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## From the President - Laura Dixon



The last couple of months have seen us welcome some new and returning faces to our Board and Committee. We have also farewelled several members from the Committee. I would particularly like to thank Brent Armitstead and Dane Hardy for all their work on the Committee /

Board and I am grateful that we will still see them around our Club and on the beach. I am very grateful to have been re-elected for another year in order to build on the work we have done in the past 12 months and I am so lucky to be surrounded by such an amazing team of volunteers.

I have been incredibly fortunate to be selected for two amazing programs this year. The first was the Ready to Lead program run by Life Saving Victoria focussing on personal growth for leadership. More recently, I attended the National Leadership Masterclass in Adelaide run by Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) in partnership with the University of South Australia which looked at strategic management, the impacts of change and mental health and well-being. I had no idea that joining the Surf Life Saving movement as an adult volunteer could open up so many opportunities for personal and professional development.

I encourage all of you to consider what opportunities it might offer you. We are actively seeking more volunteers across all aspects of the club and we are always very happy to chat about how it might fit for you.

## EOI - Responsible Serving of Alcohol

Our club is keen to run an Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course soon and we are seeking names of those who are interested please. The club will pay the course fees in exchange for working some shifts at our bar. If you are interested and keen to support our club support our community, please contact our Bar Manager, Penny Burbury as soon as possible on 0408 855 718.

## Key dates

**Sat 10 Aug** - Chocolate Infused Dinner. See details on page 4.

**September** - A Grand Final Affair - watch FB and surf club notice board for more details.

## Flood and swift water rescue

During our patrol off-season we have club members who continue to hone and grow their skills in the flood and swift water rescue space. If you are interested in expanding your Surf Lifesaving Skills and putting them to the test year-round. SLST are running Flood Rescue Responder courses, and you can apply now.

The course is offered over a three hour evening 'dry session', followed by a one day practical 'wet session'. <http://www.bookeo.com/slstars>

Check out the latest SLST Newsletter for more information or reach out to Jesse, our Director of Lifesaving, if you have any questions.

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## Member Protection and Child and Youth Safety



I am delighted to introduce myself as your Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) (alongside Gina Harvey) and Child and Youth Safety Officer (CYSO) for Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) (I am also Membership Registrar). My name is Neil Hargreaves, and I am here to ensure that all members feel safe, supported,

and informed about their rights and responsibilities within our club.

As your MPIO, I will be focusing on promoting fair play, respect, and a positive environment for everyone. Guided by Surf Life Saving Australia & Sports Integrity Australia, my role involves serving as a confidential point of contact for any member who may have concerns about discrimination, harassment, or any other issues that may affect their participation in club activities. I am committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity and inclusiveness within our club.

In my role as CYSO, I will oversee the safety and welfare of our younger members, adhering to the Tasmanian Child and Youth Safety Framework. This includes implementing and maintaining policies and procedures to protect our children and youth, ensuring they have a safe and enjoyable experience at our club. My duties involve educating members about child protection policies, responding to any child safety concerns, and ensuring compliance with state regulations. My goal is to create an environment where children and youth feel valued, respected, and secure.

As noted in our last newsletter, new requirements from Surf Life Saving Tasmania mean that anyone wishing to become a member or renew their membership

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of our Club this coming season will be required to hold a valid / current Registration to work with vulnerable people card even if you are not actively volunteering: [www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/work-with-vulnerable-people/applications/apply](http://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/work-with-vulnerable-people/applications/apply)

We will be running a session on the mandatory SLSA child safe awareness course pre-season. If you already have a current and valid RWVP card, please can you ensure you email these details to me so I can update our records.

Whether you have questions about club or SLSA policies, need advice on handling a specific issue, or simply want to learn more about how we ensure the safety and well-being of all our members, I am here to help.

You can reach me on 0466 266 113 or email: [membership@psslsc.org.au](mailto:membership@psslsc.org.au)

I encourage all members to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance. My role is to serve as a resource for all members, ensuring that Port Sorell SLSC remains a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for everyone. By working together, we can continue to uphold the values that make our club a great place for both sporting excellence and community spirit.



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## A jazzy night at the surf club

A full house enjoyed our July community event as part of the Devonport Jazz Festival. Talented Sophie Leslie and band played a specially curated modern jazz program. There has been nothing but positive feedback from this event including this lovely text message:

*'Hi Jo, Bruce, who played the drums last night, is here with me at another event and he said that last night, at the Surf Club was the best gig he has ever been a part of. How good is that and it was at the Port Sorell Surf Club. Congratulations.'*



## Functions and events cont.

SPRING is around the corner! Last year we held an AFL Grand Final event on the eve of Grand Final day. Who knows what we might do this year? It could be Grand Final day or Grand Final eve.

Preparations have commenced for organising our summer Market by the Beach series. If you or someone you know would like to help with these important club events please contact Jo Coates on 0448 819 848.

## Pathway to patrolling

Although there is much activity and excitement around our Nipper program and various senior and junior carnivals throughout the season, our Club's core purpose is to keep our beaches safe. Each season we have several patrol teams taking in turns every Saturday, Sunday and public holiday to ensure this. Ever wondered how to become part of that?

There are two main pathways to becoming a qualified Surf Life Saving Patroller: a Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) or a Bronze Medallion (BM). This year we are holding training for both of these awards across two weekends – **Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 November and Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 November** with assessment occurring shortly thereafter (date to be advised).

Prerequisites for these are:

**SRC:** must be 13 years or above and complete an unaided swim of 200m in 5 minutes or less (goggles permitted) in a swimming pool

**BM:** must be 15 years or above and complete an unaided swim of 400 m in 9 minutes or less (goggles permitted) in a swimming pool

For further information or to register interest please contact our Training Officer Deb Hicks:  
[Trainingandeducation@psslsc.org.au](mailto:Trainingandeducation@psslsc.org.au)

## Functions and events

IT'S WINTER but we are still bringing the community to the beach.

Thank you to the fabulous volunteers who helped to make our annual Solstice Splash a great night for about 80 members and community splashes. Both the upstairs and fire pit areas were well utilised by those who stayed for food and refreshments. It sure is an 'all smiles' event.

On Saturday August 10 we are hosting a Chocolate infused dinner where you can enjoy five or six small courses that include chocolate as the surprise ingredient. The dinner will also include beautiful music from Azahlia Dingemans. \$50 per person and bookings are essential on 0448 819 848.

These events are club fundraisers as well as part of our community engagement program, so please support us by attending, bringing friends or sharing the information more widely.