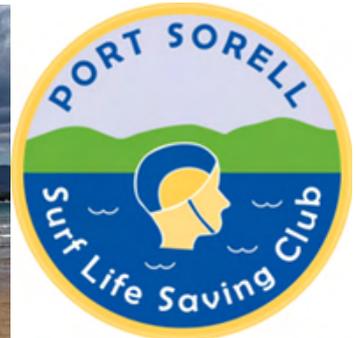


NEWSLETTER



Salties are busy

During January the Salties got together for three local kayak outings. A low impact exercise class has attracted a different group of Salties on Mondays. We hope to make this a more regular session.

Ranger John Bowden led us on a rock pool hunt on the beach opposite Spy Island. Did you know that there are hard shell New Zealand crabs in our rock pools as well as native ones? Join us to learn more interesting facts!

Thank you to the Salties who volunteered at the Club's food van night. Contact us if you would like to join Salties.

● Nipper Masterclass

We were really fortunate to have Cooper and Jordy Armitstead share their time and talents with our Nippers in December. Devonport Surf Life Saving Club Nippers also joined us for the morning to participate in the class.

Both Jordy and Cooper compete at national level in surf lifesaving competitions. They shared tips for racing mals, moving through water efficiently, skills on the beach, fitness and a session on nutrition.

The Nippers were able to apply and practice these skills both on the beach and in the water. It was a fun and engaging class.



Busy summer for patrol teams

Since 1 December until 18 of January, our volunteer patrol teams have carried out:

- 24 preventative actions**
- 3 rescues**
- 2 emergency response team callouts**

Some of those rescues involved stand up paddleboards (SUP's), swept by strong currents. This is why life jackets are necessary if you are using a SUP.

We patrol every weekend and public holidays until the end of March, from 11.00 am - 4.00pm.

In an emergency please always ring 000.



One of our patrol teams



New sign!

Thanks to a grant from Latrobe Council, we have secured a permanent sign, to promote our events.

The sign is located on the corner of Port Sorell Main Road and Alexander St, on the round-a-bout.

The landowner has kindly permitted us to erect the sign on his fence.

Another way of keeping the community informed!



Check out Banjo in his brand new patrol uniform. We have been able to restock our patrol uniforms through a grant from the Beach Safety Equipment Fund.

We are very grateful for their support.

● Dates for your calender

- **Friday 6 February** - food van and bar open
- **Sunday 8 February** - 11.00 am Penguin Island Swim.
- **Friday 13 February** - Pizzirani Cucina & bar open
- **Saturday 14 March** - Final Nipper's Day.



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Penguin Island swim

Our popular annual event is on again. On **Sunday 8 February**, a Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series race, the Penguin Island Swim will kick off from Freers Beach in front of our surf club. There are two race distances, 500 metres starting at 11.00 am and a 2 km race at 11.30 am.

Registrations for the race are **ONLINE ONLY** on:

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=417903>

and entries will close on **Friday 7 February at 9.00 pm.**

Our registration desk (to confirm your entry only) will be open on race day between 9.15 - 10.15 am on the day. .

A word from Laura

Summer is the season of surf club and our volunteers have been on patrol keeping locals and visitors safe, with five rescues carried out and many preventative actions.

The markets were our busiest and most successful to date and I am so incredibly thankful to the large team of volunteers that gave their time to give everyone else an enjoyable experience. We are grateful for Jo Coates who continues to dedicate herself to organising these markets which are a major fundraiser for our club.

I want to personally, and on behalf of the Club, acknowledge the very deep loss of our much-loved member Stu Greenhill. Stuey was a strong supporter of the club, helping with markets, event parking and bar security, volunteering as Age Manager for his girls age groups at Nipper Carnivals and even mowing around the club house. The world shines a little less brightly without him in it. His infectious laugh and big smile, his affable nature and the way he had time for everyone. Our love and support is extended to his beautiful family.

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