

NEWSLETTER

August—September 2023



From the President - Laura Dixon



I have been a member of Port Sorell SLSC for three years. We moved to the area during Covid and Surf Club was the first place we made connections with our new community and we haven't looked back.

My two kids joined Nippers and I became Club Secretary the following year, knowing very little about surf lifesaving and the complexities of the organisation. I have learnt so much and continue to learn thanks to the invaluable experience of other Club members.

I feel very privileged to be President this year and I'm excited to take the Club forward with an absolutely fantastic group of volunteers to work alongside.

I'd like to acknowledge the valuable contribution the outgoing Committee made for last season 2022/23 and particularly to our outgoing President Ben Burbury and Neil Hargreaves and Hayden Coates who capably fulfilled many roles over the years.

We are already planning for the coming season and are on the look out for the following:

- Increasing our water safety personnel for Nipper training sessions and Surf Lifesaver's patrolling our beaches. If you are interested in qualifying please email our Training & Education Coordinator Deb Hicks at portsorellslc@gmail.com
- Helpers for canteen duties including the BBQ.
- Anyone with Responsible Service of Alcohol certification or willingness to obtain it so they can help behind the bar at functions (the Club will assist with fees for anyone willing to do a RSA in return for a minimum number of shifts).
- A subcommittee to lead the organisation of our summer markets.

All volunteers are required to carry out a minimum child safe awareness training and hold a current Working With Vulnerable People card.

For more information on training and support please contact our Training and Education Coordinator, Deb Hicks on 0408 598 667 or email portsorellslc@gmail.com

I am excited about the season ahead and hope to see you all at the beach soon.

Key dates

Sat 5 August @ 9.30 am
Seniors training commences.

Sat 19 August @ 6.30 pm
SLST Awards for Excellence Dinner (Paranaple Centre, Devonport).

Sat 19 & Sun 20 August
SLST State Conference (Paranaple Centre, Devonport).

Sat 27 August 10.00 am - 2 pm
Club working bee, BBQ lunch provided.

Sun 3 September
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (details tbc)

Sat 28 October 10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Season 2023/24 Club Registration Day.

Thu 16 November 5.00 pm - 7.00pm
Nippers Welcome Day Celebration.

Sat 18 November 10.00 am - 12 noon.
First Nippers Day on the beach.

Swimming proficiency practice

Nippers are required to complete swim proficiencies in a pool (under 6 and up) and in the open water (under 9 and up) in order to participate in water activities during training on the beach.

We have hired a lane at Splash in Devonport for any Nipper that wants to practice their proficiency on:

Sun 3, 10, 17, & 24 of September and 1 October from 10.00 am - 11.00 am.

Swimming proficiency assessment

Swimming Proficiency Assessments will be held at Devonport Splash on:

Mon 6 and Thu 9 November, 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm.

Further information about training and education will be provided in the next edition of our newsletter due out in late September.

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Committee 2023 - 2024

A very warm welcome to our new Board and Committee members for this coming season.

Board:

Vice President:	Dane Hardy
Secretary:	Claudia Baldock
Treasurer :	Colin Bruhn
Director of Facilities:	Greg Preece
Director of Lifesaving:	Jesse Beveridge
Director of Surf Sports:	Brent Armitstead
Director of Youth Development :	Lachie Frame

General Committee

Junior Activities Manager:	Courtney Hardy
Junior Activities Assistant Manager:	Amber Rabbetts
Training & Education Coordinator:	Deb Hicks
Registrar:	Deb Hicks
Public Relations Officer:	Gina Harvey
Member Protection Information Officer:	Gina Harvey
First Aid Officers:	Cheree & Jack Waddle
IRB Officer:	Ross Beveridge
Senior Development Coordinator:	Tash Armitstead
Surf Sports Gear Officer:	Ben Hart
Bar Manager:	Penny Burbury
Canteen Manager:	Bev Sullivan
Function and Events Coordinator:	Jo Coates
Building Maintenance Manager:	Jacek Pieniak
Fundraising Officer:	Kayla Christie
Sponsorship Officer:	Amelia Willis
Uniform Officer:	Liz Hart

Stay in touch

Our Club uses several communication methods to keep our members informed. They are:

Website: www.portsorellslsc.org.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/portsorellslsc>

Email: portsorellslsc@gmail.com

Members will also receive news through our newsletter, emailed directly to you. Please note that during training, coaches may choose to use Messenger to communicate directly with parents or cadets. Keep an eye on our Noticeboards located outside of the Club Rooms.

We are always happy to receive questions or provide information.

Club motto

Bringing the
community
to the beach.

CLUB VALUES

Be respectful and responsible

Embrace opportunities

Give your best effort