

Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club



Founded in 1998

2001-2002 Annual Report

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Secretary: Alan Bolton
Captain: Jarrod Reynolds / Lauren Kerr
Treasurer: John Ryan

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1. 2001-2002 COMMITTEE

President

David Schultz

Vice President Administration (Secretary)

Alan Bolton

Vice President Finance (Treasurer)

John Ryan

Vice President Operations (Captain)

Jarrold Reynolds / Lauren Kerr

Vice President Junior Co Ordination

Linda Bainbridge

Vice President Training

Erin Kerr

Vice President Competition

Lauren Kerr

General Committee

Maureen Ansell

Viv French

Leon Malzinskas

Tim Ryan

Renee Schultz

Brett Lamb

Andy Schrape

George Misson

George Warren

Terry Hall



2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2.1 THE CLUB TAKES SECOND PLACE IN THE STATE PATROL COMPETITION

During the season the patrolling members have completed a great season coming second in the state during the regular inspection for competence while on patrol. This is an outstanding result and it was achieved over our very short history and the basic conditions under which we operate. Well done to all the patrolling members.

2.2 THE CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW

At the end of the 2001-2002 season our patrolling membership had risen from 38 to 42 with 15 of those members from the local area. During the season many members added additional skills and qualifications to their life saving awards.

The club ran its first independent bronze medallion camp and along with the additional training throughout the season we gave 22 of our members the opportunity to learn life saving skills and gain new friends in the process. Thanks to Erin Kerr and her team of helpers.

2.3 MEMBERSHIP

It has been very pleasing to see our membership grow during the season with the club currently enjoying a total of 285 members up on last years total of 192. Our patrolling members are fairly evenly spilt between and male and female with 19 females and 23 males. In addition 16 of those were under 18 years old. This provides a great foundation for the club's future.

2.4 FINANCE

The club continues to have a good financial position with our cash balance well up on this time last season. It currently stands at \$16,500 and our balance sheet is sitting at \$79,000. During the season the club spent over \$27,200 and had an income of over \$39,000. Our major fund raising event the raffle raised over \$10,000 thanks to our major sponsors Great Southern Railways, RACV and Ibis Inn, Wonthaggi. Of concern is the possible significant increase expected in public liability insurance premiums this coming year. A national approach has been instigated by Life Saving Australia, which may help but we expect this item of expenditure to be a major issue during the coming season. The club will continue to need to find major sponsorship income into the future.

2.5 EQUIPMENT

The club's four-wheel drive has again made the task of setting up the beach and packing up after patrol much easier and safer for the members and Inverloch Rotary Club have donated \$3,000 towards keeping the vehicle operational and safe for the next season. We were able to get through the season with our aging Inflatable Rubber rescue Boat (IRB) motors but will need to start the season with new motors to ensure adequate reliability for patrol and training. Thanks go to our gear steward, David Sutherland for nursing the equipment through another season.



2.6 COMPETITION

While we did not compete at senior level this year our juniors, the nippers, had a great time competing at two local carnivals. This has given them the opportunity to learn new skills and meet fellow juniors from other clubs. To help with the next step in the club's evolution we have acquired two new competition boards and two surf skis thanks to Bass Coast Shire. This will give our members the opportunity to train and compete during the coming season.

2.7 CLUB FACILITIES

As we continue to operate out of our three shipping containers work is advancing slowly on gaining the necessary planning approvals for a permanent operating center for the club. While the going is slow we hope over the coming months to make significant progress with the applications and funding submissions for this important part of the clubs evolution.

2.8 THANK YOU

Again I would like to thank the committee who has worked very hard behind the scenes to ensure that the club has the equipment and facilities to operate.

Our sponsors for their continued support with money, materials and equipment throughout the season, without their generous help the club would not have been able to provide the services to the community. A complete listing on our sponsors is included latter in this report.

The patrolling members of the club have again delivered an extremely valuable service during the season and all have patrolled beyond the usual hours expected of patrolling members to ensure that club completed all patrol sessions through out the season.

The continued support from the staff of Surf Life Saving Victoria (State Centre) has again been appreciated by the club as we continue to grow.

2.9 THE FUTURE

As we have been able to continue to grow the number of patrolling members and have a strong junior development program under way we look forward to the future with confidence.

To ensure that we retain the current members and attract new members, the club must continue to push and plan the building of a permanent club house to ensure that all members have a suitable facility for operational needs, meeting and training and a location for the local community to use when the life saving club is not of patrol.

David Schultz
President



3. CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 2001-2002 patrolling season has proven to be one of the most rewarding and successful seasons in the clubs short but admirable history.

In order to promote beach awareness, we established an affiliation with a Melbourne based swimming club and consequently held a weekend water awareness camp at the Uniting Church of Inverloch. We hope to continue this program on a yearly basis and aim to expand its attendance once our clubhouse is up in action.

Under the guidance and enthusiasm of our Training Officer and with the support and dedication of our club members we qualified 5 new Bronze medallions at our first inaugural bronze camp, held in December. This included our international student Yukimasa Atsumi whose inspirational words 'You can do it' have become customary on our patrols.

Following on from the bronze camp we qualified an additional 9 bronze medallion holders and 8 SLSC's to finish with a total of 22 at the end of the season. A remarkable 14 higher qualifications were gained during the season, including 2 IRB drivers, 3 Patrol Captains, 3 Life Support, 3 Senior First Aid, 4 Training officer, 1 Radio officer and 3 Probationary Examiners.

Each year three Patrol Inspections are carried out at each patrolling location around Victoria. The Patrol Inspection competition sponsored by Tabcorp and the Anti Cancer Council judges the patrolling members on their skill and knowledge levels to ensure all patrols are performing to a high standard. This season, our patrols did an amazing job, winning a new Mercury motor for finishing in second place, a fantastic feat in just our second year of full affiliation with Surf Life Saving Victoria.

Our patrolling members have proven their competencies through out the season, with patrols responding quickly and efficiently to all emergency situations, including assisting Ambulances officers in two spinal incidences.

In closing, it was a fantastic season which would not have been possible without the support of all affiliated members, the general committee, and State Center. Everyone has contributed and dedicated many hours to make sure our equipment and facilities are at high functioning capacity. We look forward to rewarding our members with a clubhouse to be erected in the near future.

Congratulations everyone.

Jarrold Reynolds and Lauren Kerr



4. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT

The 2001-2002 season was our coolest summer since the formation of our club.

Nippers members were down on the previous season right around the coast, so while not alone in this aspect of our program, nippers certainly showed no less enthusiasm for water and beach activities.

Age group leasers showed great resourcefulness and flexibility in running programs this season against a background of inclement weather and work commitments

Beach competition was enjoyed at our beach with neighboring Venus Bay juniors, with lots of great swim and beach event efforts for all, making an enjoyable day.

Our tri-club shield competitions, with Venus Bay and Cape Patterson at Cape Patterson beach, was contested strongly in challenging surf conditions for our younger nippers, who showed super skills and determination, particularly in board and swim events, and even though we didn't bring back the shield, it was a great competition.

Over the season several of our older juniors achieved their Surf Rescue Certificates, and will go on to contribute to beach patrols and junior program water safety next season.

Linda Bainbridge
Junior Activities Coordinator



5. FIRST AID REPORT

During the last season we were very well catered for on the beach with well-trained patrolling members. As well as our basic qualifications we had 11 members with Advanced Resuscitation Certificates, and 4 with Senior First Aid qualifications. Spread over 4 patrols this gives us good first aid expertise on the beach.

As previously reported we had a quieter season with beach visitations and subsequently first aid cases this season. This was due to poor beach weather conditions and fewer attending the beach. We are also very vigilant in preventing any incidents on the beach and in the water and this also leads to fewer casualties or injuries. We are keen to move board riders out of the flags as well as any drifting boogie boarders who are brought back to our surveillance. Most injuries seen were due to injuries from boogie boards, as well as cuts and stings.

Our stocks of First Aid equipment are stocked up at the beginning of the season and we now have an inventory of equipment upon which to assess the usage of these. Our most used items are band-aids, triangular bandages. Dressing packs, crepe bandages and antiseptic. We need to be careful that this equipment is used for patrols only rather than for private use of patrolling members or lifesavers.

This year we are keen to have each patrolling member with his or her own Bum Bag. This will contain gloves, bandages, notebooks and resuscitation masks. This should help on prompt attendances at incidents and supply of needed dressings on site. We also have fully stocked first aid bags in the shelter and in the vehicle. These are supplemented by further items that are kept in the container. This is a specific first aid area with a bed especially to treat first aid cases.

We have acquired 2 more manikins this year as well as another oxygen unit. This helps greatly with training and CPR practice.

We have also made sure each patrolling member has been vaccinated against Hepatitis B, and will be keen at the end of this season that most patrolling members have had vaccination against Hepatitis A.

There will be more first aid training in winter this year, prior to the next season. We are keen to train a new group of ARC and Senior First Aid patrollers.

Our beach is a very safe place to be thanks to the vigilance and skills of our patrolling members. We also need to keep educating the public about safe swimming and use of boogie boards. . Keep up the good work and we look forward to a great season in 2003.

Viv French
First Aid Officer



6. AWARDS

Bronze Medallion

Andrew Lee
Sandra Coull
Josh Fotopoluos
Simone Turner
Nick Leeman
Andrew Schultz
Asumi Yukimasa

Sue Ryan
Tristan Jessup
Keith Jephcott
Bret Franklin
Tara Schrape
Carla Sheridan

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)

Daisy Fotopoulos
Steven Crowley
Jed Hughes

Anastasia Driver
Tom Ziebell

Bronze Medallion Silver Award (IRB)

Tim Ryan

Brad Schultz

Radio Operator Certificate

Tim Ryan

Training Office Certificate

Lauren Kerr
Jarrod Reynolds

Erin Kerr
Renee Schultz

Senior First Aid

Lauren Kerr

Renee Schultz

Silver Medallion (Patrol Captain)

Lauren Kerr
Jarrod Reynolds

Renee Schultz

Probationary Examiner

Renee Schultz
Jarrod Reynolds

Lauren Kerr



7. SPONSORS

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support. Particularly South Coast Real Estate, A E Copley Enterprises, Western Beach Caravan Park, Great Southern Railways, Ansett Australia and RACV our major sponsors.

Our sponsors in alphabetical order include

- Bass Coast Shire
- Chemmart Chemist Inverloch
- L & I Cutriss
- A E Copley Enterprises
- Edison Mission Energy
- Lorna French
- Great Southern Railways
- Inlet Hotel Inverloch
- Inverloch Bowling Club
- Inverloch Food way
- Inverloch Marine
- Inverloch Rotary Club
- Korumburra Volley Ball Inc
- GF & CA Lamb
- RACV
- RSL Inverloch
- Sinclair Knight Merz
- South Coast Real Estate
- Surf Life Saving Victoria
- Tabcorp
- The Thistle Club
- Western Beach Caravan Park
- Wonthaggi Police and Citizens Club
- The Wonthaggi Club
- Woorayl Region Guides



8. FINANCE REPORT

Refer to the attached Financial Report from:

Forster and Co [Accountants]
10 Williams Street Inverloch

Vice President – Finance
John Ryan

