



SORRENTO
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
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Annual Report
2024-2025

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LSV COMMITTEES

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Aquatic Sports Council	Sean Cummins
Council of Life Saving Clubs	Duncan Stirling
Life Saving Operations Council	Sean Cummins
Membership and Leadership Development	Duncan Stirling



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Committee Thanks

Firstly, I extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated Sorrento SLSC Committee. Your commitment, vision, and hard work continue to guide the success of our club. From governance and planning to everyday logistics, your efforts ensure that everything runs smoothly, and our community remains strong and connected.

Club Leadership

Special recognition must go to our Club Captains – Sean Cummins and Erin Doupe – for their outstanding leadership this season. Your tireless efforts, attention to detail, and ability to coordinate across all areas of lifesaving services have been exceptional.

Lifesaving Services

To our Patrol Captains – Erin Doupe, Howard Draper, Matt Fothergill, Chloe Holland, and Bethany Orme – along with their Vice Captains and Patrol Members, thank you for your extraordinary dedication on the beach.

This season's highlights speak volumes about your collective efforts:

- 1,294 Preventive Actions
- 22 Minor First Aids
- 2 Major First Aids
- 6 Rescues
- 7 Out-of-Hours Callouts

Each action represents a moment of care, courage, and teamwork that defines what we do as lifesavers.

Nippers Program

The future of our club lies in our juniors, and this year's Nippers Program continued to inspire. A huge thank you to Nigel Smith and Craig Wallace, who led the program with passion and commitment.

Thank you also to our team of Coaches, Age Managers, Water Safety, and the countless parent volunteers whose efforts on the sand and in the water help to nurture skills, safety, and confidence in our young members.

Training & Education

Training is at the core of everything we do. Led by Howard Draper, our education program has delivered outstanding results once again.

Thank you to training officers Bethany Orme, Gerry Lute, Matt Fothergill, and Seb Hales for your dedication to teaching and mentoring new lifesavers. Your work ensures the legacy and capability of our club for years to come.

Bay Swim Event

It was fantastic to see the Bay Swim return to the calendar – a much-loved tradition and community highlight.

Sincere thanks to Jenny and Bruce Grayling, Cathie Stirling, and Lorrie Molent for your incredible work in bringing this event to life once more. The energy and atmosphere on the day reflected the spirit of Sorrento SLSC perfectly.

New Club Rooms

As we go to print, we are hopeful that our long-awaited new clubrooms will finally be a reality. This has been a monumental journey, and we owe enormous thanks to Marc Clavin for his years of tireless advocacy and leadership in driving this project forward.

We are also grateful for the insights and contributions of Kelly Sharples and Jav Greaves, who have helped shape the vision, and to Max Beck, whose continued support has been vital to our progress.

Club Awards

Congratulations to our 2024–2025 award winners and thank you for your support and contributions to our club.

President's award:	Andrew Atkinson
Daniel Bradshaw award:	Kayla Fothergill
Best patrol person:	Jeff Feldman
Best first year:	Cam Brown
Best Patrol:	The Sharks
Most Patrol Hours :	Jeff Feldman
Best club member:	Erin Doupe
Nipper Parent Award:	Thanasinh Boupha

*In addition, two club members were recognised and thanked for 25 years of active service: **Marc Clavin & Gerry Lute.***

Closing Thanks

To every member of the Sorrento SLSC community – those who patrol, train, coach, lead, fundraise, support events, or simply lend a helping hand – thank you. Our strength lies in our people. Together, we uphold the values of surf lifesaving, support one another, and create a vibrant and safe community by the sea. I am proud and honoured to serve as your President, and I look forward to the continued growth and success of our club in the year ahead.



Duncan Stirling
President, Sorrento SLSC



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Principal Activities

During the financial year, the Club's principal activity remained the delivery of Surf Life Saving services. Additionally, the Club continues to embark on an extensive clubhouse rebuild program, and all transactions relating to both fundraising, building grants and building-related expenses can be identified in the attached Balance Sheet as Committed Funds under Current Liabilities. Apart from the building program, there were no significant changes in the nature of the Club's activities throughout the year.

Operating Results

The Club reported a deficit of -\$30,155 for the financial year, which is slightly greater than the previous year (2024: -\$29,239.12). Note that there is a non-cash item in the Trading Account of \$46,416 for Depreciation (2024: \$45,125). The declining profit result can at least be partly attributed to the continued falling membership and nipper's enrolments, which will hopefully be rectified once the new clubhouse is completed.

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

The return of our Bay Swim event, which is our major community fundraiser, was a welcome addition to this year's activities. Other than matters concerning the new clubhouse development, the Club's situation remained unchanged during 2024/25.

Auditor's Declaration

These reports are presented on a Draft basis due to the auditor's review not being complete prior to the AGM. Final audited reports will be posted on the Club's website as soon as they become available.



Marc Clavin

Treasurer

Sorrento SLSC

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Independent Auditor's Report

For the Year Ended 30th April 2025

To The Members of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying Financial Report, being a special purpose Financial Report of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club, which comprises the Balance Sheet at 30th April 2025 and the Profit & Loss Statement for the year ended 30th April 2025.

Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The members are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and meet the needs of the members. The member's responsibility also includes such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the Financial Report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the members, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence


In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Opinion

Due to the fact that it is not possible to ensure that all monies received were banked intact, the audit was conducted from the point of banking of funds and their consequent entry into the books and records of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club.

Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the Financial Report presents fairly the results of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club for the year ending 30th April 2025.

Date: 28th October 2025

Signed.....

Geoffrey William Ambler

Mornington

Profit and Loss

Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club For the year ended 30 April 2025

2025 2024

Trading Income

Allocations & Allowances	19,825.39	18,768.53
Bay Swim - BBQ & Drinks Sales	866.14	-
Bay Swim - Tee Shirt Sponsorship	2,800.00	-
Bay Swim Entries	19,955.75	-
Bay Swim Sponsorship	8,200.00	-
Donations	-	300.00
Grants	1,000.00	14,790.74
Lifeguard Service	6,829.82	7,694.30
Memberships	27,302.70	31,436.37
Nipper BBQ	2,855.13	3,334.29
Total Trading Income	89,634.93	76,324.23

Cost of Sales

Apparel Purchases	9,756.86	19,723.36
Closing Stock	(14,702.01)	(13,359.05)
Opening Stock	13,359.05	4,097.63
Total Cost of Sales	8,413.90	10,461.94

Gross Profit 81,221.03 65,862.29

Other Income

Apparel Sales	7,745.38	6,454.51
Interest Income	4,891.16	4,164.31
Total Other Income	12,636.54	10,618.82

Operating Expenses

Awards & Trophies	-	80.91
Awards, Manuals & Uniforms	658.17	1,252.73
Bank & Govt Charges	3,196.87	1,549.09
Bank Fees - Merchant	330.78	196.34
Bay Swim Expenses	23,048.37	-
BBQ & Functions Expenses	1,891.86	3,940.27
Cleaner	8,542.73	7,915.00
Depreciation - Bay Swim Equip	167.00	231.00
Depreciation - Building	22,531.00	21,129.00
Depreciation - Club Equipment	275.00	427.00
Depreciation - Patrol Equipment	19,050.00	18,983.00
Depreciation - Nipper Equip	4,393.00	4,355.00
Equipment Purchases	575.58	1,069.62
First Aid & Sundry Expenses	514.42	628.79
Fuel & Parts	477.57	2,701.98
Functions	2,091.82	1,479.42

2025

2024

	2025	2024
Insurance - Industrial Special Risks	13,418.62	11,733.22
Insurance - Marine Hull Commercial	1,231.52	(797.31)
Insurance - Motor Vehicle	645.60	596.00
Light, Power, Heating	1,564.28	1,846.97
Medical Oxygen	922.80	873.92
Nippers Apparel Purchases	304.35	6,576.54
Nippers Fees & Subs	3,729.82	1,477.27
Postage & Freight	2,050.91	1,962.73
Printing & Stationery	79.79	21.82
Professional Development PT	363.64	2,710.91
Professional Services	4,451.10	3,863.20
Rates & Taxes	306.70	10.20
Repairs and Maintenance	973.37	4,628.75
Rubbish Removal	1,120.90	710.29
Security	1,296.88	898.70
Subscriptions	1,634.77	1,077.87
Telephone & Internet	888.75	831.68
Vehicles Expenses	1,528.40	758.32
Total Operating Expenses	124,256.37	105,720.23
Net Profit	(30,398.80)	(29,239.12)

Balance Sheet

Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club

As at 30 April 2025

30 APR 2025

30 APR 2024

Assets

Bank

Building Acc 6466	460,163.75	227,624.30
Sorrento SLSC Paypal	330.97	330.97
Sorrento Surf Life Saving 0512	140,172.59	24,030.53
Term Deposit #1 6197	-	20,000.00
Term Deposit #2 6391	-	50,000.00
Term Deposit #3 6425	-	50,000.00
Total Bank	600,667.31	371,985.80

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	178,806.21	-
Stock on Hand	6,171.14	4,828.18
Total Current Assets	184,977.35	4,828.18

Fixed Assets

Bay Swim Equipment	5,067.94	5,067.94
Bay Swim Equipment Accum depreciation	(4,155.00)	(3,988.00)
Club Equipment	31,077.37	31,077.37
Club Equipment accum depreciation	(17,600.00)	(17,325.00)
Clubhouse accum depreciation	(401,570.00)	(379,039.00)
Clubhouse additional works	169,314.88	169,314.88
Clubhouse Depot	35,931.73	35,931.73
Clubhouse Main	556,909.80	556,909.80
Nippers Equipment	126,672.41	126,672.41
Nippers Equipment accum depreciation	(117,380.90)	(112,987.90)
Patrol & Comp Equipment	305,386.67	305,386.67
Patrol & Comp Equipment accum depreciation	(237,133.46)	(218,083.46)
Total Fixed Assets	452,521.44	498,937.44

Total Assets

1,238,166.10 **875,751.42**

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	5,518.03	41,645.49
Committed Funds - Expenses Paid	(541,052.99)	(331,717.42)
Committed Funds - Income Received	1,172,314.39	542,810.00
Deposits Held - Keys	150.00	100.00
GST	(2,382.82)	(11,104.94)
Total Current Liabilities	634,546.61	241,733.13

Total Liabilities

634,546.61 **241,733.13**

Net Assets

603,619.49 **634,018.29**



30 APR 2025

30 APR 2024

Equity

Current Year Earnings	(30,398.80)	(29,239.12)
Opening Balance Equity	679,851.47	679,851.47
Retained Earnings	(45,833.18)	(16,594.06)
Total Equity	603,619.49	634,018.29



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Regular secretarial duties have continued to be performed throughout the year including managing general correspondence and mail collection, convening regular committee meetings and maintaining meeting and other records. In addition, regular assistance has been provided with the development of protocols and procedures required for the ongoing progress and expansion of the club and the rebuilding of our clubrooms.



Ro Moore
Secretary, Sorrento SLSC

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Sean Cummins, Erin Doupe, Co-Captains

What an incredible season it's been at Sorrento SLSC. A huge thank you to every single patrolling member who proudly wore the uniform help protect our beach this summer. Your selfless service highlights everything we do, and this season was no exception.

Despite one of the hottest and busiest summers in recent memory, our volunteer patrols functioned with outstanding professionalism, resilience, and teamwork. With large crowds and a variety of first aid and water-based incidents, the consistency and composure shown by our members demonstrated the very best of community lifesaving.

This year, we also saw some of the most vibrant and inclusive special events ever hosted by Sorrento SLSC. The combined efforts behind Pink Patrol, Pride Patrol, Blue Patrol, not to mention the Club Championships brought our community together in celebration of diversity, mental health, and athletic excellence. A heartfelt thank you to Ro Moore, Erin Doupe, Jeff and Claire Feldman, Chloe Holland, and Pete Holland for your leadership, organisation, and creativity in bringing these events to life. They not only reflected our club values but helped strengthen our culture of inclusion, energy, and pride.

We were also proud to launch the inaugural Green Patrol this season – a new initiative with a focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility in lifesaving.

In collaboration with the Nepean Conservation Group (NCG) and Rye Beach Patrol (RBP), the day involved a beach clean-up led by the RBP with 89.5kgs of rubbish collected and a working bee with the NCG for essential track maintenance on our much loved Sorrento Coppins walking track. Additionally, a highlight was the interactive and informative presentation by NCG President Ursula, where we learned about indigenous plants vs invasive species as well as the NCGs mission.

It was such a wholesome and rewarding experience coming together as a community to protect and preserve the environment we love. A massive thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success.

As we wrap up another patrol season, we encourage all members to enjoy a well-earned winter rest. Thank you for continuing to be part of something bigger than yourselves, your dedication keeps our beaches safe and our community strong.

A Personal Note from Sean Cummins

I want to take a moment to thank Erin Doupe for stepping up so confidently and competently into the role of Co-Club Captain this season. While I was overseas, Erin demonstrated just how capable she is as a leader, creating a culture and community that everyone is so lucky to be involved in. From day-to-day leadership and patrol operations to managing events and maintaining morale, her commitment and performance were exceptional. It's been an absolute privilege to co-lead with you, Erin.







Sean Cummins
Club Captain, Sorrento SLSC



LIFE SAVING OPERATIONAL REPORT

Our Lifesaving Services statistics are summarised in the table below. These data are captured through daily beach reporting which is provided by all clubs at the time of patrols. Data is entered into the LIMSOC (Lifesaving Incident Management System and Operations Console). With the increasing popularity of Sorrento Back Beach, we have a growing need for more volunteers for patrols and new members are always welcome.

SSLSC LIFESAVING OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

Categories		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Beach Attendances	38892	43963	28942	48715
	Preventive Actions	1287	3554	1331	1294
	Minor First Aids	38	14	15	22
	Major First Aids	1	2	0	2
	Rescues	0	8	3	6
	Patrol Hours (members)	727	1635	1157	1724
Average Hours per patroller at SSLSC			19.93	28.22	35.18

Sean Cummins

Life Saving Operations, Sorrento SLSC



CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

Over the past season our team provided significant training programs to Sorrento SLSC members and regional lifesavers. Active Lifesavers completed their Skills Maintenance (SM, Requal) on Saturday 30 November 2024. We were able to provide another one or two SM sessions for members who were unable to attend on that day. The awards for which members requalified were Bronze, SRC, Radio, IRB Driver and Crew, ART (Advanced Resuscitation) and SSV Driver (Side by Side Vehicle Operator Certificate). We also enabled member to renew their CPR qualification on that day to maintain First Aid and ART currency.

This season the IRB Trainers and Assessors had to upgrade our qualifications to enable us to continue training and Skills Maintenance. This involved online theory and practical components.

Courses conducted by our team included:

- Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and First Aid for the regional and club members on 7 September 2024 run by Stefan Bagg.
- SRC Course for juniors in November 24 (Sebastian Hales and Howard Draper)
- CPR Course (Resuscitation) 30 November 2024 (Howard Draper)
- CPR Course (Resuscitation) 8 December 2024 (Stefan Bagg)
- Bronze Course in December – January 24-25 (Bethany Orme)
- Boat course in December/January (Gerry Lute)

All these courses were supported by our TAF's (Trainer, Assessor or Facilitators), Marc Clavin, Duncan Stirling, Erin Doupe, Peter McDonnell, Matt Fothergill and, in particular, Stefan Bagg who assisted with facilitating and assessing several of the courses.

In the 25/26 season we will continue to provide the same level of training which is required to further or maintain the currency of our training team's qualifications. Prior to the commencement of the summer season, there will be an ART FA (Advanced Resuscitation and First Aid) Course, an SRC Course for 2 weekends in November and Bronze Course in December-January. There will also be IRB, SSV and CPR training and we continue to strive to incorporate Nipper Parents into SRC/Bronze training courses. Members should also look out for the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain's Course and SSV courses.

Of particular note is that after many years I am handing over the reins to Jeff Feldman who will be Chief Training Officer from now on. Jeff has completed his Training Officer Course and we will be working together to have him qualified in as many areas as possible as a Trainer and Assessor. Effective immediately, Jeff will be your "go to person". He will be in charge of the "behind the scenes" administration work involved in Training and Assessing. Let me assure you, there is a lot to do in this area. I will continue to help with practical training and assessing.

I want to thank all our training team for their dedicated commitment and participation in the Sorrento SLSC Training Program. Without our TAFs, we would not have any qualified Lifesavers.














Howard Draper

(retiring) Chief Training Officer, Sorrento SLSC



SSLSC VOLUNTEER TRAINING STATISTICS

Candidate and course numbers are from LSV's Member Training system, collated at the end of May 2025.

CATEGORIES		SKILLS MAINTENANCE COMPLETION	NEWLY QUALIFIED
	Surf Rescue Certificate	11	5
	Bronze Medallion	44	9
	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	1	0
	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	5	4
	Gold Medallion	2	0
	Radio Operator Certificate	0	0
	Pain Management	N/A	1
	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	N/A	17
	First Aid	N/A	16
	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	20	16
	Side-by-Side Vehicle Operator	12	1
	Inflatable Rescue Boat Crew	24	3
	Inflatable Rescue Boat Driver	16	3
	Rescue Water Craft Operator	3	0
	Training Officer Certificate	N/A	1

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SSLSC LIFESAVING MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

CATEGORIES	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Junior Members	152	125	131	92
Cadet Members	28	24	26	19
Active (15-18)	35	20	14	14
Active	68	63	53	59
Life Member	11	11	11	11
Associate	100	85	94	89
Other	43	104	110	94
Total	474	429	434	376

Total membership number change (%) from season 2023/24 to 2024/25 was -13.4%.

Duncan Stirling,
Membership, Sorrento SLSC



CLUB FIRST AID FACILITIES

Over the 24–25 season, we have continued to ensure that our first aid facilities and equipment are well maintained, up to date, and fit for purpose according to LSV requirements. Our First Aid training equipment has also been maintained and updated, as requested by our Trainers. The annual pre-season LSV Gear Inspection was passed without difficulty.

The 24–25 Nipper program was once again supported by a very highly qualified team of parent volunteers. We extend our grateful thanks to all members the Nipper First Aid Team, who give their time and expertise to ensure that our Nippers will be well cared for should any issues arise. Without these volunteers, the program could not take place.

Our clubhouse, its facilities and volunteers continue to be available to Victorian Emergency Rescue services both during and outside our patrolling season and hours. We thank those volunteers who make themselves available all year around to assist with and support major search and rescue incidents.

Our recent challenge has been to relocate our First Aid equipment (along with all of our clubhouse equipment) to our outlying building. An area within this building has been set up to function as a temporary First Aid storage area and facility for the duration of our rebuild.

I would like to thank all of those volunteer members who have assisted with ongoing equipment checks and advice, to ensure that we always have available everything which is needed to provide this service for the community.

Rosemary Moore

First Aid Officer, Sorrento SLSC

FACILITIES REPORT

No appointment was made for this position the 23/24 season. Our operational equipment requires considerable, ongoing updating and maintenance to ensure that it is functioning and complying with LSV requirements. We thank those club volunteers who continue to maintain our equipment and facilities throughout the year. The relocation of our clubhouse equipment to our outlying facility has required specific planning and, at times, heavy lifting. We would like to sincerely thank those members who have assisted with the move out of our clubhouse, with particular thanks to Gerry Lute.





NIPPERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

NIPPER WORKING GROUP MEMBERS:

Liz Atkinson, Sebastian Hales, Kelly Sharples, , Andrew Atkinson, Nigel Smith, Craig Wallace, Isadora Van Camp, Jeff Feldman

The 2024/25 Nippers season was again run over a nine-week program. As for previous years, the Nippers season commenced at the front beach, which provided the Nippers with an opportunity to build confidence and demonstrate their skills in a calmer environment and allowed the water safety team to assess their surf capabilities. After the first two weeks, the program shifted to the back beach without interruption for the rest of our Nippers season. Whilst the majority of the Nippers sessions were conducted in calm conditions, there were a few sessions which tested the Nippers' skills and determination. However, the water safety crew, led by Andrew Atkinson, Jeff Feldman, Sebastian Hales and Maesson Harbour, ensured that the Nippers were always learning in a safe environment.

The 24-25 season's Nipper program had over 95 Nippers enrolled, with a mixture of local families and seasonal visitors (holiday makers). Each session was well attended with an average of 60-70 Nippers present. This season there was a focus on developing a sense of community and inclusion in the Sorrento SLSC as a whole. The continuation of Age Group Coaches strengthened the Nippers Program, with newly inducted SRC members taking on coaching and mentoring roles and leading activities for each of our Nippers Age Groups. This approach continues to provide a future pathway for our Nippers to transition out of the program and through to patrol. A huge thank-you to all of our coaches who volunteered their Sunday mornings to support the Nippers program and a big thank you to Sebastian Hales for continuing the initiative.

The Intra-Club Nipper carnival on January 26th was again a success, with a large attendance and excellent atmosphere. Most Nipper families stayed on to observe the club championships, which helped create the club unity we are all striving for. There was also the added bonus of medals being presented for each age group and each surf discipline.





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NIPPERS cont.

Special thanks to our senior water safety team again this year. Without your volunteering, our program would not exist. As always, the program was conducted in a safe learning environment. The feedback from families was again positive as we strive to strike the balance between fun and learning. A huge thank-you to Andrew Atkinson who also introduced his surf education lessons at the commencement of our Nippers sessions. This provided a great start to the lesson and was well received by Nippers and their parents.

Thanks to all of our volunteer Age Managers who also ensured that our Nippers were all present and accounted for, and more importantly provided much needed words of encouragement when required.

Thanks also to Liz and Andrew Atkinson as they continued to house and transport the Nipper trailer to all sessions, which is not an easy task but a much needed one. This work was done on top of their usual nipper subcommittee and water safety roles.

Thanks to the Kelly Sharples and Thanasinh Boupaha, we continued to develop the Sorrento Nipper Community with a number of social events including a well organised BBQ after every Nippers session at the back beach. The social calendar concluded with a Nippers end of season BBQ at the club. We plan to continue this into the next season, as social activities create the bonds we need as a community club

A big shout out to those that organised the weekly 'paddle out' event. These nights were well attended by our Nippers and were a great opportunity for our Nippers to practice their board skills with senior members. It also created a great sense of community and we look forward to more of these nights next season.





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NIPPERS cont.



For the upcoming season we expect to follow a similar program to the past season, with nine key sessions and the additional Intra-Club carnival day. Once again, we will combine the swim test with an action learning session, rather than making it a separate event. Next season we will also include the Sorrento SLSC Bay swim into the itinerary – where we will encourage the kids to enter the shorter swim and may include a ‘Nipper’ swim of around 300m to focus upon the kids’ swimming fitness.

Lastly, a special thank you to Sebastian, Andrew, Jeff and Maesson, who have been instrumental in running the water safety program again this year and a big thank-you to the Nippers Subcommittee for their ongoing support.

As always, a reminder that Nippers is entirely run by volunteers and each season we lose people as their time comes up. Please reach out to volunteer to be on the Nipper Subcommittee or provide other support, as without our volunteers we can’t run the program. You can contact us at nippers@sorrentoslsc.com.

We look forward to seeing you down the beach next season!!



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The annual Club Championships were held on January 26th, were again extremely competitive. Thanks to all competitors and to those who provided water safety. We congratulate the following winners:

- **Masters Champions: Jo Holland, Andrew Atkinson**
- **Open Champions: Chloe Holland, Gavan Sharples**
- **Junior Champions (U 18): Thea Harvey, Keenan Lord**

Sean Cummins
Club Captain



SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

This season our social media presence has continued to grow, strengthening community engagement and increasing awareness of our club's lifesaving mission and events. Our channels remain vital tools for volunteer recruitment, event promotion, and sharing the impact of our rebuild project.

Key Metrics are:

- Facebook – Nearly 1,000 followers
- Instagram – 850 followers

Both platforms have shown steady growth, with increased engagement from members, nipper parents, and the wider community.

Content highlights have included:

- Patrol and Event Updates – Scheduled posts for patrols and major events have consistently reached high engagement, keeping our community informed and involved.
- Nippers Content – Posts featuring Nippers have generated strong organic engagement, particularly with parents and new families.
- Volunteer Spotlights – Stories highlighting our volunteers and patrol teams have resonated well, reinforcing the club's community spirit and encouraging new sign-ups.
- Rebuild Project – Updates and behind-the-scenes content about our clubhouse rebuild have sparked positive feedback and donor interest.

We continue to analyse our most successful content. Instagram and Facebook remain our most effective platforms for reaching both younger and older demographics. Gavan Sharples and Erin Doupe have successfully managed patrol-related Instagram content, engaging younger members and volunteers. Email communications have supplemented social media, ensuring that important updates reach non-social media users.

Looking forward, it is planned to:

- Continue leveraging Nippers and volunteer stories to build community connection.
- Expand the use of video (reels, stories) to highlight the club rebuild, activities and milestones.
- Strengthen collaboration with event committees for real-time posting during major events.

Explore targeted campaigns to support fundraising and recruitment drives. Thank you to all members, volunteers, and our communications team for your contributions and creativity across our social channels. Your efforts are helping Sorrento SLSC stay connected, grow, and thrive.



Kelly Sharples
Committee Member

SOCIAL EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Beyond social gatherings, our club came together for several fundraising and awareness events. Volunteers—both young and seasoned—represented Sorrento SLSC at the Portsea Craft Market and the Easter Market at Point Nepean, helping to raise our profile and share news about the new clubhouse. One of the season’s biggest successes was our fundraising event at Hotel Sorrento, where we hosted a raffle and silent auction. It was a spectacular evening, and thanks to the generosity of our community and supporters, we raised over \$14,000 for the rebuild project.

This season, our regular community barbecue dinners after paddle outs really stood out. Members enjoyed Thursday evenings together and lent a hand to make each night a success, finishing with a barbecue. Andrew Atkinson introduced morning breakfasts, which he hosted for our water safety team and Nipper coaches— these moments of connection and gratitude truly strengthened our club spirit.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Kelly Sharples, Chloe Holland, Ro Moore.



BUSINESS PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No appointment was made to this position for the 24-25 season.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Abbey	Lawrence	Catalan	Aaron	Feldman	Lindel
Abbey	William	Catalan	Dante	Feldman	Scott
Allan	Andrew	Catalan	Meagan	Findlay	Huxley
Allan	Anita	Clavin	Alice	Fink	Airlie
Allan	Emily	Clavin	Angus	Fink	Alby
Allan	James	Clavin	Eleanor	Fink	Grady
Allen	Allie	Clavin	Marc	Fink	Kirra
Allen	Graham	Clavin	Susannah	Fink	River
Allen	Jacqueline	Clavin	William	Firth	Anna
Allen-Wallace	Macy	Crothers	Lee-Anne	Firth	Robin
Allen-Wallace	Rose	Cummins	Sean	Flinn	Ben
Atkinson	Andrew	Cunnington	Hannah	Follett	Emma
Atkinson	Harry	Curwood	Timothy	Follett	George
Atkinson	Liz	Dabbs	Rebecca	Follett	Martine
Atkinson	Oscar	Daniel	Luke	Follett	Matthew
Bagg	Stefan	Danielson	Arabelle	Fothergill	Gina
Baker	Annie	Danielson	Darren	Fothergill	Harrison
Baker	Chris	Danielson	Edward	Fothergill	John
Baker	Jeanette	Danielson	Mimi	Fothergill	Kayla
Baker	John	Danielson	Sidney	Fothergill	Matthew
Baldwin	Abbey	Davenport	Marcus	Geer	James
Baldwin	Sam	Davenport	Maree	Geer	Rebecca
Beck	Benjamin	Davenport	Tess	Geer	Roman
Biermann	Christian	De Nicolo	Kiara	Geer	Rose
Biermann	Gemma	Dickenson	Jane	Geilings	Alysha
Blyth	Emily	Donnellan	Bridget	Geilings	Inika
Boehm	Natascha	Donnellan	Indie	Geilings	Sam
Boehm Wilson	Anoushka	Donnellan	Tomas	Geilings	Saskia
Boehm Wilson	Oskar	Doupe	Erin	Glenn	Saddington
Bortolussi	Anne	Doupe	Jeremy	Graves	Amy
Boupha	Thanasinh	Doupe	Julia	Graves	Camilla
Bradshaw	Harry	Doupe	Paul	Graves	Jack
Bradshaw	Karen	Draper	Bridget	Graves	Joby
Bradshaw	Maja	Draper	Felicity	Grayling	Bruce
Bradshaw	Royston	Draper	Howard	Grayling	Jennifer
Bradshaw	Sebastian	Dusting	Hanne	Grayling	Samantha
Bristow	David	Dusting	Mark	Greaves	Darcie
Bristow	Denise	Dusting	William	Greaves	Javagar
Brunelli	Cristian	Egleston-Munro	Sage	Greaves	Renee
Brunelli	Holly	Evans	Ben	Gunning	Amy
Brunelli	Jennifer	Evans	Joshua	Hafey	Joanne
Buechler	Estelle	Evans	Ruby	Hafey-Bagg	Jamie
Buechler	Indi	Evans	Sheree	Hafey-Bagg	Samantha
Buechler	Tyson	Fahey	Charlie	Hagenmuller	Ross
Burgess	Frankie	Fahey	Stuart	Hagenmuller	Sam
Burgess	Natalie	Featherston	Zeke	Hales	Lachlan
Burgess	Nick	Feldman	Claire	Hales	Sebastian
Byrns	Amy	Feldman	Jeffrey	Hales	Susanne

Hallett	Ben	Kenny-Jones	Anthony	Merrylees	Jackson
Hallett	Brooke	Khan	Arlo	Merrylees	Sabella
Hallett	Charlie	Khan	David	Molent	Alexander
Hallett	Daphne	Killey	Max	Molent	Loris
Hallett	Felix	Kloszynski	Sonny	Molent	Natasha
Hallett	Jeremy	Kloszynski	Tanya	Moller	Maaike
Harbour	Maesson	Kloszynski	Troy	Monaghan	Michelle
Harrison	Craig	Lachal	Leon	Monaghan-Tosch	Clarke
Harrison	Van	Laios	Lia	Moore	Rosemary
Harvey	Aaron	Lamont	Madison	Morris	Anna
Harvey	Bridget	Lamont	Max	Morris	Cam
Harvey	Bryn	Lamont	Olivia	Morris	Clover
Harvey	Melissa	Lamont	Robert	Morris	Raff
Harvey	Natalie	Lamont	Stephanie	Morris-Gibbs	Joanne
Harvey	Thea	Laws	Thomas	Mudge	Banjo
Hayes	Rebecca	Lazzaro	Christian	Mudge	Cleo
Hillier	Archer	Lazzaro	Freddie	Mulvany	Oscar
Hillier	Ben	Lazzaro	Peter	Munro	Alexandra
Hillier	Shani	Leonard	Georgia	Myerson	Alan
Hillier	Tess	Lever	Lachlan	Myerson	Flyn Ivy Rose
Holland	Chloe	Lever	Leon	Myerson	Prue
Holland	Joanna	Lever	Michelle	Nettlefold	Andrew
Holland	Peter	Lewis	William	Nettlefold	Clay
Horne	Jason	Lord	Keenan	Nettlefold	Donna
Horne	Jessie	Lute	Gerard	Nettlefold	Jasper
Horne	Kai	Luttick	Kathryn	Nettlefold	Kesha
Horne	Layla	Marie	Jeanne	Nettlefold	Peppa-Rose
Horne	Oliver	Masci	Olive	Nickson	Annabel
Hutchins	Elizabeth	McCann	Melanie	Nickson	Chris
Hutchins	Olivia	McCarthy	Annika	Nickson	Oscar
Hutchins	Oscar	McCarthy	Joanna	Noble	Harrison
Ingham	Aimee	McCarthy	Matthew	Noble	Jack
Ingham	Jodi	McColl	Archie	Noble	Jane
Ingham	Sam	McColl	Josh	Noble	Murray
Ingham	Thomas	Mckay	Alistair	O'Connor	Michael
Irvine	Brett	Mckay	Teddy	Orme	Bethany
Irvine	Catherine	Mckay	Winter	Orme	Elise
Irvine	Madeline	Mckenzie	Hudson	Orme	Ruari
Irvine	Zoe	Mckenzie	Janelle	Owens	Hayden
Ivey	Parker	Mckenzie	Madison	Owens	Lachlan
Johnston	James	McKenzie	Ryan	Owens	Meredith
Johnston	Jemimah	McKeown	Alastair	Owens	Raymond
Johnston	Tim	McKeown	Ryan	Pawlus	Brianna
Johnston	William	McKeown	Sophia	Phillips	Dion
Jones	Suzanne	Mcnicol	Graham	Phillips	Hunter
Karasavidis	Simela	Mcnicol	Lara	Phillips	Poppy
Keizer	Karen	Mcnicol	Lauren	Pinkerton	Kristy
Keizer	Robert	McSwiney	John	Pizzini	Marisa

Polland	Lynn	Switkowski	Elizabeth
Rawiller	Essie	Switkowski	Georgina
Redman	Ed	Switkowski	Henrietta
Redman	Henry	Switkowski	Mark
Redman	Matilda	Sykes	Logan
Richardson	Ace	Sykes	Rowena
Richardson	Dash	Sykes	Sherlock
Richardson	Nikki	Sykes	Timothy
Richardson	Reef	Tarquino	Lino
Richardson	Tim	Terry	Charlie
Riddiford	Cooper	Terry	Scott
Riddiford	Niki	Terry	Sunny
Rodway	Meghan	Thompson	Bonneville
Roumeliotis	Aston	Van Camp	Isadora
Russell-Mudge	Jamie	Van Camp-Smith	Leilani
Saddington	Billie	Vasta	Ben
Saddington	Steele	Vasta	Kylie
Sahely	Kael	Vasta	Peter
Sahely	Oliver	Walec	Madeleine
Sahely	Rebecca	Wallace	Craig
Sahely	Roy	Wallace	Erynne
Sharples	Ashley	Wallace	Leah
Sharples	Gavan	Wallace	Shae
Sharples	Kelly	Watt	Andrew
Sharples	Rowan	Watt	Max
Smith	Charlotte	Watt	Phoebe
Smith	Cohen	West	Luke
Smith	Emily	White	Cameron
Smith	Natalie	White	Charlotte
Smith	Nigel	White	Charlotte
Smith	Sally	White	Jacqui
Smith	Stewart	Willis	Lucy
Smith	Zoe	Wilson	Harriet
Stephen	Alana	Wilson	Nicolas
Stephen	Andrew	Wilson	Paul
Stephen	Callum	Wouters	Bowie
Stephen	Nicole	Wouters	Christine
Stephens	Felix	Wouters	Edie
Stephens	Geordie	Wouters	Jarrold
Stephens	Grace	Wouters	Sunny
Stephens	Heidi	Wright	Elissa
Stirling	Abby	Wright	Jane
Stirling	Catherine	Yong	Laura
Stirling	Duncan		
Stirling	Sam		
Stirling	Vicki		
Stumer	Indi		
Stumer	Zach		



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