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MISSION

**TO PREVENT AQUATIC RELATED
DEATH AND INJURY IN ALL
VICTORIAN COMMUNITIES.**

VISION

**ALL VICTORIANS WILL LEARN WATER
SAFETY, SWIMMING AND RESUSCITATION
AND BE PROVIDED WITH SAFE AQUATIC
ENVIRONMENTS AND VENUES, THROUGH
INNOVATIVE QUALITY SERVICES
AND PROGRAMS.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



OUR VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP HAS SWELLED TO A NEW RECORD OF OVER 27,600.

I am pleased to present Life Saving Victoria's (LSV) Annual Report for 2011/2012.

Each year I continue to be impressed by LSV's growth and achievements and the impact we have on public water awareness and ultimately prevention of drowning deaths.

The 2011/2012 financial year again saw LSV reach out to Victorians across the state, with water safety programs, services and campaigns.

The selection of LSV by Regional Living Victoria as the charity partner for the inaugural Regional Victoria Living Expo was a fantastic opportunity to showcase LSV's services across Victoria, and put water safety at front of mind for those considering sea and tree-changes to Victoria's regional areas.

We are pleased to see an ongoing increase in our volunteer membership, which this year has swelled to a new record of over 27,600.

This year has seen great achievements from within our membership. Our Director of Youth and Leadership Development and long-time Fairhaven SLSC member Nancy Joseph was awarded the Surf Life Saving Australia DHL Volunteer of the Year award for 2011.

And at just 14 years of age, Caitlin Foot-Connolly of Mentone LSC showed wisdom beyond her years, in opening the plenary session 'Surf Life Saving 2020' at the 2011 Surf Life Saving Australia National Conference.

This annual report is my last as President of LSV, as I step down from my position in November 2012.

It has been a terrific journey in my tenure as Life Saving Victoria's first elected President.

I'm extremely proud of how far the organisation has progressed over this period; the proof of LSV's success is in the benefits to the Victorian community through increased water safety programs and services and a significant decrease in the drowning toll.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Victorian Government for its continued support and funding of LSV campaigns and projects.

Our unique Community/Government Partnership model has achieved great results with a continued downward trend in the number of drowning deaths.

To LSV's partners, sponsors and supporters, thank you for your continued assistance throughout 2011/2012. Your generous funding enables many essential programs, projects and the purchase of equipment.

I would also like to thank my colleagues on the LSV Board, for their support over the years of initiating LSV and seeing it grow into a leader in public and water safety.

I would especially like to thank Nigel Taylor, for his leadership and guidance, which continues to see LSV progress along a steady path of growth and achievement.

To the dedicated LSV staff members, service members and licensees, a big thank you for your hard work throughout yet another successful year.

And last but certainly not least, to our volunteer members, thank you for your commitment to this great movement and to ensuring the safety and education of millions of Victorians at beaches across the state.

On behalf of the LSV Board, I commend to you this annual report and wish you all a safe and enjoyable 2012/2013 lifesaving season.

Yours in lifesaving,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Martin', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mike Martin
President, Life Saving Victoria



CEO'S OVERVIEW



I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE MY VERY SINCERE AND PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND DEDICATION PROVIDED TO LSV GENERALLY AND TO MYSELF PERSONALLY, FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT, MIKE MARTIN.

It is a pleasure to provide an overview of the 2011/12 operational year for LSV. In broad terms it was another year of growth in the reach of our activities and consolidation in the sense that these activities became more closely aligned.

In terms of our principle goal, the drowning rate was slightly up on last year's record low, but continued the longer term downward trend. The 2011/12 Drowning Report identifies that we need to focus on regional locations and the youth age group in this year's strategies, if we are to reverse recent adverse trends in the overall rate.

It is important to note again this year that we have achieved a new record membership total. With over 27,600 members, we are on target to reach the goal of achieving 30,000 members for 2014/15 year.

Having had two La Niña (wetter) summers in a row, we expect to return to the longer, hotter seasons of prior years and subsequently, an increased interest in our activities.

This year we continued to develop the Community/Government Partnership model to ensure best practice delivery of water safety programs, services, input and feedback. The delivery of the Victorian Water Safety Master Plan (2012 - 2015) was a representative outcome of this partnership and will provide guidance for activity in the coming years. The partnership model is still a work in progress and with limited administrative support must evolve slowly, however it has already demonstrated that the concept of shared responsibility (community and Government) can be a powerful agent for achieving positive results.

In the training services area, we continued towards the goal of having our licensees deliver more of our programs.

As part of the 'LSV from Anywhere' strategy, we have determined that our role will shift further towards online content development for more flexible training solutions, which overcome constraints of time and distance for our volunteers and commercial training candidates.

Using this method, we aim to make our programs and services easier to access by all, including regular skills maintenance (requalification) and upskilling of our volunteers, ensuring an ever increasing reach for our training in vital lifesaving and emergency skills.

Improvements to the lifesaving services area were focused on administrative support for lifesaving clubs. Three Volunteer Support Officers were introduced, initially to assist lifesaving clubs with increased administration. Constant analysis of future needs will see their input change as specific demands arise.

The Kingston area trial of the Rescue Water Craft Lifeguard Service has indicated that the craft are valuable rapid response vessels. It will be interesting to see how their use is developed in the ensuing years. It may be that as we develop strategies to deal with the spate of rock fishing drowning deaths, they form part of the operational support to marry up with a more advanced communication campaign.

As noted in previous years, the LSV Board has identified the need to upgrade lifesaving club facilities to support longer term membership growth and service delivery. To this end, it was pleasing to see the completion of construction of the new Dromana Bay LSC facility. Like Inverloch before them, the ability to operate out of a modern, well-appointed facility rather than shipping containers has benefitted recruitment and service delivery in the local area. The input of the local community, club members, Mornington Peninsula Shire and the State Government has been outstanding. We now look forward to the completion of construction of the Carrum SLSC facility as the next project in the pipeline.

To guide the renewal of the Life Saving Club facilities program, LSV this year conducted an audit of the structural state of each lifesaving club facility in Victoria, together with an analysis of future growth predictors. Collation of this information is now complete, with the final report currently being prepared.



Community Government Partnership Model

Initiatives & Groups

- Victorian Water Safety Council
- Lifesaving Volunteers & Clubs
- Home Pool and Spa Safety Group
- Water safety in schools
- Up-skilling community in first response
- Boating Safety Group
- Rock fishing Safety Group
- Learn to Swim Group
- Aquatic Facility Management Group
- Water safety for multicultural communities



Government Linkages

- DOJ – Play it Safe by the Water campaign
- DOJ, DSE, DPCP and Local Government
- DOJ, DPC, DPCD and Building Commission
- DEECD
- DHS and Skills Victoria
- DOJ and DOT
- DPI and VMC
- DOJ, DEECD and DPC
- WorkSafe, Building Commission and DOJ
- VMC – Multicultural Communities

In the education aspect of our activities, we have begun discussions with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, in an attempt to determine the true level of swimming capability of Victorian children leaving primary school. We are pleased that each year we are able reach a new record number of students through face-to-face contact with water safety programs, but are concerned that the actual swimming capability of many of our students may not be as competent as we would like or have traditionally expected.

For many years we have maintained focus on the delivery of water safety messages to our newly arrived communities. For the first time this year, we reached over 10,000 participants through our multicultural water safety programs. In pushing the multicultural initiative to more advanced levels, one of our recent focusses has seen the successful inclusion of multicultural learn to swim participants in a local swimming squad and lifesaving clubs.

After a major review of our principle Building Leaders Scholarship Program, we implemented the revised model with considerable success. After reducing the number of participants from an initial 18 participants in 2008, to six this year, we were able to conduct intensive leadership training activities at LSV, before sending the participants to Sri Lanka to assist with training of lifeguards for various roles within the broader community. We aim to undertake a similar program in future years, while ensuring we work with the Life Saving Association of Sri Lanka to develop greater in-country capability.

In the aquatic sport area, we were reminded in the worst way of the inherent risk of Australia's beaches at this year's Australian Lifesaving Championships.

In Victoria, we found ourselves in the position of having to cancel the first day of the Junior Lifesaving Championships as well as the second day of the IRB Championships, due to inclement weather conditions. We accept that beach competition is by its very nature, reliant on the weather, but we can also see the opportunity to grow pool lifesaving competition, which can be conducted in a controlled environment.

Financially, we were able to produce a positive result in 2011/12. In difficult economic times, we have been regularly reminded of the need to be prudent in future planning and take this into consideration in preparing annual budgets. We would not have been able to achieve our current position without the valued support of our sponsors and partners (noted in the supporters section of this report, p30), Government and donors. I note our sincere appreciation for the generosity of all our vital supporters.

I would like to note my very sincere and personal appreciation for the support and dedication provided to LSV generally and to myself personally, from our outgoing President, Mike Martin. Mike is stepping down, having served in the role since being LSV's first elected President in 2006. The words 'enthusiastic', 'diplomatic', 'strategic' and 'passionately committed' all come to mind when considering Mike's input during these crucial formative years for the organisation. We won't be letting Mike step too far away, but his overarching leadership will certainly be missed.

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

Nigel Taylor ESM

Chief Executive Officer
Life Saving Victoria



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS



'LSV FROM ANYWHERE' STRATEGY LAUNCHED

The 'LSV from Anywhere' strategy aims to create greater efficiency, productivity and flexibility for our people – ranging from our volunteers, staff and members through to the wider community.

Key achievements in initiating this strategy in 2011/12 included:

- Upgrading LSV Headquarters communications infrastructure, including the installation of a fibre link, widespread availability of wireless internet access and installation of videoconferencing hardware.
- Development of an online Learning Management System and online content for delivery of online training.
- Development of the Victorian Water Safety Guide as a mobile application available through the Apple App Store and Google Play.

2012-2015 WATER SAFETY MASTER PLAN LAUNCHED

The 2012-2015 Victorian Water Safety Master Plan was launched in December 2011, by the Deputy Premier, the Honourable Peter Ryan MLA.

The Master Plan sets the strategic direction for the aquatics industry, Government and the community to work together to reduce and prevent drowning incidents.

As the lead agency, LSV employs a Community/Government Partnership Model for implementing the Victorian Water Safety Master Plan.

Through this model, LSV brings together and engages industry stakeholders in water safety issues, education, safety and awareness campaigns and strategies. In linking with Department of Justice, LSV acts as a conduit for working with Whole of Government to enable informed policy and decision making to support the industry and water safety.

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES AT THE ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW AND REGIONAL LIVING EXPO

In 2011/12, LSV participated in major events, including the Royal Melbourne Show in September 2011 and as charity partner for the Regional Living Expo in April 2012.

Exhibits at both expos attracted thousands of visitors, engaging families with lifesaving and water safety, educating children in basic skills through fun activities and promoting LSV services and participation.

REACHING OUT THROUGH INCREASED EDUCATION DELIVERY

LSV's education programs teach and empower students to make safe aquatic decisions to enjoy inland, pool and coastal water recreation.

In 2011/12, LSV's water safety education programs reached an ever-increasing number of Victorian school students with vital water safety information.

Almost 60,000 program participants were reached in 2011/12, through programs including Beach to Bush, Meet a Lifeguard, the Open Water Learning Experience and Resuscitate a Mate.

The most significant growth has been in regional areas, with increasing reach through new schools signing up for programs in 2011/12.

VICTORIAN ATHLETES COMPETE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

LSV is proud to have had a number of athletes compete in international lifesaving competitions in 2011/12.

In September/October 2011, Mordialloc LSC athletes Felicity Harrison and Lisa Fergusson were selected to represent Australia as part of the Royal Life Saving Society – Australia Development Team at the Commonwealth Development Team Championships, held alongside the Commonwealth Life Saving Championships in Durban, South Africa.

For the first time, the Australian teams won both the Commonwealth Championships and the Commonwealth Development Team Championships, bringing home a total of 21 individual and team gold medals.

Felicity and Lisa each won multiple medals, between them bringing home five gold and three silver medals.

Jan Juc SLSC's Leigh Ryan was the first Victorian athlete to be selected for the SLSA German Cup Australian Pool Rescue team, which competed in Warendorf, Germany in December 2011.

Organised by the German Life Saving Association (DLRG), the German Cup provides world class lifesavers with the opportunity to test their skills against some of the sport's rising stars.

The Australian team finished second overall to the world leaders in pool rescue, Germany. Leigh made a strong contribution to the Australian men's team finishing 3rd overall, winning a gold medal as part of the 4x25m manikin relay and finishing in the men's overall top 30.



BUILDING LEADERS PROGRAM PAVES THE WAY FOR LONG-TERM WATER SAFETY STRATEGY

The revamped 2012 Building Leaders Scholarship extended the existing program by introducing a two week international training delivery component.

Six scholars, selected from lifesaving clubs and Swim and Survive licensee nominees, undertook intensive leadership training in 2011/12, before embarking on a trip to Sri Lanka in July, where they delivered International Life Saving accredited training to local pool lifeguards.

The scholars also assisted in Train the Trainer sessions conducted by LSV trainers, for the Life Saving Association of Sri Lanka. These sessions, combined with sharing of training resources, enabled local trainers to up-skill to international standards with the aim to improve the quality of ongoing lifesaving training in Sri Lanka.

The international component of the program is part of LSV's long-term strategy to provide assistance to a developing nation to lower its drowning toll, which in Sri Lanka is estimated at around 1000 lives lost per year.

MULTICULTURAL SWIMMING LESSONS PATHWAY INTO NIPPERS AND SWIMMING CLUB PARTICIPATION

In many cases for newly arrived Australians, the biggest barrier to aquatic participation is not simply learning about water safety, but learning to swim. LSV's Multicultural Services area has worked closely with the Karen (Burmese) community in Wyndham since 2007 to assist hundreds of children with fully funded learn to swim classes.

Having established their foundation skills, a number of our Karen learn-to-swim participants took the next step of joining their local nippers program at Williamstown S&LSC, while a second group joined their local swimming club, Wyndham Sharks. Joining these programs enables the Karen children to apply their newly developed swimming skills in new and exciting ways.

These new activities have helped to further develop their swimming and water awareness skills, as well as engaging them in their local community through new social outlets. In addition, these new nippers and swimmers have become vital role models for their community, further accelerating the overall settlement and inclusion process and encouraging others to participate.

NEW FACILITIES TO SERVICE LIFE SAVING CLUBS INTO THE FUTURE

The State Government has provided vital capital works funding to lifesaving clubs in 2011/12, enabling the completion of the new Dromana Bay LSC facility and preparation for commencement of building the new Carrum SLSC facility.

DROMANA BAY LSC

The \$1.1 million purpose-built Dromana Bay Life Saving Facility project was completed in time for the Club's 15th birthday celebrations on 16 June 2012.

This new facility was made possible by a number of funding contributors, in particular \$600,000 from the State Government.

The building project was completed with assistance from Mornington Peninsula Shire, combining the contribution of local volunteers and club members with project management support from the Shire.

Volunteer contributions, including many weekends of painting, saved thousands of dollars, helping to achieve lower building costs and a real sense of achievement and ownership for the club.

An official opening celebration will be hosted by Dromana Bay LSC in December 2012, to coincide with Water Safety Week.

CARRUM SLSC

Following severe structural damage during a storm in February 2010, a new lifesaving club facility has been in the works for Carrum SLSC, in partnership with the City of Kingston.

The building project is being led by City of Kingston, with a \$500,000 contribution from the State Government through the LSV Facility Development Program.

Construction commenced in July/August 2012, with completion expected in time for the 2013/2014 lifesaving season.

LOWERING THE DROWNING RATE

Victoria's five and 10 year drowning rate averages continue on a downward path, despite an increase in Victorian drowning deaths in 2011/12.

MESSAGES

1998/1999

- Launch of Play it Safe by the Water media campaign:
- Never take your eyes off
- Check it's OK to swim
- Swim between the flags
- Campaign translated into 10 multicultural languages

2001/2002

- New boating TVC
- Introduction of mobile billboards on Victorian roads

2003/2004

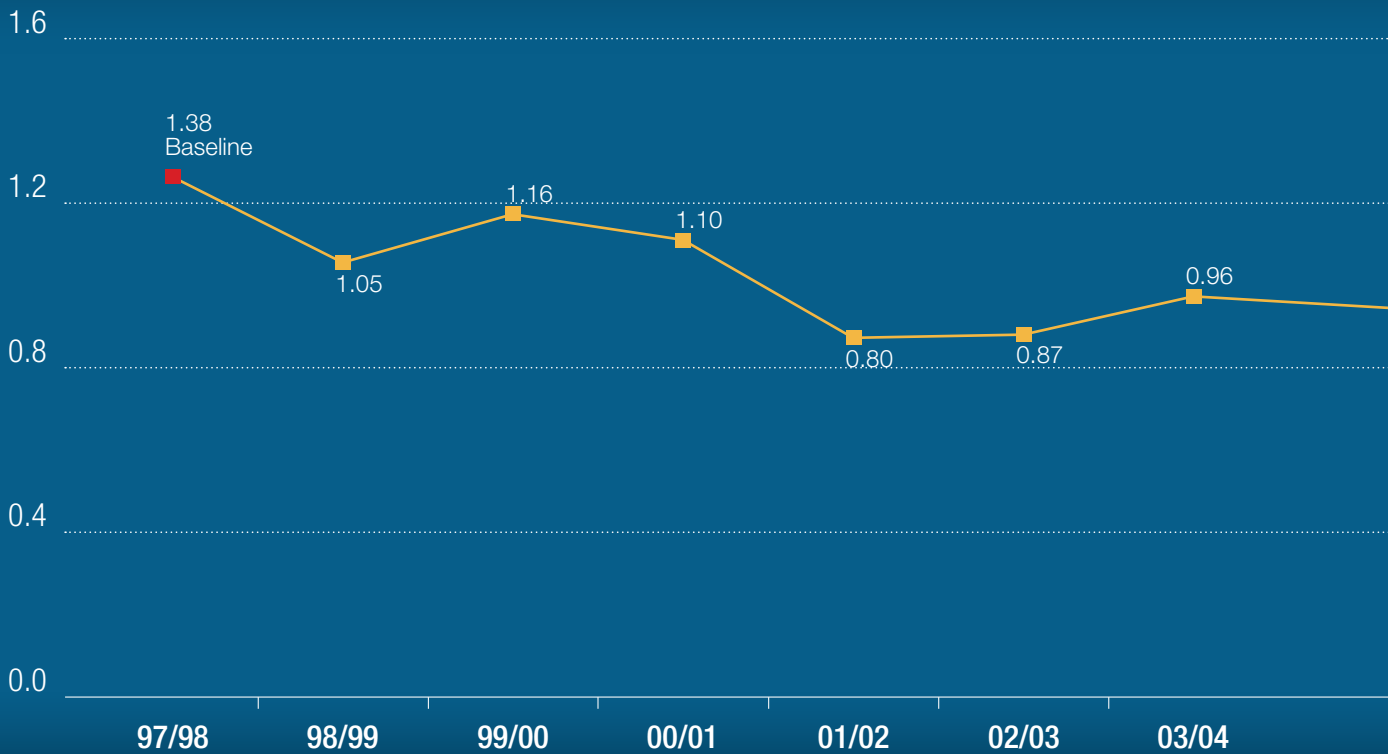
- Who's looking out for you?
- Campaign translated into 15 multicultural languages
- New advertising campaign launched

2004/2005

- Play it Safe, take your mates
- 16 multicultural ambassadors trained

IMPACT OF DROWNING PREVENTION STRATEGIES ON DROWNING TOLL 1998-2012

DROWNING DEATHS PER 100,000 PEOPLE VICTORIA



ACTIVITY

1998/1999

- Campaign Begins: 27 November 1998
- Sink or Swim booklet sent to all Victorian households
- Water Safety Week begins
- Primary Education Kit sent to all primary schools
- Website launched
- Signage placed at airports

1999/2000

- Open Water Classroom Kit sent to all secondary schools
- Premier's Victorian Water Safety Certificate launched
- Open Water Learning Experience launched
- Swimming Pool and Spa Safety working party established to tackle increase in toddler drowning deaths

- Learn CPR/The Key to Survival program launched to provide free CPR training
- Principle agreement of Victoria's lifesaving associations to work toward becoming one organisation

2000/2001

- Aquatic Risk Management CD developed for facilities
- All Victorian public swimming pools assessed using Swimming Pool Safety Assessment System
- Guidelines for water safety in Residential Water Developments released

2001/2002

- Aquatic & Recreation Signage Manual launched
- Toddler Initiative begins following spike in toddler drowning deaths

- Introduction of full time aerial surveillance at Victorian beaches
- Introduction of Beach to Bush schools education program
- Trial of new lifesaving services during Schoolies Week at Lorne, Torquay and Phillip Island

2002/2003

- Changes in backyard pool legislation
- Life Saving Victoria interim board established, new organisation to become part of emergency services under Department of Justice
- Installation of new Standardised coastal water safety signage
- Trial of inland water safety signage

2003/2004

- Introduction of Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter service
- Introduction of 'Air to Life' program to teach primary school students basic resuscitation and first aid techniques

Trends that have emerged this year, include:

- Increase of three drowning deaths on previous year, up to 37 this year compared to just 34 in 2010/11.
- 51% (19) of Victorian drowning deaths in 2011/12 occurred in inland waterways.
- Increase in infant and toddler drowning deaths in 2011/12 compared to 2010/11.

2005/2006

- Media roadshow promotion of water safety week begins

2006/2007

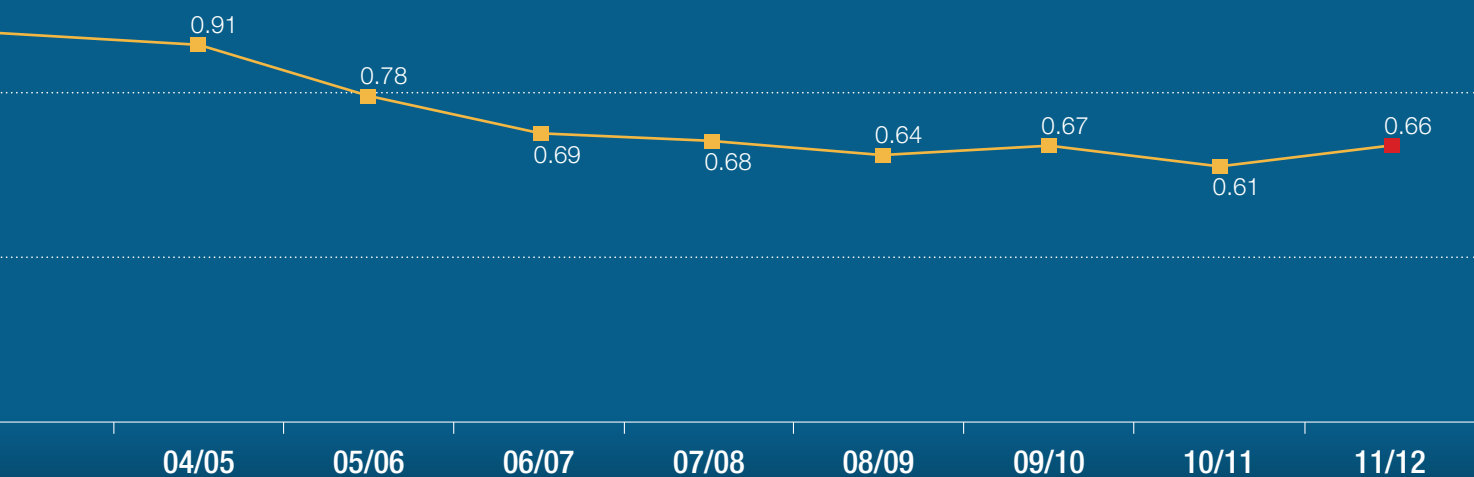
- Don't put your life on the line
- Rock fishing campaign launched

2007/2008

- New campaign messages: Never swim alone
- Look before you leap
- Always watch them around water
- Never turn your back
- Campaign translated into 18 multicultural languages

2009/2010

- New toddler TVC – 20 Seconds is all it takes for a toddler to drown



2004/2005

- Swim Safe Roos campaign launched with North Melbourne (Kangaroos) Football Club, to target risk takers
- Introduction of Boating Safety for Kids schools program
- Extensive review of drowning incidents in Victoria 2000-2004
- Public pool injury surveillance study conducted
- Introduction of Meet a Lifeguard program

2005/2006

- Endorsement of Aquatic and Recreational Signage Style Manual as national standard
- Launch of Platinum Pool Award encouraging best practise in aquatic facilities

- New water safety guidelines developed for body corporates and hotels/motels/caravan parks and camping grounds
- Changes in boating legislation

2006/2007

- Air to Life program modified to become new Resuscitate a Mate program
- Introduction of Water Connections multicultural water safety program for residents in the City of Hume

2007/2008

- Introduction of Lakes Entrance Indigenous Aquatics Project
- Learning for Life project initiated to fund learn to swim lessons for multicultural children

- Watch around Water program introduced to encourage parental supervision of children at public pools

2008/2009

- Indigenous Program expanded
- Introduction of pain management medication at high incident lifeguard sites
- Trial of midweek twilight lifesaving patrols

2009/2010

- Water Safety CD ROM sent to primary schools
- Introduction of public anaphylaxis training course
- Alcohol-related drowning research conducted

2010/2011

- Extension of Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter to year round response service and introduction of second helicopter for peak summer period
- Introduction of Port Phillip Bay Rigid Inflatable Boat Service
- Revamped Swim and Survive Program launched

2011/2012

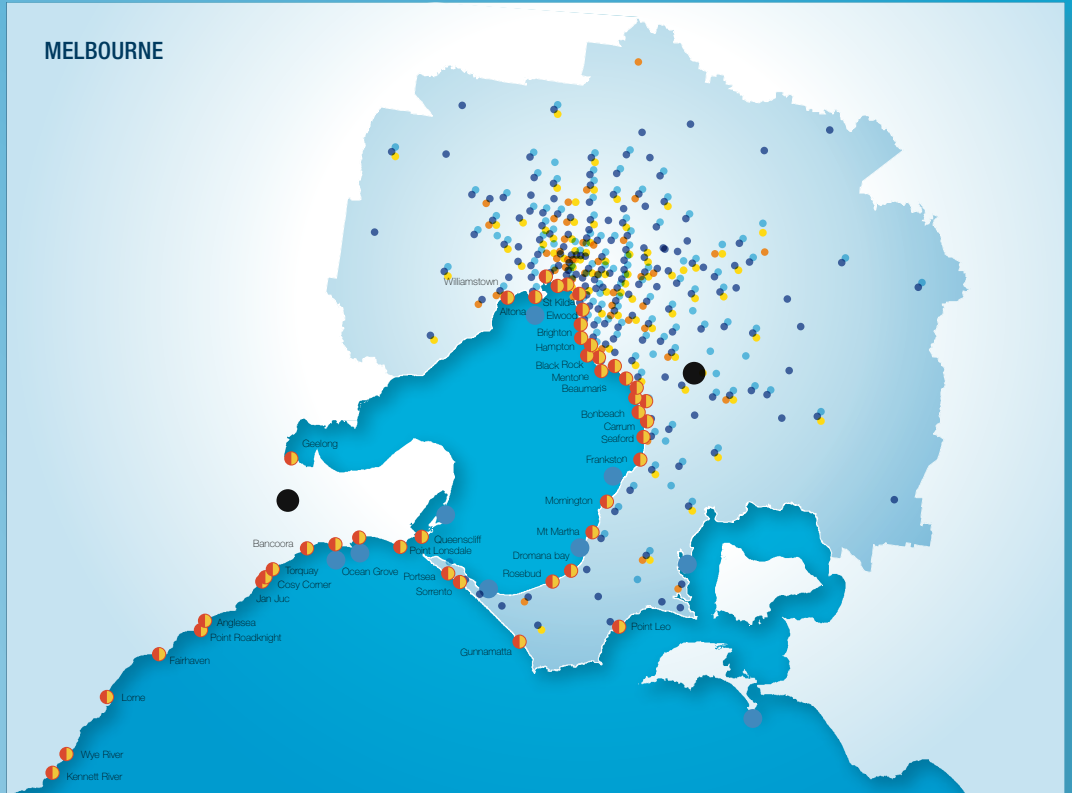
- Launch of Victorian Water Safety Master Plan 2012-2015
- Launch of the Water Safety App for smartphones
- Launch of LSV from Anywhere initiative

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



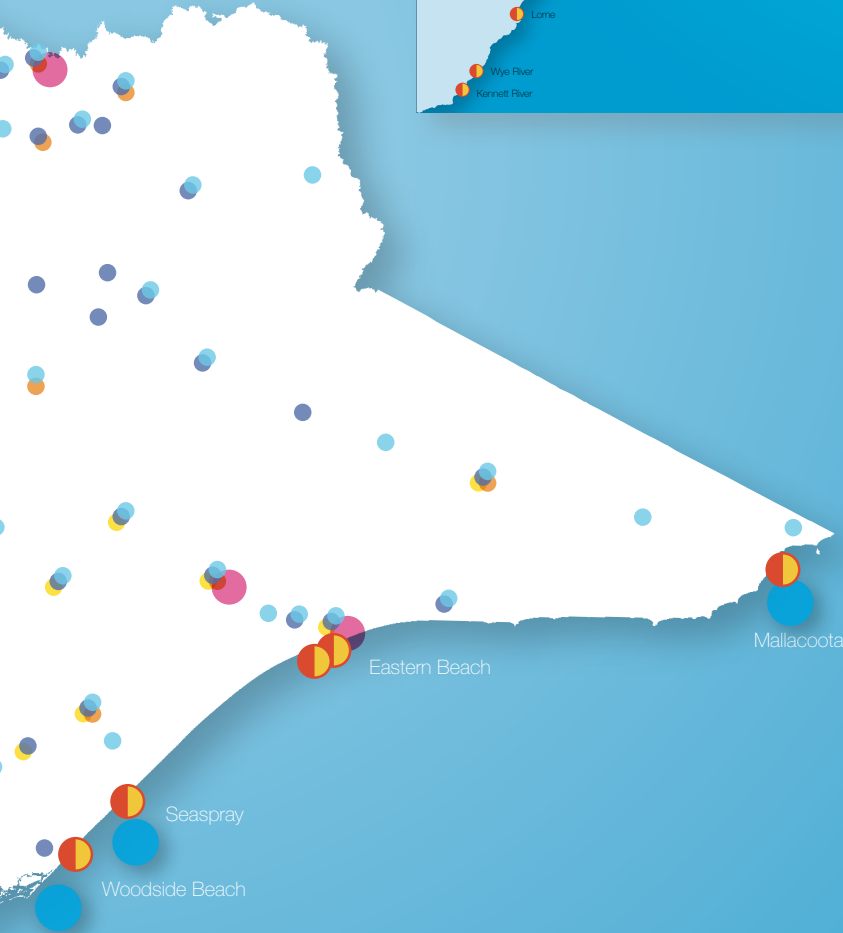
VICTORIA

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LIFE SAVING VICTORIA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **Training Services** - includes training programs delivered by staff, licensees and service members
- **Education Programs** - includes school, open water and aquatic facility based programs
- **Multicultural Programs** - includes school, open water and aquatic facility based programs
- **Lifesaving Operations** - includes life saving clubs and patrolled beaches
- **Aquatic Risk Services** - includes aquatic facility assessments and consultancy services
- **Health Promotion** - includes Watch around Water and maternal child health programs
- **Marine search and rescue and water craft services**
- **Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter base**

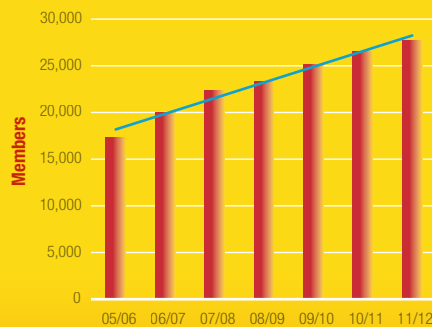


LIFESAVING OPERATIONS

KEY STATISTICS

- 849 TOTAL RESCUES
- 62,881 TOTAL PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS
- 1967 EMERGENCY CARE TREATMENTS (FIRST AID)

Increase in lifesaving club membership in Victoria (2005–2012)



OVERVIEW

LSV Operations encompass a range of services, including volunteer beach and water patrols, paid lifeguard services, marine rescue vessels, the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service and the LSV Communications Network.

The annual Lifesaving Conference in September 2011 was well attended, with over 250 volunteer lifesavers participating on the day, learning about updates for the coming season and attending workshops.

The New Year's Day long weekend was particularly busy for Victoria's lifesavers and lifeguards, with extreme temperatures drawing over 390,000 people to patrolled beaches. On Monday 2 January alone, 91 rescues were performed by lifesavers and lifeguards.

Commencing on 26 December 2011, a new Rescue Water Craft (Jetski) Lifeguard Service was introduced to the Kingston-Frankston area, following a high number of drowning deaths in the area over a 10 year period (2000 – 2009). The new service proved very successful, performing over 20 rescues and over 1200 preventative actions.

In February 2012, the Operations Department gained three Volunteer Support Officers. The trio have worked hard in their newly established roles, providing additional support to club management committees in a variety of areas, including club administration and training support.

LSV is proud to be recognised as a volunteer emergency service in Victoria. A very special thank you to all lifesaving clubs and volunteer members, who have contributed countless hours to ensuring the safety of Victorian beachgoers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Relocation of seasonal Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter base to Barwon Heads Airport, following the closure of the Geelong Airport in Grovedale.
- Continuation of the Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) safety review and water safety policy implementation.
- Patrol efficiency competition inspired outstanding achievements across a number of clubs, particularly joint competition winners Cape Paterson SLSC, Wonthaggi LSC and Waratah Beach SLSC.
- Establishment of the Facilities Development Committee and completion of facilities audit.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Rollout of Certificate I and II in Maritime Operations for marine rescue services.
- Rollout of Certificate III in Communications Centre Operations.
- Joint training projects with Victoria Police.
- Implementation of new National Standard for Commercial Vessels.

SUPPORTERS

- Department of Justice
- Westpac
- Neann (Rapp Australia)
- Barwon Heads Airport

CASE STUDY:

URQUHART BLUFF MASS RESCUE RESPONSE

An incident involving six people caught in a rip current at Urquhart Bluff on 22 January 2012, sparked a mass rescue response involving IRB crews from Fairhaven and Anglesea SLSCs and the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter, working in conjunction with surfers, paramedics and police.

Locating the group over 250 metres out to sea, five patients were brought ashore and treated by lifesavers and paramedics. Meanwhile, the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter crew located an unconscious female patient in the water and deployed a rescue swimmer to return her to shore. Paramedics and lifesavers worked for over an hour on the beach, making every effort to save her, however she was unable to be saved.

This was a challenging rescue, involving nearby surfers as initial responders, multiple emergency services and coordination of aerial and water-based lifesaving crews.

All involved are commended for their efforts and for preventing additional loss of life at this tragic incident.



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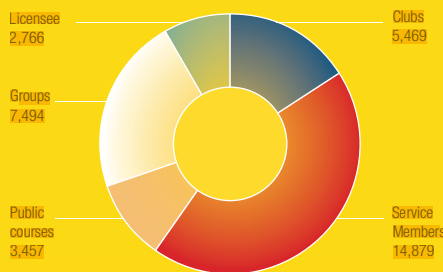
TOTAL RESCUES

TRAINING

KEY STATISTICS

- 28,603 COMMERCIAL TRAINING COURSE PARTICIPANTS
- 115% INCREASE IN DEFIBRILLATION COURSE PARTICIPANTS
- 1475 CERTIFICATE II PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS PROCESSED
- 69% INCREASE IN GOLD MEDALLION AWARDS PROCESSED

LSV Training delivery breakdown 2011-2012



OVERVIEW

LSV's Training Services department supports delivery of training to lifesaving club members and delivers a wide range of accredited aquatic and first aid training courses, both direct to candidates and through service members and licensed training providers.

A major focus area in 2011/12 was developing the foundation of an online learning initiative, 'Learn from Anywhere', which aligns to the broader 'LSV from Anywhere' strategy (see Major Achievements on p5).

The 'Learn from Anywhere' initiative forms continuous improvement in the delivery of training to suit the needs of both our internal (volunteer) and external (commercial) training candidates. The initiative offers blended delivery of training, where candidates can choose to complete theory components of training online, reducing face-to-face course participation hours.

Implementation of a new Learning Management System and content for training courses, including Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, commenced during the year.

As a Registered Training Organisation, LSV has faced increased compliance requirements this year, as part of implementing the Skills Victoria contract. The Training Services department completed a thorough audit of all training programs and systems, aiming to achieve continuous improvement in compliance and quality in the delivery of training.

A special thank you to the LSV volunteer members involved in training delivery and administration, for their dedication throughout the season in training, assessing and processing awards for their peers.

Thanks also goes to lifesaving clubs and aquatic centres that have hosted training courses.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 21% increase in courses delivered by licensees.
- Implementation of the new online Learning Management System.
- Trial of Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue.
- State requalification, attracting 275 volunteers to LSV.
- Initiation of regular professional development and networking sessions for LSV trainers.
- Up-skilling over 50 trainers and assessors in Sri Lanka.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Certificate III in Aquatics.
- Online Senior First Aid and CPR.
- Online Bronze Medallion.
- Digitising of enrolment process for trainers and licensees.
- Expansion of licensee network.
- Review of service member offerings and processes.

SUPPORTERS

- Department of Justice - Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme and Valuing Volunteers Grant
- Higher Education and Skills Group - Victorian Training Guarantee funding
- Laerdal

CASE STUDY:

ONLINE LEARNING SUPPORTS LIFESAVING REQUALIFICATION

As we all feel the strain of juggling busy lifestyles, LSV's introduction of blended learning solutions aims to make regular training and skills maintenance (requalification) quicker and easier for volunteers.

Through online delivery of the theoretical components of annual Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue Certificate and IRB Crew and Driver skills maintenance (requalification), volunteers can complete these components in their own time, using their own devices, including home PCs, laptops, tablets and smartphones.

The online delivery of the theoretical components of skills maintenance (requalification) will be available for the 2012/13 season.



28,603

**COMMERCIAL TRAINING
COURSE PARTICIPANTS**

EDUCATION

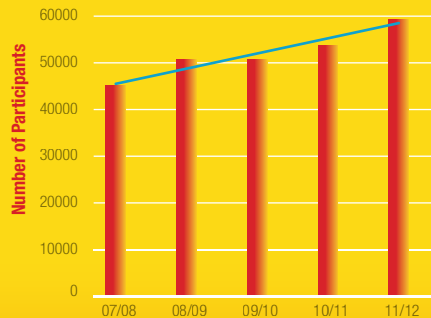
KEY STATISTICS

■ **209,127 PARTICIPANTS IN LSV WATER SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES***

■ **10,194 PARTICIPANTS IN OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS**

*INCLUDES 58,903 SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARTICIPANTS TAKING PART IN PROGRAMS DELIVERED DIRECTLY BY LSV AND 150,224 SWIM AND SURVIVE PARTICIPANTS IN VICTORIA.

Increasing participation in LSV Water Safety Education Programs 2007–2012



OVERVIEW

LSV is an industry leader in the provision of water safety education, with 209,127 participants taking part in LSV's range of programs and initiatives in 2011/12.

Delivering state-wide programs to educate students, teachers and community members in water safety, emergency response and aquatic rescue, LSV's Education Services department has seen steady growth in program participation, with most programs running at full capacity in 2011/12.

Education resources were increased this year, with the introduction of two new equipment trailers, to assist in delivering water safety programs across Victoria and to display information at expos and community events.

The Swim and Survive program, a learn to swim and water safety initiative of Royal Life Saving, managed in Victoria by LSV, has seen continued growth, with 192 licensed providers and a total of 150,224 participants.

In addition to delivery of school programs, the Education Services department was actively involved in a range of education events, including:

- An Active Family Fun Day hosted by Swim and Survive licensee Leisurelink Geelong during Water Safety Week;
- Delivery of free 'Meet A Lifeguard' sessions for 250 local primary school students as part of Children's Week in October 2011; and
- Involvement as a program partner at the annual Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER) Victorian Branch conference, presenting trade display and professional development sessions for conference delegates.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Aquatic Professional Development Workshops delivered to swim teachers across Victoria, including new workshop topic 'From Open Water to the Pool'.
- Delivery of an interactive water safety exhibit at the Royal Melbourne Show in September 2011, as part of the popular Victorian Government Pavilion.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Working with Government and the aquatics industry to provide input for future guidelines, program development and services, to help ensure that students are meeting a benchmark standard in swimming and water safety when exiting primary school.
- Increasing the awareness and number of providers of the Victorian Water Safety Certificate through marketing and promotion.
- Growing the number of Victorian licensed providers of Swim and Survive.
- Supporting Swim and Survive licensees through industry engagement and marketing opportunities.
- Investigating new delivery methods for Resuscitate a Mate and Meet a Lifeguard programs, including multimedia, online components and opportunities for delivery in regional and remote Victoria.
- Increase YMCA Victoria's delivery of Open Water Learning Experience programs.
- Source specific sponsorship for education programs.

SUPPORTERS

- Department of Justice - Play it Safe by the Water campaign
- Surf Life Saving Australia
- Royal Life Saving Society - Australia
- Telstra
- Marian & E.H. Flack Trust
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- YMCA Victoria
- ACHPER Victorian Branch
- Sports Education and Development Australia (SEDA)
- Girls Sport Victoria

CASE STUDY:

OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

LSV's Open Water Learning Experience delivers a practical session to familiarise students with their local open water environments, including rivers, lakes, dams and beaches.

With a major emphasis on water safety, the program teaches students about conditions and hazards across a range of water environments and empowers them with knowledge of lifesaving skills.

This program has seen continued growth since 2007/08, reaching a record number of 10,194 participants in 2011/12.

Made possible by the Play it Safe by the Water campaign, the program has also been successfully integrated into YMCA Victoria camps.



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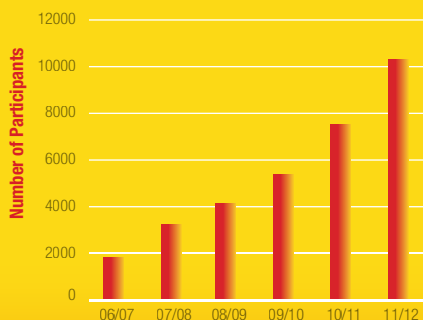
**PARTICIPANTS IN OPEN WATER
LEARNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS**

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES

KEY STATISTICS

- 10,275 PARTICIPANTS IN LSV MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS
- 5396 SWIMMING LESSONS PROVIDED TO 480 PARTICIPANTS AT NINE LOCATIONS ACROSS MELBOURNE
- 45 MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AQUATIC QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDING POOL LIFEGUARD, FIRST AID AND/OR TEACHER OF SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

Yearly multicultural participation totals 2006-2012



OVERVIEW

LSV's multicultural programs continue to experience exponential growth, with a 27 per cent increase in program participants in 2011/12.

Results from the 2011 Australian Census confirm Victoria's significant cultural diversity, recording that 26 per cent of Victorians are born overseas, while 47 per cent have at least one parent who was born overseas. This is reflected in the current demand for LSV's multicultural services and is expected to increase in coming years.

LSV's multicultural programs assist participants in overall safe settlement into a new country through the delivery of vital water safety education. They also encourage healthy aquatic participation for people of all ages and cultures, through inclusive activities and practices within the wider aquatics industry.

Successful initiatives include integrating multicultural children and youth from Wyndham's successful learn to swim courses into both the Williamstown S&LSC nippers program and the Wyndham Sharks Swimming Club.

In addition, a number of participants of LSV's popular beach programs have progressed to undertake their Surf Rescue Certificate and become patrolling lifesavers at Edithvale LSC.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Successful transition of multicultural learn-to-swim participants into local nippers and competitive swimming club programs.
- 20 multicultural children and youth becoming active members of local lifesaving clubs as nippers and patrolling lifesavers.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Further developing inclusiveness in lifesaving clubs and aquatic recreation centres.
- Further growth of number of multicultural water safety projects and number of participants.

SUPPORTERS

- Department of Justice
- VicHealth
- Lord Mayors Charitable Fund
- City Of Port Phillip
- Parks Victoria
- Rootvij Kadakia Foundation

CASE STUDY:

BEYOND THE BEACH SESSION – NEW ARRIVALS NOW LIFESAVING PATROL MEMBERS

One of the Multicultural Department's key objectives, in addition to offering vital water safety and beach familiarisation sessions, is to create inclusive pathways into lifesaving and the wider aquatic industry.

After an initial introduction to the beach through an LSV Beach Program in 2011, nine enthusiastic multicultural teenagers from the Noble Park English Language School (Hampton Park Campus) completed their Surf Rescue Certificate at Edithvale LSC in 2011/12.

The six male participants from Afghanistan and the three female participants from Turkey, Thailand and East Timor had little swimming ability and no experience with surf before the program, but improved remarkably through their surf rescue training.

Following completion of their training, the group commenced patrolling in April 2011 and all have expressed their intention to return in 2012/13.

This pathway provides a terrific example to others that lifesaving is a healthy and fun activity, available to all Australians.



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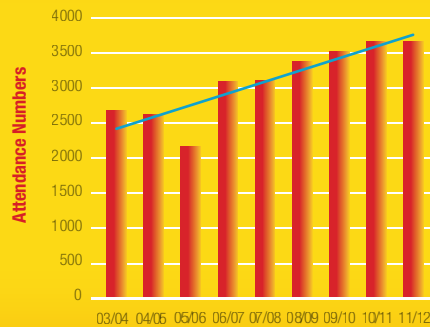
**PARTICIPANTS IN LSV
MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS**

AQUATIC SPORTS

KEY STATISTICS

- 3665 ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN STATE SENIOR CARNIVALS
- 3361 ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN STATE JUNIOR CARNIVALS

Total competitors at Senior Carnivals 2003-2012



OVERVIEW

LSV's Aquatic Sports department has seen an overall increase in participation across all sports, with record numbers at the Junior Championships (1613) and the annual Cosy Corner Carnival (1354).

With the growing number of carnival participants, it's important to recognise the commitment of numerous volunteers, whose support ensures the continued success of lifesaving carnivals. A typical state carnival involves over 100 volunteer officials, coaches, team managers and supporters, who give freely of their time to assist in running these events.

This year, the Victorian Junior and Senior Lifesaving Championships returned to two separate events, hosted by Lorne and Anglesea SLSC's respectively. Both championships proved exciting competition, with Torquay SLSC winning the point score at the 2012 Victorian Junior Championships, while Ocean Grove won the 2012 Victorian Lifesaving Championships, their 12th title in 13 years.

The 2011/12 season saw the Craft and Boat Carnival run for the first time in five years for senior competition, while athlete development programs continued to improve results for Victorians across all disciplines.

Victoria also played host to the Southern States Development Challenge and Southern States Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Championships in January and June 2012, with the home team victorious at both events.

LSV once again ran a number of coaching and officiating courses through the year, with over 100 members attending.

A special thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who contributed countless hours to running, coaching and participating in lifesaving sport and to all clubs that have hosted sports carnivals.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Record number of participants at Junior Lifesaving Carnivals.
- Victorian State Development Team finished 1st at the Southern States Development Challenge.
- Victorian State Surf Boat Teams (Lorne SLSC) finished 3rd overall at the Australian Surf Rowers League - National Navy Series Launch Multistate Racing in November 2011.
- Victorian Interstate Team finished 3rd at the Surf Life Saving Australia National Interstate Championships.
- Victorian State Pool Team finished 3rd at the Royal Life Saving Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships.
- Victorian State IRB Team finished 3rd at the Surf Life Saving Australia Interstate IRB Championships.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Expansion of Surf Craft Carnivals.
- New Athlete Development Pathways.
- Regionally located and shared carnival Equipment pool.
- Increased twilight carnival events.
- Implementation of innovative technology to assist officials in carnival administration.
- Implementation of Surf Life Saving Australia Junior Coaching and Officiating Courses.

SUPPORTERS

- Sport & Recreation Victoria
- Engine Swim
- Steigen
- Apex Steel
- Tohatsu Outboards
- TRE Motorsport
- Woodside
- Surf Coast Tourism
- Surf Life Saving Australia
- Royal Life Saving Society - Australia
- Ghanda
- Charger
- Pacific Brands

CASE STUDY:

POOL LIFESAVING CARNIVALS

Pool lifesaving has grown in recent years, with lifesaving athletes embracing the opportunity to keep up their fitness and peak condition throughout the off-season.

Events in pool lifesaving competition include a range of simulated rescue events and swims.

The Life Saving Victoria Pool Panel conducted the Victorian Senior Pool Lifesaving Championships at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in 2011 and Junior Pool Lifesaving Championships at St Leonards College, Brighton in 2012. Both competitions were fiercely contested, with Mordialloc LSC winning the Senior Pool Lifesaving Championships and Williamstown S&LSC winning the Junior Pool Lifesaving Championships.



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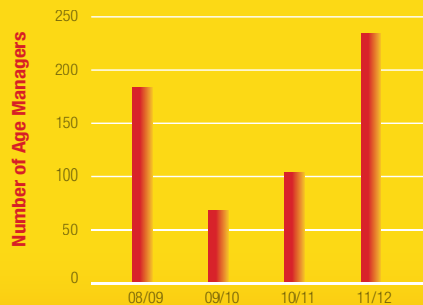
**ATHLETES PARTICIPATED
IN STATE SENIOR CARNIVALS**

YOUTH AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

KEY STATISTICS

- 9494 NIPPERS PARTICIPATED IN VICTORIAN SURF EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- 229 NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED THEIR AGE MANAGER AWARD
- 72 PARTICIPANTS FROM 28 CLUBS ACROSS VICTORIA ATTENDED THE U15 DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Number of new Age Manager awards



OVERVIEW

LSV's Youth and Leadership Development department has had a progressive year, supporting LSV members to participate in local and national leadership opportunities, and assisting Junior Coordinators in administering the Surf Education program, by growing the parent support base for junior beach programs.

This year a major focus was on raising the profile and output of the Building Leader's Scholarship program, introducing an innovative new program framework, including an international partnership and program delivery in Sri Lanka, as part of a long-term strategy to improve water safety within the developing nation.

The Youth and Leadership Development department again delivered a successful U15 Leadership and Development Camp, including a new cyber bullying workshop, as part of the National Youth Week grant. A new handbook and DVD was also produced to support the Youth Involvement Program in lifesaving clubs.

The team also managed Victoria's representatives at Surf Life Saving Australia's National Leadership College and National Leaders Conference and supported record participation numbers in junior sporting carnivals, with 1817 Juniors attending regional carnivals and 1613 participants in the junior state championships at Lorne in March 2012.

A special thanks to all Junior Coordinators, Age Managers and other volunteers, for their vital contributions to delivering youth programs and developing young members.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Building Leaders Scholarship program to develop young leaders, culminating in a trip to Sri Lanka to promote water safety and assist in up-skilling Sri Lankan Lifeguards in July 2012.
- New Female Youth Leadership Program for members aged 16-18 held in April 2012.
- The annual U15 Leadership and Development Camp, held in April 2012.
- Fairhaven member and 2012 Building Leaders Scholar Imogen Dingle presenting to Department of Justice staff about lifesaving volunteerism as part of National Volunteer Week in March 2012.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Relaunch of the U13 Leadership Camp.
- Introduction of a professional development weekend for 18 to 25 year olds.
- Continuous evolution and development of the Building Leaders Scholarship in Sri Lanka.

SUPPORTERS

- Surf Coast Shire
- National Youth Week
- beyondblue
- Vicsport
- Premiers Active Families Challenge
- Engine
- TRE Motorsport
- TTG Trailers
- Apex Steel
- Dolphin
- Ghanda
- Rip Curl Australia
- Officeworks

CASE STUDY:

ENGAGING AGE MANAGERS TO SUPPORT YOUTH BEACH PROGRAMS

Another major focus this year was ensuring lifesaving clubs had adequate numbers of Age Managers to facilitate junior programs.

Being an Age Manager not only assists in maintaining required supervision safety ratios but enables nipper parents to gain a better understanding of surf education and get involved in the lifesaving club community.

In 2011/2012 the Youth and Leadership Development department again made the theory component of the course available online and supported clubs in running practical sessions to ensure those who started were able to complete their qualification.

This has seen great success, with over 120 members completing the online Age Managers course – a significant spike on previous years. Involvement as Age Managers has also had ongoing benefits for the movement, with an increase in nipper parents furthering their involvement by completing their Bronze Medallion and becoming active patrolling members.



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**NIPPERS PARTICIPATED IN
VICTORIAN SURF EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

AQUATIC RISK AND RESEARCH

KEY STATISTICS

- 120 FACILITIES REGISTERED AS PART OF THE WATCH AROUND WATER PROGRAM
- 20 FACILITIES TOOK PART IN THE PLATINUM POOL BEST PRACTISE IN AQUATIC SAFETY PROGRAM
- OVER 100 FACILITIES ENGAGED IN LSV AUDITS AND ASSESSMENTS



OVERVIEW

The newly combined Aquatic Risk and Research Services Department worked closely in 2011/12 to deliver risk mitigation solutions and research outcomes for LSV and the wider aquatic industry and community.

This year, safety audits were conducted on designs for new aquatic facility developments, including Frankston Regional Aquatic Centre, Ringwood Aquatic Centre, Wyndham Leisure and Events Centre and Hawthorn Leisure Centre. Individual risk management projects ranged from the installation of the new Flowrider at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre to a diving study across the Mitchell Shire public aquatic facilities.

Research was conducted to follow consumer tracking of Play it Safe by the Water advertising, including recall of the new toddler advertisements.

A significant study 'Aquatic Safety Signage Recognition and Comprehension' was conducted into recognition and understanding of beach safety signage.

The literature review 'Best practice for emergency spinal care' was also completed, analysing techniques in spinal management and trends in drowning data; these findings will help to ensure LSV projects and practices continue to be evidence based.

The team also developed a home pool safety submission to the Department of Planning and Community Development, on behalf of the Victorian Home Pool and Spa Safety Committee.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Epidemiological study of fatal and non-fatal drowning incidents in collaboration with Ambulance Victoria.
- Release of Victorian Water Safety Master Plan.
- Completion of 'Aquatic Safety Signage Recognition and Comprehension' beach safety signage study (funded by Surf Life Saving Australia).
- Completion of 'Best practice for emergency spinal care' literature review (funded by Surf Life Saving Australia).

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Conduct research to support development of water safety programs targeting inland waterways and involving alcohol and drowning.
- Study of swimming ability of Victorian children aged 5-14 years.
- Conduct research to support development of a new strategic rock fishing safety communication and education campaign.
- Expand multicultural research to support VicHealth and Department of Justice water safety programs.
- Increase uptake of safety auditing across public, school and private aquatic facilities.

SUPPORTERS

- Ambulance Victoria
- Coroners Prevention Unit
- Platinum Pool Program facilities
- Recreational Fishing Grants, Department of Primary Industries
- RMIT University
- James Cook University, Singapore
- Surf Life Saving Australia internal research scheme
- Royal Life Saving Society Australia
- Department of Justice

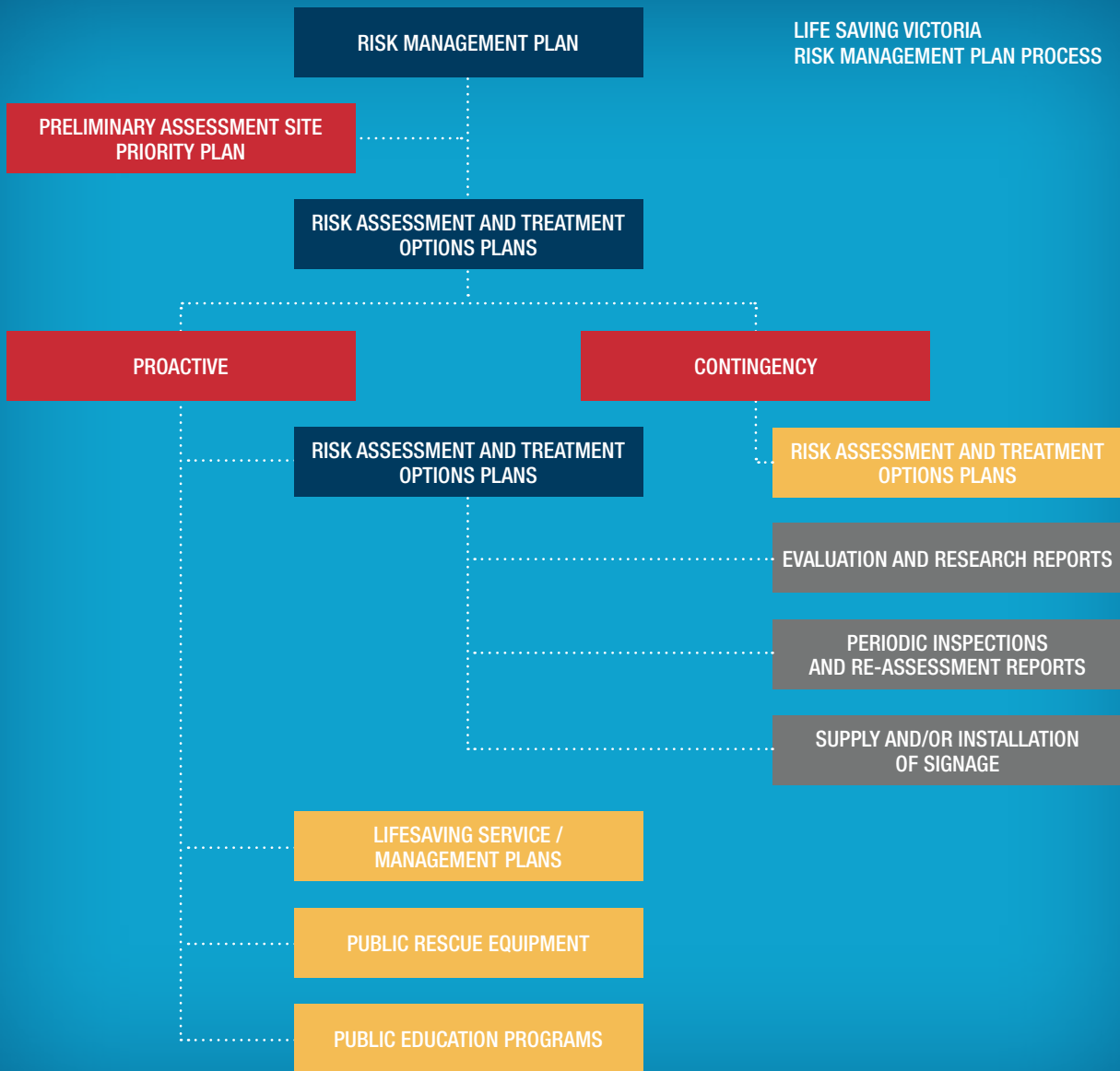
CASE STUDY:

HOME POOL SAFETY APP

With home pool legislation and inspection requirements varying between states and councils, LSV has proactively developed a home pool safety smartphone app, to guide home pool owners in safety and maintenance.

Home pools present one of the greatest drowning risks for children under five, particularly when the area is improperly secured or maintained.

The new app will provide a preparation, safety and maintenance checklist for pool owners to work through and strategically timed push notifications to remind pool owners to routinely check the safety of their home pool.



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FACILITIES REGISTERED AS PART OF THE
WATCH AROUND WATER PROGRAM

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

CONTINUED INCREASE IN REVENUE

LSV generated total revenue of \$12 million, resulting in a 23 per cent increase on the previous year, with an operating surplus of \$276,150 from an \$87,353 loss in the previous year. The revenue result equates to a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of eight per cent over the last five years.

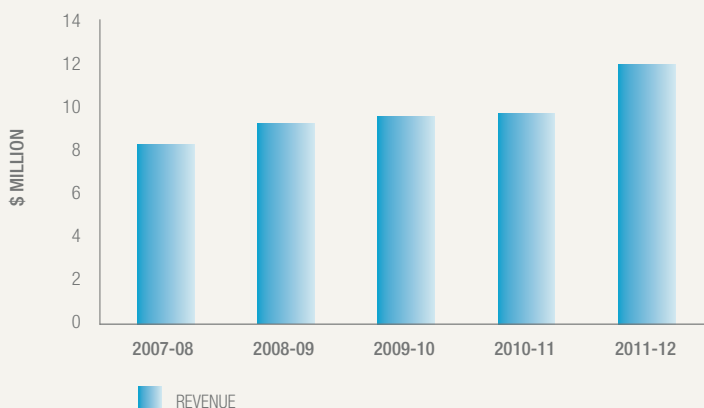
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR LIFESAVING CLUBS

LSV continues to develop financing opportunities for lifesaving clubs. Major achievements in the year included \$2 million for facilities development through funding from the State Government.

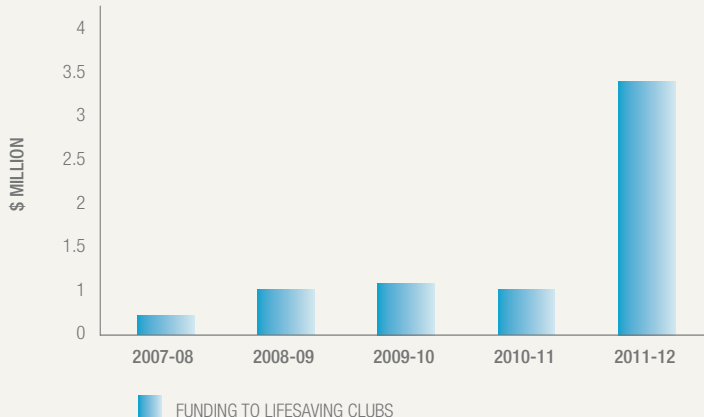
Other financing for direct club assistance included:

- Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program Grants - \$599,685
- Club Administration Support Grants - \$145,000
- Special Club Administration Assistance Grants - \$290,000
- Club Risk Management Assistance Grants - \$145,000

CONTINUED INCREASE IN REVENUE - TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE



TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LIFESAVING CLUBS



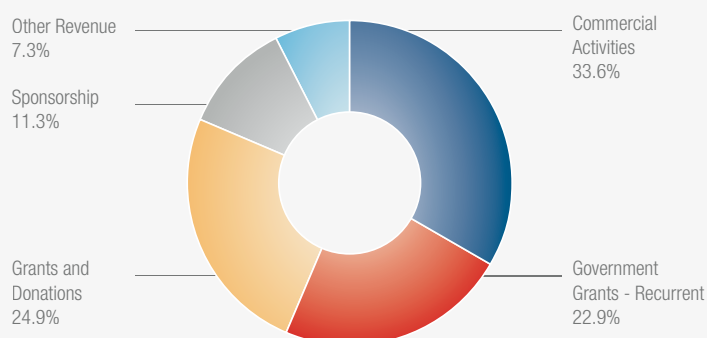
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

CONTINUED DIVERSIFICATION OF FINANCING

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

LSV expanded on fundraising opportunities in conjunction with the Surf Life Saving Foundation, resulting in an 83 per cent increase this year in the distributions received by LSV.

SOURCES OF REVENUE



SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEET 2009/10 – 2011/12

LSV's balance sheet as at 30 June 2012 showed total assets of \$11 million, liabilities of \$3.9 million and Members Funds of \$7.1 million. The following table shows the major elements of the balance sheet and their respective values for the past three years.

ASSETS	2009-10 \$'000	2010-11 \$'000	2011-12 \$'000
Property, Plant & Equipment	5,829	5,309	5,412
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,408	2,469	4,787
Other Assets	551	1,250	789
Total Assets	8,788	9,028	10,988

LIABILITIES	2009-10 \$'000	2010-11 \$'000	2011-12 \$'000
Creditors and Grants in Advance	1,047	1,651	3,260
Provisions	467	575	650
Borrowings	385	-	-
Total Liabilities	1,899	2,226	3,910

Members Funds	6,889	6,802	7,078
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COUNCIL EXECUTIVES AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Martin	President
Dr Michael Kennedy ^{OAM}	Independent Director
Martin Walsh	Independent Director
Nicolas Hall	Director Community Aquatic Education Council
Nancy Joseph	Director Youth and Leadership Development Council
Richard Mitchell	Director Council of Aquatic Sports
Stuart MacKinnon	Director Council of Aquatic Sports (Part)
Stuart Wall	Director Council of Lifesaving Operations – Training and Assessment
Mark Scott	Director Council of Lifesaving Operations – Lifesaving Services

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Dr Michael Kennedy ^{OAM}	
Neil Hough	

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Jennifer Maclean	

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Dianne Montalto ^{ESM}	
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Andrew Barnes	
Belinda Porter	Awards of Excellence Committee
Genevieve Lehmann	
Dr Graham Cato (Part)	

COMMUNITY AQUATIC EDUCATION COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Nicolas Hall	Chair
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Loretta Konjarski	Speciality Member/Advisor – Aquatic Education & Programming
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Stewart Nicoll	Speciality Member/Advisor – Training
Genevieve Lehmann	Council Representative

AQUATIC SPORTS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Stuart Mackinnon	Director (Part)
Richard Mitchell	Director
Harry Hannas	Officiating Coordinator (Chief Referee)
Graham Rice	Pool Panel coordinator
Sanja Van Huet	Aquatic Sports Development Coordinator
Allan Holmes	Boat Rowers Coordinator
Ben Griffin	Powercraft Panel Coordinator
Neil Morarty ^{OAM}	State Team Representative
Leigh Ryan	Athletes Representative
Maurice McCutcheon	Youth and Leadership Representative

LIFESAVING OPERATIONS COUNCIL

Lifesaving Operations Council Executive

Mark Scott	Director
Stuart Wall	Director
Darren McLeod	Council Representative
Ben Griffin	Lifesaving Services Representative
Simon Wilson	State Training and Assessment Supervisor
Danielle Smith	State Resource Research & Development Officer

State Officers

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Russell Stewart	Training Strategy and Communication Officer
Darren McLeod	State Emergency Management Officer
Ben Griffin	State Powercraft Officer
Bree Ambry	State Efficiency and Standards Officer
Scott Ivey	State Gear and Equipment Officer

District Officers

Robert O'Brien	Bass District Officer
David Barnes	Bayside District Officer
Sam Ficarra	Bellarine District Officer
Kristyn Burns	Flinders District Officer
David Whelan	Gippsland District Officer
Jim Stott	Kingston District Officer
Bree Ambry	Mornington District Officer
James Carew	Otway District Officer
Sebastian Phoenix	Port Phillip District Officer
Jackson Bell	South Barwon District Officer
Katrina Antony	Western District Officer

Regional Officers

Rohan Phillips	Bass Regional Officer
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Tony Hodder	Bellarine Regional Officer (Assistant)
Barrie Smith ^{OAM}	Gippsland Regional Officer
Kerry Bell	Kingston Regional Officer
Adam Greig	Peninsula Regional Officer
William Boyd	Port Phillip Regional Officer
Paul Lunny	Surf Coast Regional Officer
Rebel Noter	Western Regional Officer

YOUTH AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Nancy Joseph	Director
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	Member Protection Coordinator
Maurice McCutcheon	Competition Coordinator
William Boyd	Membership Development Coordinator (Part)
Daryl Mayman	Membership Development Coordinator (Part)
Angela Malan	Lifesaving Development Coordinator

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Michael Martin	Chair
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David Blanks	
Leigh Coutie	(Surf Life Saving Australia Representative)
Mark Scott	
Matthew Righetti	
Simon Cartwright	

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David Ulbrick	
Gary Martin	

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A Birt	D R Grant OAM	W H McLearn	C Simpson
R W Blackney	B Gray	D M McLeod	W Slater
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J Burrowes OAM	S L Horton	M M Napthine	P F Taylor OAM
G W Cato	W M Hull	H A Norris	L R Thomas
R Charrett	F A Hunting	G P Nutbean	M H Thompson
F M Clayton	R J Hussey	H O'Connor	L H S Thompson AO CMG
I Collum	R Hutchings	J Olson	J Thomson
R B Cook	F Inness	P J O'Rourke OAM	A Thorburn
A Cooper	J Jackson	G B Owen	G R Titter
L Cooper	L Johnson	W C Patrickson	R H Tyas
A Coulson	C C Kelly	M E Pearce	F R Tyler
W Coyte BEM	H G Kelly	F Pebbles	S L vander Pal
Sir G Cuscaden	T R Kennedy	F Perrin	P F Van Deuren
R W Dale	A R Kennedy BEM	V Petersen	T E Varley
G L Dann	W Keys	T K Peterson OAM	R S Veale CMG
L Darbyshire	E G Kidd	J E Pettigrove	A W Walker OBE
A Davies	H J Klauer	H M Pierce OAM	B Walklate
A G Dell	J Knight	H Pittard	J F Wall
J L Dobson	A M Laughton	E A Pleasents	G W Waters
T Donnett	A Laven	F Pollard	J M Waters
O Douglass	T G Leary	M Portingale BEM	B J Webb
E Doull	J Lee	F J Ramsay	J C Williams
J Duthie	G M Lehmann	F D Reid	A Williamson
B Edmonds	M F Leiper	A Renfrew	H C Windmill
N L Emselle	A R Lester	J F Revell	R S Wood ESM
L Errey	W Lievesley	M P Ricca	J G Worrell
F M Evans	J M Lippmann OAM	R Ricca	A E Wright
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F J Fegan	M A Lumley	B B Richards	B J Young
C G Fitzgerald OAM	C R Lyne AM	A Robbie	
E Fitzsimmons	J J Maclean	K Roderick AFSM	

HONOURS AND AWARDS



Life Saving Victoria Club of the Year (Beaurepaire Shield)

Hampton LSC

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

Katrina Antony, Portland SLSC

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

Kane Treloar, Williamstown S&LSC

Outstanding Achievement of the Year

Janet Jones, Anglesea SLSC
Edithvale LSC

Patrol Efficiency Club of the Year

Cape Paterson SLSC
Waratah Beach SLSC
Wonthaggi LSC

Administration Club of the Year

Inverloch SLSC

Beach Lifeguard of the Year

Daniel Sullivan

Team of the Year

U/17 Patrol Competition Team
Jan Juc SLSC

Male Athlete of the Year

Leigh Ryan, Jan Juc SLSC

Female Athlete of the Year

Lisa Ferguson, Mordialloc LSC

Masters Athlete of the Year

Brendan Garreau, Torquay SLSC

U/17 Male Athlete of the Year

Tyler Annan-Coe, Torquay SLSC

U/17 Female Athlete of the Year

Kira Kinsey, Ocean Grove SLSC

Coach of the Year

James Evans, Mordialloc LSC

Competition Official of the Year

Darryl Moss, Jan Juc SLSC

Training Officer of the Year

Dianne Montalto ESM, Edithvale LSC

Assessor of the Year

David Barnes, Hampton LSC

Commercial Training Licensee of the Year

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Commercial Trainer of the Year

Debbi Lowe

Life Saving Victoria

Service Member of the Year

Darren Schreck

Education Instructor of the Year

Brydie Hurrell

Life Saving Victoria Swim and

Survive Licensee of the Year

Aquazone Warrnambool
Aquatic Leisure Centre

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

John Zakharia, Waves Leisure Centre

Fred Westfield Medal - Dolphin Victorian Junior Athlete of the Year

Angus Hill, Half Moon Bay SLSC

Champion Junior Lifesaver

Elyse Stewart, Apollo Bay SLSC

Nipper Parent of the Year

Naomi Madigan, Jan Juc SLSC

Youth and Leadership Development Service Awards

Chris Gray, Point Leo SLSC
Elliot Lewis, Half Moon Bay SLSC
Catherine McCraith, Point Leo SLSC

National Leadership College attendees

Kate Bell, Mentone LSC
Chelsea Bowman, Cape Paterson SLSC
James Carew, Lorne SLSC
Lauren Chan, Anglesea SLSC
Steve Corney, Gunnamatta SLSC
Heather Cameron, South Melbourne SLSC

National Leaders Conference attendees

Julian Meagher, Waratah Beach SLSC
Michael Sullivan, Woolamai Beach SLSC

Building Leaders Scholarship Program

Hayden Burch, Ocean Grove SLSC
Imogen Dingle, Fairhaven SLSC
Mimi Craig, Footscray Park Aquatic and
Fitness Centre, Victoria University
Jack Lynch, Fairhaven SLSC
Jessica Ransom, Inverloch SLSC
Jessica Stewart, Apollo Bay SLSC

Media Service to Lifesaving

Ali Deane, Surf Coast Times

Surf Life Saving Australia

40 Years of Officiating Service

Allan Holmes, Apollo Bay SLSC

Surf Life Saving Australia -

DHL Volunteer of the Year 2011

Nancy Joseph

International Life Saving

Federation Citation of Merit

Cathy Acocks

LSV Life Membership inductees

Bernie Murray
Geoff Waters
Sandra vander Pal

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