

Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club Newsletter

THE SPRAY

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President's message

The weather is starting to turn, the water temperature is on the way down and the 2015/16 season is coming to an end with only two more weekends of observational patrol left.

From my perspective the season has been another highly successful one for Sorrento SLSC. We have had good numbers on patrol throughout the season and delivered a friendly and professional service on the beach. Hayden Owens has once again led from the front as Club Captain. The Nipper program has once again been a great experience for all involved with around 190 kids continuing to develop their skills. Brett Irvine and the Nipper team should be very proud of the ongoing excellence of the program. A large and enthusiastic SRC group have qualified this year along with the new wave of Bronze medallion holders with the assistance of our trainers Daniel Bradshaw, Howard Draper and Jack Jones and our Assessor Marc Clavin.



The Bayswim was a great result with big numbers turning out and around \$20,000 raised for the Club (special thank you to Paul Gaynor - the Swim Director and everyone who helped out on the day).

The renovations of the Clubhouse were very well received and the completion of the external painting is underway right now. The work put into this by Chris Baker, Craig Plehn and Brett Irvine has been way above and beyond the call of duty.

From a financial perspective, the Club is now self-sustaining with membership fees and fundraising sufficient to meet ongoing operational costs. We are still chasing a major sponsor to assist us meet large capital costs we will need to cover in the future. The work of the Committee will go on through winter to make sure we are ready to roll again for the 2017/18 season.

The Club is well placed to continue to thrive but this is dependent on people continuing to put their hand up to assist in key roles - if you have any interest in positions on the Committee or assisting in any other way please contact me.

Mick Cummins, President

Senior competition report

The Senior State Championships were held at Lorne several weeks ago and Sorrento was represented by John Baker and Sean Cummins.

John came 5th in the challenging Mens 2k beach run - a great effort on limited preparation.

Sean made the finals in all of the water based events - a good effort as a bottom age Under 17. His best results were fifth in the Tube Race, 7th in the Surf Ski and 8th in the Ironman.

Sean will be our only competitor at the Australian Championships in mid April and I'm sure we all wish him well.

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Presentation night

The annual club Presentation night will be held on April 23 this year at the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

Entertainment on the night will be provided by a DJ so there will be plenty of opportunity to dance the night away should you choose! It's a great night and a really good chance to acknowledge the great work done by club members over the last year, so please come along and join in the fun..

Due to the nature of this event, tickets must be booked prior to the evening and only those with tickets will be able to attend. The closing date for ticket purchase is April 20 so be quick as they are selling fast!

All members aged 14 years or over are welcome to attend. Cost is \$50 per head or \$130 for a family and includes canapés on arrival with a sit down two course meal to follow. The evening kicks off at 6.30pm, hope to see you there.

[Click here to book.](#)

The Gallery – Captain's Barrel



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The Gallery – Clubhouse painting



Don't forget, if you have any news or items of interest that you would like to include in our next edition, please drop me a line at newsletter@sorrentoslsc.com

Many thanks

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Presentation Night Invitation



Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club

Cocktail Party

Sat 23rd April @ 6.30pm

Blairstown Yacht Squadron

DJ providing tunes

All members 14 years or over most welcome to attend
\$50 Adult - \$130 Family : 3 course meal provided

Please book your tickets by 20th April at
<https://www.trybooking.com/KZFU>