

Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club

Founded in 1998



5th Annual Report
2002-2003

Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club

Established 1998

President: David Schultz
Secretary: Alan Bolton
Captain: Lauren Kerr
Treasurer: George Warren

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ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 5th Annual Meeting of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club will be held at the Inverloch Bowling Club on Saturday 26th July 2003 at 10am.

BUSINESS

- i. Welcome
- ii. Apologies
- iii. Reading and confirming of minute of the 4th Annual Meeting
- iv. Acceptance of all Reports
- v. Election of Office Bearers
- vi. Acknowledgment of Sponsors
- vii. Other Business
- viii. Closure of Business



2002-2003 COMMITTEE

President

David Schultz

Vice President Administration (Secretary)

Alan Bolton

Vice President Finance (Treasurer)

George Warren

Vice President Operations (Captain)

Lauren Kerr/Jarrold Reynolds

Vice President Junior Co Ordination

Renee Schultz

Vice President Training

Erin Kerr

Vice President Competition

George Misson

General Committee

Maureen Ansell

Terry Hall

Tim Ryan

David Sutherland

Viv French

Brett Lamb

Andy Schrape



1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1.1 The club hosted our first official state life saving carnival

During the Australia Day weekend the club hosted our first full carnival on the beach. It was the regional nipper carnival attended by 7 clubs with over 300 competitors enduring very hot and windy conditions. A great event in the club history and an exciting addition to the action in Inverloch.

1.2 Beach and Patrol Management

The patrolling members have completed a great season, completing all three random regular inspections for competence while on patrol with flying colours. This demonstrates to the community and us our high level of competence in the management of the beach. During the season the club rescued 23 swimmers, all outside the flags. Well done to all the patrolling members.

1.3 The club continues to grow

At the end of the 2002-2003 season our patrolling membership remained stable at 42 with 12 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 annual bronze medallion camp and along with the additional training throughout the season we gave 11 new members the opportunity to learn and develop new skills as well as gaining new friends. In addition a further 29 of our members gained additional skills and qualifications during the season. Thanks to Erin Kerr and her team of helpers.

1.4 Membership

It has been very pleasing to see our membership continue to grow during the season with the club currently enjoying a total of 295 members, up on last years total of 285. Our patrolling members are fairly evenly split between and male and female with 18 females and 24 males. In addition 16 of those were under 18 years old. This provides a great foundation for the club's future.

1.5 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 \$32,379 and our balance sheet is sitting at \$59,926. During the season the club spent over \$38,000 and had an income of over \$42,000. As expected there was a significant increase in public liability insurance premiums for the season and this just adds additional pressure on the club's funding needs. The club will continue to need to find major sponsorship income into the future as costs continue to increase and access to grants and other funding sources reduces.

1.6 Equipment

The club's four-wheel drive had to be replaced before the season with a second hand vehicle. Due to mechanical problems the first few patrols were very difficult with members having to manually move equipment on and off the beach. Some relief was gained when Andy Schrape and Isabel McLean loaned the club their 4WDs.



When the current vehicle hit the sand with its Inverloch Rotary Club carry tray on the back life become easier and safer for the patrolling members. Thanks again to our gear steward, David Sutherland for nursing the equipment through another season, our equipment condition and management is the envy of many other clubs.

1.7 Competition

This season about 8 of members competed at senior level for the club. They all did really well and met new life saving friends along the way. Our juniors, the nippers, had a great time competing at local carnivals as well as the major Australia Day state carnival on our beach. This has given them the opportunity to learn new skills and meet fellow juniors from other clubs. This competition is an import part of the culture of life saving as it gives our members additional incentive to remain fit and active members of the club.

1.8 Club Facilities

We continue to operate out of our three shipping containers with activities behind the scenes advancing slowly on gaining the necessary planning approvals for a permanent operating centre for the club. While the going is slow, we hope to have a permanent patrol control room in place on the beach by early next season. Planning continues on the development of the clubhouse with an independent business plan for the club being funded by Bass Coast Shire.

1.9 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.

1.10 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



2. SECRETARYS REPORT

The club continues to grow as quickly as the township and surrounds. Since 1998 when the club was established, the community have become more conscious of the Life Saving Club. This year, the patrolling members have performed admirably and ably supported by David Sutherland (Gear Steward) who has maintained all equipment in very good condition.

The club replaced the four-wheel drive through the help of Jarrod Reynolds. The vehicle finally got on the beach late December, in the interim members were forced to manually carry equipment etc to the beach. Other vehicles were loaned to the club while the four-wheel drive was being fixed and I personally would like to thank Andy Schrape and Isabel McLean for the use of their vehicles.

Towards the end of the season the club were disadvantaged when Telstra contractors commenced works for the instillation of optic fibre cabling to Tasmania. This project reduced the size of the car park and caused inconvenience to the club and the community.

In my position as Secretary, I would like to thank a number of people for their assistance this season;

- David Sutherland, Gear Steward, for maintaining all equipment etc.
- Isabelle & Ken McLean, Western Beach Caravan Park, for their work behind the scenes assisting the club financially and providing resources.
- Maureen Ansell for the support to the club in providing all clothing and equipment to patrolling and social members.
- Members of the committee for their dedication to the club.

This dedication will be rewarded when the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club has established a clubhouse.

Alan Bolton
Secretary



3. CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club continued to grow in 2002-2003, with another successful season both on and off the beach.

The dedication of our patrolling members is fundamental in the successful operation of our beach patrols. Unfortunately the long patrolling season saw us default a couple of patrols this season. However we have reason to remain proud of our patrolling efforts. Inverloch patrolling members performed 23 rescues during the season – all occurring outside the flags. This included the rescue of 2 swimmers who had drifted almost 1500m from shore. This compared with 5 last year. In addition to these statistics, our patrols also performed 13 first aid cases and 1470 preventative actions. It is worth noting that over 31780 people visited the beach during patrol periods compared with 24600 last year.

Our established affiliation with Eltham swimming school continued, with the second annual water awareness camp being held at West Beach Caravan Park. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Isabel for also providing accommodation for our second bronze medallion camp, which was held at both the caravan park and at Cape Patterson Surf Life Saving Club.

This years bronze camp saw many of last years bronze candidates assist the training officer in what proved to be an extremely rewarding but entertaining week of instruction. Throughout the season, we welcomed an additional ten new bronzie's and two surf rescue candidates, taking our total patrolling team to 38.

Once again state centre and our devoted committee members have provided invaluable support throughout the season and we would like to thank them for their ongoing commitment. By the commencement of the 2003-2004 season we hope to have our patrol tower up and running. With the new clubhouse definitely within sight, we all look forward to a very bright and rewarding future.

Lauren Kerr/Jarrold Reynolds
Club Captain



4. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Surf Life Saving Season proved to be a good year for our Nippers, with our biggest season, and biggest day having 73 nippers on the beach.

We gained a grant for new Nipper surfboards and thanks to George Warren a great big tent for our Nipper carnivals.

At one carnival at Cape Patterson, Inverloch made a great show of numbers who all showed enthusiasm and all did their best in each event. Inverloch Nippers won the day and came first in the state for that round.
WELL DONE NIPPERS!

On a 42° C Australia Day weekend, our club held our first official Surf Life Saving Carnival. We had over 300 nippers from 7 different clubs on the beach. George and Cecilia Warren did a fantastic job comparing and organising the whole day in the scorching heat and very strong wind.

Over the labour day weekend Inverloch held the annual Jazz Festival with the parade having the theme 'Under the sea' and our Nippers did a great job and all looked the part thanks to Heather and Lauren Kerr for making a great banner.

Our age group leaders did a wonderful job as always this season. Each and every one of them, showing dedication and the nippers all enjoying their activities and company. Thank you for the great help.

Thank you to the many Nipper parents who helped out during the season. And well done to those Nipper parents who received their Bronze Medallions and Surf Rescue Certificates.

We look forward to another great season in 2004.

Renee Schultz
Junior Activities Coordinator



5. CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT.

One highlight of this season would have to be our 2nd ever Bronze Medallion Camp. With almost a 2:1 ratio (12 instructors and 7 bronxies) participants soon realized Inverloch had to best camp on offer.

Due to the success of last year's Japanese rotary exchange student Yuki, excitement spread with rumours that another Rotary student would join this year's bronze camp, although this time it was a "very attractive" (quote from the President!) Swedish Girl. Much to the disappointment of everyone, there was a no show and the guys were left dreaming....

Accommodation for this year's bronze camp was a combination of camping on the oval at West Beach Caravan Park and staying at the Cape Patterson club house with daily road trips back to the Inverloch beach for the water work. (Thanks to Sandra, Heather, Ashley, Andy and Jan for helping out with the driving)

These trips were always fun, but I don't think poor Sean realised the travel arrangements as he (along with a few others) rushed to get into any car other than mine and when he was stuck with me, had a very firm grip on the car door. (I'm not that much of a scary driver am I!!!)

One of the best parts of bronze camp the food. There was always plenty and after a morning at the beach practicing rescues and doing run/swim/runs it was so good to get back to the cape club house and have a hot meal waiting. Thanks again to the chefs, Jan and Heather.

I think the worst part of bronze camp was the early morning wake up calls (although I enjoyed it!!). At 7:00-7:30am Aqua's, "Happy Boys and Happy Girls" could be heard blarring from my car which I conveniently parked in front of both the girls and guys room. Then everyone had 5 minutes to get dressed and out the door ready for a morning run along the beach.

Each day ran basically the same with the morning run and breakfast followed by the trip to Inverloch for more exercise and the water training then back to Cape for lunch. After lunch there was free time and theory then dinner and more theory and practice or a guest speaker. Although it sounds like hard work, there was always time for fun and time for the bronxies to put their new skills to use. For example, one afternoon everyone decided they would use their radio skills and have a good perve at the local beach goers. With the majority of us 'sunbaking' out the front of the club house conveniently next to the walking path, the few up on the club's balcony would radio down when they spotted people coming towards them. After the message was relayed, the posing started and the arguing over who would be the one to strike up conversation would start. With everyone so relaxed, by the end of the week I was stressing about them passing the exam!

On exam day, we were unfortunate to have a freezing day, big waves and rough water after a week of sun, flat water and no strong currents. This made the water component a lot harder than in training, especially with the boards. Never the less everyone did so well and passed with flying colours. The unexpected, challenging conditions just proved how much they really did deserve their award.

Overall, Bronze camp was a big success, friendships were formed, we all became fitter and it made a good start to a summer of fun and patrolling.



As well as bronze camp, we also ran training every Sunday over a couple of months. The group mainly consisted of nipper parents wanting to be able to help with water safety, as well as 2 very friendly girls doing their Surf Rescue Certificate. This group was very dedicated and just what the club needs.

With the 2 hour training sessions starting with a run/swim/run and rest of the time spent doing a theory component, training always varied.

Although we had a bit of a mix up with paperwork, the exam day went well, with everyone passing and a lot of hard work paying off.

With the enthusiasm running high for all new bronze/ SRC holders, there was a summer of patrolling and fun still ahead.

These guys are all dedicated and our club is now lucky enough to welcome 12 fantastic new patrolling members.

Well done everyone!!!!

Erin Kerr.

Chief Instructor



6 COMPETITION REPORT

During the year the following members represented the club at competition level for the first time since Inverloch was established.

Nick Lemon, Andrew Lee, Andrew Schultz, Chris Head, Erin Kerr, Josh Fotopoulos and Sandra Coul.

All members competing during the year gave the club a great reputation with their enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

Some notable history for the club this year was our first competition in the Royal Carnival and Sandra Coul was our first member to win or take a place at a state carnival.

Overall a great year with our new competition gear including skis and boards getting plenty of use both in competition and training.

George Misson

Competition Manager and Head Coach



7. FIRST AID REPORT

This season was a quieter one on the beach from a first aid point of view. The patrolling members were busy keeping the beach patrolled and due to the smaller numbers of patrolling members this gave us less training time for more awards.

We have a group who have started some ARC training and hope to complete this ready for next season. Our patrols are still a welcome site on the beaches and are well utilised by the public for many minor injuries and conditions. The official reported events were – Marine Stings 4, Minor First Aid cases 5, Major First aid cases 4.

This does not include events that were not recorded and we are all aware of the many bandaids that were dispensed and the many cuts and grazes attended to. We also give advice regarding surf conditions as well as dispensing sunscreen to the public. Our patrolling members show a good knowledge of first aid principles and can be confidently relied on in any situation.

We were lucky enough to have another oxygen unit donated to us during the year. This makes three unit's altogether, allowing us to have one on the beach for patrol, one in the car and a spare for training. Our manikins are also well used during camps and training on patrol weekends.

Thanks to all the members for caring for our first aid equipment. Our audit this year showed less articles disappearing than last year, and the amount used is in keeping with general usage during patrols. Thanks to everyone as this is costly to provide and replace. This was a good season thanks to a dedicated group of patrolling members, particularly those people who act as ARC on patrols and show good leadership skills and common sense in any situation. Looking forward to more training and skills on the beach next season.

Viviane French
First Aid Officer



8. AWARDS

Bronze Medallion

Geoffrey Allum
Kristen Evans
Hilary Hughes
Tara Kenny
Sean Melican

Sean Campbell
Christopher Head
Thomas Jungworth
Bryden McGregor

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)

Eve Campbell

Zelda Plozza

IRB Crew Certificate

Sandra Coull
Tristan Jessup
Lauren Kerr
Andrew Lee
Cara Malzinskas
Ross Poulton
Timothy Ryan
David Schultz
Carla Sheridan

Joshua Fotopoulos
Erin Kerr
Brett Lamb
Nicholas Leman
Leon Malzinskas
Jarrod Reynolds
Andrew Schultz
Renee Schultz

Skills Upgrade for Powerboat Operation

Tara Kenny
Trevor Key
Andrew Lee
Jarrod Reynolds
Andrew Schultz
David Schultz

Lauren Kerr
Brett Lamb
Ross Poulton
Tim Ryan
Brad Schultz



9. SPONSORS

Inverloch Life Saving Club would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued and much appreciated support.

In alphabetical order -

A E Copley Enterprises
Bass Coast Shire
Edison Mission Energy
Lamont House
Inverloch Basketball Club
Inverloch Bowling Club
Inverloch Food way
Inverloch Lions Club
Inverloch Marine
Inverloch Quality Meats
Inverloch Rotary Club
National Australia Bank
Paul the Pieman
Peter Jackson Building Design
South Coast Real Estate
The Wonthaggi Club
Western Beach Caravan Park



10. TREASURER'S REPORT

The attached audited report completes the financial statement of the club for the season 2002-2003.

George Warren
Treasurer



INVERLOCH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

**Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June, 2003**

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INVERLOCH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

Compilation Report to INVERLOCH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

On the basis of the information provided by the Committee of Management of INVERLOCH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB, we have compiled, in accordance with APS 9 'Statement of Compilation of Financial Reports', the special purpose financial report of INVERLOCH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB for the period ended 30 June, 2003, comprising the attached Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is to provide financial information to the trustees. Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements have not been adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial report.

The Committee of Management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Association's Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee of Management for the purposes of complying with the Association's Constitution.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information which the Committee of Management provided into a financial report. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the Association, may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the special purpose financial report without having an audit or review conducted.

The special purpose financial report was prepared for the benefit of the Association and the purpose identified above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report.

Inverloch,
Victoria,

Forster & Co.

24 July, 2003