practices by assisting partnering lifesaving clubs and aquatic centres to link with CALD communities in their areas. Project objectives included the increased inclusion of CALD participants into Nippers, Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC), Surf Bronze Medallion and Pool Lifeguard training programs. The success of LSV programs is largely due to the overwhelming 'buy-in' of 120 CALD organisations and agencies in 2014/15. Their acknowledgement of the health and safety benefits of LSV education activities to the multicultural groups they represent enables opportunities for even further engagement within a growing CALD community.

Other highlights include the Australian Migration and Settlement Awards, in which LSV was a finalist in the Sports Leadership category. Now in its third year, the awards recognised LSV for its contribution to CALD settlement, and programs that are inclusive to new migrants and people from diverse backgrounds.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Expansion of CALD project partnership with YMCA Dandenong to additional YMCA facilities
- Knowledge sharing on CALD employment initiatives with Victoria Emergency Services and local councils

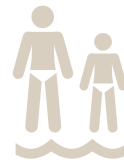
37,452

FACE-TO-FACE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN 2014/15



1234

EDUCATION FROM ANYWHERE SUBSCRIBERS



13,851

OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



134,276

SWIM AND SURVIVE AWARDS ORDERED (CERTIFICATES AND LOGBOOKS)



198

SWIM AND SURVIVE LICENSEES



14,265

SINK OR SWIM PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



This year the Education Services team continued to address the decline in children's swimming capability. With teachers estimating 60% of children leave Victorian primary school unable to swim 50 meters, the Before School Swimming and Water Safety Program Trial, was a new approach to providing Victorian primary school children with swimming and water safety education before the school day. LSV partnered with Aquamoves Lakeside Shepparton to deliver lessons for 68 Year 5 and 6 students from two local primary schools. With unanimous support from parents, teachers and students, the program was a great success. Many students developed new friendships, with increased organisational skills, energy and improved focus at school.

In addition, the program was successful in addressing the issue of perceived 'high cost' of swimming lessons, crowded school curriculums and transport costs. The support for the program from all areas and the positive changes observed in the students demonstrate the feasibility of the program.

Other highlights include the launch of the Grey Medallion program, aiming to assist older adults become 'Everyday Lifesavers.' Local grants have been sourced to support the rollout of the program to 120 community seniors, with a further 58 instructors from 26 facilities across Victoria receiving training to deliver the program. The program has been positively received, showing great potential and demand for further expansion across the state.

Working towards transforming the way LSV delivers Safety Education, the Education team has progressed the development of the Everyday Lifesaver App, using 'gamification' (online game based learning) to make acquiring knowledge about water safety, emergency response and CPR more engaging. The App is due to be launched in October 2015.

Other developments in information technology saw the launch of the RLSSA Bronze e-Lifesaving for secondary schools; providing students with cost-free online water safety programs, delivered by teachers from their schools.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Further Before School Swimming and Water Safety program trials in metropolitan Melbourne, placing greater emphasis on students who are not doing any form of swimming and water safety programming
- Investigation of a 'Risk App'; a tool to support school teachers in their delivery of aquatic recreation programs
- Development and pilot of a targeted Prep to Year 2 'Discover Open Water Learning Experience' program

35,669

TRAINING AWARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED




POOL SAFETY
ASSESSMENTS

95


FACILITY VISITS/
REGISTRATIONS

332


PLATINUM POOL
PROGRAM FACILITIES
(CAPACITY)

25


ACCREDITED
WATCH AROUND
WATER FACILITIES

141

2014/15 saw the implementation and launch of aXcelerate; a new online learning management system and training portal which allows candidates to set up and manage their LSV training and qualification portfolios.

The new system 'accelerates' the booking process for training, and gives candidates access to LSV's resource library. The portal displays a record of the candidate's history of qualifications, details of upcoming courses and conveniently allows candidate's to download completed course certificates.

In line with LSV's strategic direction of 'Everyday Lifesavers', the aXcelerate portal enhances the overall candidate experience, making it easier than ever for individuals and organisations to achieve and maintain vital first aid and water safety qualifications through LSV.

In addition, the Team was pleased to present Everyday Lifesaver Awards to staff at two aquatic centres in Geelong; who applied quick thinking and actions that saved lives. In both instances, the lifesavers encountered patrons suffering from medical conditions causing them to become

submerged and stop breathing. Both teams administered CPR and applied defibrillator shocks prior to paramedics arriving. LSV were delighted that the patrons were able to return to the centres and participate in the award ceremonies with their rescuers after fully recovering.

The last year also saw the rollout of a number of 'blended' delivery courses (combining online and face to face learning), including CPR and Provide First Aid. In addition, the 'Aquatic Technical Operators' course was delivered by LSV for the first time and a contextualised 'Aquatic Risk' course was delivered to Ambulance Victoria paramedic personnel.

Additional highlights included the delivery of the third Pool Lifeguard Challenge and the third Annual Pool Safety Summit. Both events were at capacity. For the first time, the summit was immediately followed by a Watch Around Water (WAW) forum. The WAW program continues to grow with almost 150 facilities state-wide, and a new website and resource hub is under development. LSV also welcomes a new partnership with Commercial Aquatics Australia.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- The key technology advancement will soon see LSV trainers moving to an electronic platform for course delivery and assessment to speed up processing times and improve ease of use.

Everyday Lifesaver Awards

Leisurelink Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Geelong

Ashlea Smith, Lee Murray and Peter Claffey

Splashdown, Geelong

Holly McPhee, Gail Richards, Michele Kayler-Thomson and Adriana Canning

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ENDORSED WATCH
AROUND WATER AQUATIC
FACILITIES DIRECTLY
ASSESSED AS PART
OF MONITORING AND
EVALUATION PROJECT



VIEW OF LYSTERFIELD LAKE

18



LIFESAVING CLUBS PARTICIPATING
IN EPA BEACH REPORT PROJECT,
INCLUDING SOCIAL RESEARCH

Throughout 2014/15, the Aquatic Risk and Research team continued to provide expert advice and evidence to the aquatic industry to further develop and improve a range of programs and services.

The year saw the launch of the report *Sink or Swim: The state of Victorian primary school children's swimming ability*. This report was designed to provide a benchmark of the swimming ability and water safety knowledge of Victorian children exiting primary school. The report found that an alarming rate of children are exiting primary school with insufficient water skills and water safety knowledge. If not addressed, the drowning rate is likely to increase.

LSV recommendations include extensive consultation between schools, industry and government to develop innovative solutions to increase participation of Victorian primary school children in swimming and water safety education. In addition 'barriers' such as cost, transport, regional locations and an already crowded curriculum need to be addressed.

Prompted by recent drowning events, LSV undertook a risk assessment of Lysterfield Lake; a popular inland swimming venue. The assessment process was a collaborative one; with stakeholders including the City of Casey, Victoria Police and Parks Victoria. Key project outcomes were risk treatment recommendations proportionate to the quantified risks attributed to the site based on historical data and site observations. The project was seen as successful not only for the implementation of the recommended risk treatments, but the valuable feedback and suggestions provided by project stakeholders. It was a great example of a number of different agencies and groups being focused on reducing drowning and injury.

The Rock Fishing Safety Campaign three year project was completed this year. The project involved an observational study and surveys of rock fishers in known popular and dangerous locations along Victoria's coastline. In addition, the Helping Older Adults to Become Everyday Lifesavers pilot was successfully completed as was research for the Inland Waterways Drowning Prevention Project.

Reaching beyond our borders, the team were pleased to work with the Life Saving Association of Sri Lanka, on the compilation of *The Drowning Prevention Report*. Supported by the World Health Organisation, the report is the first of its kind detailing the extent of the drowning problem in Sri Lanka. The report provides the critical link to inform government, industry, non-profit organisations, lifesaving organisations and the whole community for the prevention of drowning in Sri Lanka.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Risk assessments to be conducted for the Yarra River and other high risk locations as identified by the Inland Waterways Drowning Prevention Project.
- Further research into the swimming competency of children.

4557

SENIOR CARNIVAL COMPETITORS



1517

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITORS

1030

IRB CARNIVAL COMPETITORS

1749

JUNIOR REGIONAL COMPETITORS

388

JUNIOR POOL COMPETITORS



It was another progressive year for LSV's Aquatic Sports team, with an increase in carnival participation and both world and national records being set at the Royal Life Saving Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in January. Many of these athletes have been selected for Australian training squads.

Three individual overall age group champions and two Masters World Records were among the accolades for the Victorian State and Development Teams at the Championships, held in January at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. These athletes return to their clubs with increased levels of enthusiasm and help drive the improvement of skills of other club members, further building resilient clubs.

In the addition, the IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) State Team retained their second place ranking for the second consecutive year at the 2015 IRB Interstate Championships.

The year also saw the development of a Modified Carnival Program for clubs to use for running their own events to encourage more members into competition and training.

The format minimises the requirements for clubs to run individual events, and helps promote inclusion and friendly rivalries with neighbouring clubs through team based events. The concept aims to improve the number of members being active in lifesaving competition, whilst also improving the social aspect of clubs, encouraging social events to be held following events.

A trial of 'round robin / divisional' style racing at Senior Beach Carnivals was also successful, giving more athletes the chance to participate in a greater number of races.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- An extensive review of the suite of Sport and Recreation products offered by Surf Life Saving Australia which seeks to understand how sport and recreation programs / products can be better leveraged to enhance achievement of SLS's core purpose of saving lives. (more info here: <https://sls.com.au/ssreview>)

2015 Championship Results	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2015 Australian Lifesaving Championships - Open	2	1	3
2015 Australian Lifesaving Championships - Masters	9	8	13
2015 Australian Lifesaving Championships - Youth	1	1	2
2015 Australian IRB Championships	1	-	1
2015 Australian Pool Championships	6	9	8
Rescue 2014 – World Lifesaving Championships	10	6	9

	Officials	Coaches
Junior	122	39
Level One	173	125
Level Two	34	18
Level Three	10	3
Foundation	-	6
Development	-	27

Note: As the coaches' awards are transferred to SLSA's new framework over the next 4-5 years, members with the 'old' awards (Junior/Level 1, Level 2, Level 3) will transfer into the 'new' awards (Foundation, Development, Performance and High Performance)

55000

NEW AWARDS ALLOCATED



FIRST AID
AWARDS
ACHIEVED BY
VOLUNTEERS

480

NEW BRONZE
MEDALLION
AWARDS =
PATROLLING
MEMBERS

1600+

MEMBERS
COMPLETED
ONLINE SKILLS
MAINTENANCE

4582

AWARDS
AND SKILLS
MAINTENANCE
ALLOCATED

15210

This year saw further develop of the online Skills Maintenance program - LSV from Anywhere to assist in reducing the administration burden on Patrolling Volunteers during the annual requirements for members. LSV from Anywhere included enhancements which allowed members to complete and book into a practical session skills maintenance session, this enabled Life Saving clubs to better administer and manage club members during skills maintenance sessions.

Life Saving Victoria commenced the Bridging Certificate IV, course to enable its members to finalise all the requirements to achieve nationally recognised Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. 25+ current Volunteers trainers and assessors undertook the initial bridging Certificate IV course to further their knowledge and provide additional opportunities outside of Life Saving.

With recent changes to the Health Training packages Life Saving Victoria provided upgrade opportunities across the state for volunteer Trainers / Assessors and Members in the new requirements for First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate, Resuscitation and Basic Emergency Care.

Life Saving Victoria was proud that Davina Jackson was awarded the Trainer of Year award by Surf Lifesaving Australia. This award demonstrated the commitment and dedication Davina provided her club Jan Juc throughout the year.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Implementation of the Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE) course for Volunteers members.
- Further development and implementation of the Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE) Bridging units for Volunteers members.

- Further development of the LSV from Anywhere online platform towards an online (paperless) based system.
- Implementation of periodic professional development opportunities for volunteer members.
- Further development and simplification of all training and assessment resources used during Volunteer Training.
- Development of a Trainer/Assessor online profile area.
- Management and implementation of a new student management system in collaboration with existing databases.

Honours and Awards



Life Saving Victoria Club of the Year (Beaurepaire Shield)

Fairhaven SLSC

Volunteer of the Year (Graeme Long Memorial medal)

Rachael Rylance, Elwood LSC

Lifesaver of the Year (John Wishart Memorial medal) Presented by Microflite

Alex Buckley, Fairhaven SLSC

Outstanding Achievement of the Year

Anglesea R&R Teams

Mike Martin AM Champion Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Briely Wight, Torquay SLSC

Nipper Parent of the Year

Fred Tronberg - South Melbourne LSC

Membership and Leadership Development Service Awards

Mimi Craig, MLD Executive / VU Sport Aquatic Programs
Ben Hall, Aspendale LSC
Catherine McCraith, MLD Executive

Junior Female Athlete of the Year

Samantha Howe, Point Leo

Junior Male Athlete of the Year

Saxon Beale, Anglesea

Female Athlete of the Year

Nerice Smith, Half Moon Bay

Male Athlete of the Year

Zachary Richter, Point Leo

Masters Female Athlete of the Year

Wendy Reyntjes, Fairhaven

Masters Male Athlete of the Year

Mark Graham, Ocean Grove

Team of the Year

Anglesea Open Mixed R&R Team

Competition Official of the Year

Bernie Murray, Anglesea SLSC

Coach of the Year

Geoffrey Waters- Anglesea

Victorian Championship Point Score Winner

Anglesea SLSC

Training Officer of the Year

Steven Thirlwall, SLS Lakes Entrance

Assessor of the Year

Katrina Antony, Portland SLSC

Commercial Training Licensee of the Year

City of Greater Geelong

Commercial Trainer of the Year

David Nankervis

Life Saving Victoria Service Member of the Year

David Allan

Education Instructor of the Year

Sally Eastwood

Life Saving Victoria Swim and Survive Licensee of the Year

Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre

Media Service to Lifesaving

WIN News Victoria

Beach Lifeguard of the Year

Luke Plant

Administration Club of the Year

Hampton LSC

Patrol Efficiency Club of the year

Inverloch SLSC

Officiating Long Service Awards

50 Years

Barbara Morgan, South Melbourne LSC

40 Years

Peter Doyle Torquay, SLSC
Allan Holmes, Apollo Bay SLSC
George Misson, Waratah Beach & Inverloch SLSCs
Ric Mitchell, Half Moon Bay LSC
Neil Morarty, Lorne & Apollo Bay SLSCs
James Morgan, South Melbourne LSC
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