

# NEWSLETTER

October - November 2023



## From the President - Laura Dixon



We refer to this time of year as the 'off season' and I have come to realise there is no off season at surf club. While beach activities might be reserved for the bravest of our seniors and coaches at training, there are plenty of other jobs to keep us ticking over. From a new and improved website (to be

launched very soon), expansion to our Spring bar opening season and increased food truck offerings, a steady ticking over of various styles of functions from weddings to wakes, art exhibitions and training courses, an overhaul of sponsorship deals, a hugely successful working bee, lifesaving agreement planning, nipper season preparations and fundraising plans. This committee is a force to be reckoned with and I thank you all for your help and continued dedication. Can't wait to see everyone at our registration day and of course, at the beach!

## Junior Activities Committee 23/24



Amber and Courtney (pictured left) are the smiling faces heading up our Junior Activities Committee (JAC) for the coming season. This dynamic duo have been busy preparing a stellar line up of coaches and ensuring we have all the equipment in order ahead of nipper season. They are super excited to welcome many old faces and plenty of new ones to our club.

We are very grateful for our successful grant application through the TasPorts Community Fund. The funding will enable the improved radio and safety equipment for more efficient and effective communications during patrols and emergency rescue call outs.



## Key dates

**Sun 1 October 10.00 - 11.00 am**

Devonport Splash - Lane Hire for proficiency practice

**Sat 28 October 10.00 am - 12.30 pm**

Season 2023/24 Club Registration Day.

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

Nipper Swimming Proficiency Assessment at Devonport Splash. 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.

**Thu 16 November 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm**

Nippers Welcome Party.

**Sat 18 November 10.00 am - 12 noon.**

First Nippers Day on the beach with training thereafter every Thursday from 5.00 - 6.00 pm and every Saturday from 10.30 - 12.00 noon.

**Thu 30 November**

Deadline for current Bronze and SRC qual holders to finish the online training component.

## Child Safety Officer

We are taking a proactive approach to child safety and this year, we have developed a new code of conduct and child safety commitment statement. The Club has also appointed a Child Safety Officer who is our go to if any child, parent, community member or volunteer has any concerns at all.

Kylie Gibbs is a Nipper parent with a wealth of knowledge from her careers past and present in relation to mandatory reporting and child safety. We are so lucky to have someone with these skills in our club and we warmly welcome Kylie to the 2023/2024 PSSLSC Committee.



Kylie can be contacted on 0409 976 286 if you have any concerns or questions.

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## Training

As we start ramping up for the 2023/24 season there are many opportunities for members to become involved. Don't want to get in the water? Maybe First Aid is for you. Keen to get in the IRB? Find out what the pathways are.

Being a Patrol Member is more than just about being able to swim a certain distance. If you are interested in gaining your Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) this season and becoming part of our Team of Patrollers, or want further information please speak to our Training Officer, Deb Hicks on 0408 598 667.

We have a huge cohort of Cadets (Juniors who are, or are turning 13) needing to complete their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) to be competition ready this season. Cadets will need to do online learning as well as attend practical sessions (both wet and dry). We will be in contact with eligible Cadets and parents to let them know what they need to do.

## Requalifications

Current Bronze and SRC holders need to requalify by 31 December in order to remain proficient. Requirements are:

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)	Bronze Medallion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watch a video update</li><li>• Complete 1 online branching scenario</li><li>• Practical component: run-swim-run (100m run-100m swim-100m run in 5 minutes or less) / Signals / CPR / Radio / Rescue (unconscious victim, using a rescue tube)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watch a video update</li><li>• Complete 3 online branching scenario</li><li>• Complete 6 questions</li><li>• Practical component: run-swim-run (200m run-200m swim-200m run in 8 minutes or less) / Signals / CPR / Radio / Rescue (unconscious victim, using a rescue tube)</li></ul>

**Website:** [www.portsorellslsc.org.au](http://www.portsorellslsc.org.au)

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## Requalifications cont.

Current Bronze and SRC holders have been allocated the online components and this will need to be completed by 30 November. Dates for practical sessions are Sunday 3 December, Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 December.

There are many opportunities available to us as Surf Club members. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our Training Officer, Deb Hicks.

## Membership

Our Registration Day (28 October) is traditionally seen as the start of our Surf Club season. However Memberships renewals are open online already. We have simplified our membership options this season and our fees have remained the same. Please note if you are participating in any Surf Club training you must be a financial member.

Your fees are vital to the ongoing operation of our Club and help to not only pay the bills, but in maintaining and updating our Surf Sports equipment. Any member (junior or otherwise) that uses Club equipment is required to pay the Equipment Levy.

Membership Fees 2023 / 2024 Season	
Nipper (U15 + one parent)	\$160.00
Additional Nipper	\$90.00
Additional Parent	\$75.00
Family (Cap)	\$350.00
Active 15+	\$115.00
Patrolling Member	\$75.00
Social Member	\$75.00
Equipment fee per active member	\$20.00

### To renew online:

Login to the Members Area <https://members.sls.com.au/>  
Go to 'Memberships' and follow the prompts.

Note: online renewals must be paid by credit card. For other options please contact the Registrar, Deb Hicks.

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## Our Sponsors

### PSSLSC Sponsorship Options

Benefits	GOLD \$1500	SILVER \$1000	BRONZE \$500
'Get to know sponsor' Facebook Post	✓		
Logo in every newsletter	✓		
Nipper / President visit to business for promotional purposes	✓		
Large Logo displayed inside and outside clubs room	✓		
Medium Logo displayed inside Club rooms		✓	
Small Logo in club rooms			✓
Logo on our website	✓	✓	✓
Inclusion in annual report	✓	✓	✓
Social media recognition	✓	✓	✓
Free Surf Club Membership for 1 family directly linked to sponsor	✓	✓	
Free social membership for 2 adults			✓

The businesses who choose to support our club through their generous donations, are choosing to keep our beaches safe, train our next generation of surf life savers and ensure nipper families understand beach safety and learn surf sports skills.

Funds we receive ensure our surf club equipment is maintained and or replaced. We have a range of recurring costs associated with running a club.

In return, the club asks you to support our sponsors through purchasing from them or promoting them when the opportunity prevails.

We have included our sponsorship packages (left) and if you know of any businesses who may be interested in supporting our club - please refer them to our President, Laura Dixon. 0401 842 966 or Sponsorship Officer, Amelia Willis on 0407 976 474.

Bringing the  
community  
to the beach.

Below: New Marquee, thanks Latrobe Council



Below: New Silver Medallions.



Below: Seniors back at training.



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