

NEWSLETTER

December 2023 - January 2024



From the President - Laura Dixon



The last month has seen a ramp up in activities across the club from planning to execution. I am so grateful to each and every member of our Board and general committee for their hard work and dedication as well as all our volunteer coaches and assistants.

We had a great turn out for Registration Day and have been fortunate to welcome many new members to our club not just flippers and nippers but seniors and social members too.

The nippers party and first day on the beach were extremely successful with lots of positive feedback. (Thanks to Costa and Woolies Shearwater for their kind donations for the nippers party).

Our new sponsorship signage has been installed and looks great. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for their support as without them we would not be able to provide the services we do for our community.

We look forward to our junior and senior participation in Surf Carnivals with Bridport kicking off on December 9 and 10. Good luck Portsie! Please see the link below for other carnival dates:

<https://slst.asn.au/surf-sports/surf-sports-calendar-202324/>

Training update

A reminder that *membership fees* must be paid by 31 December please.

Requalifications for current Bronze & SRC holders:

*Online component to be completed by 30 November

*Practical sessions dates are:

Sunday 3, Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 December (11:00am – 2:00pm). All requals must be completed by 31 December.

New Bronze/SRC courses starting 2 December (further dates to be advised).

If you are interested please contact Deb Hicks: trainingandeducation@portsorellslsc.onmicrosoft.com

Key dates

Fri 1 December - Global Nomad Food Truck

Fri 15 December - Devs Dumpling Food Truck

Sat 16 December - 10.30 am Nippers Christmas Party

Fri 29 December - 5.00 pm PSSSLSC Market by the Beach- food, live music, entertainment.

Sat 6 January - Emily Burke Comedy Meets Opera, details re tickets early December.

Fri 12 January - 5.00 pm PSSSLSC Market by the Beach craft and market stalls, food, live music, entertainment.

Fri 19 January - 5.00 pm PSSSLSC Market by the Beach craft and market stalls, food, live music, entertainment.

Sun 21 January - Penguin Island Swim - contact portsorellslc@gmail.com

Sat 27 January - JJJ Hottest 100 at the Beach with Food Trucks

Fri 23 February - Live music 'The Opportunists'

Nippers first day & new signs



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Our functions and events

Our values: *"Give your best effort, embrace opportunities, be supportive and respectful"*.

Our club values extend to all aspects of being part of Port Sorell SLSC. It is not only 'between the flags' where you can help out at the club. This summer we will be aiming to "Bring the Community to the Beach" with bigger than ever twilight *Market by the Beach* events on December 29, January 12 and 19. Your help with set up, pack up, supervising car parking, bar and table clearing, rubbish runs and toilet rosters etc will all help us to promote our **Can Do** image in the community.

These events are our major income earners and help us to maintain the equipment needed to run the important Nipper programs, beach patrols, and rescue work.

Please find time on these afternoons to enjoy the events but to also lend a hand and make a commitment to answer the call out when it gets closer to the dates.

Stay connected to our Facebook page (Market By The Beach) to find out about visiting food vans that come to the Club fortnightly on Friday nights. Like and share our posts to raise awareness of these events.

We also plan to hold some spontaneous Sunday Sessions on the deck; the annual Penguin Island Swim, Hottest 100 By the Beach, AND watch out for information advertising the exciting return of Emily Burke to the club (where opera will meet comedy!) in early January. Tickets available early December.



Website: www.portsorellslsc.org.au

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

Email: portsorellslsc@gmail.com

Beach patrols

Surf life saving patrols of our beaches will commence on Saturday 2 of December and will continue on weekends, public holidays and some late Friday afternoons through to the end of March. Specific dates and times can be found on our web site calendar and on our FB posts.

If you have family or friends visiting Port Sorell, please encourage them to swim between the flags. While our beaches can seem quite safe, they are environments where water conditions can change suddenly.

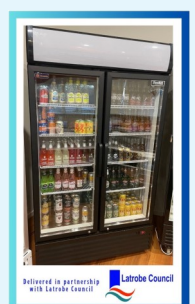
This includes wind and wave action and also tidal changes that have resulted in people being stranded on Penguin Island. Please use life jackets when kayaking, or paddle boarding, tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

Please watch children with inflatable toys in the water, they can travel a long way once the wind gets hold of them.



A new fridge

In partnership with the Latrobe Council resulted in the purchase of a new fridge for our refreshments at our bar. Our old fridge was beyond its use by date. If you bump into one of our Latrobe Councillor's please thank them.



Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, 1 Dumbleton Street, Hawley Beach