

# Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club Newsletter

# THE SPRAY

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## President's message

Wow, it took a while but summer finally made it to the Sorrento back beach and hasn't it been great the last few weeks. And after a busy few months, things are starting to wind down so it's timely to remind ourselves of some of summer's highlights.

Our club social nights are always highly anticipated and very enjoyable and this year's were no exception. Our thanks must go to Janice O'Connor for organising a couple of great events that included the traditional pizza night and a newcomer; the Greek souvlaki night – a great addition and one that everyone enjoyed. Special thanks too to Alex Roser for the wonderful desserts at both functions.



Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Bayswim was run on January 22 and I think it's safe to say that it was one of our most successful yet. Our new Race Director, Prue Stone, did a fantastic job and cannot be praised enough for the effort she put into making this what we like to think of as the premier bay swim event! Of course a lot of people were involved in making the event the success it was and they should all be thanked for their time and effort. Check out Prue's article later in the newsletter for more detail.

I'd also like to mention our Chief Instructor Howard Draper and thank him for the effort he has put into creating a really comprehensive training program this year. Not only did he train 11 new SRCs and 12 new Bronzies in January, he has also been working with a group of enthusiastic IRB driver and crew candidates and we hope to see them qualified in the next couple of weeks.

Our competition teams have tasted success over the summer months with large contingencies of competitors turning out for the many qualifying carnivals and then the state championships for both junior and senior competition. While significant results are listed later in this newsletter I'd like to congratulate all competitors and make special mention of Erin Doupe who was skilled enough to walk away from the senior state carnival with two first places and a third. Well done Erin!

We've only a few more weeks of patrolling to go and the Nipper season has wrapped up, but there is still a bit going on around the club. Our Presentation Night is coming up on Saturday 8 April and all members aged 13 or above are invited to attend. This is an evening of celebration, a chance to frock up and party, and is a great way to catch up with old friends and maybe make some new ones. A number of awards will be given out on the night, some Nipper, some Patroller and some general and as such it's an opportunity for all members to celebrate - Nipper parents mixing with patrollers and other club members and our junior members becoming involved in the greater club.

I'd like to invite all members to come along. Nipper parents – grab your friends from your age group and grab a table, junior members aged 13-18 get together with your group of friends and come along to the party, patrollers –celebrate your season with your fellow patrollers. In fact, all members, come along, this is your night to celebrate, it's a long winter so let's see summer off with a bang! Check out the invitation at the end of this newsletter and book your tickets now. We are also seeking any photos from the season, of training, nippers patrolling, carnivals etc, - anything really, if you have some, please send them to [marc.clavin@sorrentoslsc.com](mailto:marc.clavin@sorrentoslsc.com) asap.

I hope to catch up with all of you in the next couple of weeks and at the Presentation Night.

Jane Wright, President

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## Bayswim wrap-up



On behalf of the committee and all those involved in this year's Sorrento Bay Swim, I would like to thank all our members who contributed towards making this event a fun and memorable day for all those who participated.

The swim went ahead on Sunday 22nd January and the weather gods looked after us. The forecast was set for 27 degrees with blue sunny skies and it didn't disappoint. There was a very slight breeze that came through at midday but conditions for all the events were perfect! Despite

the poor water conditions leading up to the race, we were excited to have 519 competitors race on the day in all 3 events. The 4km event continues to gain momentum with numbers just falling below the magic 100 swimmers to register. The 2k event was well supported and continues to be our flagship event and due to a qualifying Nippers carnival held the day before we saw a drop in number of our juniors swimming the 600m swim.

The week leading up to the event we had substantial rain and cold conditions but nothing could dampen the excitement and efforts of our committee and members. We had Chris transport the timing bands, Jack transporting the juice (600 x 1 litre juices no less) and many other offers of help. The Friday night before the race we had a wonderful turnout of members at the club to help pack the show bags and everyone was pumped for the event. Jane (our Pres) who plays a very understated role yet again did a wonderful job to organise the registrations and volunteer groups and after taking on this role for the past 6 years her system runs like clockwork! Likewise, the lovely Ro Moore was again on fruit and water duty and she makes herself available every year to take on this task. Ro is also our dedicated first aid officer for the event and keeps the St Johns Ambulance team accountable!

On Saturday we had most of the committee heading down to Chelsea for the nippers carnival with Brett driving down the board trailer at 6am to then come back at 6pm to unload and load again for the swim the next day... not a bad effort for someone who just arrived from interstate late on Friday night! Like all our committee members, Brett puts his heart and soul into the club and backs up each year – a huge effort.

Sunday finally arrived and the set-up team were ready to go at 6am with perfect conditions. It was amazing to see so many members arrive to help out in some way and it really showed what a great club we have! Brett and his team had the site up and ready by 7.30am and the registration tent was ready for business. We had a fabulous number of volunteers roll up on the day and registrations were a huge success. John Hevey once again controlled the baggage transport and did a great job and although we need to relocate the bbq next year, Sian, Jeena and Anna cooked up some very tasty egg and bacon rolls.



The 4km event kicked off the day at 9.15am and due to the calm conditions, there were some quick times recorded. The first male (Nigel Fanning) crossed the line in a blistering time of 47.14 and first female came in 2.30 mins after. The swimmers had a perfect day out with a slight current pushing them out on the first leg and swinging around on the way back! Perfect scheduling George!

Straight after the 4k start we then ran the 600m dash and it was a scramble at the finish. One of our nippers Sienna Stone won the junior race in a speedy time of 6.25, just getting pipped by a very fast novice swimmer Matt Judkins by 7 seconds in the 600m event. In a change to previous

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years we ran presentations straight after the event and it was a great success having all swimmers there to receive their trophy.

This year the 2km event started later in the program and this proved to be a good move with many 4km swimmers going back in the water for the 2km race. We may look at offering the 'duo' next year as it is becoming more popular amongst our older age groups. Michael Harding came through first male for the 2km race in a time of 23.27mins with our first female, Kelly Stubbins coming in 40 secs later. There are some great pics on our website of our winners, thanks to Adrian Wilson, our photographer on the day, who happily volunteers his time.



Gerry Lute was again in charge of water-safety this year and he is the master of the IRB. Gerry has spent countless hours working on and maintaining our IRBs and we all appreciate his contribution. His knowledge on the event is second to none and we are lucky to have him in our club. We had 40 water-safety volunteers arrive for duty (biggest number ever) and they all did a wonderful job on the day keeping our swimmers safe.

Many thanks must also go to George Patterson who sets the course and provides valuable feedback regarding tide and weather conditions. Keeping in mind George is not a member of the club, we really appreciate his time and effort for our swim each year.

Marc Clavin our treasurer and IT guru was MC and spinning the hits for his 14th year running. Marc did an awesome job conducting the event briefings and was seen roving the finish line with first class interviews. I would also like to thank him for his work behind the scenes on the club's website and IT work. His many contributions to the club doesn't go unnoticed!

We had great feedback on the t-shirts (thanks Justine) and this year we improved the look and feel of the event by purchasing new tear drop banners and bunting for the start and finish lines. This year we also offered a sponsors' tent to our valued sponsors to view the event in a prime location at the start line. Thanks must go to Jodie Carroll for organising this attribute and of course Poochio for decking out the tent – it looked amazing and we hope to have more sponsors onboard next year to enjoy this great initiative.

We would like to acknowledge Gina Harris and the Cousins Swim Series for promoting our swim and being a very useful resource and James and Helene at The Baths have always been long-time supporters of the swim organising food for our bbq. The Sorrento Couta Club are generous in providing a boat for our head of water-safety each year and are integral in keeping the beach clear for our swimmers. The Peninsula Rescue Squad and The Westpac Helicopter were also called on to provide extra surveillance for the event and they were great assistance as always.

We would finally like to thank our main sponsors this year - the Bennelong Foundation, Hillview Quarries and Emma & Toms for the very green but delicious juice they provided for all our swimmers and members. Without these contributions we wouldn't have been able to provide the high level of water safety or running of the day.

We would also like to thank all our t-shirt sponsors who are mostly local businesses sponsoring our club – we appreciate your support!

Thanks to everyone for making the Sorrento Bay Swim 2017 a great success. Bring on 2018!

Prue Stone, Bayswim Director



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## Patrol news

The patrol season so far has been fantastic!

Well done to all patrollers and particular congratulations to Junior Club Captain Jack Jones and the Junior Patrol Captains for stepping into their new roles so well.

We have been audited once and Patrol 1, with Jeremy Doupe as captain, did an outstanding job, especially considering it came on the same day as our Bay Swim and almost at pack up time. There is still one more audit to come so keep coming to patrols and keep up the good work.

On that note we would just like to remind all patrollers to wear full patrol uniform while on patrol. It makes us more visible and approachable for the public (as well as scoring us points on an audit!).

Hayden Owens & Tom Morrison  
Co-Club Captains

## Club Championships

Congratulations to all competitors who came along to our Australia Day Club Championships. The day was a great success, once again attracting many new competitors and our free BBQ topped it off nicely. Our sponsor for the day, JNJ Events, provided some great trophies and promotional items for all winner. All in all, a great day!

Our 2017 champions:

Under 18: Sean Cummins, Flynn Johnstone

Open: Tom Morrison, Sam Hafey-Bagg

Masters: Chris Biermann, Prue Stone



## Nippers: State Championships



Another great carnival in Warrnambool last weekend, our junior competitors acquitted themselves very nicely this year tasting success in a number of events. While all competitors gave it their all, some were lucky enough to walk away with medals.

They were:

1<sup>st</sup> Under 9 Girls Surf Team: Jessica Lever & Charlotte Smith (as part of a combined team)

4<sup>th</sup> Under 13 Boy's Beach Flags: Angus Irvine

6<sup>th</sup> Under 12 Boy's Beach Flags: Toby Biermann

6<sup>th</sup> Under 10 Boy's Beach Relay: Miller Cutler, Zac Jenkins, Rolf Jenkins, James Johnston

Congratulations to all that competed.

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## Senior State Championships

A number of Sorrento competitors lined up for the senior state carnival this year, competing in a wide variety of events.

The following medals were awarded to Sorrento SLSC:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Under 15 Women's Beach Flags: Erin Doupe
- 1<sup>st</sup> Under 15 Women's Relay: Erin Doupe (as part of a combined team)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Under 15 Women's Beach Sprints: Erin Doupe

We also had some Sorrento members competing for Mornington SLSC:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Under 15 Men's Beach Sprints: Boston Riley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Under 15 Women's Surf Team: Flynn Johnstone
- 5<sup>th</sup> Under 15 Women's Surf Board Relay: Flynn Johnstone



Well done everyone!

## Nipper awards 2017

The Nipper Family Fun Day is always the highlight of the Nipper Calendar and this year was no exception. Here are the awards that were handed out on the day:

Russ Curwood Memorial Award for Parent Helper – presented by Ro Moore and Tim Curwood: Shane Britten.

He is always in the water as water safety no matter what the weather (and has done for years). He also did a huge job fixing our boards at start of season

Young leader award Ben Stringer  
 Young leader award Elissa Wright

Nipper Awards:

Age group	Best competitor	Best nipper	Most improved	Coaches award
U8 boys	Milan Lauder	Patrick Doyle	Bailey Nagel	Lachlan Hales
U8 girls	Gemma Biermann	Ava James	Amelie Bain	
U9 boys	Finn McGrail	Jack Davis	Owen Cooper	
U9 girls	Charlotte Smith	Jessica Lever	Tua Parkes	Bonnie Muir
U10 boys	Rolf Jenkins	Zac Jenkins	Jackson Norris	
U10 girls	Milla Lee	Ali Stone	Kalypso Tsoukalas-Elphick	
U11 boys	Cody Fox Peter Holland (giving 2 awards)	Joshua Evans	Oliver Brown	
U11 girls	Estella Stepic	Kayla Fothergill	Amy Doyle	
U12 boys	Toby Biermann	Jordy May	Liam Callagher-Tate	
U12 girls	Franki Riley	Chloe Lever	Marlo Katis	
U13 boys	Rupert Quinn	Jack Carroll	Tyler Fox	
U13 girls	Sienna Stone	Chloe Holland	Roxy Morehead	

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## Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) medallions

- Abbey Baldwin
- Maja Bradshaw
- Jarrod Brown
- Madison Clark
- Lily Jones
- Thu Luu
- Ruby McPherson
- Tanaya Morehead
- Rose Posselt
- Joshua Stephan
- Ava Swift
- Lily Tait

Best Cadet Awards: Tanaya Morehead, Joshua Stephan



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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 [secretary@sorrentoslsc.com](mailto:secretary@sorrentoslsc.com)

Many thanks

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





# Sorrento SLSC

## Presentation Night 2017

You are invited to a special club event to celebrate the 2016-17 season. Our annual Presentation Night is where we celebrate the achievements of our club members, both young and young at heart, and all aspects of the season that was. It's a night where all club members come together; Nipper families, patrollers, club patrons and committee.

All members aged 13 and above are invited.

You will enjoy a two course meal with canapes on arrival, at some point in the evening a number of awards will be given out and a DJ will provide entertainment.

Join us for an evening of fun and celebration.

**WHEN** Saturday 8 April 2017 at 6.30pm

**LOCATION** Sorrento Sailing Club Boat Club 3154 Pt Nepean Rd, Sorrento, 3943

**COST** \$40 per head or \$120 for a family (2 adults and 2 children)

**MORE INFO** Janice O'Connor [janice.oconnor@sorrentoslsc.com](mailto:janice.oconnor@sorrentoslsc.com)

**BOOK NOW** <https://www.trybooking.com/PAZW>

Please note: this is a ticketed event so book now to avoid disappointment ☺

