

Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club Newsletter

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President's message

It is with great pleasure that I find myself accepting the role of President of Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club.

For those who don't know me, I've been a member of the club for a number of years now and have been Club Secretary since mid-2011. My daughter Elissa has been through the Nipper program, starting as an U8 and recently gaining her SRC - a progression she has thoroughly enjoyed.

Sadly, my first act as new President was to inform members of the passing of Daniel Bradshaw. Daniel was an important member of our lifesaving community for most of his life, starting as a nipper and progressing to guarding, training and assessing, and most recently as our Chief Instructor. He has not just been a valued club member but also a friend who will be greatly missed and the club is greater for having had him as a member and supporter.

The club farewelled Daniel with a Celebration of Life on September 5 which was well attended by both surf club and community members, and we saw a record number of boards involved in the paddle-out tribute to Daniel. While it was an extremely sad event, it was a fitting tribute to Daniel and his life.

I know you all join with me in sending condolences and love to Jess, Karen, Royston, Seb, Harry and Maya and all other members of Daniel's family.

Since the AGM in August, we have been busy behind the scenes setting up the committee for the 2016-17 season and preparing to roll out our programs for that period. We are pleased to have a number of new committee members joining us and talking on roles that will contribute greatly to the club. You will find a list of committee members and contact details later in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like any information or have queries.

Our Nipper program has been set for the season and memberships are now open for renewal and you can find details about it on the website. We also welcome Howard Draper as Chief Instructor. Howard has been busy putting together training programs, the first being an Adult Bronze Course which will commence in November. It would be great to get a big group trained in this intake, so if you are interested, sign-up now!

In a club first, we have decided to have a social function to kick off the new season. Additionally, as we were not able to hold our traditional end of season Presentation Evening last season, we will roll it into our 'season opener'. The first social event of the season will occur on Saturday 24 September at the Rye Hotel and all members are welcome. Please refer to the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information. I hope to see many of you there ☺

I'd like to thank all members of the past committee for the hard work they have put in to making our club what we believe to be the best on the Peninsula and look forward to working with the new committee in the coming year. Special thanks also to outgoing president Mick Cummins who has led us for the past two years. Mick is staying on as a Vice-President so his advice will continue to be invaluable.

I look forward to catching up with all of you on the beach.

Jane Wright, President

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18th Annual Report now available

Visit our website to read a copy of our 18th Annual Report or click below for a link

[Annual Report](#)

AGM 2016

On Saturday 6 August the club's Annual General Meeting was held. A small number of committed members gathered once again to elect a new committee for 2016-17.

It was great to see some new faces both on the day and as nominations for committee positions.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to fill the role of Club Secretary so if anyone is keen to put back into the club and would like to take on this role, we'd love to hear from you – send us an email to secretary@sorrentoslsc.com.

We welcome new committee members and wish the new President a good season.

The new committee as elected is:

Executive

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President	Jane Wright	jane.wright@sorrentoslsc.com
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Secretary	TBA	secretary@sorrentoslsc.com
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Committee & Club Officers

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Training update – Adult Bronze course

This season we are keen to run a Bronze Course (the 'Adult Bronze Course') for nipper parents, adult members and anyone who has missed out on previous years.

Bronze is a better option for adults than SRC as it means they can do water safety and also help on patrol. These days there is not much difference in the content of the courses, the main difference being that, in order to do Bronze, you have to be 15 years old.

We are organising an Adult Bronze Course on the weekends of 5-6, 12-13 & 19-20 November 2016.

To enrol in the course one has to be an active member of the club (i.e. paid up). We encourage all nipper parents to consider doing this course or encouraging their spouses to do it.

The Nipper Program cannot function without sufficient Water Safety officers and we also need Water Safety officers to be able to participate in carnivals. Becoming a Water Safety officer is fun and a great way to be involved in the club and its programs.

Enrolments in the course can be made when you re-register for the upcoming season.

Please email Howard at howard.draper@sorrentoslsc.com or telephone 0412 590 060 for more information.

Howard Draper, Chief Instructor

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Presentation night / Pre-season social event

In past years we have held our Presentation night at the end of the season and invited all SRC or above members to attend. This year we are trying something a little different. We have decided to combine our 2015-16 season Presentation evening with a 2016-17 season opening event and open up attendance to all members.

The event on September 24 will give all members a chance to get together before the season and should get us all in the mood for a great summer. It's a chance to reconnect and start dreaming about those hot summer days and warm summer nights.

The event will be held at Rye Hotel on September 24 at 6pm – ALL members welcome.

Bookings can be made at www.trybooking.com.au/MWIY - please book by September 17 in order to ensure catering requirements can be met.

Any queries regarding the event can be directed to Prue Stone at prue.stone@sorrentoslsc.com

Nippers 2016-17

The 2016-17 Nipper season has been planned and kicks off with information sessions and pre-season briefings from 13 November and 's-badge' qualifications on Sunday 20 November. For more information about the schedule please refer to the [Nippers page](#) on the website.

Memberships

Memberships are now open for renewal – please visit [our website](#) for more information about how to renew.

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

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)



Sorrento SLSC Presentation Night 2016 & Season Opener

**We welcome all current and new members to Sorrento SLSC to
celebrate the 2016 'year that was' and the start of another big
season at the beach!**



When: Saturday 24th September 2016 at 6pm

with a variety of finger food provided

Where: Rye Hotel - Main Sail Upper Deck

Price: \$15 pp or \$40 per family

Drinks at bar prices

RSVP: by 17th September at link below

<https://www.trybooking.com/MWIY>

