

Life Saving Victoria



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As it is now five years since the introduction of Life Saving Victoria (LSV), 2008/09 provided an opportunity to reflect and assess our achievements and progress to date.

Whilst we could always have potentially "done some things better", LSV has demonstrated the benefits of the merger in its two key performance measurements. The drowning toll for the year was a total of 35 and at 0.65 per 100,000 of population, both figures were the lowest since records have been kept and the total membership of 23,340 was highest on record.

Highlights for the Year were:

- › Lachlan Holbery-Morgan being awarded both the national DHL Surf Lifesaver of the Year and the DHL Lifeguard of the Year – the first time anyone has achieved both honours in the same year.
- › Lakes Entrance SLSC being awarded the national DHL Club of the Year.
- › Michael Clancy being awarded the national Instructor of the Year.
- › The introduction of twilight patrols to combat the February heatwave.
- › Record total membership of 23,340.
- › Lowest Victorian drowning toll since records began 0.65 per 100,000 of population.
- › Seaford LSC being awarded the Victorian Coastal Council's, Building and Design award for its new clubhouse.
- › LSV winning the 2008 Australian Safer Communities Award for its Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities program.

Australian Honours to:

- › Brett Ellis (ESM)
- › Dr Michael Kennedy (OAM)
- › Dianne Montalto (ESM)
- › Ken Pollard (OAM)
- › Barrie Smith (OAM)

LSV Life Membership to:

- › Alan Dell
- › Jenni Maclean
- › Ian Shepherd
- › Judy Silom

LSV Five Year Review

Throughout the year, a review of LSV's progress over the past five years was conducted. Meetings were held with club representatives, forums were conducted for the aquatics industry, club executives, staff, the industry, schools and individual members were all surveyed to gain their feedback. The results of this review were used to prepare both the Victorian Water Safety Plan for the next five years and the related LSV Strategic Management Plan. From this extensive process we now have a pathway for the next five years. LSV can now look to the future as a singular identity rather than its previous position of being the two previous entities gradually merging into one.

LSV and the Emergency Services Sector

In the broader emergency service sector LSV has appreciated the inclusive approach to our introduction by the other services. In the past year emerging relationships have been formally consolidated with the development of the Integrated Emergency Services Framework. Whilst this framework remains in draft form awaiting the final report from the Bushfire Royal Commission, in the interim it serves as a valuable guide to future planning for the entire sector.

Victoria's Heatwave

The February heatwave was a test for the responsiveness of LSV's services and the broader water safety considerations of the aquatics industry generally. Patrols were organised for the mid week twilight period and aquatic facilities were at the point whereby potential customers had to be turned away given the numbers already inside the centres. As it may be that this event is to become a more regular occurrence, planning is now underway to ensure future responses can be considered in a more timely manner.

LSV's Education and Training

As our school programs are delivered to 56,000 students, Education Services continues to diversify their delivery methods to match the changing expectations of schools and the community. As part of the Play It Safe By The Water campaign a new CD Rom was released to all primary schools in Victoria. In the training area, record numbers of awards were achieved along with the development of key relationships with the Australian Doctors Association and Sports Medicine Australia. These relationships led to the delivery of CPR courses to almost 200 General Practitioners, using the latest CPR Now Kits, along with the development of a National Spinal management course.

Aquatic Sport

For the first time this year an interstate competition was held for the IRB fraternity. The Victorian team performed admirably and finished the weekend in second position. Both junior and senior state championships were conducted in a professional manner at Ocean Grove (Snr's) and Sandridge (Jnr's). As has been the recent trend, numbers of attendees at both events were up on previous years. We also congratulate Luke Harper on making the RLSSA Australian Barra's team for the Commonwealth Championships held at Edmonton Canada.

Youth and Leadership Development

The steep increase in demand for nipper programs in recent years has stretched the resources of many clubs. As water safety provision and quality of instruction are key imperatives for this program, over 50% of clubs have indicated they are now having to cap their numbers. Addressing this issue has been a key planning issue over the winter months.

In Appreciation

Just as the effort to reduce the number of drowning deaths is made of a virtual jigsaw of strategies, so to is the support provided for LSV. The successes noted above would not have been possible without the support provided by our partners in the corporate and philanthropic trust sectors (individually noted elsewhere in this report) and the two departments of the Victorian Government (Sport and Recreation Victoria and the Emergency Services Policy and Support unit within the Department of Justice). Again this year I would also like to note my sincere appreciation of the strategic input from Mike Martin as President and the LSV Board and the general support of the volunteer officers, members generally and the LSV staff. I would also like to note our gratitude for the input of the national offices of both Surf and Royal Life Saving.

Nigel Taylor ESM

Chief Executive Officer
Life Saving Victoria

president's report.

It is with great pleasure I present to you the Annual Report for Life Saving Victoria for the year 2008/2009. Indeed it has been an incredible year in the State of Victoria with unprecedented challenges for our emergency services.

The year showed the continuation in the growth and delivery service of Life Saving Victoria. This was highlighted during the heat wave in February where extraordinary actions took place by our members in servicing the community. The request by the Minister of Police and Emergency Services to provide beach safety services resulted in two thirds of the clubs being able to provide extended patrols during the heat wave. I am certain the call to action prevented a number of tragedies that could have taken place. It also demonstrated the willingness of the membership to go that extra yard in servicing the community.

I would like to personally thank all members of Life Saving Victoria for their continued support of the organisation during the year.

The continual reduction in the drowning rate in Victoria at a time of increased activity and visitation at beaches, waterways and pools by the community at large should be highlighted. This continual downward movement was against the national trend which increased during the same period. A highlight of the year was the development of the Life Saving Victoria Strategic Plan which will drive the organisation to continue to focus on the further reduction of the drowning toll in the State of Victoria. It is all inclusive and has taken into account all aspects of water safety.

At a national level, Life Saving Victoria membership was at the forefront at the SLSA Awards of Excellence evening. Lakes Entrance SLSC won the Club of the Year, Lachie Holbry-Morgan achieved the first ever double of Lifeguard of the Year and Lifesaver of the Year, and Michael Clancy won Instructor of the Year. What an achievement for Victoria! These achievements and great successes would not have been possible without the support of the Victorian Government through the agency of the Department of Justice. In addition, the sponsors we have at National and State level who support our operations were outstanding.

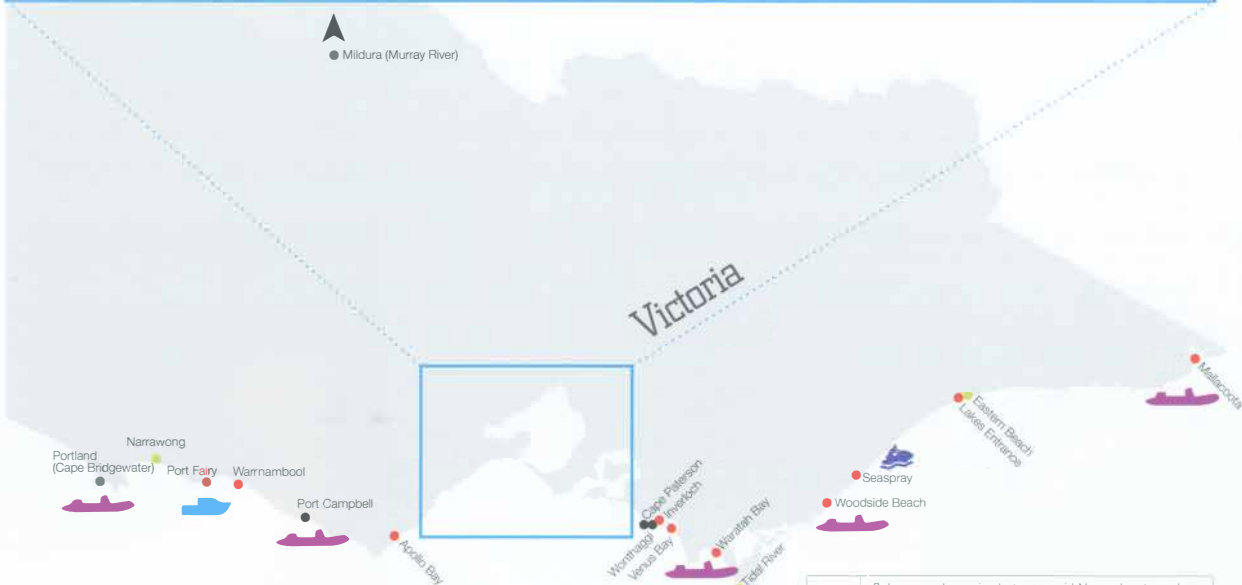
It is very pleasing to note the increase in membership across the State, particularly in the junior area. However, we must focus on expanding the service, particularly parental involvement in the Nipper membership where to ensure suitable safety measures, a cap has been established in many clubs.

The excellence in the delivery of all education programs to the community has been a major contributor to the improvement in water safety in the State. Whilst it doesn't always receive the same profile as the services, without it the water safety jigsaw would be incomplete.

I would like to personally thank Nigel Taylor and his staff for their dedication and contribution to these great achievements. In addition, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their ongoing support and, of course, all members of Life Saving Victoria. Thank you all for an excellent year.

Mike Martin

President, Life Saving Victoria



LSV services map.

●	7 day a week service between mid November to end of February and Weekend and Public Holidays Patrols to Easter Monday
●	7 day a week service between mid December to mid February and weekend and Public Holidays patrols from last weekend in November to Easter Monday
●	7 day a week service between 26th December to mid February and weekend and Public Holidays patrols from last weekend in November to Easter Monday
●	Weekend and Public Holidays Patrols (normally last weekend in November to Easter Monday) and Christmas School Holiday 7 day a week service
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●	Weekend and Public Holidays Patrols (normally last weekend in November to Easter Monday)
■	24hr Marine Search and Rescue Marine Offshore Service
■	24hr Marine Search and Rescue Rigid Inflatable Offshore Service
■	Rescue water craft
*	Undergoing affiliation to LSV

operations

Overview

Again it has been an extremely busy and constantly challenging year for Lifesaving Operations with this season recording over 2.6 million visitations at patrolled beaches, 561 rescues and more than 46,500 preventative actions taking place. Our Lifesavers and Lifeguards also responded to 2,100 First Aid incidents, including 119 Major First Aid incidents that required further medical treatment keeping our patrolling services extremely busy.

Lifesaving Services

Our services have faced many unique situations and challenges over the years but this season weather played a big role with Victoria facing a heatwave which saw temperatures reach 45+ degrees over an extended period. The resulting power and infrastructure failures saw the general public flock to the beaches in record numbers in an attempt to cool off.

The heatwave resulted in a direct request from the Minister of Emergency Services to Lifesaving Clubs to open their clubs to render assistance and protection to the masses on the beaches during the heatwave crisis. The response from clubs was instant with 2/3rds of the clubs establishing flagged and ongoing patrolling presence with the remainder putting on observer patrols over this extended period with patrollers facing packed beaches from early morning to late at night.

Bushfires also ravaged Victoria this summer season with incredible loss of life and devastation. Again lifesaving was called upon to assist at various locations the most prominent was the use of Woodside Surf Lifesaving Club which acted as an evacuation and safe haven for the community as the fires closed in on the nearby towns and properties.

We were also faced with abnormal tidal swells, a tsunami warning and earthquakes confirming that the changing weather patterns are and will have a large impact on our future lifesaving role.

Expansion of Lifeguard Services

Thanks to the support of SLSA Black Spot funding, extra Lifeguard services were operated at Mallacoota and Venus Bay with Mallacoota able to extend its service an additional five (5) hrs performing 19 first aid cases and six (6) rescues with no lives lost. With additional Lifeguards being able to be placed at Venus Bay the service was able to take a more proactive role and reduce their rescue tally from 33 to 1 in this season alone, quite an achievement at this often unpredictable and dangerous location.



Pain Management

This year saw the successful trialling of Methoxyflurane commonly known as Penthrane or the 'green whistle' as a pain management tool at several of our high incident Lifeguard sites over the summer season. This proved to be a successful addition to the first aid treatment of injured patients at these sites. Further trialling and evaluation will continue over this coming season as we continue to identify its usage and role across the broader lifesaving services.

Air Marine Search and Rescue Services (AMSAR)

This season saw the affiliation of VMR Mornington & Hastings Marine Rescue Service to Life Saving Victoria. As we continue to expand our role in the area of marine rescue services this is the first of an ongoing strategy of affiliation and relationship building with alike rescue organisations and services to expand the rescue and response capability at our patrolled areas and the Victorian coastline.

Response and callout services have also been introduced at Point Lonsdale and 13th Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs with the introduction of Yamaha Rescue Water Craft at both of these locations delivering on the model of expanding lifesaving services on the Bellarine Coastline.

Members of the AMSAR group are currently working on the development and introduction of a Certificate I in Maritime Operations to formalise training and qualifications on vessel operations.

This group has also played an integral and active role in the development of SLSA Strategy and direction titled "Surf Lifesaving as an Emergency Service" which was recently endorsed at the National Board of Lifesaving and sets in place the blueprint for the future development of surf lifesaving as an emergency service and its role in marine rescue.

The fixed wing Aerial service continues to demonstrate its vital and active role with hundreds of flight hours attending to surveillance and monitoring supporting patrols and assisting with rescues and major incidents, clearly demonstrating the continual need for Aerial Services in Victoria.

Club Development

A huge effort was undertaken on developing the capacity and strength of the smaller and struggling clubs this season to assist them in undertaking patrols and club management activities. Staff, with assistance from key volunteers directly assisted with the delivery and the facilitation of hundreds of core qualifications across these clubs and spent many hours building the capacity of the clubs to manage their members and expand the capabilities of these clubs.

Communication System

This season we have continued broadening and developing our radio communication system across the State with the introduction of new radio links at various locations as we improve communications at our patrolling locations. These include the enhancements of the Lorne repeater link, enhancements to the Bass Coast, Mount Oberon and adjoining areas, establishment of the Lakes Entrance repeater and the linking of the VHS coastal network back to LSV Comms.

There has also been an upgrade of LSV Comms to build in redundancy and installation of UPS and battery backup, and the expansion of the operational capability to overcome the shortfalls faced during this summer's heatwave and busy patrol season.

Club Grants

Though generally the club grant situation has improved over the last 5-6 years the demand for funding still easily outweighs the available funding making all current grants greatly contended. We were successful in securing a FaHCSIA Volunteer Grant that has allowed every club to obtain a defibrillator or update their first aid equipment.

Next Steps

Life Saving Victoria will continue to work hand in hand with its clubs, Local and State Governments to provide the best possible volunteer and professional rescue service for Victoria's beaches as we look to extend our reach into the future.

For a complete table of Rescue and Major Incident Statistics please head to <http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/www/html/76-reports.asp>.

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Season 2008/09 was full of ups and downs, with record numbers at all State Carnivals and State Championships with the low of the cancellation of two Victorian regional's due to extreme heat. This season also saw outstanding performances in challenging conditions for the carnivals across our State. Congratulations to all competitors on a record breaking season.

The season has seen a number of key changes:

- > A well organised and structured Winter Development Squad.
- > Westpac Junior Victorian Championships numbers up by 15% on season 07/08.
- > Well managed implementation of the Heat Policy.
- > Increased number of finalists in Australian Beach finals – Scarborough
- > Introduction of trial events of the Engine Junior Swim Series

We have a number of key strategic plans which will be adopted following our business plan model. They include:

- > Develop blueprint for major events with local councils, regional development and local sponsors.
- > Develop new programs, members to provide more high level leadership programs and pathways towards National programs.
- > Continue to work on developing new alternative events for our members and inclusion of other markets with similar backgrounds.

With these strategic plans in place, we see the future being an exciting place to be for lifesaving and the youth of Victoria. We plan to focus on building a stronger development pathway for not only sport but our very successful leadership programs, which are known around the country. With an increase in competitors and nippers in programs, new strategies are being developed to help clubs deal with these growing numbers and how to manage them effectively.

To our sponsors and supporters - Engine, Dolphin, Box Hill Institute, Westpac, and Sport and Recreation Victoria - thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Youth & Leadership Development in Victoria.

Along with the Aquatic Sports Council, we also look forward to the partnerships formed with the East Gippsland Shire Council, Patties Pies, Plumtec and Dwyer's Toyota as part of the State Championships momentum in Eastern Victoria.

To the Executive, coordinators, officials, coaches, Age Managers, Water Safety, staff and especially all the volunteers who have assisted Youth & Leadership Development this season. LSV thank you for your hard work, support and your commitment to the movement. Without you, youth sport & development would simply not exist.

SLSA has given positive feedback that Victoria is leading the way in retaining its members, especially in the age group of 14-25, mainly due to the great programs such as YIP's which we run all year.



Overview

Education Services provide a diverse range of programs that teach students, teachers and the community about water safety and lifesaving skills. The programs are offered at a variety of venues including classrooms, swimming pools and open waterways. Even with staff turnover and program cancellations due to the February bushfires, water safety education is continuing to reach more participants throughout the State:

- › Education Beach Program numbers have increased by over 1,200 students
- › School Surf League and Pool Lifesaving Games participant numbers both increased indicating that schools are eager to participate in alternative swimming competitions to traditional swimming sports
- › Open Water Learning Experience program numbers increased by over 700 students
- › Education Programs were delivered to 56,700 students and Education Licencee Water Safety programs were delivered to 77,600 students (an overall increase compared to the previous year).

Education Services acknowledges the Department of Justice for their continuing support of the Play it Safe by the Water program and Marine Safety Victoria for providing funding for the Boating Safety for Kids Program. The Boating program unfortunately was not offered during Semester 2, 2009 due to the withdrawal of funding however hopefully in the future this fantastic program can again be offered to Victorian schools.

Current Projects

The Education Swim and Survive Licencee database and program information is currently being updated and will be published on LSV website to assist the community in identifying local centres that offer the Swim and Survive Water Safety Programs. By recently introducing direct email program promotion, Education Services aims to increase the number of schools and community groups that access LSV programs. Online booking forms are also being developed to provide an alternative program booking method.

The Department of Justice is continuing its support of the State Government initiative Play it Safe by the Water program for the upcoming summer season. This program subsidises the Open Water Learning Experience which is offered at various open water venues around the State in Term 1 and Term 4 to over 8,000 students annually.

The Telstra Beach to Bush Program is in the planning stage to be rolled out again for this year with Victoria aiming to reach capacity again reaching 10,000 Victorian regional students.

Future Developments

Education Services is aiming to consolidate all programs through staff collaboration and program reviews, which in turn aims to increase efficiency in the delivery of programs to schools and the community. Program participant numbers are expected to increase through direct email program promotion and online booking options.

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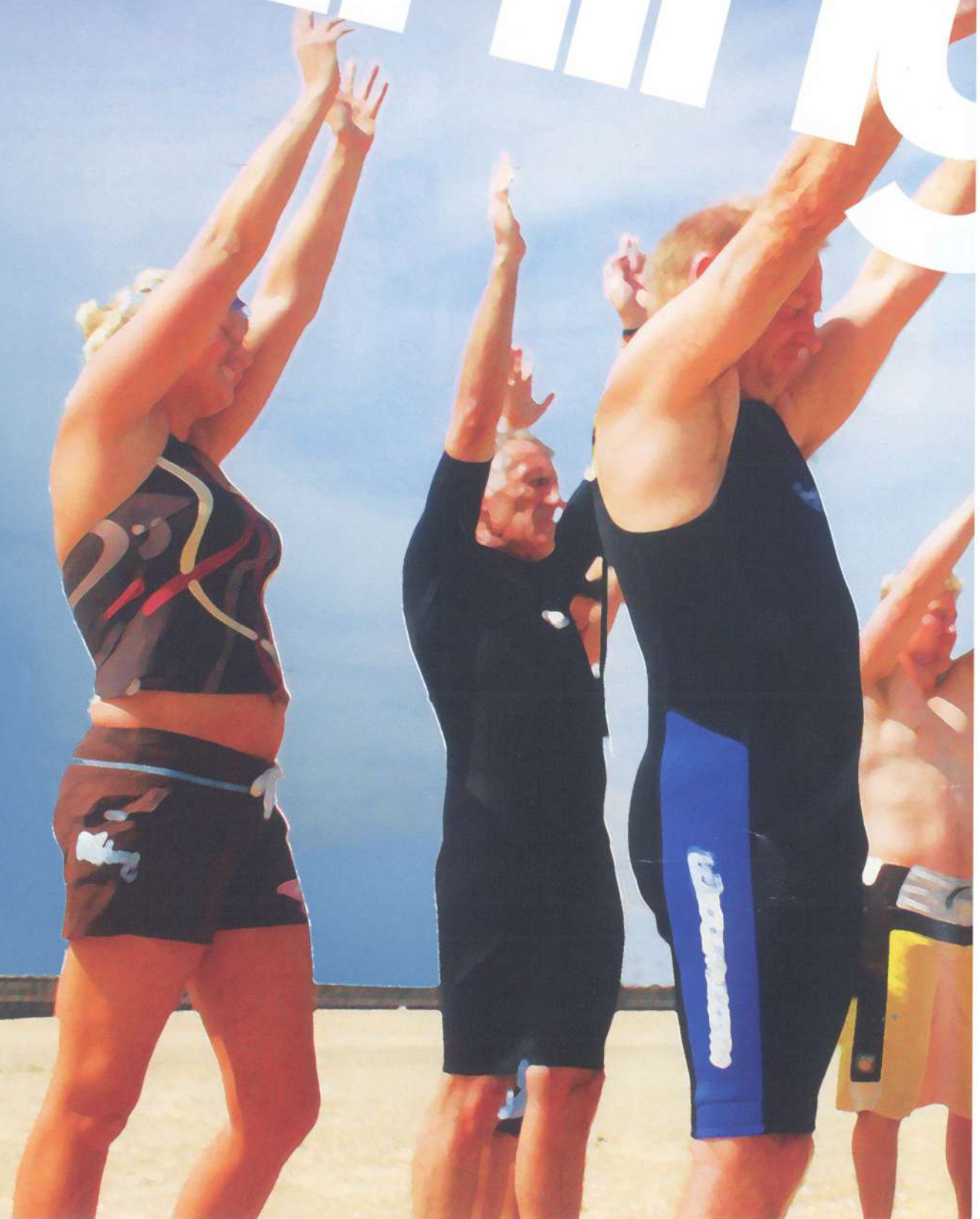


Life Saving Victoria's Education department delivers an extensive number of programs and produces a wide range of resources, for lifesaving clubs, schools and the community, making us the leading provider of water safety education in Victoria.

Education



training



Overview

Life Saving Victoria delivers a wide range of accredited Aquatic and First Aid Training Courses to the Victorian Community. This training is delivered through commercial training programs, lifesaving club training, community training and increasingly through licensed training providers.

The last twelve months have seen a record number of people participate in Life Saving Victoria Training Courses. These include record numbers of participants in Pool Lifeguard courses and Community Surf Life Saving courses along with an increase in total participants across all awards.

A few highlights of the work that the training department has conducted include the launch of a nationally accredited Defibrillation Course. The uptake of this course in its first year was strong, particularly across aquatic centre and golf course staff. A Defibrillation Update Course is now ready for delivery and can be conveniently added to CPR Updates to save our participants time and money while refreshing their skills in the use of this equipment.

Spinal Management Courses were adapted to be delivered in 'dry land' settings and delivered to Sports Medicine Australia's Sports Trainers. These courses were piloted in Victoria and then refined in consultation with Sports Medicine Australia.

Relationships with the Victorian Water Police and the AUSDOC Conferences were built upon with delivery of customised training courses to both of these clients. The Victorian Water Police have been trained in combined courses including First Aid, Bronze Medallion and Oxygen Resuscitation. The AUSDOC Conferences have seen delivery of CPR Updates to large groups of up to 80 participants through the innovative use of CPR Now Kits.

CPR and First Aid Training continue to be popular choices with experienced instructors delivering courses which are contextualised to our clients needs. The introduction of online enrolment through the LSV website has provided a convenient new method for participants to enrol in these courses and others.

Current Projects

Current projects include the roll out to lifesaving clubs of a new Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Course which is delivering training out of the Health Training Package. This course supports the introduction of manual suction training for patrolling lifesavers. Bronze Medallion Training and Assessment resources have been redeveloped within Victoria for delivery in line with the new 33rd Edition Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue Training Manual. These resources will support the delivery of this course over summer by our network of lifesaving clubs.

Life Saving Victoria's Community Surf Life Saving Courses have also been reviewed in line with the 33rd Edition Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue Training Manual. This review will ensure that these courses continue to set the benchmark for the training of general public in water safety supervision and response techniques in the open water environment.

Future Developments

The coming year will see advances in the use of online resources to support and enhance participant learning. Online training resources provide flexibility to candidates allowing them to complete components of courses at their own convenience. Development of capacity to deliver Anaphylaxis training will complement our current courses and meet the needs of carers of children in environments including schools and child care centres.

We would like to thank all of our dedicated and talented trainers and assessors for their time and effort. We would also like to thank our training centres who host our courses including aquatic centres and lifesaving clubs.



2008/2009 saw record numbers of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community members participate in Life Saving Victoria projects.

The 'On The Same Wave' Project with the aid of 'pilot' lifesaving clubs like Edithvale LSC, Altona LSC, Sandridge LSC and Rosebud LSC, continued to be a very successful project. Initially launched in 2007, it will now continue into the summer of 2010/11. Other clubs have also put their hands up to get involved this upcoming season, giving us the opportunity to extend our reach to new communities. Funding bodies over the last two years have been the Department of Justice and Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The continuation of the project has been assured for the next two years due to funding once again provided by the Department of Justice, with additional aid from The Shire of Kingston.

In excess of 5,000 CALD community members have participated in the project to date. The project makes multicultural inclusion a priority and continues to host numerous groups from the African, Asian, Middle Eastern and the wider CALD community. Many for the first time, have made their way to beaches to experience full or half day beach programs.

On arrival at the beach, groups have been enthusiastically invited into the clubs, taught the varying roles of lifesavers and the concept of volunteerism, water awareness and beach safety, whilst also having great fun with nipper boards, rescue tubes, surf skis and other equipment used by lifesavers through the course of their patrols.

Some groups have combined their aquatic's day with beach volleyball and beach soccer, enjoying a hybrid of the sports they are more culturally familiar with. Other CALD groups have opted to come down to clubhouses for shorter one hour interactive education sessions on safety around water and/or resuscitation (ie. Meet a Lifeguard or Resuscitate a Mate). For those who are unable to come down to the beach, these interactive sessions are held 'offsite' in their neighbourhood - local schools, community centres, sporting centres and churches. In addition to being a lot of fun for the participating groups, activities are purposely designed to address the disproportional number of water safety incidents and drownings amongst CALD groups.

Major partnerships have been forged with organisations such as Adult Multicultural Education Services (AMES), Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY), Victorian Arabic Social Services (VASS) and an array of Migrant Resource (MRC) and Community Centres.

These organisations provide the 'life blood' of programs, recruiting members from the communities they represent and acting as essential liaisons. There are real advantages for clubs offering such inclusive initiatives.

- › Currently CALD communities are at disproportional risk of injury or drowning around aquatic environments.
- › All Australians, new and old, should have the opportunity to receive water safety education.
- › Projects like this allow CALD groups to be safer and happier around water, reduce injury and death, whilst developing stronger mutual relations between patrollers and all users of our beaches.
- › By being actively more inclusive, our lifesaving organisation will better reflect the ever changing communities in which we exist, whilst also setting the important groundwork for future increased CALD membership in clubs.

The 'Learning for Life' Project has allowed over 200 local CALD children to learn to swim, with over 5,200 swimming lessons having been provided. Held in Hoppers Crossing, Melbourne, there are positions for seventy children each week (predominantly from the Karen community, Myanmar) to learn to swim and enthusiastically progress through Swim and Survive swimming and water safety levels. Currently, two years into the program, interested children will now be encouraged and financially supported to further apply their acquired swimming skills through swimming club and Nippers involvement. This project is funded by VicHealth and will continue for an additional two years.

The 'Lakes Entrance Indigenous Aquatics Project' is a combination of all the exciting aquatic activities already mentioned in the projects above with learn to swim, surfing, lifesaving, education programs, training opportunities and various inter school aquatics competitions offered.

The Department of Justice, Indigenous Issues Unit provides the funding that encourages Indigenous youth in the East Gippsland region to participate positively and healthily in aquatics.

Life Saving Victoria is continually on the lookout for further funding and partnership opportunities so that we may extend our reach and teach more CALD communities the vital life skills of swimming and water safety.

CALD

projects overview





2008/09 season was full of some sensational performances as well as some challenging conditions for our carnivals across our State. The past season we experienced another outstanding performance from our beach and pool competitors at States and at Nationals. Our beach carnival calendar had been made even tighter in terms of timing and fitting in events, due to the inclusion of new events and scheduling of National events to other times of the year.

The season has seen a number of key changes noted here:

- › A well organised and structured HPS with better integration with the SLSA model.
- › Victorian Lifesaving Championships numbers up by 5% on season 07/08.
- › Well managed results system for senior events
- › Increased number of finalists in Australian Beach finals – Scarborough
- › Dolphin and Hayden Surf Crafts come onboard to support Victorian competition.

We have a number of key strategic plans which will be adopted following our business plan model. They include:

- › Continue development of the profile of Aquatic Sport through our heroes
- › Develop a blueprint for major events with local councils, regional development and local sponsors.
- › Develop a new event for beach competitors to provide more high level competition in readiness for events like the Aussies and Interstates.
- › Continue to work on developing Pool and IRB competition as alternative events for our members and increase profitability of these events in terms of hosting rights in regional Victoria.

The vision for the future - we must increase competitor numbers more each year, especially in pool and IRB competition, by recruitment of members from metropolitan Melbourne into our sport through the schools, pool clubs and local community groups.

To our sponsors and supporters - Engine, Dolphin, Box Hill Institute, Hayden, Apex, Sport and Recreation Victoria and Australian Sports Commission - thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Aquatic Sports in Victoria. We also look forward to the partnerships formed with the East Gippsland Shire Council, Patties Pies, Plumtec and Dwyer's Toyota as part of the State Championships momentum in eastern Victoria.

Life Saving Victoria's Masters Championships were again blessed with a good turn out and a busy beach, with good competitor numbers and great competition conducted in the right spirit, it was a well organised weekend by all.

IRB racing has just completed the Australian Championships, including the Interstates, with Victoria narrowly missing the Gold. The Victorian Championships were conducted at Wye River, cold and wet conditions did not make this the most attractive of days, but congratulations to all that attended and everyone who has been involved in the IRB competition this season.

Pool competition, and in particular the junior members, showed another good increase in competitor numbers, with a slight increase in senior numbers too. Hopefully the new structured High Performance Program and Winter Development Squad will increase next season's numbers also.

The Victorian Lifesaving Championships at Ocean Grove were a great success, with testing conditions and a limited time on the beach, the event staff and volunteers put together one of our best to date.

The Aussie Titles in Scarborough, the last of a three year deal, provided another successful event with extended use of the amphitheatre creating a terrific atmosphere for the beach flags finals, Ironman / Ironwoman and team events right into the stand. Well done by all Victorian clubs who participated and to the Victorian team who missed the Bronze medal by 2 points.

Finally to the Executive, coordinators, officials, coaches, staff and everyone who has assisted Aquatic Sport this season, we thank you for your hard work and support. Without dedicated volunteers, lifesaving sport would simply not exist and we thank you for the time and commitment you have made to ensure our wonderful sport continues on. Victorian lifesaving can continue to improve if we, the lifesaving movement, continue to raise the bar.

For a complete list of teams and results please head to <http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/www/html/76-reports.asp>.





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Life Saving Victoria plays a key role in providing facility operators, local government and land managers with expert risk management advice in order to provide safer aquatic environments for the Victorian aquatic recreation community.

Risk Management Standards

The 2009/10 year will see the replacement of the Australian Risk Management Standard (AS 4360) with the new International Risk Management Standard - ISO 31000. As such, the year has seen an incremental review of all aquatic risk products in ensuring that where; and as best and reasonably practicable as possible, that the current suite of aquatic risk products and services best reflects the requirements outlined within this new standard.

Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment

The delivery of Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments (AFSA) continues to be one of the core products of the department. The consultative and open nature of the process with industry facility managers not only facilitates the requirements of the centre but enables significant feedback processes back to the development and ongoing improvement of the RLSSA Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations document from a Victorian operator perspective.

Aquatic Risk Treatment Selection

Whilst Aquatic Safety Signage continues to be a key risk control option for land managers, there has been an ever increasing focus on a spread of risk treatment options for land managers. The nature of the risk management product and service process enables ongoing dialogue with LSV and the land manager in selecting the most appropriate risk treatments specific to the land managers' specific environment and capacity. This has added the benefit of bringing other departments within LSV into the risk management process in order to provide expert and leading advice on treatment measures specific to these areas i.e. Training and Education, CALD and Research and Health Promotion.

Research and Development

Aquatic Risk Services continues to forge ahead in the area of research and development specific to the knowledge bases that underpins our aquatic risk products and services. With the application of sound risk management principles the focus on research and development has been given a more streamlined context and primarily looks at research and development in the area of understanding the exposure rates and effectiveness of risk treatments within given aquatic environments. There has also been some additional background work into the area of expanding the Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis capacity of the department in order to enhance existing core risk management products specific to open aquatic environments (e.g. inland and coastal areas).



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Overview

The Research and Health Promotion area of Life Saving Victoria expanded its scope and activities in 2008/09.

Watch Around Water, a program which aims to educate parents and carers about active supervision of children at public swimming pools was launched in August 2008. Life Saving Victoria is working in partnership with Aquatics & Recreation Victoria to promote and deliver the program. The evaluation of this program will serve as a model for future programs.

Life Saving member, staff, community and industry surveys were conducted as part of the ongoing evaluation of Life Saving Victoria's lifesaving services, and education and training programs.

Research into rock fishing safety expanded in 2008/2009 with the Coastal Safety Survey being delivered in New South Wales thanks to the support of Surf Life Saving Australia and the Australian National Sportfishing Association. The result from these surveys will provide greater evidence in regards to the perceptions and behaviours of anglers along Australia's coastline and will assist with the development of Rock Fishing Safety Campaigns.

A review of the 2003-2008 Victorian Water Safety Plan was conducted and statistical analysis and expert advice was provided for input into the new Victorian Water Safety Plan.

Evaluation of the 'Play It Safe by the Water' campaign continued to ensure the effectiveness and uptake of key water safety messages throughout the community.

Life Saving Victoria was represented at the Australian Injury Prevention Network 9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion and the Australian Health Promotion Australia 18th National Conference - Make Health Promotion a Priority: Evidence, Advocacy and Action. Life Saving Victoria is also represented on a number of injury prevention committees, working groups and international task forces.

Current Projects

Watch Around Water Campaign

An education and awareness raising campaign, Watch Around Water was developed to address the growing concern regarding children's supervision at public aquatic facilities. Developed with the intention of complimenting and supporting existing guidelines already in Victorian facilities, the program is used to educate the public about what adequate supervision is, and encourages parents/guardians to take on the responsibility for adequately supervising their children while visiting public aquatic facilities. Developed by Leisure Institute of WA (LIWA) and RLSSA Western Australia, Aquatics Recreation Victoria and Life Saving Victoria are working in conjunction to adapt and deliver the program within Victoria. This year, 15 aquatic and recreation facilities implemented the program. This comprehensive program has received very positive feedback and is a growing initiative to be expanded in the coming years with a number of facilities already registering for the program this coming season.

Evaluation of Water Safety Initiatives for CALD Communities

Language and cultural barriers may reduce the accessibility of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities to water safety education and training. This may place members of these groups and those in their care at a greater risk of drowning. Evaluation of Life Saving Victoria's CALD water safety programs will be further developed in 2009/2010 to provide greater evidence on the impact of these programs.

Evaluation of the Boating Safety for Kids program

The Boating Safety for Kids program, developed by Life Saving Victoria in conjunction with Yachting Victoria, and supported by a grant from Marine Safety Victoria, aims to educate Upper Primary School students on trip preparation, safety equipment, PFD usage, dangers in both inland and open waterways, and emergency response. Evaluation of the Boating Safety for Kids program continued in 2008/2009 with the Boating Safety for Kids Quiz being completed by participant schools. Results from the Quiz will be used to determine any increases in student knowledge of boating and water safety following the program.

Future Developments

Don't Drink and Drown

Life Saving Victoria, in partnership with Play it Safe by the Water, will launch the Don't Drink and Drown campaign in 2009/2010. Don't Drink and Drown is a campaign designed to educate young adults 15-29 years about the dangers of drinking alcohol before swimming or participating in other aquatic activities and ultimately aims to reduce the number of alcohol related drowning deaths. The campaign is currently run in Western Australia by Royal Life Saving Australia WA Branch and Surf Life Saving Western Australia.

Aquatic Facility Injury Surveillance

Studies have assessed drowning fatalities in public and residential swimming pools and the potential factors involved. However, very little evidence exists to detail the extent of other injuries that occur in commercial aquatic facilities. Development is underway to expand the pilot study of injuries and incidents in public swimming pools. Consistent major and minor incident report forms are under review along with the potential for online reporting by commercial aquatic facilities across metropolitan and regional Victoria.

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SLSA – DHL Club of the Year
Surf Life Saving Lakes Entrance

**SLSA – DHL Surf Lifesaver of the Year
and DHL Lifeguard of the Year**
Lachlan Holbery-Morgan › Anglesea SLSC

SLSA – Trainer of the Year
Michael Clancy › Chelsea Longbeach SLSC

Victorian Volunteer of the Year
James Evans › Mordialloc LSC

Victorian Lifesaver of the Year
Lachlan Holbery-Morgan › Anglesea SLSC

Patrol Efficiency Club of the Year
Wonthaggi LSC

Beach Lifeguard of the Year
Michael Sullivan › Woolamai Beach SLSC

Team of the Year
Ocean Grove
U19 5 person R&R Team

Male Athlete of the Year
David Rowell › Portsea SLSC

Female Athlete of the Year
Emily Bews › Torquay SLSC

Coach of the Year
Scott Tannahill › Jan Juc SLSC

Competition Official of the Year
Colin Ellicott › Brighton LSC

Club Training Officer of the Year
Dr Michael Barbarino › Mordialloc LSC

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Russell Stewart › Venus Bay SLSC

Administration Club of the Year
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Media Service to Lifesaving
Martine Alpins › Channel 9 News

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William Boyd › Williamstown LSC

Junior Male Athlete of the Year
Callan Young › Torquay SLSC

Junior Female Athlete of the Year
Christina Ruiz › Jan Juc SLSC

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Hudson Keppell › Point Leo SLSC

Champion Junior Lifesaver
Chris Veal › South Melbourne LSC

Youth Parent of the Year
Daryl Moss › Jan Juc SLSC

Y+LD Service Awards
Bernie Murray › Anglesea SLSC
Monique Ellicott › Brighton LSC
Daryl Moss › Jan Juc SLSC
Christine Cardwell › South Melbourne LSC

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Queen's Birthday Honours
Dr Michael Kennedy OAM ›
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honours and awards



financial

summary

Financial Results and Review of Operations

The financial activities for Life Saving Victoria (LSV) resulted in a consolidated loss for 2008-09 for the Company of \$246,662 (loss of \$215,278 in 2007-08). This result is after charging depreciation costs for the Sandridge building of \$322,689 (\$322,689 in 2007-08).

Life Saving Victoria continues to be highly reliant on sourcing and maintaining grant funding. Reference to the Income Statement shows that grant funding represents some 45% of total revenue.

The Victorian Government is the largest provider of grant funding to LSV with the major three ongoing programs facilitated in 2008-09 being:

- › Play it Safe by the Water - \$1,790,000
- › Valuing Volunteer Workers - \$255,200
- › Community Safety Emergency Support - \$228,954

As the State's peak water safety body, LSV manages all aspects of the Play it Safe by the Water program including the coordination of funding allocations to other program participants. In 2008-09 grants totalling \$500,000 were disbursed to contributing agencies (\$605,000 in 2008-09).

The State Government allocated \$650,000 in 2007-08 as new funding for a range of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse projects. As the project involved activities spanning two years it was applied equally between the 2007-08 and 2008-09 financial years.

2008-09 represented the final year of a three year grant funding program in conjunction with the Australian Government for the establishment and operation of the Australian Lifesaving Academy. The program aims to implement a structured training and education framework that will be self sufficient by year four. A total of \$300,000 was received (\$490,000 in 2007-08) and applied to this purpose.

The function centre and café activities in the new building commenced operating in October 2006 and are conducted under a joint venture arrangement between LSV and the Box Hill Institute of TAFE. Activities for 2008-09 resulted in a significant loss and the operation is being reviewed by Industry consultants.

Dividends

The Memorandum of Association for LSV provides that no income or property of the entity, shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends to the members. Accordingly no dividend has been declared or paid since incorporation.

Subsequent Events

Since the end of the financial year and the date of this report no significant transaction or events have occurred.

income statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

Life Saving Victoria Limited. ACN 102 927 364

	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue		
Sales	759	655
Fees and Memberships	2,669	2,592
Grants	3,891	3,784
Sponsorships	669	589
Fundraising and Donations	120	157
Interest Income	138	163
Realised gain on sale of assets	59	39
Other Revenue	213	260
Total Revenue	8,518	8,239
Expenses		
Cost of Sales	609	462
Life Saving Operations	1,007	987
Training and Education Programs	2,279	2,116
Commercial Operations	1,450	1,132
Grant Distributions	1,037	1,030
Fundraising	75	192
Corporate Administration	1,443	1,722
Depreciation	280	280
Interest	6	22
Other Expenses	214	189
Total Expenses	8,401	8,132
Share of Joint Venture Surplus/(Loss)	(41)	1
(Loss)/Surplus Before Building Amortisation and Income Tax	76	108
Less Building Amortisation	323	323
Income tax expense	-	-
Net (Loss)/Surplus for the Year	(247)	(215)

balance sheet

As at 30 June 2009

Life Saving Victoria Limited. ACN 102 927 364

	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,279	2,246
Trade and other receivables	918	621
Inventories	173	205
Total Current Assets	3,370	3,072
Non-Current Assets		
Financial assets	-	34
Property, plant and equipment	6,214	6,473
Total Non Current Assets	6,214	6,507
Total Assets	9,584	9,759
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,705	1,235
Other financial liabilities	-	238
Employee benefits	404	388
Total Current Liabilities	2,109	1,861
Non-Current Liabilities		
Other financial liabilities	385	385
Employee benefits	42	39
Total Non-Current Liabilities	427	424
Total Liabilities	2,536	2,285
Net Assets	7,048	7,294
Equity		
Retained surplus	7,048	7,294
Total Equity	7,048	7,294

cash flow statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

Life Saving Victoria Limited. ACN 102 927 364

	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Cash received from sponsors, donors and customers	8,718	9,183
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(8,295)	(9,255)
Interest received	138	152
Interest paid on borrowings	(6)	(21)
Net cash provided by operating activities	555	59
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Acquisition of property, plant & equipment	(489)	(284)
Contribution to Joint Venture	-	(20)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant & equipment	205	125
Net cash used in investing activities	(284)	(179)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	-	(2)
Repayment of borrowings	(238)	
Net cash used in financing	(238)	(2)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents held	33	(122)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	2,246	2,368
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	2,279	2,246

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