

Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club Newsletter

THE SPRAY

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President's message

The last month has been hectic in all aspects of Club activity. On the training front a new group of Bronzies have received their awards and have joined the patrolling ranks of the club. A special thank you to Howard Draper, Hayden Owens and in particular Jack Jones for their efforts in training the group and Marc Clavin and Stefan Bagg for doing the assessment.



Nippers has been in full swing throughout January and once again you can see the development of skills and confidence as the season progresses. A massive nipper team represented the Club at the Pt Leo Regional qualifier and as usual they did it with enthusiasm and with a true sense of sportsmanship. The Sorrento nipper program has a reputation as one of better programs in the State and this success has been built on the great work of a small committed band of parents, a number of whom will be moving out of nippers as their children finish the program. I'm sure we all want the program to continue to flourish but that will only happen if we have some of the newer parents step up to take on some more responsibility. I'm sure Brett will be happy to hear from anyone able to lend a hand.

On the Patrol front, numbers have been pretty good at most patrols and it's been good to see the new SRCs and Bronzies jumping onto the roster.

The Sorrento Swim was held on 17 January in good conditions and over 600 swimmers participated which is substantially up on the numbers in recent years. This is the major fundraiser for the club and it was great to see such a big turnout. Thank you to all those who assisted on the day and a big thanks to Paul Gaynor who pulled together an excellent event in his first as Race Director.

There was also a big turnout for the Pizza night in early January with about 190 people enjoying a fun get together at the Clubrooms. Thank you to Prue Stone and everyone involved in organising the event.

And finally, congratulations to Hayden Owens and Jack Jones on the terrific Club Championships held on Australia Day. This event is growing into one of our big events with the numbers of competitors and spectators growing every year.

Mick Cummins, President

Safety at the club

Members should be aware that our fabulous tower which provides such great beach views has a capacity of only five. This is clearly signed on the stairs as you enter the tower, please make sure that no more than five people are in the tower at any time.

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Senior competition report

The competition season kicked off with the Victorian Endurance Championships held at Half Moon Bay on 21 November. This year the Club was represented by Sean Cummins and 5 of our Under 14 group – Brodie Britten, Boston Riley, Eden Matheson - Coles, Matilda Pearl Muir and Josephine Smith.

This was the first senior carnival for the Under 14 contingent who have been training hard all winter. The conditions were difficult with a howling wind which made the 2.5 km board a real challenge for all of the competitors. It was pleasing to see all our Under 14s tough it out and finish with a smile on their faces.

Sean Cummins won a silver medal in the Under 17 2.5km swim and a Bronze medal in the 10km ski paddle, a great effort in his first ski event.

Club Championships

The 3rd Annual Sorrento SLSC Club Championships took place on Australia. Competition was fierce through the events in all age groups.

As the day went on, conditions proved a challenge for all in the water and some great water skills were seen.

The points were tallied and the winners were as follows:

Under 17

Boys: Sean Cummins

Girls: Matilda Muir

Open

Boys: Hayden Owens

Girls: Annie Baker

Masters:

Boys: Shane Britten

Girls: Nikki Britten

I'd like to thank all that participated on the day and supporting the event. Also to Jack Jones who organised all medals and designed the trophy.

Please lock this annual event into your calendar. Sorrento SLSC Club Championships, Australia Day, 2017. See you there.

Hayden Owens
Club Captain



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RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD PROGRAM



The Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club is now registered with the Ritchies Community Benefit Card Program. This program donates a percentage of the money spent by customers to their nominated club.

Here's how it works:

- Ask for your free Ritchies Community Benefit Card at your nearest Ritchies supermarket or liquor store. (or pick one up in the clubrooms)
- Fill out an application form and nominate Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club to be the recipient of a donation from Ritchies.
- Your Ritchies Community Benefit Card will be issued and can be used, immediately.
- You can choose to have a key tag to place upon your key ring or a plastic card to place in your wallet or purse or both. The card or key tags are free.
- Your completed Application Form is returned to Ritchies Head Office, where your Community Benefit Card number and the CB number for your community group is entered into Ritchies computer.
- Every time you shop you will be asked by one of Ritchies cashiers to present your Community Benefit Card or tag.
- Your card or tag will be scanned at the register, which will automatically allocate 0.5% of the money you spend to our club, once we have achieved the minimum of \$2,000 spent each month.
- In addition, there are weekly specials which have extra discounts for Ritchies Community Benefit Cardholders. These 'CB' specials are clearly marked with red shelf tickets bearing the Community Benefit logo.
- Ritchies also have CB Mobile/Multimedia for more special offers. You must be 18 years or over to receive the mobile offers. The cashier will link your mobile phone number to your Community Benefit Card number and you instantly become registered to receive an MMS/SMS message detailing exclusive CB Mobile offers on groceries and liquor. Or you might prefer to receive an email. You'll save or be rewarded on all items that feature the CB Mobile/Multimedia logo.

(In accordance with government legislation the purchase of cigarettes and tobacco products are not included in this program.)

Please fill out an application form and nominate our club!



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The Gallery - Junior regional comps



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

We're on the Web! Check out the club website at www.sorrentoslsc.com

Also, make sure to join our Facebook page Sorrento SLSC (VIC)

