

## Sorrento SLSC's Operation During COVID 19 Restrictions - Updated 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2020

The Sorrento SLSC Committee is making every effort to be able to operate the Club this coming Summer Season, while still adhering to the strict COVIDSafe requirements of Life Saving Victoria (LSV) and the Victorian State Government. Our Club COVIDSafe plan endeavours to ensure safe operation of the Club, it's Members and it's other users.

We have had to put certain measures in place in order to comply with the above restrictions and requirements, which although are not desirable, will safeguard us all. As experienced in all organisations, it is a fast changing landscape, which requires flexibility and patience by all.

This Season, The Clubhouse will have limited access to users who have requirements of an Operational nature only. Unfortunately we will not be able to grant open and unrestricted access to The Clubhouse for our Members as we have in previous Seasons. Although Members will not be able to congregate in the Clubhouse, nor store their personal items, the good news is that we have one of the best beaches in Victoria at our doorstep, and that will be the place to catch up with other Members once the current restrictions are lifted.

We are very glad to report at this stage, that we are planning to have Patrols on duty to keep our beach safe, however the nature of the Patrol and the number of Patrollers on duty has strict limitations dictated to us by LSV. "On-Duty Patrollers" will have access to the Clubrooms for surveillance and equipment access only. We would be grateful that our Members won't put the

On-Duty Patrollers in a situation where they have to explain the limitations of Clubhouse access, and that they are left to be able to do the critical job of keeping our beach safe.

We are very much hoping that Nippers will run this year, however it will look different to previous years. Again, the Club is still awaiting confirmation of dates that we may be able to commence. The Nippers Team have been working very hard in the background, and once restrictions have been lifted, we will be able to announce a start date and also provide families with an outline of how the Program will look for each Nipper.

There are strict sanitisation requirements enforced upon us with “shared sporting equipment”. Although The Nippers Team are pleased to announce that Nippers equipment will be able to be used as normal during designated Nippers sessions, unfortunately our Nippers will be unable to use the Club equipment such as Nipper boards etc for their own personal training outside of Program hours. Should these requirements change in the future, then The Committee will update this space.

So too, Members who previously enjoyed borrowing rescue boards to train on, will not be able to do so under the current restrictions. “On Duty Patrollers” may use the rescue boards for familiarisation and scenarios, but the only rescue boards that will be permitted to leave the Clubhouse, will be boards as stipulated in LSVs Patrol Standard Operating Procedures (SOP 1.01) and are for Patrol use only.

We are glad to report that Members will have access to the Clubhouse for planned and structured Training Courses and Re-quals for their current Awards. This will be carefully managed and monitored so that The Club

complies with the physical space and equipment requirements that have been outlined by both the Victorian Government and LSV. Members will be contacted regarding the specific dates and times that the Training Team is able to run courses.

The Committee of Sorrento SLSC is very grateful for the co-operation of its Members in what is a difficult situation to navigate through. It is hoped that in the Seasons going forward, things will be more “normal”, and we will all be able to enjoy the Club and it’s facilities as we have had in previous years.

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