

# NEWSLETTER

April - May 2024



## From the President - Laura Dixon



Our first Neighbour Day event marked the end of our patrol season. In partnership with Relationships Australia Tasmania, this event is funded by the Tasmanian Government through the Healthy Tasmania Fund.

The event was well supported by different local organisations both voluntary and general service

businesses and provided a stage for many to showcase their contributions and provide useful information and advice.

We thank everyone who contributed to making the day a success. The best way to embrace and be embraced by your local community is to get involved. Get yourself out there and see what happens - it might change your life!

Planning is already underway for AGM on the 16th of June 2024 at 3.00 pm at the club rooms. We are specifically looking to appoint people to the following roles:

- Registrar
- Uniform Officer
- Grants Officer
- Fundraising Officer - fundraising sub committee.
- Strategic Plan Advisor - this role is a new role to ensure we are keeping to our targets as our new Five Year Strategic Plan is unveiled shortly.



**Above:** Rescue demonstration by our members for Neighbour Day.

## Key dates

**Fri 3 May** - Annual Awards Night.

**Sat 16 June** - AGM - details to come.

**Sat 22 June** - Winter Solstice Splash.

## Nippers

The end of season Nippers party was very successful - a big shout out to Berry Indulgence for offering free ice cream to all our happy nippers!

Also we extend our thanks to Courtney, Amber, our coaching team, Claudia on uniforms and of course Bev and Martin of Tranquille's who have kept everyone fed and watered after Nippers all season and have changed it up from just sausages.

We've been well represented at Burnie and Carlton carnivals and Clifton State Championships. We came sixth in the State Championships in tough conditions and took 31 kids down which was a fantastic representation for a southern carnival.

Congratulations to Grace Greenhill who was selected as our 2023/24 Junior Lifesaver of the Year and who went on to represent our club in the Tasmanian Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

## Summer 2023/24 Patrol Season

Our key function is to ensure the safety of people visiting and using our beaches. This season, our Surf Lifesavers collectively contributed to almost 1500 volunteer hours to keeping the community safe.

Multiple on patrol rescues occurred along with our emergency response team attending many after hours call outs.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful season, keeping Port Sorell safe and bringing the community to the beach. Also we acknowledge our Director of Life Saving, Jesse Beveridge for the countless hours he dedicates to our club.

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## Starfish Nippers

We ran our first starfish nippers program in partnership with Devonport Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday 23rd March with the support of Variety Tasmania and Surf Life Saving Tasmania.

The session was very successful and next season we hope to look at further sessions and collaborations.

## Seniors

The Tasmanian Senior State Championships were held at Penguin SLSC. Our team were fabulous competing in as many individual and team races as possible. They worked hard and supported each other in every way. Big thanks to Freja for competing up an age group to add to our team and individual success. Some team highlights were:

**Silver Medal** for Oliver B, Seth, Oliver H and Jordy in the Beach Relay.

**Silver Medal** for Ari, Tess, Jordy and Oliver in the U/17 Mixed Relay.

**Individual results:** Podium finishes for Oliver B, Jordy, Seth and Tess.

At the end of the State Championships, the Binni Wilson Shield for the most outstanding male and female athlete was announced. Jordy received the joint male winner with Sam Castles from Carlton Park SLSC. Jordy, receiving four individual medals in the Open Category and five individual medals in the U17 events.

The ultimate event to test our athletes is the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships (Aussies). This year, Jordy Armitstead will be our only competitor at Maroochydore Beach on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. We wish him luck.

## Masters

Ben Hart recounts his experience of competing in the Masters Competition recently.

'Warm weather was a pleasant change after previous years! Small little waves were fun. A good atmosphere amongst the competitors and much more relaxed than other carnivals. I teamed up with Mark from Devonport SLSC for a board rescue, which was fun. I managed to get two sixth places in the swim and the 2km run and get our Club on the board (barely). I didn't try and defend my medal in the flags this year because I had an injured calf muscle.'

Thanks to Ben for sharing this and it just goes to show, no matter your age, you can still have fun and compete in surf sports! Maybe our club can aim to field a team in the next season!

## Surf Life Saving

As patrol season finishes, we start to look ahead to next years Patrol Agreement with SLST in the hope of liaising with all our volunteers and again looking at figures to find the best fit for patrol hours at our club.

We hope to have more Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion courses organised early next season as well as Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) crew and IRB driver courses.

We would also love to get a couple more Patrol Captains signed up ahead of the next season. If you might be interested, please talk to Jesse Beveridge on 0456 781 143

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And that's a wrap ...

It's been a fantastic season, all because of you and what you give to our club! Thank you.



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