

LIFE SAVING VICTORIA

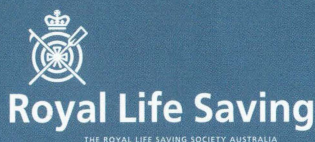
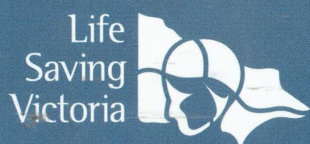
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MISSION AND VALUES

Life Saving Victoria (est. 2002) is an initiative of the Royal Life Saving Society Australia Victoria Branch (est. 1904) and Surf Life Saving Victoria (est. 1947). It has the mission to prevent aquatic related death and injury in all Victorian communities and the vision that all Victorians will learn water safety, swimming and resuscitation, and be provided with safe beaches, water environments and aquatic venues.

Life Saving Victoria will achieve this by working with its members, communities, educational institutions, government, and other organisations in the provision of best practice education, surveillance and rescue, training and risk management services.

Life Saving Victoria is developing new lifesaving and water safety initiatives while respecting the proud traditions and programs of the Royal Life Saving and Surf Life Saving National organisations.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



DR MICHAEL KENNEDY
- CHAIR - LIFESAVING VICTORIA

This Annual Report effectively marks the transition of Life Saving Victoria from a 'virtual' organisation to a real and substantive one which will, in future years, be Victoria's peak lifesaving and aquatic safety organisation, building on the long and proud traditions of its 'parent' organisations, Royal and Surf Life Saving.

Whilst proposals to bring together 'Royal' and 'Surf' have been around for many years, the current proposal became a serious undertaking in late 2002, when the two bodies agreed to create an Interim Board which would guide the process of creating Life Saving Victoria. That Interim Board has done its work. A governance structure has been developed and implemented, with the Councils for Aquatic Sport, Lifesaving Operations, Youth and Leadership Development and Community and Aquatic Education guiding the vitally important work of those sectors. These Councils will operate under the strategic guidance of the LSV Board, which has responsibility for Life Saving Victoria's overall governance.

As the 2004-05 year concluded, the substantial functions and staff at 'Royal' and 'Surf' transferred to LSV and a new era has begun.

Another significant factor in lifesaving's new era in Victoria is its 'joining the Emergency Services family', taking its place alongside organisations like the Country Fire Authority and State Emergency Service. Together, all these organisations contribute significantly to the safety of all Victorians. In future this will see LSV undertake a broader role in working beyond the flags and schools to address all manner of water safety issues.

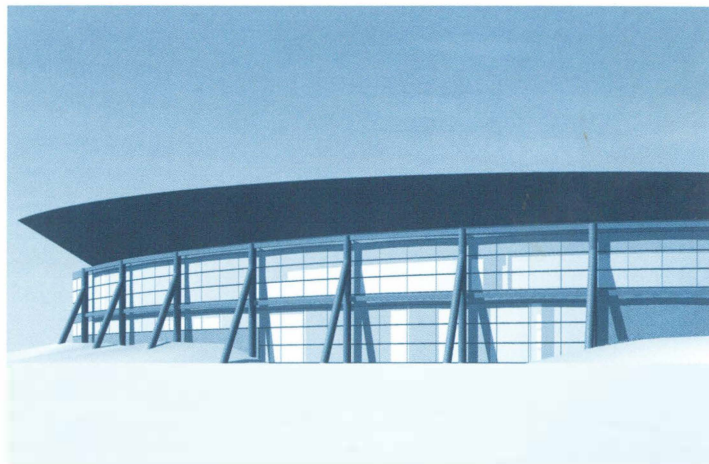
LSV's broader role in the emergency services family is most immediately evident in the construction (now underway) of LSV's State Education and Training and Administration Headquarters. This new facility, to be completed in 2006, will enable LSV to train its own members and the general public in a purpose specific manner as well as supporting the management needs of members and clubs.

The future for Life Saving Victoria is a very positive and exciting one. Very simply, combining the strengths of 'Royal' and 'Surf' into one, strong organisation, well supported by the State Government, housed in an excellent new facility, will allow LSV to do a better, more effective job of everything it does, to the benefit of its members, and the Victorian community.

Many people have contributed to the 'creation phase' of Life Saving Victoria, and all contributions are acknowledged with great appreciation. I thank the members of the Interim Board, the first full Board, the various taskforces and their successor councils. I also acknowledge the wonderful support of the State Government, of our sponsors, and, finally, the staff and volunteers who have collectively ensured that LSV has 'made a good start' with the achievement of our real potential.

CEO'S REPORT

NIGEL TAYLOR ESM
- CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LIFE SAVING VICTORIA



It gives me great pleasure to present this inaugural Life Saving Victoria Annual Report. Over recent years many have wondered if this moment would ever eventuate. Whilst most have remained committed to the concept of introducing a comprehensive water safety entity, the numerous hurdles to its implementation have provided an absolute test of collective willpower.

Whilst undertaking an exhaustive co-operative negotiation process to ensure the best of both Royal and Surf Life Saving were present in the new entity, it is also pleasing to be able to note that a number of significant lifesaving achievements occurred over the past twelve months. These are noted below:

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

- The election of the inaugural Board and Councils of Life Saving Victoria.
- Formal recognition by both Surf and Royal national bodies of LSV as chief operating entity for lifesaving services and programs in Victoria.
- The beginning of construction of the \$7m LSV Education, Training and Administration head office.
- The full integration of lifesaving services into the Department of Justice's Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner.
- All services and educational programs functioning under a common set of standards.

- The introduction of operational guidance through four Councils (Community and Aquatic Education, Aquatic Sport, Life Saving Operations and Youth & Leadership Development).

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Funding received from Marine Safety Victoria to support the purchase of offshore rescue craft at Mallacoota, Portland, Seaspray and Woodside.
- The introduction of a schools based boating safety program in conjunction with the Victorian Yachting Council and Marine Safety Victoria.
- Training of a record number of pool lifeguards (3333).
- The introduction to LSV of a fulltime research office.
- The centenary celebrations for Royal Life Savings work in Victoria.
- Recognition of the outstanding contributions made by Norm Farmer and Bob Wood through the awarding of Emergency Service Medals (ESM).
- Life Membership of LSV being offered to Rex Dale (SLSV), Barbara Morgan (SLSV), Michael Pearce (SLSV) and Murray Thompson (RLSSAV).

As already noted the implementation of LSV has been a drawn out procedure however two tragic events early in the Christmas holidays (a mass drowning at an inland waterway [Halls Gap] and a mass drowning at a coastal area [Warrnambool]), drew attention to the ability of

the new organisation to make recommendations in regard to future actions that may prevent other families having to cope with tragedies on this scale. In the past Royal and Surf would have dealt with the scenarios as independent entities.

Our integration into the Department of Justice and more specifically the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner, has progressed in a manner that will ensure a very productive long term relationship. Our appreciation should be noted in regard to the welcoming manner of all involved from the Ministers (Andre Haermeyer and subsequently Tim Holding), the Commissioner (Bruce Esplin), the staff and the other emergency service organisations. To have been able to achieve a close, mutually beneficial relationship and still retain LSV's independence will enable the volunteer system to flourish for years to come.

During the year all staffing operations were moved to the Oakleigh office. Whilst this has stretched the capacity of the Oakleigh office, it has allowed us to better integrate the two previous staff groups. It will mean the St Kilda West office will be demolished and allow us to better prepare for staffing accommodation in the new Sandridge facility.

Excitement is building as we work towards the delivery of Rescue 2006 (the World Life Saving Championships). To be conducted in February 2006 at Lorne and Geelong, our intention

is to conduct the "best ever" international life saving event. As could be expected a significant level of planning is involved and we note our appreciation of the efforts of the RO6 staff, the State Government through Sport and Recreation Victoria, the Victorian Major Events Corporation, the City of Greater Geelong, the Surf Coast Shire and major sponsor DHL.

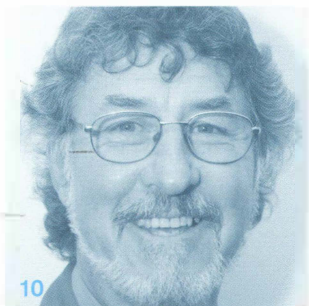
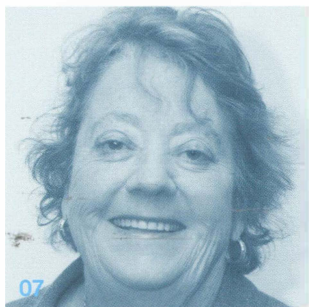
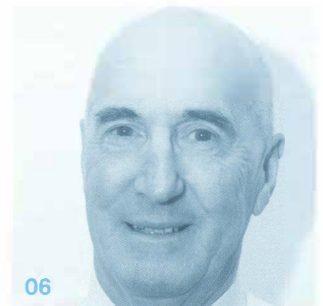
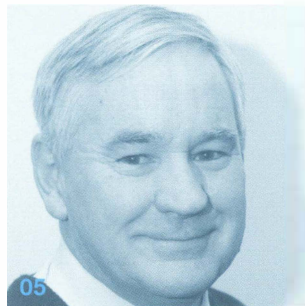
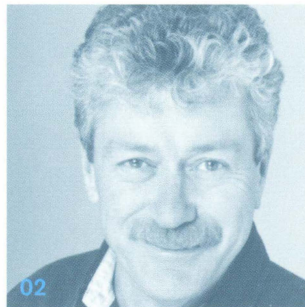
In summary, many have felt comfortable with the concept of the one stop water safety shop that is LSV. Most have had their own version of what that should look like. Everyone has compromised, now all lifesavers are making the commitment to deliver on the vision.

I would like to thank the lifesavers, instructors and assessors that kept the programs and services functioning whilst others may have been distracted with the implementation of the strategies noted above. Our supporters and sponsors as noted elsewhere in this report have made it possible for this volunteer, community based organisation to do what it does. For their work in implementing LSV, I would also like to thank the taskforces and Interim Board, my original counterpart Norm Farmer, the independent Chair Dr Michael Kennedy and the LSV Board and elected Councils, the Boards of both national organisations and for their support on a daily basis, the LSV staff.

BOARD & COMMITTEES

BOARD MEMBERS

- [01] DR MICHAEL KENNEDY
CHAIR
- [02] MIKE MARTIN
DIRECTOR – SLSV PRESIDENT
- [03] DIANE MONTALTO
DIRECTOR – CHAIR – RLSSAV
- [04] JENNI MCLEAN
COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY
AND AQUATIC EDUCATION
- [05] TERRY PETERSON OAM
COUNCIL OF AQUATIC SPORTS
- [06] NEIL MORIARTY
COUNCIL OF AQUATIC SPORTS
- [07] GENEVIEVE LEHMANN
COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY
AND AQUATIC EDUCATION
- [08] MELANIE ORR
COUNCIL OF YOUTH AND
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- [09] JOHN TAKAC
COUNCIL OF LIFESAVING
OPERATIONS
- [10] MAURICE MCCUTCHEON
COUNCIL OF YOUTH AND
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- [11] DINAH BOSWELL
COUNCIL OF LIFESAVING
OPERATIONS



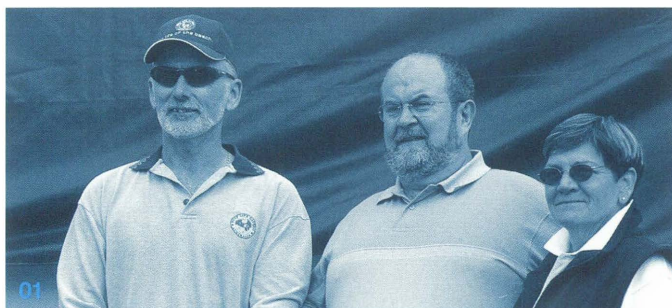
LIFESAVING HONOURS

SLSV Life Membership

Barbara Morgan
South Melbourne LSC

Rex Dale
Point Lonsdale SLSC

Michael Pearce
Woolamai SLSC



RLSSV Life Membership

Murray Thompson

John Wishart Medal (Lifesaver of the Year)

Vanessa Lewanski
Fairhaven SLSC



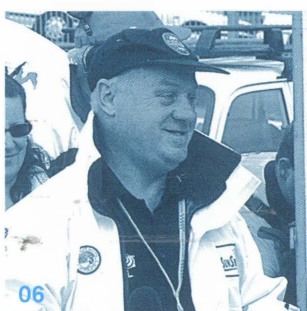
Graeme Long Medal (Volunteer of the Year)

Bruce Ward *Ocean Grove SLSC*

Emergency Service Medal

Norman Farmer
Queens Birthday Honours

Robert Wood
Australia Day Honours



2005 Telstra Champion Junior Lifesaver

Michael Clancy
Chelsea SLSC

Sir Adrian Curlewis Scholarship

Ellie Pietsch
Sandridge LSC

[01] REX DALE
MICHAEL PEARCE
BARBARA MORGAN

[02] MURRAY THOMPSON

[03] BRUCE WARD

[04] VANESSA LEWANSKI

[05] NORMAN FARMER

[06] ROBERT WOOD

[07] MICHAEL CLANCY

[08] ELLIE PIETSCH

LIFESAVING LIFE MEMBERS



LIFE MEMBERS

Robert	Anthony	Winifred	Hull	Kevin	Roderick AFSM
Derek	Bateman	Ron	Hussey	Norma	Rose
Phillip	Bennett	Frank	Inness	Tony	Seals
Alan	Birt	Jackie	Kavanagh	C	Simpson
Ron	Blackney	Helen	Kelly	Barrie	Smith
Warren	Boulton	Eddie	Kidd	Harold	Stephenson
Bruce	Bowman	H	Klauer	Margaret	Stevens
Roy	Boyce	Jack	Knight	Stan	Stevens
Harry	Brereton	Alby	Laven	Pat	Straford
William	Brodie	Janet	Lee	Tony	Strahan
Karen	Brooks	Genevieve	Lehmann	Bruce	Taylor
James	Burrowes OAM	Fred	Leiper	Peter	Taylor OAM
Dr Graham	Cato	Anthony	Lester	Murray	Thompson MLA
Margaret	Clayton	Wendy	Lievesley	Hon Lindsay	Thompson AO CMG
Lyle	Cooper	Michael	Lumley	Anthony	Thorburn
Alan	Coulson	Charles	Lyne AM	Gary	Titter
Rex	Dale	Ray	Marsh	R	Veale
Gordon	Dann	Eric	Martin	Ainslie	Walker
Lois	Darbyshire	Eric	Mc Gee	Jim	Wall
Graham	Davies	Phillip	McGibbon	Bella	Walklate
O	Douglas	Wesley	McLear	Barbara	Webb
Bruce	Edmonds	Jack	Meehan	Jack	Williams
Noel	Emselle	Robert	Millett MBE	Arthur	Williamson
Frances	Evans	Richard	Mitchell	Harry	Windmill
Frank	Fegan	Dianne	Montalto	Robert	Wood
Cam	Fitzgerald OAM	Neil	Morarty	John	Worrell
Alan	Forster	Barbara	Morgan	Barry	Young
Arthur	Frost BEM	James	Morgan		
Eric	Fry	Milton	Napthine		
Clive	Gadd	George	Nutbean		
John	Gale	Peter	O'Rorke OAM JP		
Kenneth	Galloway	Bruce	Owen		
Arnold	Goetz	Clive	Patrickson		
David	Grant	Michael	Pearce		
John	Gregson	Fred	Peebles		
Donald	Heathcote	Fred	Perram		
Joyce	Heily	Terry	Peterson OAM		
Keith	Hodgson	Hazel	Pierce OAM		
Allan	Holmes	Harry	Pittard		
Rex	Hopkins	Fred	Pollard		
Max	Horne	Maurice	Portingale BEM		
		Judy	Revell		
		Mary	Ricca		
		Barbara	Richards		

LIFESAVING COUNCILS

COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY AND AQUATIC EDUCATION

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Deputy Chair

Jenni Maclean

Membership Panel

Hanka Bachledova

Technical Panel

John Lippmann

Specialty Advisor

Melanie Orr

Training

Adam Luscombe

Council Representative

Nic Hall

Water Safety Education

Margaret Clayton

COUNCIL OF AQUATIC SPORT

Aquatic Sports Council Director (Bay)

Terry Peterson OAM

Aquatic Sports Council Director (Ocean)

Neil Morarty

Chairman Aquatic Sports Council

Terry Peterson OAM

Aquatic Sports Council Representative

Allan Holmes

Secretary

Allan Holmes

Media & Marketing Coordinator

Stuart MacKinnon

YLD Competition Co-ordinator

Maurice McCutcheon

Competition Panel Co-ordinator

Brian Ulmer

2nd Competition Panel Representative

Judy Silom

Pool Competition Panel Coordinator

Mitch Hannaker

Special Events Co-ordinator

Harry Windmill

Powercraft Co-ordinator

Colin Ellicott

Coaching Co-ordinator

Cliff Goulding

Chief Referee

Bernie Murray

State Team Co-ordinator

Scott Tannahill

COUNCIL OF YOUTH AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Chair

Maurice McCutcheon

Aquatic Programs Co-ordinator

Melanie Orr

Club Programs Co-ordinator

Vacant

Teams, Tours and Training Co-ordinator

Julie Heatley

Competition Co-ordinator

Steve Brown

Logistics Co-ordinator

Harry Hannas

Youth Programs Co-ordinator

Peter Ward

Youth Programs Co-ordinator

Ellie Pietsch

Communication Co-ordinator

Tom Cullen

Financial Co-ordinator

Faye Powderly

Member Protection and Equality Co-ordinator

Catherine McCraith

Schools Representative

Brooke Irvine

Secretary

Mae Deveson

COUNCIL OF LIFESAVING OPERATIONS

Director, Lifesaving Training and Assessment

Dinah Boswell

Director, Lifesaving Services

John Takac

Chairman Lifesaving Operations

Robert Wood ESM

Gear & Equipment Officer

Mark Guy

Emergency Officer

Darren McLeod

Lifesaving Communications Officer

Darren McLeod

Powercraft Officer

Colin Ellicott

Service Efficiency & Standards Officer

Gordon Ashton

Operational Vehicle Officer Training

Gordon Ashton

Development Officer

Gordon Ashton

Assessment Development Officer

Barbara Morgan

Membership Development Officer

Michael Pearce

Committee Secretary

Jacqui Hewitt

Gippsland District Officer

Barrie Smith

Bass District Officer

Tony Webb

Flinders District Officer

Janis House

Port Phillip District Officer

Neil Emmett

Kingston District Officer

Jim Stott

Bellarine District Officer

Phil Hughes

South Barwon District Officer

Alan Dell

Otway District Officer

Andrea Barbante

Western District Officer

David Tapscott

North West District Officer

Gordon Ashton

Bayside District Officer

Gordon Ashton

Mornington District Officer

Michael Bell

Council of Lifesaving Operations Representative

Robert Wood ESM

State Committee of Lifesaving Training & Assessment Representative

David Marsh

State Committee of Lifesaving Training & Assessment Representative

David Rylance

State Committee of Lifesaving Services Representative

Darren McLeod

State Committee of Lifesaving Services Representative

Mark Scott

LIFESAVING OPERATIONS

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VOLUNTEER LIFESAVING SERVICES

As an emergency services support organisation the demand on lifesaving services was in the extreme this season. This season saw a major increase in the non-traditional areas of emergency response activities as well as yet another increase in beach populations. This resulted in a large demand on our resources and personnel.

All 58 lifesaving clubs were divided into five operational regions. These regions are geographically defined for emergency response and patrolling operational requirements. These are closely linked to other emergency service regions and municipal boundaries. Placed in charge of these regions were regional officers, ultimately in charge of lifesaving activities within their respective areas.

Life Saving Victoria responded to eight of the fifteen salt water drownings this year. Special mention must be made to the Warrnambool SLSC for their outstanding service to the tragic drowning of five family members at Penguin Island in February. Others included Apollo Bay and Punchbowl (San Remo).

A highlight of the season was the expansion of member clubs towards the formation of emergency response teams (ERT). These teams provide 365 day response for lifesaving emergencies. These clubs need to be commended for their desire to be able to respond "Beyond the Flags".

Once again the high standard of lifesaving patrols was a focal point for Life Saving Victoria. Our volunteers provided in the vicinity of 106,782 volunteer patrol hours for the general public. This effort demands high commendation and all members should be proud of their achievements.

LIFESAVING COMMAND

Lifesaving Command was split this season, for operational reason, between Hampton Life Saving Club and Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Command for volunteer patrols was run from Hampton, while lifeguard command was run from Woolamai. This proved to be a great success as both locations had the infrastructure and logistics to manage the service.

This season command utilised an online web-based information management system called "CommLog". Congratulations must be forwarded to Simon Cartwright for his dedication towards the design of this program. The highlight of the program was the ability for remote access for incident management and patrol statistics.

Life Saving Victoria is currently preparing a communications strategy with the assistance of the Bureau of Emergency Services Telecommunications (BEST) and Interactive Consultancy Group. This strategy will ensure that all clubs and services have the support, coverage and technology to match the high service standard we aim to offer.

PAID LIFEGUARD SERVICES

The DHL Professional Lifeguard Service continued with 31 regular sites plus assistance provided to Kennett River and Sandridge clubs.

The extended service introduced in 2001 continued at Woolamai Beach, Portsea, Ocean Grove, Torquay, Anglesea, Lorne and the pool complex at Eastern Beach in Geelong.

Both Lorne and Torquay have the longest extended period beginning mid November and continuing through to the end of February.

Paid lifeguards rescued 309 people, carried out many thousands of preventative actions as well as treating 489 first aid cases and returning 126 lost children to their families.

Rescue Water Craft (Jet Skis) used at Mallacoota for the past two seasons were also trialed for limited periods at Ocean Grove, Lorne, Woolamai Beach and Apollo Bay and used to perform 6 rescues.

PROFESSIONAL EVENT SERVICES

Paid lifeguards provided water safety and first aid services on 138 days for various functions at both inland and coastal venues.

There was an ever increasing demand for professional services. Rowing and Canoe Regattas, Surf Schools, Film Sets, School and University excursions, Swims, Private functions, Boat Shows



and Moomba festivities to name a variety of events were all catered for.

SUPPORT SERVICES

This season Life Saving Victoria support services integrated well with volunteer and paid lifeguard services alike. These services include;

- Lifesaver 6 – Westpac Rescue Helicopter
- Lifesaver 7 – Westpac Rescue Fixed Wing
- Southern Peninsula Rescue Squad
- Port Campbell SLSC Rigid Hull Inflatable Rescue Boat – Pelican
- Portland SLSC Rigid Hull Inflatable Rescue Boat – Goose
- Woolamai Beach SLSC Rigid Hull Inflatable Rescue Boat – Phillip Island Marine Rescue Offshore 1

These support services offered patrolling and emergency response services on a 365 day format. As well as supplementing existing patrols they also offer a valuable service in their own right. Operational statistics include;

- **Lifesaver 6**
44 operational hours
- **Lifesaver 6**
9 searches / rescues
- **Lifesaver 7** 528 patrol hours
- **Lifesaver 7**
11 shark sightings
- **Lifesaver 7** 20 searches / incident sightings

- **Offshore Rigid Hull Inflatable Rescue Boat**
20 operational hours
- **Offshore Rigid Hull Inflatable Rescue Boat**
24 searches / rescues

There was a total of a total of 42 support service emergency response activations in the season. This highlights the need for expansion of services to supply resources and personnel to respond to such emergency situations.

LIFESAVING STATISTICS SUMMARY

During 2004-05 clubs, professional and support services recorded;

700	Rescues
46,640	Preventative Actions
206	Lost Children
90	Major First Aid Cases (requiring further medical assistance)
1,526	Minor First Aid Cases
19	Shark Sightings
42	Search Operations
Nil	Resuscitations

PATROL EFFICIENCY COMPETITION

Following the amalgamation of Royal and Surf life saving, 58 clubs were assessed on their level of service and standards in both training and assessment. The overall state winners were

- 1st Place**
Mentone Life Saving Club
 - 2nd Place**
Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club
 - 3rd Place**
Hampton Life Saving Club
- The district winners were:

Western District

Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club

South Barwon District

Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club

Port Phillip District

South Melbourne Life Saving Club

Otway District

Lorne Surf Life Saving Club

Mornington District

Mornington Life Saving Club

Kingston District

Mentone Life Saving Club

Gippsland District

Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club

Flinders District

Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club

Bellarine District

Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club

Bayside District

Hampton Life Saving Club

Bass District

Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club

Our appreciation is extended to Darren McLeod (State Service Efficiency and Standards Officer) for overseeing the competition and the assessors who conducted the inspections.



TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

Season 2004/2005 was a busy year for club training and assessment. There was a substantial increase in lifesaving awards and vocational education and training awarded qualifications from 3062 in season 2003/04 to 4798 this season. All lifesaving club assessors were integrated into the one system and the new national membership and award database "Surfguard" was introduced.

Life Saving Victoria received recognition for its involvement with Surf Life Saving Australia's First Aid and Emergency Care Manual which was released. This manual in its first edition includes the training content for the Senior First Aid Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, Spinal Management Certificate and Defibrillation Certificate.

Training in the use of semi automatic defibrillators was developed to nationally recognised training standards and introduced to the Lifesaving Clubs. 11 facilitators were trained and endorsed to run the program.

MARINE SAFETY VICTORIA GRANTS

Portland SLSC

Coxswains Training, \$4,752

Woolamai Beach SLSC

Coxswains Training, \$7,760

Mallacoota SLSC

Six metre RIB built to 2C survey standard, \$67,000

Ocean Grove SLSC

Lif jackets, inflatable vests, EPIRBs, \$3,920

Port Campbell SLSC

Handheld GPS units, four EPIRBs & offshore vests \$4,143

Portland SLSC

Six metre RIB built to 2C survey standard, \$63,824

Portland SLSC

Six inflatable PFDs, \$1,896

Seaspray SLSC

Six metre RIB built to 2C survey standard, \$67,000

Warrnambool SLSC

IRB, \$12,034

Woodside Beach SLSC

Six metre RIB built to 2C survey standard, \$67,000

TOTAL Funding \$299,329

COMMUNITY SAFETY EMERGENCY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Elwood LSC

Lifesaving Equipment, \$23,552

Black Rock LSC

All Terrain Vehicle, \$7,526

Jan Juc SLSC

All Terrain Vehicle, \$13,044

Mallacoota SLSC

OHS Equipment, \$1,067

Waratah Beach SLSC

4WD Vehicle, \$26,523

Barwon Heads SLSC

IRB motors, \$5,872

Aspendale LSC

Radio control room renovation, \$7,127

Venus Bay SLSC

Lifesaving Tower fit out, \$3,660

Sandridge LSC

IRB, \$14,000

Bonbeach LSC

Building Works – Kitchen and Storage, \$26,000

Sorrento SLSC

Building Works – Observation & Training Room, \$27,399

Fairhaven SLSC

Building Works – Equipment Storage, \$53,825

Warrnambool SLSC

Building Works – Storage and Amenities, \$70,000

Port Fairy SLSC

Club room ventilation works, \$2,090

Gunnamatta SLSC

Rescue Equipment, \$16,396

Inverloch SLSC

4WD Vehicle, \$26,666

Port Campbell SLSC

OHS Improvements, \$1,041

Point Lonsdale SLSC

Lifesaving Equipment, \$471

Mordialloc LSC

IRB, \$9,717

Point Leo SLSC

IRB, \$11,730

Mornington LSC

IRB, motor & trailer, \$10,000

Anglesea SLSC

Lifesaving Equipment, \$13,000

Wonthaggi LSC

Patrol Equipment, \$14,428

Seaspray SLSC

4WD Vehicle, \$26,152

TOTAL Funding \$411,286

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The Life Saving Services and Club Administration Conference was held late in 2004, where club captains, presidents, secretaries and treasurers were able to participate in a number of informative and practical sessions, ranging from operational to financial procedures. By dividing the conference into two streams a greater number of presentations could be held concurrently. This allowed participants to select their specific area of interest. We would like to acknowledge the support and services provided by Box Hill Institute in conducting this Conference.



Support staff offered Strategic Planning Workshops to clubs and over the last year, six clubs have produced strategic plans with their assistance. A club support program was developed and is now running in a number of clubs that have been experiencing difficulty in maintaining member numbers and subsequently satisfying patrol requirements.

Additional resources/programs are being developed to assist clubs. These are: a Club Development Manual which will assist clubs in running a viable and sustainable life saving operation; a Seminar Series covering member recruitment, induction, development and management skills and a Media Kit that will show clubs how to promote and publicize their activities.

COASTAL AQUATIC RISK MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES

The standardisation of aquatic risk and safety signage at coastal locations across Victoria has continued this year. Life Saving Victoria has conducted aquatic risk and safety signage assessments for a variety of clients including the Department of Sustainability and Environment and a number of Local Governments including Kingston City Council and the City of Greater Geelong Council.

This year has also seen Life Saving Victoria complete a number of interstate projects, conducting aquatic risk and safety signage assessments for coastal locations in Western Australia and New South Wales. It is envisaged that demand from interstate organisations for Life Saving Victoria's aquatic risk management and consultancy services will continue to grow and that through such projects the number of coastal locations with standardised aquatic risk and safety signage will increase.

Life Saving Victoria continues to play an active role in the development of both Australian and International Standards for water safety signage.

Additionally, Life Saving Victoria continues to contribute to the advancement of the Australian Beach Safety and Management Program (ABSAMP), which is a comprehensive database of the beaches of the Australian coast, and the process of conducting aquatic risk assessments, e.g. through the customisation and implementation of a variety of technologies including desktop and mobile Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Brett Ellis
General Manager
Lifesaving Operations

Carmel Shanley
Manager
Lifesaving Administration

Chris Stevens
Support Officer
Lifesaving Services

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CLUB AWARD SUMMARY

	SAC	Bronze Medallion	Silver Medallion (Patrol Captain)	Gold Medallion	Silver Medallion (Life Support)	Defibrillation	Senior First Aid Certificate	ARC	Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate	Basic Emergency Care	Basic Resuscitation Certificate	IRB Crew Certificate	IRB Driver (Silver Medallion)	RWC Operators Certificate	Marine Safety	Radio Controller's Certificate	Radio Operator's Certificate	TO - Surf Rescue
Life Saving Club																		
Altona											1							
Anglesea	31	73	1	1			7	47			148	49	6	1	12			
Apollo Bay	28	25						15			11	16	6		1		5	
Aspendale	5	10						11			15				3			
Bancoora	4	11					2	1				7	1		1			
Barwon Heads/13th Beach	14	6										7		1	5			
Beaumaris	27	2									7	3	1		4			
Black Rock	7	10									24			1	1			
Bonbeach								4			5	14			1			
Brighton	2	17										7	2		3			
Cape Paterson	10	53					9	27				8	1					
Carrum		1									1				2			
Chelsea Longbeach	6	3						6	1		4	5	1		4			
Dromana Bay	4							1							3			
Edithvale		6						10				1			11			
Elwood	6	28										8	1	1	1		4	
Fairhaven	22	38						6	1		28	11	1		9			
Frankston	12	4						9			2	3	4	2	6		8	
Geelong		5																
Gunnamatta	12	18	2					1			2	5	1		2			
Half Moon Bay		16						8				2						
Hampton	10	11									4	14	2		4			
Inverloch	7	21	1	1		1	10	7			6	8	2		2		1	
Jan Juc	22	40	3	2			7	11			25	12	4		3			
Kennett River		4																
Lakes Entrance	10	16						2				18	2					
Lets Beach		1										2						
Lorne	24	51				14		2			16	11	3	1	4			
Mallacoota	3	12										8	5		8			
Mentone	14	13					9	5	1		13	9			1			
Mildura	3	2																
Mordialloc	38	15							2		16	2						
Mornington	12	28						6			27		1		11		8	
Mount Martha	12	9						6			25	3	6		11		1	
Ocean Grove	14	31	8	2		5	10	14			102	34	6	1	14			
Point Leo	44	81	1					8			60	15	3					
Point Lonsdale	22	49				4	4				130	6	1		3		19	
Port Campbell	21	22						8			1	35						
Port Fairy			1					3				17	1					
Port Melbourne								1							5			
Portland	18	13						1				16						
Portsea	79	81					23	22				35	4		2		42	
Rosebud	4	2						7										
Sandridge	1	15																3
Sandringham	1	10										1	1					
Seaford								1										4
Seaspray	34	28						10			13	49						57
Sorrento	16	26						1			12	4	3					
South Melbourne	2	12				2		4	3		2	3	3					
St Kilda		8						1				2	2					
Torquay	40	45	3	1		2	1	39			40	10	1		1			
Venus Bay	5	15	1	1			4	4			21	9	1		1		14	
Waratah Beach	18	10				9	1	2				4						3
Warrnambool	16	64						7			15	24	5	1				
Williamstown	30	33									14	9	2	1	4			
Wonthaggi	23	5										1	2					
Woodside Beach	13	13									5	16	3		5		3	
Woolamai Beach	17	55					41	26			3	22	3		1			
Wye River	6	22						4	5	4	1	4			2		11	
Community	45	63						10	74	1	104							
Award Total	814	352	37	0	0	37	133	352	37	0	352	549	37	0	151	0	133	0

TO – Bronze Medallion	TO – Radio	TO – IRB	TO – First Aid	TO – ARC	Assessor – Surf Rescue	Assessor – Bronze Medallion	Assessor – Resuscitation	Assessor – Radio	Assessor – IRB	Assessor – First Aid	Assessor – ARC	Assessor – ORB	TSG	Plan Assessment	Conduct Assessment	Review Assessment	Cert IV – Assessment & Workplace Training	Cert IV – Public Safety	Cert III – Public Safety	Cert II – Public Safety	Club Total	
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2										1			1	1	1	1					175	
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ANNUAL SCHEDULE SUMMARY

	Rescue without gear	Rescues with reel, line & belt	Rescues with tube	Rescues with board	Rescues with ski	Rescues with Rescue Water Craft	Rescues with IRB	Other	TOTAL RESCUES	Preventative Actions	Minor First Aid	Major First Aid	MEMBERSHIP	Active Senior	Active Reserve	Cadet	Award	Nipper	Other	MEMBERSHIP TOTALS
Altona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	13	0		35	10	12	0	0	15	72
Anglesea	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	676	30	1		205	14	68	0	413	305	1005
Apollo Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	7	0		34	17	47	0	126	96	320
Apsendale	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	21	0		20	0	0	0	102	100	222
Bancoora	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	9	142	3	1		16	10	10	106	91	15	248
Barwon Heads/13th Beach	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	101	9	0		22	10	24	0	0	10	66
Beaumaris	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	5	6	8	0		8	0	2	9	112	85	216
Black Rock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	0		72	0	0	0	58	100	230
Bonbeach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	8	1		24	2	12	0	60	101	199
Brighton	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	5	4	17	3		27	0	0	0	167	200	394
Cape Paterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	4	0		28	2	12	0	26	78	146
Carrum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0		26	0	5	0	17	20	68
Chelsea Longbeach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	16	0		24	1	16	5	35	80	161
Dromana Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	6	1		10	0	7	0	6	20	43
Edithvale	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	19	49	1		13	0	1	0	3	10	27
Elwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	36	0		7	0	0	0	4	5	16
Fairhaven	0	0	12	3	0	0	5	0	20	275	42	3		120	5	35	0	251	440	851
Frankston	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	23	0		50	1	26	0	53	27	157
Geelong	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	80	10	0		10	6	0	0	0	5	21
Golden Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	15	16
Gunnamatta	3	0	27	10	0	0	37	1	78	2356	12	3		56	0	10	21	29	14	130
Half Moon Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	6	0		42	0	23	8	73	155	301
Hampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	30	15	0		26	12	18	6	82	151	295
Inverloch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	12	2		60	0	0	0	50	140	250
Jan Juc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	466	35	3		101	5	29	0	151	225	511
Kennett River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		6	0	1	0	0	5	12
Lakes Entrance	0	0	1	2	0	0	8	0	11	0	24	3		6	5	14	0	43	56	124
Lorne	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	2	10	366	44	4		135	3	36	0	92	112	378
Mallacoota	0	0	8	3	0	0	2	12	25	1660	4	0		26	1	8	0	31	13	79
Mentone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	44	0		51	0	16	0	84	152	303
Mildura	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	16	0	0		6	0	4	0	0	0	10
Mordialloc	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	29	33	1		61	0	37	0	97	0	195
Mornington	2	0	1	7	0	0	1	0	11	276	19	1		65	0	0	18	209	210	502
Mount Martha	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	3	9	0		17	54	21	0	78	27	197
Ocean Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	280	21	3		72	8	39	1	280	107	507
Point Leo	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	5	375	94	3		82	1	80	0	217	214	594
Point Lonsdale	1	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	13	398	14	1		63	19	49	94	315	132	672
Port Campbell	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	10	7	0		44	4	35	0	173	166	422
Port Fairy	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	29	10	0		20	1	20	0	78	115	234
Port Melbourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	15	20	2		25	0	8	0	172	75	280
Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	9	11	0		49	3	20	70	102	13	257
Portsea	2	0	9	8	0	0	4	0	23	1322	14	2		225	2	46	1	250	963	1487
Rosebud	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	15	0		27	0	0	0	125	37	189
Sandridge	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	349	17	1		42	6	3	0	0	3	54
Sandringham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	1		13	24	8	0	36	56	137
Seaford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	15	1		14	0	4	0	0	0	18
Seaspray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	266	8	0		40	4	60	0	85	167	356
Sorrento	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	5	48	19	1		138	2	86	0	428	466	1120
South Melbourne	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	545	29	0		38	2	6	3	66	57	172
St Kilda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	29	2		26	26	0	0	0	15	67
Torquay	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	8	165	49	2		65	10	61	4	198	355	693
Venus Bay	0	0	6	0	0	0	5	0	11	357	5	1		25	1	13	0	80	131	250
Waratah Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	284	5	1		35	2	14	9	154	226	440
Warrnambool	0	0	0	4	0	0	9	1	14	107	5	1		54	7	37	1	105	154	358
Williamstown	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	46	56	0		57	5	28	30	85	995	1200
Wonthaggi	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	5	365	17	2		33	2	26	0	25	17	103
Woodside Beach	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	5	13	90	10	0		15	4	15	0	18	28	80
Woolamai Beach	4	0	27	2	0	1	8	2	44	2050	13	0		85	24	20	0	53	30	212
Wye River	0	0	4	5	0	0	11	0	20	283	7	0		48	6	37	4	56	197	348
Lifeguards	21	0	108	107	0	6	67	0	309	31477	451	38	N/A							0
TOTALS	330	0	219	187	0	0	223	30	700	46640	1526	330		2731	330	1205	394	5644	7706	18015

LIFESAVING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Throughout the year, the education department has strived to equip students with the necessary life skills for safe and enjoyable participation in, on and around the water via a broad range of interactive education programs.

AT THE POOL

The **RLSSA Infant Aquatics** program has been growing in popularity throughout the industry over the last couple of years. With close to 60 licensed providers distributing over 18,000 rewards, the Infant Aquatics program, a precursor to the Swim and Survive program, has provided parents and aquatic facilities with support, resources, instructor workshops and important information regarding this essential stage of a child's water safety development.

The **RLSSA Swim and Survive** program is delivered in over 250 pools and schools throughout Victoria, with close to 156,000 rewards sold annually. Through the support of PlayStation 2 and the Active Factor Coca-Cola Australia Foundation, the program is able to provide a broad balanced approach to swimming, water safety and survival skills.

The **RLSSA Junior Lifeguard Club** has been 'serious fun' in 22 pools over the last year. As an exciting alternative to swimming lessons for 8 to 15 year olds the various JLC programs have incorporated camps, carnivals, links to the community along with the all important life saving and swimming skills.

The **RLSSA Bronze Rescue** program continued to provide students and the community with invaluable lifesaving skills. 866 Bronze Star awards and over 2300 Bronze Medallion awards have been distributed. These programs enable participants of all abilities to gain skills that one day may save a life.

The Indoor Surf Education

– **Wave Pool** program is an educative and fun way to provide students with an understanding of lifesaving skills in a controlled environment. Conducted at the Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre, LSV provided over 1300 students with the opportunity to participate in surf activities with the comfort of controlled conditions.

The Victorian School's Pool

Lifesaving TELEGAMES is a competition held at various venues throughout Victoria over a one week period. The TELEGAMES are designed to encourage youth participation in a competition encompassing lifesaving skills. This year 18 schools participated in the event which saw 200 students from across Victoria participate. Schools praised the competition that allows children to learn potentially lifesaving skills, whilst having fun in a non-threatening environment.

Cowes Primary School the 2005 TELEGAMES winner cemented their place as the school to beat in 2006.

IN THE CLASSROOM

The **Air to Life program** is an interactive program which facilitates an understanding of basic anatomy, patient management, assessment of emergency situations and Expired Air Resuscitation (EAR). It was delivered to over 1980 students in 40 schools throughout Victoria.

Our **Meet a Lifeguard** program educated 2045 students and members of the community in water safety and lifesaving messages. Reaching 25 schools and community groups the Meet a Lifeguard Program was complemented in the regional areas by the **SLSA Telstra Beach to Bush Program**. This program is designed for regional participants who travel to the coast during the summer months. This year 10,000 students from 102 schools participated in the interactive in-class program.

The new **Boating Safety for Kids** program being delivered in partnership with Yachting Victoria commenced in April of this year and reached over 8300 students and 135 schools in regional Victoria. The LSV component of the program has been designed to teach upper primary students the importance of boating safety, dangers and risks on the water, trip preparation, emergency response and safety signage, while Yachting Victoria are delivering the practical component.



AT OPEN WATERWAYS

Now in its seventh year, the **Open Water Learning Experience (OWLE)** formed a key component of the Victorian Governments 'Play it Safe by the Water' campaign. Throughout Victoria around 5875 upper primary and lower secondary school students from 81 schools were empowered with essential water safety and lifesaving skills at their local open waterway. The program was well supported by a proactive public relations campaign generating a wave of media interest and articles.

The **Water Safety Beach Programs** offered a variety of options to suit the participating schools needs. This year over 5,000 students from 36 schools participated in the program, learning beach safety and awareness along with different life saving skills, which could be used when visiting the beach.

OTHER PROJECTS

This year, RLSSAV entered into its seventh year of partnership with **VicHealth** through the Partnerships for Health Scheme, which saw six healthy environment policies developed. These policies along with a Healthy Environments Activity Booklet focus on encouraging participation and creating a welcoming environment for all Junior Lifeguard Club members. We are looking forward to further implementation of these policies into all Junior Lifeguard Clubs across Victoria.

In our eighth year as a service provider for the **Advance Program**, Life Saving Victoria provides for 39 schools, of which, more than 250 secondary students participate in the RLSSA Bronze Rescue Strands or the SLSA Bronze Star and Bronze Medallion Courses. In addition they contribute their water safety knowledge to their local communities.

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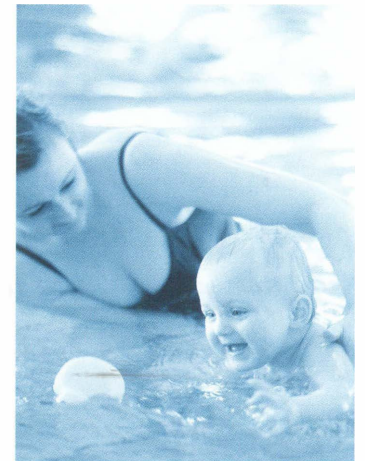
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LIFESAVING YOUTH & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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The Youth and Leadership Development Council is responsible for the facilitation of youth and leadership related activities that foster increased participation. The Council aims to continuously review youth and leadership development practices, recommend improvements and develop initiatives which result in the implementation of the highest standards. With the integration of Life Saving Victoria the Youth and Leadership Development Council continued to strengthen its position and importance within the organisation following increased program delivery and the report of growth across all areas of involvement.

Since its formal inception and well before, the Youth and Leadership Development Council has been working towards the broader concept of youth development and the services Life Saving Victoria can deliver youth in a lifesaving context. The Council continues to work on the integration of education services and programming options to ensure that Life Saving Victoria maintains a relevant community service.

Some of the activities which have been occurring recently are:

- Opportunities for all lifesaving clubs to participate in pool carnivals
- Development of the Life Saving Victoria child protection policy
- The inception of the state youth panel
- Identifying development pathways

- Increasing awareness of other programming opportunities
- Increased communication between schools, pools and lifesaving clubs
- Establishing networks to increase minority groups participation in lifesaving activities
- Providing a 'one stop shop' for all program, educational, equipment needs and important networking opportunities throughout the year

The following is a snapshot of key activities, developments and achievements within the youth and leadership development area over the past twelve months.

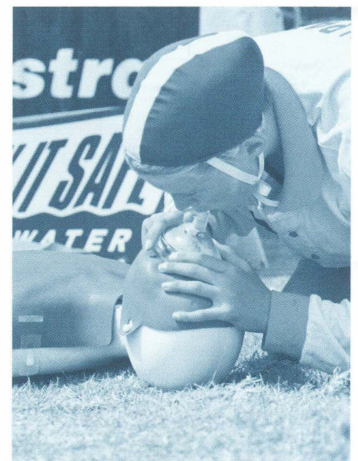
NEW PROJECTS

Youth Involvement Program (YIPS)

The initial interest in the reward and recognition program known as YIPS has now been formalised by Life Saving Victoria and established within many clubs this season, including a number of interstate clubs. The Council will be following the progress and success of this excellent retention program, with SLSA looking at the program as part of a National Retention Scheme.

TCL/Retravision Fundraising Raffle

The Junior State and Development Teams were subsidised in advance from the proceeds of a raffle drawn at the Telstra State Junior Championships. More than five thousand dollars in prizes were donated by TCL and Retravision.



A Dolphin racing malibu was awarded to the individual who sold the most tickets. The organisation extends our thanks to these companies and Jim Harrison for organising the donation.

Surf Ed Program & Age Managers Course

The National Youth Development Committee (NYDC) meets several times during the year to discuss current issues, further develop policies to safeguard youth and recommend changes to activities in age groups from U/7-U/19. The NYDC is currently completing changes to the 'Surf Ed' program for implementation in the 2006/07 season. A state wide rollout of the new 'Age Managers Course' has commenced with at least one course trainer identified and inducted within each of the districts. As a requirement of SLSA, all 'age managers' involved in the delivery of the 'surf ed' program will be required to attain the age group managers the accreditation by July, 2006.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Leadership is a vital factor in the continued viability of our organisation and Life Saving Victoria is taking the initiative to establish and ensure leadership confidence in its future. As part of the ongoing commitment to leadership development, Life Saving Victoria has developed a leadership model aligned with the SLSA national leadership strategy. As part of this strategy the organisation conducts and participates in a number of state and national programs annually.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

During the past year the following members were identified from the many applications that were received to attend the respective national programs. Again this year the number and quality of applications increased significantly making the selection of representative candidates extremely difficult.

Telstra National Youth Forum

Mae Deveson
Chelsea Longbeach SLSC

Sarah Lawrence
Fairhaven SLSC

Ryan Luckhurst
Gunnamatta SLSC

National Leadership Development Camp

Emily Watsford
Anglesea SLSC

Tom Cullen
Anglesea SLSC

Amelia Pietsch
Jan Juc SLSC

Simone Williams
Point Leo SLSC

Rebecca Minichello
Woodside Beach SLSC

Advanced Leadership Conference

Nancy Joseph
Fairhaven SLSC

Tom Mollenkopf
Point Leo SLSC

George Szeitli
Woodside SLSC

STATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Under 13 Development Camp – Anglesea 2005

February saw the annual U/13 Development camp at Anglesea Recreation Camp. This year clubs nominated 120 participants to take part in the weekend of personal development and achievement, lots of fun in a team atmosphere.



The aim of the camp is to provide the participants with a foundation in life saving skills and a knowledge of how to work in small teams to achieve outcomes. This year saw a change to the Sunday program with a mini competition in life saving skill being held, skills tested included Tube Rescue, Patient Assessment, Patient Carry etc. The highlight of the weekend as always is the challenge exercise in teamwork. Conducted by Go Ride A Wave from Anglesea. The program involves participants working in teams of 6-8 solving problems and achieve objectives. Thanks to the Team Leaders, Jess Clancy, Troy Dicker, Sarah Lawrence, Chris Rankin, Amy Jarvis, Jacob Ward, Morgan Todd, Paddy Hernon, Mae Deveson, Special recognition goes to Tom Cullen for developing and running the new Sunday program.

Leadership Development Camp – Yellingbo 2005

In April 2005 LSV held its third annual Leadership Development Camp for LSV members under the age of 15 at Lyrebird Park Yellingbo, the end result was 46 Kids participated, from 21 Life Saving Clubs, and 2 from both NSW and Tas. Again the camp was deemed a success with all participants enjoying a weekend of theory and practical activities framed around providing them some basic skills, which will be valuable to them in life and to their respective clubs for the future.

Special Thanks must be given to the Team Leaders who gave up their weekend voluntarily to help run the program, without them we would not be able to run the program. Amelia Pietsch, Tom Cullen Kylie Lilburne David Morgan, Cutch McCutcheon.

Looking to next year

The council will run the key camps with some minor changes to format and content. Our big challenge is to now develop a program for 16/17 Year olds that is a natural flow on from the U15 program.

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Pool Competition

Winter Pool Carnivals were open to all seniors and juniors from all Life Saving Clubs for the first time in 2004. These carnivals are held on Sunday afternoons at various locations including Geelong. Events for juniors are team based, lots of fun, and a good way of keeping teams together during the year and at the same time gaining greater water skills and confidence to tackle surf beaches in the summer. Club delegates should be on the look-out for this year's program and I encourage surf clubs to come and try this excellent junior competition.

Representative Teams

One of the positives from 2005 was the great narrowing of the gap between the State and Development teams. This emphasises that our competition development structure is starting to pay dividends, with the State having more competitive depth each year. This also demonstrates that coaches and athletes are putting more time into their sport at a club level.

Development Team – Woolamai, 2005

Unfortunate weather conditions impacted significantly on the preparation and conduct of the annual Southern States Development Challenge. Although the Challenge was scheduled to be held at Woolamai Beach but tricky sea conditions dictated otherwise and the teams were forced to compete at an alternate venue in YCW Beach. The Victorian team was confident and well prepared winning the overall competition by four points to successfully retain the Challenge shield.

State Team

– South Maroubra, 2005
The Junior State Team travelled to Maroubra, NSW in January for the National Interstate Championship and their success continued by retaining third place behind NSW & QLD whilst also retaining the handicap shield. This is the first time a Victorian Junior team has retained third place back to back against quality opposition.

Planning Conference

The annual planning conference was held in November, 2004 at the Anglesea Recreation Camp. Given the success of the previous year the conference was again conducted over a two day period. This conference is a vital part of our communications with all clubs and groups and aims to assist them in the delivery of their various programs. The conference ensures that the user groups have the information and resources relating to new and existing programs.

The first official Annual General Meeting of the Life Saving Victoria, Youth and Leadership Development Council was conducted at the conclusion of this conference with the executive members that had been operating in a caretaker role officially elected as the first executive.

Y&LD Delegates Meetings

The Y&LD Executive experimented in conducting delegate meetings at the completion of two carnivals, Frankston (Metro) & Apollo Bay (West Coast), to try and reduce the additional time and travel associated with mid week meetings. The numbers of delegates attending has only been moderate, but we will continue to discuss the merits of taking the meetings to the delegates.



Member Protection

The Y&LD Council welcomes the State Governments approach to "Working with Children" legislation. A draft is now in circulation with the intention of passing legislation during 2005. This will put Victoria in line with other States on the issue and at the same time make our own Y&LD "Member Protection" requirements more compliant.

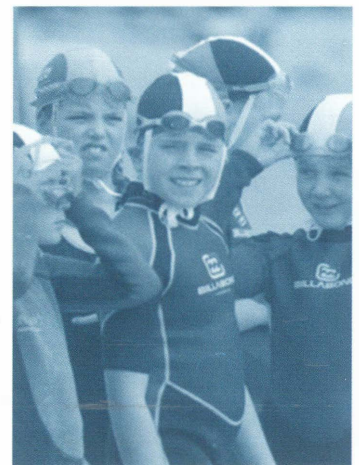
Y&LD AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The Y&LD Awards of Excellence are designed to incorporate and consolidate several recognition awards whilst allowing the Council to successfully recognise achievements.

2005 Champion Junior Lifesaver

Michael Clancy
Aspendale LSC

This award is presented to the junior who displays excellence over a range of lifesaving and community areas.



2005 Fred Westfield Medal

Hannah Linehan
Mordialloc LSC

This medal is awarded to the most outstanding U/14 competitor of the 2004-2005 season.

2005 Youth Parent of the Year

Peter Ward
Seaspray SLSC

This award is presented to a parent who has provided extraordinary volunteer service to lifesaving youth.

THANKS

Thank you to all those who coached, acted as officials, supplied water safety and first aid. Without you the program would not run. Most of all thank you to the Team Members and their Parents for dedicating themselves to the program and participating to the best of their abilities.

Without doubt the majority of credit for our States improvement must go to two people. Cliff Goulding and Maurice McCutcheon. Their knowledge and experience has been of great benefit to all involved over several years. There were many people who were an enormous help to Junior training Squad and Teams this year this year.

It is important that the opportunities for youth development continue to broaden under the united Life Saving Victoria banner.

Manager

Youth & Leadership Development
David Morgan



LIFESAVING COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Training for the community and industry sectors has continued its growth in 2004/2005. With the creation of Life Saving Victoria it is now clearly the number one provider of training for the aquatics industry with its flagship the RLSSA Pool Lifeguard award. This year Life Saving Victoria trained in excess of 3300 Pool Lifeguards which is an increase on last year's record year. This training is underpinned by the world's best practice safety standards and operational guidelines.

We trained over 20,000 people amongst our community in the skills of CPR and First Aid, which again is an increase on last year. This also goes a long way to helping achieve one of Life Saving Victoria's goals in providing safer aquatic venues across Victoria.

There has been a growth in the provision of Vocational Education and Training via the VET in Schools programs with Life Saving Victoria working with a number of secondary and tertiary schools.

Life Saving Victoria continues to promote and package its training in accordance with the national training agenda while educating industry on training options.

The RLSSA First Aid Update program continues to gain in popularity as people recognise the benefits of maintaining their skills and as businesses respond to changing workplace health and safety requirements. Life Saving Victoria continues to promote its Flexible First



Aid program which has been successfully introduced into group training programs. This flexible training package provides groups with a great option for training staff as releasing them for traditional training can be difficult.

RLSSA - Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Individual Examiners continued to promote recognised CPR training to schools and community groups with more than 11,088 participants gaining formal qualifications.



AWARDS

The RLSSA aquatic education and training awards scheme is a multi discipline, interlinked set of balanced and progressive swimming, water safety, survival, lifesaving, resuscitation, first aid and lifeguard programs which offers incentives and rewards for people who achieve levels of knowledge, skill and competence in their chosen field for the saving of life.

ADVANCED LIFESAVING

	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005
Bronze Medallion	3,016	3,048	2,542
Bronze Cross	140	134	140
Award of Merit	27	25	22
Distinction	6	13	4
Diploma	0	1	0

LIFEGUARDING AND SPECIALIST

Pool Lifeguard	2,916	3,160	3,333
Aquatic Spinal Management	17	12	14
Swim Teachers Rescue	153	109	85
Defibrillation (new)	38	7	17

FIRST AID & RESUSCITATION

Basic Resuscitation	940	1,694	1,421
Resuscitation	8,347	9,451	9,651
Oxygen Resuscitation	84	141	117
Oxygen Equipment	89	47	61
Senior First Aid	2,248	2,212	3,359

TEACHING, TRAINING INSTRUCTION

Junior Instructor	11	11	12
Instructor	13	12	15
Teacher of Lifesaving	1	2	0
Cert IV Assessment/Workplace Training	13	17	2



LIFE SAVING VICTORIA REGIONAL OFFICE

Life Saving Victoria's regional office in Bendigo provided training and educational opportunities for in excess of 1400 people during the 2004/05 year. The regional office also assisted in the delivery of the organisation's many education programs.

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

The 2004 -2005 year has seen over 2000 participants engaged in a variety of lifesaving activities, training and educational programs.

Senior 1st aid (Flexible delivery)	392
Senior 1st aid update	145
Basic 1st aid	128
CPR full and update	494
Pool Lifeguard	60
Pool Lifeguard update	181
Total	1400

In addition to the above participation numbers we conducted a range of Bronze Medallion courses, Bronze Medallion updates, Aquatic Spinal Management and Trainer Workshops.

I would also like to acknowledge the many community based examiner members who also conducted lifesaving training programs within the Bendigo region throughout the year.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

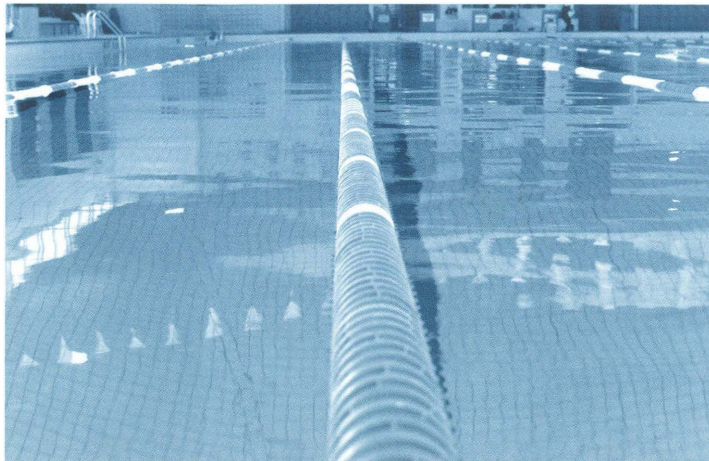
Some of the key highlights for the 04-05 season were:

- The 100 breaths for 100 years.
- Assisting Stawell Leisure Centre become a regional training centre and receiving a grant to place 10 Training manikins on site for community use.
- Training up 14 teachers to be CPR trainers in their local school and districts.
- Training up 6 teachers to be First Aid Trainers in their schools and the schools taking on the RLSSA licensing program.
- Continued role of preferred training provider for DHS Bendigo and Karingal Inc
- Involvement with the S.A.F.E event in Bendigo
- Continued growth in business achieved through strong local support.



FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Trainer Development, the need to develop a network within the Bendigo and surrounding regions will be a major task that will go a long way in allowing the continual growth of our regional office along with achieving our overall aim of providing safer aquatic venues for all Victorians.
- Community Examiners. Life Saving Victoria has been reviewing the community examiner roles. As a result Life Saving Victoria will be conducting a number of information workshops to start rebuilding the broad network of lifesaving Examiners across Victoria
- Life Saving Victoria is committed to maintaining its high standard in training provision, this is not only via professional trainers but we have committed to a continual review of training equipment that will ensure our clients receive the latest in industry trends.



AQUATIC RISK MANAGEMENT

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

In 2004-05 the number of Swimming Pool Safety Assessments conducted rose to 56, an increase of over 10%. The SPSA was revised this year with a follow up meeting introduced to explain the findings and recommendations of the report and this was enthusiastically received.

An aquatic facility safety endorsement award called the LSV Platinum Pool Award has been developed to encourage safety in pools and recognise excellence. This was developed in partnership with a number of leading aquatic facilities in Victoria. The Platinum Pool Award concept was expanded with two swimming pools, Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre and Dandenong Oasis who have established worlds best practice partnerships (in aquatic safety) with Life Saving Victoria.

Three new sets of water safety guidelines covering body corporate pools, hotel/motel pools and private (learn to swim) pools were developed on behalf of RLSSA National. Two complete sections of the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations were reviewed and developed with the Technical Operations guidelines being distributed in July 2005 and the draft Supervision guidelines being publicly launched in August 2005.

The Aquatic Risk Management web site www.poolsafety.royallifesaving.com.au was completely redeveloped and relaunched in March.

FUTURE ENDEAVOURS

The future is bright for Aquatic Risk Management as more and more people look for expertise in this area and risk management in general. Future plans include further guideline development in the area of open water venues and hydrotherapy pools and the development of auditing tools to further open up those markets.

Special thanks goes to the many casual staff that have assisted with the 956 courses conducted right across Victoria. Thanks must also go to the Community Lifesaving team who have provided the ongoing support and customer service to all our clients.

General Manager

Community Lifesaving
Warwick Waters

Training Manager

Roger Abel

Training Administration

Sandra Krieger

Training Officers

Barbara Morgan & Brett Fletcher

Regional Manager

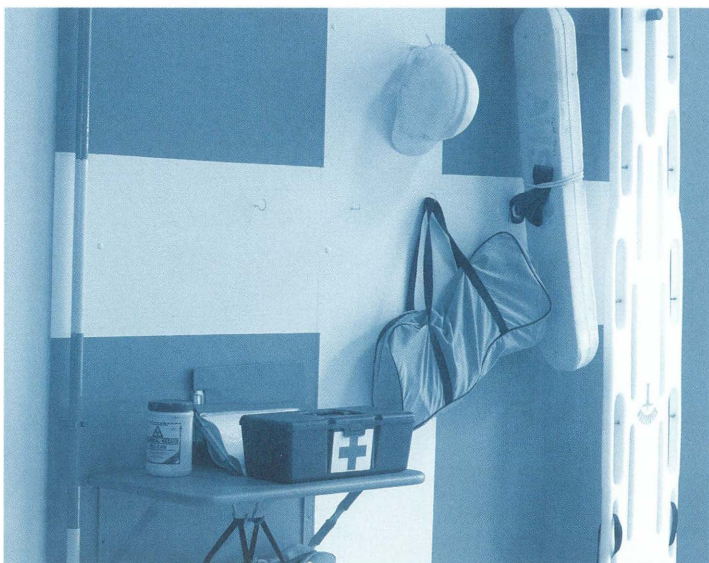
Todd Foster

Manager

Aquatic Risk Management
Alistair Thom

Project Officer

Aquatic Risk Management
Simon Gullery



In addition the Customer Service Team:

Manager Customer Services

Liz Moran (part)

Customer and Member Services Team Leader

Frances Evans

Senior Customer Service Officer

Mirko Mujica

Customer Service Officer

Kersty McKenzie

Customer Service Officer

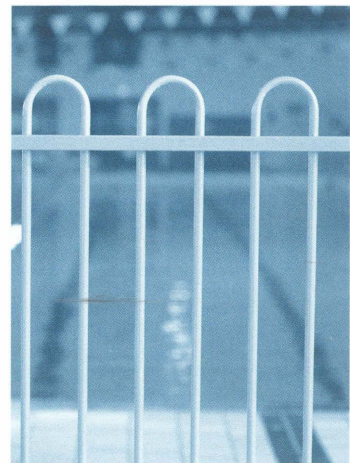
Sharna Richardson (part-time)

Customer Service Officer

Natalie Richardson (part-time)

Customer Service Officer

Fiona Williams (part)



LIFESAVING RESEARCH

OVERVIEW

In its continued commitment to the prevention of aquatic related death and injury in Victorian communities, Life Saving Victoria has extended its research capabilities over the past year. Various research projects related to injury surveillance, boating and personal floatation devices were undertaken with further research and program evaluation planned for 2005/2006.

PARTNERSHIPS

The development of the research capacity of Life Saving Victoria is supported by the partnership with the Department of Justice, Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner. A major part of this partnership involves the funding of the public awareness and water safety campaign, 'Play it Safe by the Water'. The campaign focus is between November – March each year and involves water safety agencies such as Life Saving Victoria, Victorian Aquatic Industry Council and Surfing Victoria.

This year was the eighth year of the campaign initiated in the summer of 1997/1998. Since the inception of the campaign the overall number of drownings has decreased.

The rate of deaths by drowning in Victoria has decreased from 1.38 deaths per 100,000 in 1997 to 0.92 deaths 100,000 in 2005 (Figure 1).

KEY RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Research was conducted to determine the frequency and patterns of accidental drowning and near drowning in Victoria; collate data on minor and major injuries from a sample of public swimming pools; review the strengths and weaknesses of current methods of data collection and procedures on patrolled beaches.

Information was collected from the State Coroners Office Victoria and the National Coroners Information System.

PROJECTS

Near-drowning and Immersion Related Injuries in Victoria

Investigator:
Bernadette Matthews

Data on near-drowning and immersion related injuries from July 2000 – June 2004 were obtained from the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset and the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset compiled by investigators provided by the Victorian Injury Surveillance And Applied Research System, Monash University Accident Research Centre.

Pool Injury Surveillance Research Project

Investigators: *Alistair Thom, Bernadette Matthews, Warwick Waters, Richard Franklin*

Data was collected from aquatic facilities in metropolitan and regional Victoria, to determine the type and frequency of injuries that occur in public swimming

pools in Victoria. Furthermore the study aimed to determine whether there is a correlation between the number and type of injuries sustained (per population unit of aquatic facility users) and the management methodologies applied and materials used in the construction of the area of the aquatic facility where the injury was sustained.

Victorian Beach Incident Data Review

Investigators:
Lyndal Bugeja, Brett Ellis, Chris Stevens, Damian Morgan (Monash University Accident Research Centre)

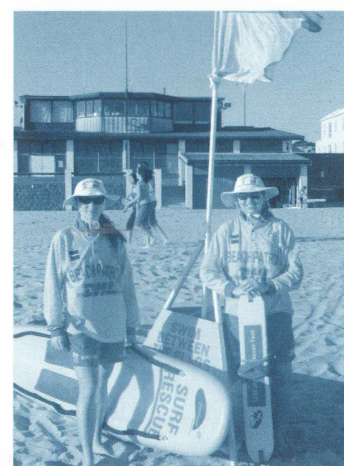
An initial review of current methods of collection of data on beach rescues, preventative actions and first aids performed by lifeguards and volunteer lifesavers throughout the patrol period was conducted. Strengths and weaknesses with the methods of data collection, analysis and reporting were identified and improvements recommended.

Personal Floatation Device (PFD) Pilot Study

Investigators:
Lyndal Bugeja, Brett Ellis

A pilot study was conducted to trial three models of PFDs (Type 1, 2 and 3) in surf conditions and rescue scenarios to assess their suitability and acceptance by lifeguards / lifesavers while operating an inflatable rescue boat for the purposes of lifesaving activities.

Results from this study were used to refine the methodology for the major project, to be conducted in 2005/2006.





PROJECTS

Boating Safety for Kids

Investigators: Bernadette Matthews, Warwick Waters, Brooke Irvine, Andrew Skillern

Evaluation of the Boating Safety for Kids Program began in early 2005. The program, supported by Marine Safety Victoria and conducted in collaboration with Yachting Victoria aims to facilitate student learning for future recreational boating use, targeting Upper Primary School students – Years 4-6. The number of students undertaking the program was determined for both metropolitan and regional Victoria. A questionnaire was also administered to school teachers to obtain their feedback on the quality and delivery of the program. In ongoing evaluation of the program the level of knowledge of boating safety in children will be determined via a questionnaire.

CAMPAIGN EVALUATION

Evaluation of 2004-2005 water safety advertising material

Focus groups were conducted by Sweeney Research to determine whether any elements of the 2004/2005 'Play it Safe by the Water' campaign needed modifying. A telephone survey was also administered to 500 Victorians to determine attitudes to water safety, and awareness of and attitudes to water safety advertising.

This evaluation will continue in 2005/2006 in order to ensure that public advertising campaigns are effective in promoting the water safety messages to the community.

OTHER

Evaluation of Life Saving Victoria's programs and campaigns are integral to maintain high quality and up-to-date promotion of water safety to the community. All Life Saving Victoria education programs are evaluated regularly.

The Life Saving Victoria Research area also responds to various data and literature requests on aquatic related death and injury from Industry, Government, the media and the community.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The results from the above-mentioned research will be used to modify ongoing programs and direct future research. Program evaluation is also an on-going process, the results of which will be used to continually update methods of dissemination of knowledge regarding safe water practices throughout the community.

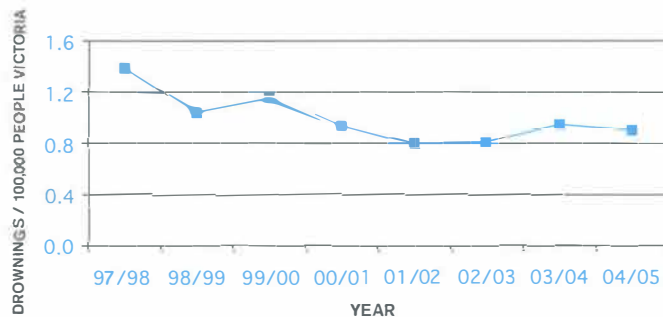
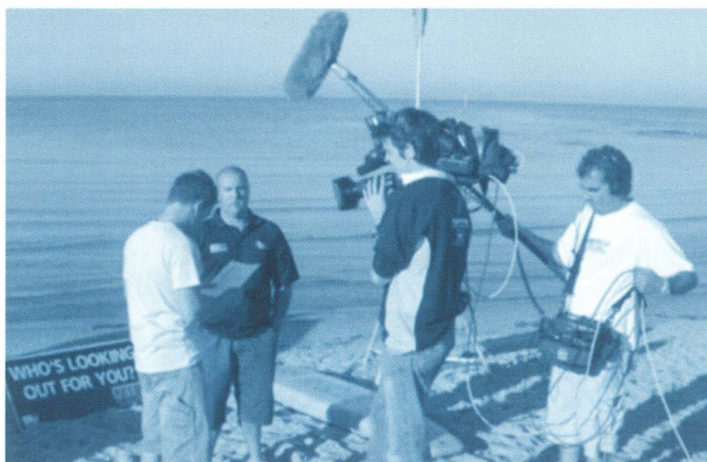


FIGURE 1 Rate of drownings in Victoria over 8 years of the 'Play it Safe by the Water' campaign period, 1997-2005

Manager

– Research, Injury Prevention and Health Promotion (part)
Lyndal Bugeja

Manager

– Research, Injury Prevention and Health Promotion (part)
Bernadette Matthews PhD

LIFESAVING COMMUNICATIONS

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The 2004-2005 year was one of extreme change and exciting momentum with all media, promotions and sponsorship areas of the two previous organisations coming closer together to build one productive new team. With further development of links with the Play it Safe by the Water campaign, the Royal Life Saving Centenary and a number of major media events, the communications department was kept very busy.

WEB COMMUNICATIONS

As part of the new Life Saving Victoria, a number of communication issues were brought together and developed as one. The former Royal Life Saving website was redeveloped and launched as the new face of Lifesaving in Victoria. Since its beginning in November 2004 the website has been viewed more than 188,000 times.

Following on from the website, a new age of communicating with members has seen the introduction of the E-Guard email newsletter. The newsletter is able to communicate to everyone the enormous diversity of Life Saving Victoria and allows everyone to stay up to date with all of the happenings.

The E-Guard is only sent out to those members that have included emails with their enrolment or from particular website registrations. A number of members that request hard copies receive them by mail each month. Since its inception almost 60,000 emails have been sent out.

MEDIA

The ability to inform and respond to lifesaving issues were the main fundamentals of the media coverage for the year. A number of issues emerged during the summer including shark sightings, mass drownings at the Grampians and Warrnambool, syringe needle incidents at St. Kilda and responses media interest in our member protection policies.

In terms of Life Saving Victoria media support, programs from across all areas of the business were supported during the 2004-2005 summer period. Education programs received an incredible amount of exposure with their Telstra Beach to Bush, Open Water Learning Experience, Beach visits, Telegames and the Boating for Kids program.

Lifesaving Sport was also well covered with extensive coverage of the Cosy Corner and Port Fairy junior events, the Mordialloc Australia Day Carnival and both the State Junior and Senior Championships. A number of media opportunities were also involving lifesavers who volunteered their time to promote both Life Saving Victoria and their own clubs.

Volunteers from Elwood made themselves available at both Moonee Valley for a race night promotion in January and also with a special event Swim Across the Yarra by Nova 100 radio station. Brighton Life Saving Club members were involved in live crosses to morning program Sunrise while clubs across the state helped out with

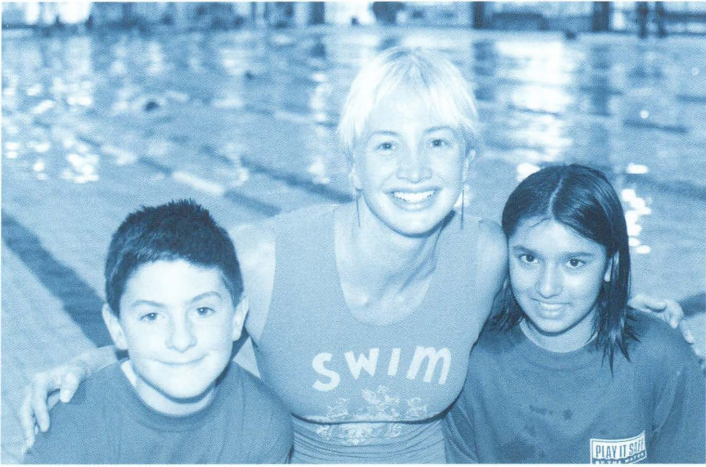


various media opportunities with launches, interviews and photo opportunities.

Media coverage during the year included 806 print articles with the majority coming from regional and statewide media outlets. Life Saving Victoria received terrific support from electronic media as well with more than seven hours of coverage on radio and over two hours combined television airtime. Highlights of this included the coverage of the Victorian Drowning Summary which was launched by Brooke Hanson in October, an appearance on Rove Live with lifesavers as part of the Royal Life Saving Victoria Centenary celebrations, the Bravery Awards ceremony held at Government House and shown on all television networks that night and the announcement of the partnership between the Kangaroos Football Club and Lifesaving in June.

Support needs to be recognised from all media outlets, and particularly, The Geelong Advertiser and Echo newspapers, Colac Herald, Warrnambool Standard, Sunraysia Daily, Shepparton News, Herald Sun, The Age and Leader newspapers.

All three major television networks have supported lifesaving throughout the year as well as the ABC and regional networks WIN and Prime for great education and sports stories as part of their news packages.



Continued support has also been received from radio stations 774 ABC and ABC regional radio stations, 3AW, Ace Radio networks across the state and our local partners with Jim Graham at 3WBC in Melbourne's inner East and Geelong's Country FM with Harry Windmill and Phil McGibbon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A number of major events were held during the year and not the least of which was the Centenary of Royal Life Saving in Victoria. The Centenary Ball was a highlight at the Park Hyatt with dancing and dining all the way through the evening capturing the spirit of the celebrations. A number of promotions were centred around this evening including an appearance on Rove Live in the week of the ball promoting the event.

The Centenary Carnival and 100 oldest lifesavers event were also promoted heavily and received some very favourable media exposure including colour photographs of some of those chosen lifesavers in both The Age and Herald Sun on the day of the function and attendance by Channel Nine.

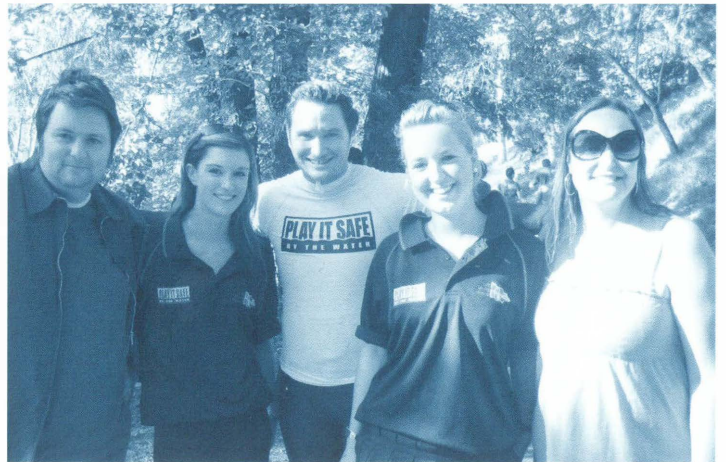
Life Saving Victoria was also involved in conducting The Womens Forum as part of the Centenary celebrations and this tied in extremely well with other breakfast forums that had been held during the year for all areas of the aquatics industry.



PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS

Other promotions that were held as part of the year included a number of Play it Safe by the Water public relations events. As part of this campaign a new Ethnic media campaign was launched to provide extra assistance to people who speak languages other than English. This has been well received and will be continued in the coming year. Focus groups were also held with Lifesavers and Lifeguards from both pools and beaches to discuss issues of concern both with their own working environment and also attitudes of the general public.

Life Saving Victoria was present at the Swimming Pool and Spa Association Expo in February and the National Careers Expo in June. We stayed involved with a number of Community Safety Month activities both with media and non media relations and also took part in the launch of the National Volunteer week celebrations.



Build up and promotion of the World Titles and the upcoming Year of the Surf Lifesaver also ensured the communications department was kept very busy.

SPONSORS

We have had terrific support from our sponsors over the past year in developing firm partnerships to build long lasting involvement. Terrific exposure for South East Water as our bay and pool competitions sponsor.

Westpac's support of the Lifesaver aircraft has been terrific with some great exposure on radio and in Melbourne press. Our national sponsors have also been well serviced, namely Telstra with Beach to Bush, Club support fund and junior support. DHL on the lifesaving uniforms across the state and Active Factor/Sony Playstation with promotions for the Swim and Survive Active Family Fun Days.

Support from members, staff and the general public again proved essential when promoting and supporting such a diverse and unique organisation. Without this support, Life Saving Victoria would not receive the recognition and exposure required to continue as Victoria's peak aquatic safety body.

Manager

Public Relations and Communications
Tony Richens

Manager

Media & Promotions
Josie Molloy (part)

Communications Officer

Guy Britt

Communications Assistant

Kate Alexander (part)

LIFESAVING AQUATIC SPORT

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2005 SENIOR INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FRIDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2005
- SOUTH MAROUBRA, NSW

TEAM MEMBERS

Coach:

Wally Bacon (Coach)
Catherine Tisdale
(Team Manager)

U17 Men

Jack Hansen (Jan Juc)
Kyle Goulding
(Half Moon Bay)
James Cowan - Clarke
(Anglesea)

U17 Women

Samantha Cain
(Chelsea Longbeach)
Casee Honan (Ocean Grove)
Anna Masek (Torquay)

U19 Men

Brian Lim (Jan Juc) Russ
Goulding (Half Moon Bay) *
Brehdan Maher (Anglesea) *

U19 Women

Ali Gronow (Anglesea)
Kirsten Ulmer (Ocean Grove)
Claire Lewtas (Anglesea)

Open Men

Scott Prosser (Jan Juc)
David Strahan (Torquay)
Stephen Kerr (Warrnambool)

Open Women

Julia Cullity (Anglesea)
Naantali Marshall (Anglesea)
Abby Lewtas (Anglesea)

Boat Crew - Lorne

Alastair McCombe (sweep)
Brad Kerr
John Halloran

Jarrold McCombe

Andrew Duffield

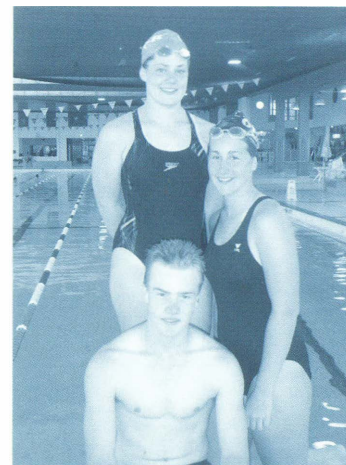
[* Replaced by Andrew Hocking
of Fairhaven SLSC due to injury]

Overall Results:

New South Wales	288
Queensland	286.5
Western Australia	245.5
Victoria	193
South Australia	170
Tasmania	101
Northern Territory	67

This year saw the introduction of the new U17 age group into the Interstate Championships, which gave some of our younger members the opportunity to experience top level national competition in a State Representative format. The championships were conducted on a Friday in January at South Maroubra in Sydney which allowed competitors the opportunity to compete in the Manly and Freshwater carnivals in the following week.

Well done to the entire team who battled large surf to finish 4th in the overall point score. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row we were pushed out of third place by WA who has some outstanding female water competitors. The beach competitors produced some great results to keep us in contention. In particular the Lewtas sisters, Abby and Claire who both produced top 3 finishes in both the sprint and flags. Claire was responsible for our only victory, taking out the U19 Beach Flags. Naantali Marshall also produced a great result to finish second in the Open Ironwoman.



Thanks again to State Coach Wally Bacon and Team Manager Cathy Tisdale who made sure the team was looked after and competed at their best.

RLSSA INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (POOL)

Over 170 competitors took part in the 2005 Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships held at the Chandler Aquatic Centre in Brisbane from the 19-22nd January. The competition was close throughout, with NSW retaining their dominance with Western Australia in second and Victoria producing a great result to come in third.

TEAM MEMBERS

U/14 Boys

James Anderton
Ben Hannaker

U/19

Dan Byatt
Dan Adams
Courtney Stuenenberg
Lauren Hannaker

U/16

Lewis Kerr
Shayne McBride
Eliza May
Marita Nelson

Open

Lisa Ferguson
Russell Stewart
Kim Stewart
James Evans

O/30

Stewart Irving
Carol Irving
Glen Walker
Sue Baxter



A stand out from the Victorian Team was Lauren Hannaker of Mordialloc who placed second overall in the U19 Women's division which meant that she was also selected as part of the Under 19 Silver Aussie Barra Team.

Thanks to Mitch Hannaker and James Evans who were responsible for coaching and coordinating the squad.

2005 LIFESAVER EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 2005 – OCEAN GROVE

It was Ocean Grove SLSC's turn to host the Lifesaver Event Championships on Saturday 13th February. Competitor numbers this year were encouraging and it was good to see a couple of new clubs take part in this competition.

The winners were as follows:

Male Champion Lifesaver

Matt Culka (St Kilda LSC)

Female Champion Lifesaver

Rebecca Johnson (Jan Juc SLSC)

Patrol Competition

Ocean Grove SLSC

First Aid Competition

Martin Leprohon & Alexandra Shackleton (South Melbourne LSC)

Thanks very much to Dinah Boswell for her preparation of the event and also to Barbara Morgan who took on the task of referee on the day.

2005 VICTORIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 2005 – LORNE

Lorne SLSC continued its tradition of hosting the Victorian Masters Championships for 2005. Like last year, the fine weather and a great family atmosphere meant that the event was enjoyed by all.

The event continues to grow with another record number of competitors, with entries topping the 300 mark for the first time. The decision of the Aquatic Sports Executive to operate 2 water areas was vindicated with what was the most efficient Masters' Carnival in recent memory.

The top five clubs were as follows:

Anglesea	165
Half Moon Bay	78
Black Rock	44
Ocean Grove	42
Torquay	39
Portsea	39

A big thank you the Lorne SLSC and all the officials on the day for providing another enjoyable masters experience for our 30+ members. The event will no doubt continue to grow over the coming years.

2005 VICTORIAN LIFESAIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

5TH & 6TH MARCH, 2005 – LORNE

Held on the 5th & 6th March at Lorne SLSC, the Victorian Championships attracted one of

the largest numbers of entries in recent years with approximately 850 members taking part.

With an increased number of events and extra age groups the task of completing the program over two days was always going to be a challenge, some wild weather on the Saturday making life difficult for organisers. Although Saturday was a very long day on the beach, Bernie Murray and his team of officials did a fantastic job in ensuring that the event stayed on track for an exciting day of competition on Sunday.

The officials presentation on the Sunday also saw the presentation of a number of awards, they are as follows:

St Kilda Shore Committee Shield for Overall Carnival Point Score Winner

Anglesea SLSC

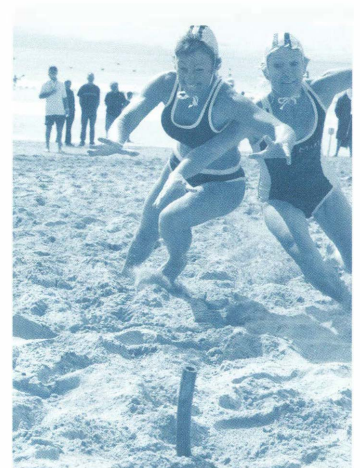
Jos Levi Shield for Handicap Carnival Point Winner
Half Moon Bay LSC

2004 Victorian Championships Champion Club

Ocean Grove SLSC

Box Hill Institute U19 Board Race Scholarship
Ali Gronow (Anglesea SLSC) & Kes McCrindle (Half Moon Bay LSC)

The competition on the Sunday kept the judges on their toes with some extremely tight racing across all areas. However, it was Ocean Grove who once again took out the overall point score largely due to their domination in the U15 & U17 age groups.



The top 10 clubs in terms of points were as follows:

Ocean Grove	272
Anglesea	208
Halfmoon Bay	149
Torquay	108
Mordialloc	101
Jan Juc	97
Black Rock	70
Warrnambool	54
Chelsea Longbeach	42
Point Leo	29

2005 South East Water Bay & Pool Carnival Series

As principal partner in senior and junior lifesaving competition, South East Water provided our lifesavers the opportunity to re-hydrate, compete and further promote & develop lifesaving aqua sports in Victoria in a series of both bay and pool carnivals.

2005 AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

15TH – 20TH MARCH, 2005
– KURRAWA, QLD.

MASTERS COMPETITION

Congratulations go to all our medal winners and all those masters who made the journey up to Queensland to represent their club and their state.

Gold

Men's Surf Race

60-64 years – *Tony Strahan*
(Torquay SLSC)

Men's Rescue Tube Race

60-64 years – *Tony Strahan*
(Torquay SLSC)

Men's Single Ski Race

35-39 years – *Mark Owen*
(Warrnambool SLSC)

Women's Beach Sprint

30-35 years – *Vanessa Jacobs*
(Anglesea SLSC)

Women's Beach Flags

30-35 years – *Vanessa Jacobs*
(Anglesea SLSC)

Silver

Men's Surf Boat

140 years – *Torquay SLSC*
Tony King, Noel Dubberly,
David Mitchell, Ron Lowe, Matt
Robinson

Men's Beach Relay

140 years – *Anglesea SLSC*
Matt Symington, Steve Davies,
Shane Jenkin, Peter Van
Miltenburg

Women's Single Ski Race

30-39 years – *Lisa Munro*
(Anglesea SLSC)

Men's Board Race

30-34 years – *Steve Seddon*
(Half Moon Bay LSC)

Women's Board Race

30-34 years – *Sonia Grundy*
(Anglesea SLSC)

Men's Beach Sprint

30-34 years – *Steve Davies*
(Anglesea SLSC)

Women's Beach Sprint

55+ years – *Judith Silom*
(Chelsea Longbeach)

Women's Beach Flags

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(Chelsea Longbeach)

Bronze

Men's Double Ski Race

55-59 years –
Ocean Grove SLSC
Paul Tierney & Murray Rantall

Men's Surf Teams

150 years – *Point Leo*
Gary Tierney, Gary Rydberg
& Ian Knight

Men's Surf Race

55-59 years – *Gary Tierney*
(Point Leo SLSC)

Men's Rescue Tube Race

45-49 years – *Warren Clarke*
(Anglesea SLSC)

Men's Single Ski Race

55-59 years – *Paul Tierney*
(Ocean Grove)

Women's Board Race

30-34 years – *Lisa Munro*
(Half Moon Bay LSC)

OPEN COMPETITION

The recent Open SLSA Australian Titles were one of the most successful for Victorian Competitors in recent memory. However, it was not just the amount of medals won that was so encouraging but also the amount of Victorians who made the finals. These achievements were not limited to one or two areas, but spread across all areas of the carnival.

Our two Australian Champions for 2005 were special for different reasons. Ryan Christian of Ocean Grove took out the U17 2km Beach Run in what was the events inaugural year, he will therefore forever be the first name on the list of Australian Champions for this event. Tim Williams of Anglesea won the prestigious Open Men's Beach Sprint event being the first Victorian to win the event in 17 years and the first Victorian to win an individual open title since Cam Dixon in the Open Belt Race in 1996.

Congratulations to all the following members who were awarded medals:

Gold

Open Men's Beach Sprint

Tim Williams
Anglesea SLSC

U17 2km Beach Run

Ryan Christian
Ocean Grove SLSC

Silver

Open Women's Board Rescue

Naantali Marshall
Julia Cullity
Anglesea SLSC

Open Women's Beach Flags

Abby Lewtas
Anglesea SLSC

Open First Aid Competition

Alex Shackleton
Martin Leprohon
Sth Melbourne LSC

Bronze

U19 5 Person R&R

Brian Lim
Megan Hough
Fontaine Portelli
Eliza Brown
Elise Wyatt
Jan Juc SLSC

U15 5 Person R&R

Madison Clarke
Dean Denny
Rebecca Rankin
Roscoe Portelli
Rachael Golightly
Ocean Grove SLSC

U19 Women's Taplin Relay

Kirsten Ulmer
Casee Honan
Ashlee Campbell
Ocean Grove SLSC

U19 Men's Beach Relay

Josh Fitt
Brendan Maher
Daniel Young
Jack Osborne
Jason Stewart
Anglesea SLSC

U19 Women's Beach Relay

Claire Lewtas
Pamela Austin
Kate Sedgwick
Imogen Russell
Anglesea SLSC

Open Patrol Competition

Peter Crapp
 Alastair McCooke
 Kevin Yip
 Matthew Burke
 Sam McCombe
 David Sgamaro
 Ocean Grove SLSC

U15 Men's Beach Sprint

Tom Aliotti
 Point Leo SLSC

U19 Women's Beach Sprint

Claire Lewtas
 Anglesea SLSC

U19 Women's Beach Flags

Claire Lewtas
 Anglesea SLSC

Open Women's Beach Sprint

Abby Lewtas
 Anglesea SLSC

VICTORIAN U21 HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Now in its third year the U21 High Performance Squad has undergone many changes in an attempt to find the right formula for our up and coming junior athletes.

Once again the squad focused on the importance of "off-season" training with two camps in July and October. This year the second camp in the September school holidays saw the competitors travel to the Palm Beach SLSC in Queensland. The athletes underwent an intensive training week which saw a variety of sessions incorporated including skills based session conducted by some of Australia's leading coaches. The week provided the athletes with a solid base before commencing the 2004/2005 season.

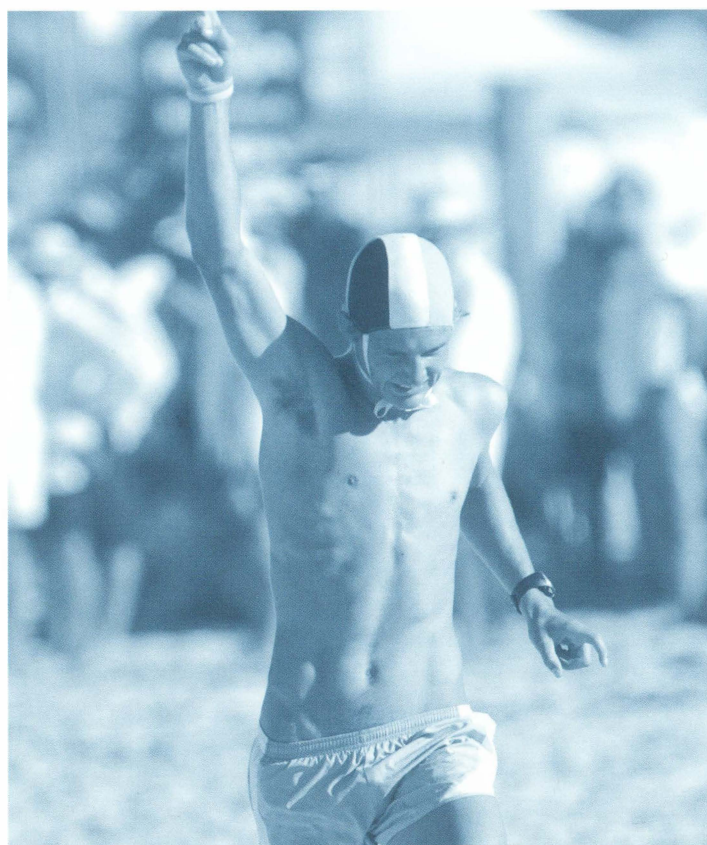
The Victorian Squad consisted of the following members:

Athletes

Pamela Austin	Ocean Grove
Daniel Byatt	Mount Martha
Samantha Cain	Chelsea
Nick Cogger	Torquay
Andrea Collins	Half Moon Bay
Emma Delandre	Torquay
Russell Fox	Half Moon Bay
Kyle Goulding	Half Moon Bay
Trent Goulding	Half Moon Bay
Ali Gronow	Anglesea
Lauren Hannaker	Edithvale
Jack Hansen	Jan Juc
Lisa Harper	Portsea
Sam Hayden	Torquay
Casee Honan	Ocean Grove
Rosie Johnson	Torquay
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Kate Lister	Half Moon Bay
Brendan Maher	Anglesea
Renee McCance	Torquay
Jess Meek	Port Campbell
Richard Moore	Anglesea
Kristy O'Connor	Ocean Grove
Will Penney	Torquay
Tom Penney	Torquay
Cameron Prosser	Jan Juc
Daniel Smith	Portsea
Jason Stewart	Anglesea
Kirsten Ulmer	Ocean Grove
Jenna Willersdorf	Ocean Grove

Coaches

David Strahan	Torquay
Wally Bacon	Half Moon Bay
Peter Van Miltenburg	Anglesea



Telstra Schools Surf League 2005

Number of schools:	48
Teams:	99
Athletes:	901

Final Points:

Male:	
1st: St. Joseph's College	72
2nd: Mentone Grammar	64
3rd: St. Bedes College	61
Female:	
1st: St. Catherine's School	61
2nd: Sacred Heart College	54
3rd: The Geelong College	52

Winning teams presented with Telstra competition board, cap and water bottle.

Winner of random school ballot draw for Telstra competition board: Korowa Anglican School. All finalist teams presented with Telstra t-shirts.

The Telstra Schools Surf League training day was held at St. Melbourne LSC on Saturday 19th February. Over 120 participants took part in the training program.

COACHING COURSES

Level One:

Sunday September 5th, 2004
 Carrum LSC
 Saturday December 4th, 2004
 Williamstown LSC

Coaching Mentoring Squad

and Program set up and offered to clubs coaches and athletes, November 22nd, 2004

R&R Coaching Clinic

Sunday December 5th:
Seaspray SLSC
Facilitator: Craig Johnson
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FUTURE ENDEAVOURS

Three level one coaching courses
Eastern region: Seaspray
Western Region: Torquay, Metro
region – Mordialloc

One Level One officials course
One Level Two officials course
One Level Two coaching
course: NSW
All TBA

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The organisational structure is in four divisions and 13 departments – Protocol (R06 Guests, Functions and Ceremonies, Competitor Liaison), Operations (Event Services, Competitions, Logistics, Safety and Emergency), Commercial (Sponsorship and Marketing, Public Affairs, Tourism Marketing) and Administration (Finance, Legal and Workforce).



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The support and assistance of each of these partners is acknowledged and appreciated.

Delivery...

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By achieving these aims Rescue 2006 will be a huge tourism boost for Geelong, the Surf Coast and local regions.

We believe that the competitor marketing campaign will attract the target figure of 4000 competitors, while the next phase in the campaign is creating and building public awareness, particularly in the host communities of Geelong and Lorne, and media coverage of the Championships has increased recently.

As we enter delivery mode all parties involved in Rescue 2006 are dedicated to being part of the best-ever ILS World Lifesaving Championships.

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