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SORRENTO
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
EST. 1998

BETWEEN THE FLAGS

**Celebrating Our Community,
On and Off the Beach!**

THIS ISSUE IS ALL ABOUT

ACHIEVEMENT

Announcements – New Major Sponsor – Upcoming Events!!

Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club announces platinum sponsorship with TLC Healthcare



THE Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club (SLSC) announces a visionary three-year partnership with TLC Healthcare as its Platinum Sponsor.

This \$150,000-a-year partnership will significantly assist the Club's programs and activities. SLSC provides essential lifesaving resources at the very popular Sorrento Back Beach. Together with lifesaver training, competition and the fabulous Nippers program, the SLSC delivers life skills and water safety education to volunteers from the local coastal community of Sorrento.

The partnership arrives at an exciting time for the Club, as construction of the much-needed new clubhouse is set to commence in July. This development marks a significant investment in the future of surf lifesaving, offering a safe, inclusive, and modern facility to ensure the Club thrives.

"TLC Healthcare is proud to partner with the Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club, a vital community organisation that aligns with our vision of an integrated healthcare model. Our mission to support intergenerational health and well-being is strongly echoed in the Club's dedication to nurturing the next generation of lifesavers. Together, we're fostering a safer and healthier community for all," said Lou Pascuzzi, CEO & Managing Director of TLC Healthcare.

Since it began in 1998, SLSC has become a vital element of the famous Sorrento Back Beach and its gem: the Sorrento Rock Pool. During the patrol season, the safety of swimmers and visitors is carefully monitored by well-trained lifesavers who also provide first aid, etc. The Club's

training offer also includes a junior surf awareness program (Nippers), which is an integral part of Sorrento SLSC, equipping children ages 7-13 with essential water safety skills, leadership abilities, and a strong sense of community responsibility. This sponsorship will assist more young lifesavers in accessing high-quality training, equipment, and opportunities to grow within the Club.

"Our planned new Club, generously supported by TLC Healthcare, will provide locals and visitors to Sorrento Back Beach with a tremendous level of safety and supervision, ensuring everyone can feel confident when they are at one of Victoria's busiest surf beaches here at Sorrento. This fully fitted-out emergency services building wouldn't be possible without the extraordinary support of the Beck Family and sponsors like Lou from TLC," said Marc Clavin, Vice President SSLSC.

Philanthropist Max Beck, who has been instrumental in supporting the Club's fundraising efforts for the new clubhouse, applauded the commitment of TLC Healthcare: "Lou Pascuzzi and TLC Healthcare are making an extraordinary impact on the future of lifesaving and leadership. This partnership is a testament to their dedication to the local community and unwavering belief in the next generation. It's a legacy to be truly proud of."

In addition to financial support, TLC Healthcare will gain prominent brand visibility at Club events, especially across the first aid & emergency equipment and Patrol & Nippers' apparel, further integrating the organisation into the heart of the Sorrento community.

Exciting News: **Sorrento SLSC Welcomes**

TLC Healthcare as Platinum Sponsor!

We're excited to share that Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club has secured a three-year, Platinum Sponsorship with TLC Healthcare! This generous partnership comes at a crucial time as we prepare to build our new clubhouse and expand our lifesaving programs.

TLC Healthcare's support means more resources for lifesaving training, Nippers, and water safety education—directly benefiting the Sorrento community. "Together, we're fostering a safer and healthier community for all," said Lou Pascuzzi, TLC Healthcare CEO.

A huge thank you to TLC Healthcare for their belief in our mission and commitment to beach safety. Their support helps us build a stronger, safer future for Sorrento.

Stay tuned for more updates

NEXT CHAPTER OF SORRENTO SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB new beginnings



On Saturday, May 10, the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club held its much-anticipated Presentation Night, a celebration of our achievements and the people who make our club so special. The evening was a chance to reflect on our progress, show gratitude to our key contributors, and share exciting updates about the future of our clubhouse.

We were privileged to welcome several special guests who have played pivotal roles in our club's journey:

Max Beck: A true champion for Sorrento SLSC, Max has been instrumental in helping us secure the funds needed for the clubhouse rebuild. Through his generosity and his ability to bring others on board, Max has brought us closer to turning our vision into a reality. While Max prefers to avoid the spotlight, we cannot thank him enough for his unwavering support.

Leon Lachel: As our dedicated project manager, Leon provided members with an insightful update on the progress of the clubhouse rebuild. His expertise and leadership have been invaluable as we move into the next phase of this exciting project, with demolition set to begin in June.

Stephen Hoffer: The architect behind our new clubhouse shared his enthusiasm for the project. Stephen acknowledged the challenges of operating without a clubhouse over the coming summer but reassured us that the wait will be worth it when the new facility is completed in 2026.

Acknowledging Our Key Contributors

The success of Sorrento SLSC relies on the dedication and hard work of many individuals who go above and beyond for our club. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the following key contributors:

Lino Tarquinio: A valued member of our extended club family, Lino has been instrumental in securing sponsorship from TLC Healthcare. He is also a constant presence at events, from charity stalls at the Point Nepean Market to lending a hand wherever it's needed.

Marc Clavin: Marc's efforts in introducing us to Max Beck, navigating council permits, and assisting with land leases have been critical in moving the clubhouse rebuild forward.

Jav Greaves: With his extensive experience, Jav has stepped up as the liaison between Max's building team and our club's team. His role will ensure smooth communication and coordination as the project progresses.

Jerry Lute: Jerry has been working tirelessly to ensure we have the space and equipment needed to operate out of the log cabin at the top of the hill during the transition period.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the demolition and rebuild of our clubhouse, we still have some funds to raise to complete the project. Your continued support—whether through donations, volunteering, or simply showing up to our events—remains vital to making this dream a reality.

Together, we're not just building a clubhouse; we're building a legacy that will serve future generations of lifesavers and our community. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this journey so far.

Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward with this exciting chapter in Sorrento SLSC's history!

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Presentation Night Awards 2024/2025

The Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club is proud to celebrate the incredible achievements, dedication, and contributions of its members throughout the 2024-2025 season. On Saturday, May 10, we came together for the annual Sorrento SLSC Presentation Night, a special evening that highlighted the hard work, teamwork, and passion that define our club.

This year's awards honoured the commitment of our lifesavers, volunteers, and supporters who work tirelessly to uphold the values of community, safety, and service. From first-year patrollers to seasoned leaders, every individual recognised has played a vital role in ensuring the success of our club and the safety of our beaches. The event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our collective dedication to keeping our beaches safe and our community thriving.



Honouring 25 Years of Service and Commitment



We proudly recognise Marc Clavin and Gerry Lute for their incredible milestone of 25 years as volunteer patrollers and dedicated members of Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club. Over the past two and a half decades, Marc and Gerry have exemplified the true spirit of surf lifesaving, giving their time, expertise, and unwavering commitment to protecting our beaches and supporting our community.

Their contributions, both on and off the beach, have left an indelible mark on the club. From countless patrol hours to mentoring new members and supporting club activities, Marc and Gerry's dedication is an inspiration to us all. We are deeply grateful for their service and look forward to celebrating this remarkable achievement with them.

Thank you, Marc and Gerry, for 25 years of keeping our beaches safe and embodying the values of Sorrento SLSC!





Bronze Medallion

RECIPIENTS 2024/20225

The Surf Life Saving Australia Bronze Medallion is a prestigious certification that represents the foundation of lifesaving skills and knowledge. It is a nationally recognized qualification that equips individuals with the ability to perform rescues, provide first aid, and ensure safety in aquatic environments.

Achieving the Bronze Medallion is a significant milestone, as it qualifies individuals to patrol beaches, ensuring the safety of swimmers and the public. It also marks the beginning of their journey as a lifesaver, contributing to the proud tradition of Surf Life Saving in Australia.

Congratulations to Andrew Atkinson, Oscar Atkinson, Milo Clareborough, Jeffrey Feldman, Bridget Harvey, Thea Harvey, Joanna Holland, Keenan Lord, and Luke West for achieving this honour and joining the ranks of qualified patrollers at Sorrento SLSC!

INTERESTED IN EARNING YOUR BRONZE MEDALLION THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL GAIN?

01

Surf Awareness and Rescue

Techniques: Learning to assess surf conditions, identify hazards, and perform rescues using rescue boards, tubes, and other equipment.

02

First Aid and CPR: Developing the skills to provide emergency care in critical situations.

Fitness Requirements: Meeting physical benchmarks, such as a timed swim and run-swim-run events, to demonstrate the fitness needed for lifesaving duties.

03

Teamwork and Communication: Understanding the importance of working as a team during rescues and patrols.

A PILLAR of Sorrento SLSC

HOWARD DRAPER

Howard Draper's journey with the Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club began in 2004, when he earned his Bronze Medallion and quickly became a driving force in the club's education, safety, and leadership programs. Over the past two decades, Howard has dedicated himself to the development of lifesaving skills within the club and the wider community, embodying the values of service, commitment, and excellence.

With an extraordinary 128 SLSA/AQTF qualifications to his name, Howard brings an unmatched depth of expertise to every role he undertakes. He has served as the club's OH&S Officer since 2011, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of members across all activities. His leadership has also extended to the club's youngest members through his work as the Nippers Coordinator, where he has played a pivotal role in nurturing the next generation of lifesavers.

From 2016 to 2025, Howard has held the position of Chief Instructor at Sorrento SLSC, overseeing the training and assessment of members in vital lifesaving competencies. During this time, he has personally conducted 132 assessments at Sorrento, as well as countless assessments across other clubs in his capacity as District Training Officer from 2021 to 2023. His contributions have significantly strengthened the lifesaving capabilities across the region.

Howard has also been a Patrol Captain since 2008, demonstrating exceptional leadership on the beach. Since 2006, he has logged an impressive 1,372 patrol hours— a testament to his unwavering commitment to keeping our beaches safe.

The Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club is incredibly fortunate to have someone of Howard's calibre and dedication among its ranks. His tireless efforts continue to inspire both new and seasoned members, and his legacy of service will be felt for many years to come.



Silver Medallion

Recepients 2024/2025



The Surf Life Saving Australia Silver Medallion is an advanced qualification that builds on the foundational skills of the Bronze Medallion. It equips lifesavers with higher-level knowledge and expertise to take on leadership roles and manage more complex lifesaving scenarios. This certification is a testament to their dedication, skill, and commitment to lifesaving excellence.

Achieving the Silver Medallion signifies that these individuals are not only skilled lifesavers but also leaders who can guide their teams and ensure the safety of beachgoers in even the most challenging conditions.

Congratulations Jeffrey Feldman, Kayla Fothergill, Tex Harbour, Bethany Orme, and Gavan Sharples for earning this prestigious qualification. Their hard work and dedication exemplify the values of Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club and Surf Life Saving Australia.

INTERESTED IN EARNING YOUR SILVER MEDALLION THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL GAIN?

- 01 Advanced Rescue Techniques:** Proficiency in managing challenging rescue situations, including multiple casualties and the use of advanced rescue equipment
- 02 Incident Management:** Training in assessing and managing emergency situations, ensuring the safety of both the public and rescue personnel.
- 03 Leadership and Team Coordination:** Developing the skills to lead a patrol team, delegate tasks, and communicate effectively during high-pressure situations.
- 04 First Aid and Emergency Care:** Enhanced knowledge of providing advanced first aid and CPR in critical scenarios.

BEST PATROLLERS



JEFF FELDMAN

Most Patrol Hours & New Chief Training Office

Jeff Feldman has set an extraordinary example for all patrollers this season, earning the title of **Best Patroller** and logging an incredible 210 patrol hours—a true testament to his dedication and professionalism.

Jeff's unwavering commitment to beach safety and his ability to lead by example have made him an invaluable member of our team.

This year, Jeff is stepping up even further as our new Chief Training Officer, a role that will see him guiding and mentoring the next generation of lifesavers. His extensive experience, leadership skills, and passion for surf lifesaving make him the perfect fit for this vital position. Jeff's commitment to training and development ensures that Sorrento SLSC will continue to uphold the highest standards of safety and excellence.

Throughout the season, Jeff has consistently gone above and beyond, ensuring the safety of beach-goers and mentoring newer members of the patrol team. His calm demeanor, extensive knowledge, and willingness to step up in any situation have set a high standard for what it means to be a lifesaver at Sorrento SLSC.

Jeff's achievement of 210 patrol hours is not just a number—it represents countless moments of vigilance, quick thinking, and selflessness on the beach. His dedication has not only kept our beaches safe but also inspired others to follow in his footsteps. Jeff, we thank you for your incredible contribution and for embodying the spirit of Sorrento SLSC.



CAMERON BROWN

Best First Year Patroller

In his first season as a patroller, Cam Brown has made an unforgettable impression, earning him the **Best First Year Patroller** award. Cam's enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to the club have been nothing short of remarkable. Not only did Cam approach his first season with passion, but he also demonstrated an exceptional ability to stay.

calm and collected during his first emergency situation on the beach. His quick thinking and professionalism in a high-pressure moment proved that he is a natural lifesaver.

But Cam's dedication doesn't stop there. Off the beach, he has been a driving force in supporting the club's long-term goals. Cam took the initiative to collect signatures from the community, advocating for the club's building plans and helping to secure crucial support for our future clubhouse. His efforts have shown a maturity and commitment well beyond his years, making him a standout member of our team.

Cam, we are so proud of your achievements this season. Your energy and passion for lifesaving have already made a significant impact, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish in the future at Sorrento SLSC.



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HONOURING COMMITMENT:

Celebrating Our Club's Most Dedicated Members



Best Nippers Parent

The Russ Curwood Award was proudly presented to Thanasinh Boupcha for her incredible dedication to the Nippers program. Thanasinh has been a constant source of support, from running barbecues to assisting age groups and fostering a strong sense of community.

Her tireless efforts have created a welcoming environment where children and families can thrive, and her generosity and commitment have left a lasting impact on the program. Thanasinh's contributions embody the spirit of Sorrento SLSC, and we are so grateful for her unwavering dedication. Congratulations, Thanasinh, on this well-deserved recognition!



Presidents Award

The President's Award honoured Andrew Atkinson for his significant impact and dedication to the club's mission and values.

Andrew's contributions to Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club go far beyond the ordinary. Each year, he generously provides professional photos that not only enhance our marketing efforts but also bring immense joy to families by capturing the special moments and memories that reflect the spirit of our club.

As an active leader in the Nippers program, Andrew has made a lasting impact by delivering informative sessions on ocean conditions, educating members, Nippers, water safety teams, and coaches. His passion for knowledge-sharing has strengthened the skills and confidence of our lifesaving community.

Andrew also fosters a sense of connection and camaraderie among the Nippers coaches by organising breakfasts, creating a space for them to come together, share experiences, and build a stronger community.

Andrew embodies the values of Sorrento SLSC, and we are incredibly grateful for all he does to make our club a better place. Congratulations, Andrew, on this well-deserved recognition!



HONOURING COMMITMENT:

Celebrating Our Club's Most Dedicated Members



Best Club Member

The Best Club Member award was proudly presented to Erin Doupe for her exceptional contributions to the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club's community and operations. Erin's journey with the club began as a Nipper, where she developed a strong passion for surf lifesaving and a deep connection to the values of the club.

Dedicated, well-spoken, and passionate about surf lifesaving, Erin is a true leader who inspires those around her. Her commitment extends beyond the beach, as she actively supports club initiatives, fosters a sense of community, and ensures the smooth operation of club activities. Erin's ability to connect with members of all ages and her enthusiasm for the club's mission have made her an invaluable asset to Sorrento SLSC.

Erin's dedication to surf lifesaving and her unwavering support of the club's goals make Erin a deserving recipient of this prestigious award. Congratulations, Erin, on this well-earned recognition!



Daniel Bradshaw Award

This year, the prestigious Daniel Bradshaw Award, which recognises an up-and-coming young person of character within the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club, was proudly awarded to Kayla Fothergill.

Kayla has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and initiative throughout the season, embodying the values of surf lifesaving. She has gone above and beyond by volunteering for additional patrols and stepping up to support key events such as the ****Sorrento Bay Swim**** and ****Nippers water safety**** throughout the summer. Her willingness to contribute wherever needed and her enthusiasm for serving the community make her a shining example of leadership and commitment within our club.

Congratulations, Kayla, on this well-deserved recognition! Your hard work and dedication inspire everyone at Sorrento SLSC.



Best Patrol

This year, the Sharks Patrol has been recognised as the Best Patrol, a testament to their exceptional teamwork, dedication, and professionalism. Led by Captain Bethany Orme, Vice Captain Kayla Fothergill, and supported by team member Elisse Orme, the Sharks have consistently demonstrated outstanding commitment to keeping our beaches safe. Their ability to work seamlessly as a team and respond effectively to any situation has set them apart as exemplary patrollers.



Building Project Update – 20/05/25

Since the February Council Meeting Approving the Plans to proceed with the club redevelopment there has been a lot of background action from the project team.

Our Architect, Steve Hofer and Town Planning Consultant, Jackie Prossor, have been working through the many complicated Planning Conditions with multiple stakeholders. We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and hope to have all the conditions addressed and all permits in place by the end of June.

We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest from Commercial Builders who may be qualified and experienced to take on the Principal Contractor role. The aim is to involve four (4) suitable contractors in an invite only tender during June. All tenderers will be seeking to engage with local trades and suppliers, so if you are interested in being involved in the project please register your interest by sending an email to jav.greaves@sorrentoslsc.au

Thanks to the work of Gerry Lute and his team a great deal of pack down has been done around the club and we are still hoping to have the pack down completed by the end of the month. To enable demolition to start as soon as permits are granted.

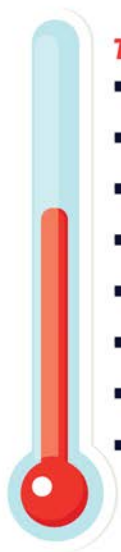
Thanks to many donations from our wider community and funds raised at recent events, we are definitely closer to achieving the full amount required to finalise the project. However, we're not there yet, so let's keep fundraising and get involved in the upcoming membership drives.



CLUB HOUSE UPDATES



DONATION INFORMATION - <https://www.sorrentoslsc.au/Re-Build>



TARGET \$8,030,000

8 Million

7 Million

\$6,470,378 Current Total May 25, 2025

6 Million

\$5,513,625 Current Total March 7, 2025

5 Million

4 Million

Grant - 3.5 Million State Government

3 Million

2 Million

Grant - 1 Million

Mornington Peninsula Shire



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or small, helps us
reach our goal.
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Sorrento SLSC!*



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REBUILD our
Surf Club
SAVE LIVES**



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**FUND
RAISING
UPDATES**



2025/2026

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KEY DATES 2025/2026

REGISTRATION:

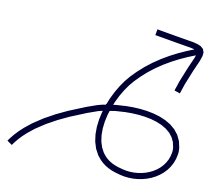
- Early Expressions of interest (waitlist) **Mid June**
- Registration Open: **Mid August**
- Registrations Close: **End of October**

PROGRAM DATES

- **23/11**: 1st Nippers session at St Paul's front beach
- **30/11**: St Paul's front beach
- **7/12**: Sorrento Back Beach
- **14/12**: Sorrento Back Beach
- **21/12**: Sorrento Back Beach
- **28/12**: No Nippers
- **4/1**: Sorrento Back Beach
- **11/1**: Sorrento Bay Swim (Nippers session included)
- **18/1**: Sorrento Back Beach
- **25/1**: Nippers Carnival Sorrento Back Beach



events & volunteering



May

DEMOLITION WORKING BEE:

MAY 31 9:30AM-3:00PM

MEET AT CLUBHOUSE

**PLEASE LEND
A HAND!**

**TASTE OF SORRENTO CHARITY
BOOTH and FIRE NIGHT:
JUNE 21**

DETAILS TO COME

June

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

AGM Annual General Meeting
SATURDAY AUGUST 16
11AM - ZOOM or in PERSON (*location TBD*)

August

LOCAL EVENTS

**Markets Come Alive
After Dark**

**SORRENTO SOUL
NIGHT MARKET**

JUNE 6- 5PM-9PM

Taste
Night
Market



**SORRENTO SOLSTICE
DAWN SWIM**

JUNE 21 - 7AM-8AM

**SORRENTO
FIRE NIGHT**

**SEE YOU ON
THE FORESHORE
21 JUNE 2025**

Sorrento's spectacular winter celebration returns with fire cannons, glowing sculptures, food trucks, live music and a six-metre flaming effigy. Dress warmly and join the crowd from 3:30PM, with the main fire countdown at 7:30PM.