

NEWSLETTER

February - March 2024



From the President - Laura Dixon



What a summer we have had so far! Summer patrols, successful Markets by the Beach, Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series Penguin Island Swim, junior and senior carnivals, Triple J Hottest 100, training and requalifications, a brand new Can-Am and the Green Beaches weekend with a Take 3 for the Sea beach clean up with our Nippers. February will be busy with junior and senior competitions, plus a Friday night food van and music at the club.

We welcomed five newly qualified Surf Rescue Certificate and ten new Bronze Medallion holders into our ranks and it's great to have some new faces on patrol. We encourage more volunteers to train up and assist us in surf life saving into the future. If you are interested, feel free to contact us.

SLST ran Leap into Lifesaving for children and adults over January and Freers Beach was one of five north west locations where this training was held. It was really pleasing to see strong participation in these sessions and we are grateful to SLST and the trainers for running them.

We warmly welcome Leaping Goat Coffee as a our new Gold Sponsor. They have a café and roasting facility at Quoiba and locally, your Leaping Goat coffee fix can be sourced from either the IGA or Rocky Gardens Café.

In January, Jordy & Cooper Armitstead, and Oliver Hart represented team Tasmania in the Super Team Surf's League competition in Maroubra Beach NSW, supported by Tash and Brent Armitstead. A great effort guys in amongst some tough competition!

We are very proud to acknowledge Jesse Beveridge's recent accolade as Latrobe Council's Young Citizen of the Year, and Haydon Coates who received the National Medal for 15 Years of Service to Surf Life Saving. Congratulations to both.

Key dates

Fri 17 February - Rainbow beaches - see www.lifesaverswithpride.com.au

Fri 23 February - Two food vans and music by The Opportunists.

Sat 16 March - Nippers last day on the beach and 2023-24 season awards (TBC).

Sun 31 March - Neighbour Day

Sun 31 March - Last patrol for summer, 11.00 am until 3.00 pm.

For Carnival dates please see:

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

TasPorts Community Grant

We are grateful to TasPorts for selecting our submission for their Community Grants Program, to purchase two Wi-Fi capable helmets for our IRB drivers and crew. These helmets provide improved communication, efficiency and safety for our crew members. Thanks TasPorts!



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Markets by the Beach

We are extremely happy with how our community and visitors embraced our three biggest fundraisers for the year.

We were definitely smiled on by the weather (can't really complain about the wind!) but the feel of these events was so relaxed and happy.

The majority of people enjoyed the experience and gave us some great feedback. We continue to learn and grow for next year but are so proud of how we all pulled together.

So many people have asked us if we would hold more markets each year and our answer is not no but rather a considered maybe. It all comes down to community support. Our club of less than 300 cannot maintain that level of input without significant assistance from other volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact us.



We need you.

We are currently looking into succession planning across our club for a variety of positions:

- Key committee roles
- Trainers
- Surf Life Savers to Patrol
- Nipper and Seniors Coaches & Age Managers
- Carnival Officials

Without planning ahead and recruiting more help we will not be able to continue with core activities like carnivals and training. If you'd like to find out more we welcome enquiries from current, past and potential members. Please email portsorellslc@gmail.com



Farewells

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to the Menzie family. Bron and Brett held numerous Committee positions and along with their sons, patrolled on Christmas Day for many years.

Lachie Frame and Amelia Burbury are also moving away to pursue future endeavours. They both have been wonderful role models to our younger members and have numerous achievements and qualifications in Surf Life Saving.

We feel richer as a club for having them share their skills, talents and friendship and wish them well.

Vale Keith Haines

In December 2023, we learnt of the passing of Mr Keith Haines. Keith was a fierce advocate for the resurrection of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club and worked tirelessly and with passion.

The success of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club today is built on the foundations of commitment by Keith to see our community receive this service. We continue to think of his family.

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