



Elwood Life Saving Club Inc 101st Annual Report

2012/2013 Committee Members and Office Bearers

President – Graham Thomas

Vice President – Ben Herdman

Treasurer – Brenda Ramsdale

Secretary – Rachael Rylance

Committee members – David Rylance, Angela Montebello, Michael Corrigan, Christine Evelyn, Stephen Craven, Jessica Wend

Club Captain – Angela Montebello

IRB Captain – David Rylance

Chief Instructor – David Rylance

Nipper Coordinator – Rachael Rylance

Water Safety Officer – David Rylance

Equipment Officer – David Rylance

First Aid Officer – Ben Herdman

Radio Officer – Stephen Craven



Zac Bromage with his Gold Medal for the U11 Boys Surf Race at the LSV Junior State Championships held at Lorne 23 March 2013.

Presidents Report

The last year has seen continuing improvement in areas of the club. We have overcome a number of challenges and the community spirit of the club is thriving.

We had a warmer summer than the previous couple of years and the beach redevelopment was completed. This means we had more sand and could accommodate more people on the beach.

The introduction of the groyne and boat ramp to the North of the clubhouse led to a number of scrapes but no significant injury.

Club Membership has maintained in the 500's with a significant proportion consisting of Nippers. Given this, we successfully introduced a Nippers Parent Patrol team that has helped increase the pool of available patrollers.

As Patrol is the key focus of the club I would like to thank the Patrollers who diligently volunteered during the year. In Particular Angela Montebello, David Rylance, Michael Corrigan, Rachael Rylance, Benjamin Herdman and James O`Grady who all officially Patrolled over 60 hours each. Angela patrolled over 160 hours!

Training is the next key to a successful patrol and the Training team completed 94 assessments in the year. Due to a change in the LSV assessment procedure, the amount of paperwork involved with each new Award has more than doubled. Thanks in particular to our Chief Instructor - David Rylance - for his patience and effort processing these.

Our juniors competed admirably over the summer enjoying participation in the competition. Congratulations to all who participated, and to Zac Bromage for winning our first gold medal at a summer Junior State Carnival, winning the U11 boys surf race. The winter pool competition is in full force and Elwood have fielded teams in every competition to date.

Much of the success we have enjoyed has been due to the skills, fitness and strength training that has been a Monday and Wednesday ritual. This training has increased the Clubs presence on the beach during summer and helped toughen up our members. Thanks to Rachael Rylance for her effort in training, organising and managing the teams.

Our IRB team is powering in the competition and are steadily causing more of a stir. At the time of writing this we will be competing in the IRB Nationals in Darwin.

Nippers was a successful season. With the good weather we had good attendance. Interestingly there were a lot of new faces even though numbers had remained consistent. On the assumption that many families did not renew because of the poor weather of 2011/12 we are expecting a surge in the next season (2013/14).

The club finances are firmly in the positive with a net surplus of \$11,800. Refer to the Changing Sources of Club Finances in the Appendices. Club expenses increased by \$7,100 compared to last year. Income from Club membership and Water Safety increased, however income from BBQ, donations, hire and sponsorship declined leading to a decrease in income of \$59,600 from 2011/12.

The Club expenses had a net increase of \$7,100. Club uniforms increased by \$9,000 partially due to the LSV requirement for safety vests for Nippers and competitors and partially to an increase of stock on hand that we will realise over the next year. Water Safety expenses reduced this year due to investment in the previous year. As a result of additional equipment, depreciation expense increased by \$5,200. Our social expenses increased by \$3,180 however this was offset by an increase in social activity income of \$3,050. An investment of \$130 for significantly greater gain in club camaraderie.

In reviewing club income, Water Safety is a significant and important source of the clubs funding. It is higher this year as we purchased equipment last year in preparation for a busy 12/13 year. This proved to be an appropriate purchase with the team travelling all over Victoria. The net income of \$21,900 is the highest on record. The figure was almost equalled with a net income of \$21,300 when we were the water safety for the Commonwealth Games in 2006. We offer fantastic service that is obviously well respected by the events that utilise our equipment and skills.

We had a reduction in BBQ sales of \$4,000 from last year. There was a net reduction in the income of \$3,700. This year we introduced a healthier offering of Gluten Free sausages, vegetarian wraps as well as breakfast wraps. They all went down well with the coffee and hot chocolate. Thanks to Melissa Wakefield for organising the menu, purchasing and all the parent helpers. We had an issue with the Supersprint Corporate Triathlon as their management change saw allocation of the Corporate Tri to another organisation, however we are booked in for 2014. Finally, we had a fantastic afternoon with the Chisholm & Gamon BBQ at the Elwood festival, this did not however result in fantastic sales.

The reduction in Donations of \$26,100 is due primarily to the completion of the Centenary year. We had a significant once-off contribution from a previous member. We expect donations to remain at \$1,000 - \$2,000 unless we have another event or project.

The Centenary year saw \$45,400 in grants. The \$30,200 in 2012/13 grants is the result of continual and ongoing application. Well done to the team identifying and applying for the grants.

Club hire has reduced from \$10,000 in 2010/11 and \$11,400 in 2011/12 to \$4,500. This is due to using the training room for storage rather than hire and fewer corporate hires of the boardroom.

Sponsorship of \$3,200 is down from last year but up from previous years. 2011/12 we received long-term sponsors providing equipment such as Bendigo Bank sponsoring the Nippers flags and Chisholm & Gamon sponsoring the patrol tent. Our sponsors are highly valued and in addition to the two mentioned include Cycling Sports, Grill'd Elsternwick, Red Fred Creative and Webb Plumbing.

We will be seeking continuing and new sponsors for the 2013/2014 season, and I encourage you to assist the Committee in maintaining our Club programs and facilities through this income source, along with donations, to help us to avoid the need for extensive fundraising activities. You might also promote corporate hire of our upstairs meeting room to people wishing to have meetings, workshops or training in our wonderful beachside Clubhouse.

I encourage all of you to think about how you might contribute to making your Club the State's best, whether it be up-skilling and patrolling regularly, assisting with our Nipper program, joining and assisting competitions, helping out with social events or supporting the sub-committees of the Committee in other aspects of their work.

I look forward to a brilliant 2013/14 season and to enjoying our beach, facilities and the ELSC activities with you.

Graham Thomas

Vice Presidents Report

In 2012-13, I have seen the club moving in great directions. The membership has been steady which is great to see and even more encouraging is the growing utilisation of the facilities and programs on offer from the club by its members.

We have seen a great increase in weekday training participants. Training has focused on beach work, swimming and board paddling over the summer months. While the water is too cold, general fitness at the club and swim squad training at Harold Holt pool during winter. Rachael and David have both shown a tremendous commitment to running these sessions.

The training sessions have allowed more members to prepare and compete at Life Saving Victoria competitions around the state. Juniors have gone to compete at both beach and pool carnivals with tremendous results. Seniors have competed at IRB carnivals across the state and travelled up to Darwin for the Australian Titles in July. Seniors are also looking forward to competing in Pool competitions in the lead up to summer.

Being personally involved in the IRB Racing team, I am really proud to see the team expand since last season, with all team members' skills improving greatly. Surf experience has been invaluable to mine and my team-mates skill improvement, not just for racing but also general life saving abilities. We look to go down to the coast to do training over the summer, to practise board and IRB skills in the surf and anyone that is available to attend should strongly consider coming.

Once again, water safety has been a fantastic area of our club. Not only does it provide a great income to the club that rivals that of membership; but it provides our qualified members with opportunities to perform rescues and provide a great standard of care for the participants in triathlons and swims.

An additional patrol team was started last year, aimed at getting Nipper parents onto the beach to gain a different perspective of the club and establish new skills. The team has developed a strong foundation, however more parents are needed to get qualified and assist the few that have committed to the team already.

This past season is indicative of where Elwood can move as a club, with a stronger competitive base, more equipment for member use, great programs run for all members, and a big patrol base so those patrolling can enjoy their time on the beach that much more. As we move forward, the expansion of our club is a very exciting prospect and I look forward to working with more people in making this happen.

Ben Herdman



Ben Herdman (right) and Wes Hosking (left) during an IRB race this season.
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Treasurer's Report

2012/13 was another successful year for the Club and we remain in a strong financial position. As you will note from the enclosed reports, the Operating Statement shows a net operating surplus for the year of **\$11,782** after depreciation.

Cash in the operating bank account at 30 June 2013 was **\$62,004**. A new term deposit was invested early in the financial year with the Bendigo Bank with the year-end balance amounting to **\$51,182**. After the wonderful support of donors and sponsorships during the Centenary year it was pleasing to see that we were able to retain sponsorships for our Nipper T-shirts. Hopefully those relationships will continue in the future and that other businesses may be encouraged to do likewise after seeing the exposure provided.

The Club benefited greatly again from Grant receipts. We were fortunate to receive another generous VSESP Grant of \$15123 (ex GST) which assisted us in purchasing a new patrol boat, motor and fuel cell and a flammable liquids storage cabinet. Thanks again to the Club Captain and patrol captains responsible for timely patrol reports and communications to allow us to receive the LSV administration grants. We were also successful in receiving a \$1,100 Sporting Uniform Grant from the State Government of Victoria which is for the purchase of Elwood LSC bucket hats for Nippers for the coming season. We are very grateful to those who provide such valued grants that support our vital community service – it would be very difficult operate without them. The committee will endeavour to continue to apply for all eligible grants.

Club room hire income has unfortunately decreased this season. Some of this is in part due to the present economic climate and in part to our equipment storage difficulties. Many thanks to Christine Evely for managing the third party enquiries and booking system and ensuring that Club activities and patrols can continue without interruption.

The weather for water safety events this year was fantastic and the Water Safety team worked extremely hard again during the season to bring in substantial funds for the Club. Many thanks again to David Rylance, Ben Herdman, Angela Montebello and teams for their dedication, hard work and great organisation in building our reputation as being the club of choice for running water safety at events.

Our greatest challenge for the 2012/13 year will be to encourage sponsors to continue to support us in future years. We also need members to support and/or join our Nipper team, the Water Safety Team, BBQ fundraising teams as much as possible to ensure we continue to earn vital funds raised from these services.

I would like to thank all members of the committee (particularly Rachael Rylance), for their generous assistance over the last 12 months.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors and donors:

Sponsors

- ❖ Elwood Community Bank Branch - Bendigo Bank
- ❖ Chisholm & Gamon
- ❖ Webb Plumbing Services, Elsternwick
- ❖ Cycling & Sports Clothing, Glenhuntly Road, Elwood
- ❖ RedFred - Design Branding Web Print
- ❖ Engine swimwear

Donations

- ❖ Grill'd Elsternwick via Boardies Day \$300
- ❖ Grill'd Prahran \$100
- ❖ St Stephens Anglican Church (many thanks for your ongoing support)
- ❖ Lead Out Cycling members – windtrainer sessions
- ❖ Private donations

Grants received (excluding GST where applicable)

- ❖ VESEP – Life Saving Victoria \$15,123
- ❖ State Government Victoria – Department of Planning & Community Development – Sporting Uniforms Grant \$1,000
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – Admin assistance grant \$5,120
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – insurance grant \$3,042
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – administration grants \$2,500
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – uniform grant \$500
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – DHL uniform grant \$500
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – Surf Life Saving Foundation special distribution \$2,000
- ❖ Surf Life Saving Australia – shirts & shorts grant \$489

Brenda Ramsdale

Elwood Life Saving Club Inc*John R Conabere OBE Pavilion**Foreshore**Elwood Beach**Elwood VIC 3184***Profit & Loss [With Last Year]****July 2012 through June 2013**

	2013	2013	2012	2012
INCOME				
Membership				
Membership - Active Senior	\$1,150		\$1,250	
Membership - Cadet	\$455		\$364	
Membership - Family	\$14,618		\$15,154	
Nipper fee	\$2,927		\$0	
Membership - Associate	\$1,777		\$2,114	
Total Membership		\$20,927		\$18,882
Water Safety & Event Income				
Triathlons - Supersprint	\$17,472		\$20,932	
Triathlons - Other Clubs	\$955		\$0	
Water Safety - Other Clients	\$4,536		\$0	
Total Water Safety & Event Income		\$22,963		\$20,932
Fundraising Income				
Fundraising - BBQs & coffees	\$6,063		\$10,429	
Fundraising - drink sales	\$0		\$79	
Fundraising - sunscreen sales	\$10		\$80	
Total Fundraising Income		\$6,073		\$10,588
Sale Club Clothing		\$4,165		\$8,076
Manual and course fee sales		\$15		\$660
Donations - DGR		\$1,876		\$27,905
Grants		\$30,274		\$45,413
Vic Training Guarantee subsidy		\$3,408		\$0
Hire of club facilities		\$4,514		\$11,373
Sponsorships		\$3,200		\$10,052
Social events		\$3,440		\$393
Training Fees		\$0		\$805
Fuel tax credits		\$372		\$0
Misc - CoPP Holiday Program		\$1,000		\$441
Profit on sale on used equip		\$0		\$5,000
Interest		\$1,182		\$2,526
TOTAL INCOME		\$103,409		\$163,046
EXPENSES				
Maintenance and Repairs				
Maintenance - Clubhouse	\$2,151		\$2,921	
Maintenance - IRBs	\$139		\$246	
Maintenance - Motors	\$57		\$911	
Maintenance - Boards and Skis	\$163		\$0	
Maintenance - Other Equipment	\$1,640		\$299	
Total Maintenance and Repairs		\$4,151		\$4,377
Patrol Supplies				
Oxygen	\$1,183		\$646	
First Aid Supplies	\$1,291		\$0	
Fuel and Oil	\$1,186		\$972	
Other patrol expenses	\$375		\$615	
Total Patrol Supplies		\$4,036		\$2,232
Water Safety Expenses				
Triathlon - Supersprint	\$0		\$4,709	
Other water safety excl fuel	\$983		\$1,558	
Water safety equipment	\$0		\$1,780	
Total Water Safety Expenses		\$983		\$8,046
Fundraising				
BBQ & Coffee Supplies	\$3,712		\$4,436	
Drinks & icypoles for sale	\$0		\$180	
Total Fundraising		\$3,712		\$4,615

Elwood Life Saving Club Inc*John R Conabere OBE Pavilion**Foreshore**Elwood Beach**Elwood VIC 3184***Profit & Loss [With Last Year]****July 2012 through June 2013**

	2013	2013	2012	2012
Social events and activities		\$4,551		\$1,371
Clubhouse stores		\$154		\$99
Purchase of Equipment		\$1,169		\$3,937
Awards and Trophies		\$2,498		\$2,350
External training expenses		\$1,608		\$5,497
Club uniforms and apparel		\$20,081		\$11,052
Training manuals & expenses		\$2,477		\$1,608
Competition expenses		\$1,639		\$1,050
Administration				
Rental	\$0		\$313	
Telephone	\$339		\$372	
Internet	\$1,045		\$1,018	
Insurance	\$6,155		\$5,784	
Bank Fees	\$11		\$32	
Credit card fees	\$213		\$264	
Bad debts	\$1,200		\$0	
Postage, Stationery & Printing	\$1,608		\$2,166	
Registrations & charges	\$489		\$168	
LSV Capitation Fee	\$1,968		\$1,876	
Total Administration		\$13,028		\$11,992
Depreciation				
Depn - Motor Vehicles	\$5,776		\$5,537	
Depn - Furniture & Fittings	\$1,269		\$1,928	
Depn - Boats	\$3,902		\$2,917	
Depn - Motors	\$7,883		\$8,501	
Depn - Trailers	\$2,400		\$666	
Depn - Boards	\$5,467		\$3,917	
Depn - Radios & other equip	\$1,167		\$912	
Depn - Computers&office equip	\$94		\$151	
Depn - Training & Comp Equip	\$1,142		\$1,197	
Depn - Tents & patrol equip	\$711		\$227	
Depn - Anchors	\$1,129		\$167	
Depn - First Aid Packs & equip	\$300		\$321	
Depn - PFDs	\$424		\$424	
Depn - Water Safety Equipment	\$421		\$236	
Depn - maintenance equip	\$334		\$107	
Total Depreciation		\$32,419		\$27,209
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$92,505		\$85,435
OPERATING PROFIT		\$10,904		\$77,610
Other Income				
Centenary - Book sales	\$580		\$7,252	
Centenary -dinner ticket sales	\$0		\$13,195	
Centenary - Event fundraising	\$364		\$2,283	
Total Other Income		\$943		\$22,730
Other Expenses				
Centenary Expenses				
Centenary - General	\$0		\$271	
Centenary - Historian expenses	\$0		\$10,000	
Centenary - Book	\$65		\$45,409	
Centenary - Cocktail Party	\$0		\$551	
Centenary - Dinner	\$0		\$13,842	
Total Other Expenses		\$65		\$70,073
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		\$11,782		\$30,267

Elwood Life Saving Club Inc

John R Conabere OBE Pavilion

Foreshore

Elwood Beach

Elwood VIC 3184

Balance Sheet [Last Year Analysis]

June 2013

	2013	2013	2012	2012
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bendigo Club Cheque Account	\$62,004		\$96,063	
Term Deposit - Bendigo Bank	\$51,182		\$0	
Hire deposits/bonds	\$0		-\$300	
Debtors	\$600		\$3,913	
Club float	\$0		\$200	
Uniform Float	\$200		\$0	
Total Current Assets		\$113,986		\$99,875
Other Assets				
Deposits Paid	\$12,849		\$0	
Prepayments	\$0		\$11,700	
Total Other Assets		\$12,849		\$11,700
Property & Equipment				
Motor Vehicles	\$28,882		\$28,882	
Motor Vehicles Accum Dep	-\$13,295		-\$7,519	
Total Motor Vehicles	\$15,587		\$21,363	
Furniture & Fittings	\$14,816		\$14,816	
Furniture & Fittings Accum Dep	-\$11,686		-\$10,417	
Total Furniture & Fittings	\$3,130		\$4,399	
Boats	\$43,376		\$31,494	
Boats - Accum Dep	-\$31,304		-\$27,402	
Motors	\$50,947		\$44,391	
Motors - Accum Dep	-\$34,209		-\$26,326	
Trailers	\$15,800		\$15,800	
Trailers - Accum Dep	-\$9,679		-\$7,279	
Boards	\$44,763		\$37,113	
Boards - Accum Dep	-\$25,285		-\$19,818	
Radios & other equipment	\$9,102		\$9,102	
Radios & other- Accum Dep	-\$7,639		-\$6,471	
Training & Comp Equipment	\$8,520		\$8,520	
Train & Comp Equip -Accum Depn	-\$4,929		-\$3,787	
Maintenance equipment	\$5,089		\$1,363	
Maintenance equip - Acc Depn	-\$441		-\$107	
Computer & office equipment	\$2,914		\$2,914	
Computers - Accum Dep	-\$2,784		-\$2,690	
First Aid Back Packs & Equip	\$2,402		\$2,402	
First Aid Packs & eq Acc Depn	-\$1,628		-\$1,328	
Defibrillator	\$3,954		\$3,954	
Defibrillator - Accum Depn	-\$3,954		-\$3,954	
Tents & patrol equipment	\$7,047		\$6,421	
Tents & patrol equip -Acc Depn	-\$4,150		-\$3,439	
Anchors	\$6,197		\$6,197	
Anchors - Acc Depn	-\$1,848		-\$719	
PFDs	\$2,122		\$2,122	
PFDs - Acc depn	-\$1,882		-\$1,458	
Water Safety - Other	\$1,468		\$1,468	
Water Safety -Other - Acc Depn	-\$584		-\$291	
Total Property & Equipment		\$92,104		\$93,955
TOTAL ASSETS		\$218,939		\$205,530
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors	\$2,029		\$316	
Total GST Liabilities	\$1,300		\$1,386	
Total Current Liabilities		\$3,329		\$1,703
Total Liabilities		\$3,329		\$1,703
NET ASSETS		\$215,610		\$203,828
EQUITY				
Equity				
Prior Year's Surplus/Deficit	\$55,058		\$55,058	
Retained Earnings	\$148,770		\$118,502	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	\$11,782		\$30,267	
TOTAL EQUITY		\$215,610		\$203,828

Secretary's Report

The 2012/13 season was once again busy and packed with events , training and competition.

We saw a small decrease on member numbers from last season. The final official membership number for the 2012/13 season was 503, broken down as follows:

Junior Activity members 5-13 years old x 194
Cadet members 13-15 years old x 19
Active members 15-18 years old x 12
Active members 18 years old & over x 40
Associate members x 122
Probationary (No Working with Children Check received) x 95
Life members x 21

Members completing their Working with Children Check continues to be an issue. This year the number of members that are aged 18 and over that we do not hold a current WWCC for has increased slightly. Lifesaving Victoria has a focus on all clubs and their members to rectify this and we will be sending letters to all members that we do not have details on file for prior to the start of the new season. Any members who have not completed the requirements by the start of the season will not be able to participate in club activities until they have done so. Juniors will not be able to take part in our Nipper Program unless their parents have completed the WWCC requirements.

On 26 November 2012, the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations) replaced the Associations Incorporation Act 1981. In order to be compliant with the new Act, we need to ensure that our Constitution is updated to include all of the requirements. The committee has spent a great deal of time reviewing this and considering what changes are needed. In particular I would like to thank Brenda Ramsdale for her assistance with this. The changes have been put forth as a motion at the AGM and I hope that these will be accepted by the members. We must notify Consumer Affairs about our Constitution by 26 November 2013, otherwise our Constitution will automatically be replaced by the model rules from Consumer Affairs.

Rachael Rylance



Perfect conditions for the set up of the Nissan Corporate Triathlon at Elwood February 2013.

Club Captain's Report

A very big thank you is extended to all Club members who patrolled during the season. A total of 56 members patrolled the beach, giving up their time, juggling family, sporting, social and travel commitments, treating 26 first aid cases, overall three ambulances were required, two rescues were carried out and 363 preventative actions totalled for the season.

The patrol captains and vice captains have provided leadership and knowledge to their teams, often being small in size for hot days and a crowded beach. The dedication by those involved in training is definitely appreciated by those attaining new awards and those of us they join on patrol.

The hot weather experienced was much more indicative of patrolling conditions than in many recent seasons gone by.

Our beach is a place where many varying activities take place in the water, providing observational challenges requiring dedicated vigilance to look after beach users and those passing by.

It is fantastic to see that Nippers are now progressing on to join the patrol teams once attaining their SRC award, this will also encourage others coming through to do the same when they are old enough to do so.

We had two Patrol Audits and as usual one of those was after water safety for the Nissan Corporate Triathlon (BRW) and capped it off by conducting a successful rescue of a near drowning swimmer.

Following is a list of all those that patrolled during the season. I hope all patrollers are enjoying the winter break but preparing for the season to come. See you on the beach.

Angela Montebello

The following shows the members that patrolled during the 2012/13 season.

Stan Asimopoulos	Kaleab Heaps	Marina Rich
Jane Baker	Ben Herdman	Spencer Rich
Jackson Barr	Emily Hosken	Scarlett Rodoreda
Diana Bates	Joel Hosken	David Rylance
Cathy Boyce	Wes Hosking	Rachael Rylance
Steve Briner	Gwen James	Alana Sheldon
Samantha Caddaye	Charlie Joyce	Ruby Stock
Suzie Cartwright	Gerard Kennedy	Graham Thomas
Alex Chaplin	Daniel Kotsimbos	Amber Tong
James Chaplin	Michael Kotsimbos	Fletcher Tong
Nina Colon	Tom Lewis	Nathasha Ubrihien
Michael Corrigan	Twiggy Mercer	Celine U'brien-Prime
Olivia Corrigan	Angela Montebello	Siena Visentini
Steve Craven	Tess Nikolsky	Jess Wend
Erin Damen	Patrick O'Grady	Jasmine Wilson-Cohen
Germain d'Udekem	James O'Grady	Annie Zeleznikow
Racheli Elbaum	Mailys Prefrement	
Remi Fiorentini	Brenda Ramsdale	
Dylan Hartland	David Ramsdale	
Sam Hateley	Mali Rea	

Chief Instructor's Report

It was again another busy year of training with members gaining 56 new awards across nine different disciplines and members completing 129 skills maintenance assessments (previously known as proficiencies). Congratulations to all those who completed an award for the first time including six junior members who completed the Resuscitation Certificate. Thank you to those who have kept their awards current by completing the skills maintenance sessions, it is important for us to have experienced, qualified members to patrol our beach and provide water safety for the programs that the club runs. A list of new awards completed and the members that completed them is included in the Appendices.

This year there was a significant change in the paperwork and processing for new awards which created more work for the training team at Elwood. A big thank you to all the trainers who assisted with training this season, it makes the job of organising and running the training at Elwood easier knowing there is a group of dedicated and committed trainers to assist with Elwood LSC's training needs.

The off season has seen us continue training with fitness training on a Monday night and swim training on a Wednesday night, a big thank you to Rachael Rylance for coordinating this and running the pool sessions. There is a core group of members turning up to these sessions with some of them concentrating on pool competition or IRB competition skills for those that are competing at those carnivals. These sessions will also have them fit for new awards or skills maintenance assessments in the coming season.



David Rylance

Water Safety Officer's Report

The water safety season was again a busy one with the first event of the year being the Star of the Sea School's Triathlon held at Elwood Beach.

Our association with Can Too grew this season with us not only providing water safety for their training at Elwood, we also provided Coach's for these sessions as well. The feedback we received from the participants was excellent and we are expecting this association to continue. Can Too raises money for cancer research and just prior to the start of the season they reached the 10 million dollars raised. The founder Annie Crawford was awarded an AOM in the Queen's Birthday honours for the hard work she has done and continues to do.

This season we provided water safety at all our scheduled events with not one called off due to polluted water, we did however get some bad weather which gave the water safety crew some difficult challenges. The events included The Gatorade Triathlon Series, The Nissan Corporate Triathlon and the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon in Geelong and St Kilda. Elwood LSC has provided water safety for these events for many years and they continue to be a main source of income for the club. We again assisted Williamstown S & LSC with their 1km and 2km Swim and the Big Bay Swim.

This year we also sent IRB's and Crews to the Lorne Pier to Pub for the first time.

I have already received notice of the events we provide water safety for from SuperSprint and have receive enquiries for us to provide water safety at other events not previously conducted. So the coming season looks like it will be another busy one. The water safety crew do a great job and this is proven by the number of enquiries we get to provide water safety for special events. We are always looking for people to assist with these events and appreciate any help that members can provide.

A big thank you to the people listed below who assisted with providing water safety this season and congratulations to those who receive water safety awards.

Amber Tong
Andrew McCallum
Angela Montebello
Annie Zeleznikow
Aymeric Perfrement
Ben Herdman
Cathy Boyce
Celine Ubrien-Prime
Charlie Joyce
Daniel Kotsimbos
David Roche
David Rylance
Diana Bates
Emma Gronow
Erin Damen
Fletcher Tong
Germain d'Udekem
Gwen James
Izzy Hally
James O'Grady
Jane Baker
Jess Wend

Joel Hosken
Kaleab Heeps
Kellee Lewis
Mailys Perfrement
Michael Corrigan
Natasha Ubrihien
Nina Colon
Olivia Corrigan
Pat O'Grady
Peter Hosken
Peter James
Rachael Rylance
Ruby Stock
Sam Caddaye
Sam Hateley
Spencer Rich
Stan Asimopoulos
Stephen Craven
Tom Lewis
Twiggy Mercer
Wes Hosking

David Rylance

IRB Captain's Report

Our IRB's worked hard again this season with patrols, training, water safety and competition.

We have taken delivery of a new IRB thanks to the VESEP grant and it arrived just in time for the IRB team to use it at this season's carnivals. This new IRB will be used for competition, training and water safety. We are waiting on delivery of two new engines and once received we will have two old engines for sale. We will also be replacing the patrol IRB with a new rigid hull dedicated to Miriam Heine who donated money every year to the club and left a considerable amount of money to the club in her will, we felt this was an appropriate tribute.

We will also be getting another IRB for competition to assist the growing IRB team. This season the team consisted of Ben Herdman, Michael Corrigan, Rachael Rylance, Wes Hosking, Nina Colon, James O'Grady and Patrick O'Grady as competitors, Stan Asimopoulos as a very vocal Team Manager and Peter James and Gwen James as the clubs officials. The team competed at every state carnival including the Victorian State Championships at Lorne. The team was again assisted this season by the Williamstown S&LSC IRB team and their help and guidance is greatly appreciated. A group of members also attended the SLSA IRB championships in Darwin NT.

David Rylance



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Ben Herdman, Michael Corrigan and Rachael Rylance during the Men's Tube Race – Ocean Grove
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Wes Hosking, Ben Herdman and Nina Colon during the Men's Mass Rescue Race – Ocean Grove
(Photo courtesy of Andy Berry)

Equipment Officer's Report

The Club equipment continues to be maintained by a small group of members to ensure we have the necessary equipment for patrols, training, competition and water safety. Thank you to the members that have assisted me this season in maintaining the equipment.

The ATV needed to have the batteries replaced when it was serviced at the start of the season as they had gone flat due to being left off the charger for too long. With the ATV operators ensuring that the charger is correctly attached and charging when the ATV is not in use it has ensured that this has not occurred again.

The Club has purchased new competition boards for junior and senior members for competition and competition training. There has been minor damage and breakages to a number of our boards and other equipment, care needs to be taken to minimise any damage, but if it does happen it needs to be reported to the equipment officer so the equipment can be taken out of service to prevent further damage and so it can be repaired.

As part of the VESEP Grant the club was able to purchase a flammable liquids cabinet. This is now installed in the store room and now stores the fuel for the ATV and IRB's, the IRB fuel cells and any other miscellaneous flammable liquids we require at the club. The club was also successful in a ballot for fitness equipment from Fitness First and received a treadmill.

With the club upgrading and updating equipment we sometimes have old equipment that is still useable but we no longer have a need for. In November we were able to give some of this equipment to Sri Lanka SLS to assist with their training. Items donated were old CPR training mannequins and old oxygen units. They were gratefully received by members of Sri Lanka SLS at the World Championships in Adelaide in November 2012.

David Rylance



New Flammable Liquids Cabinet – purchased with the VESEP grant

First Aid Officers Report

This season past has involved some intense and varied first-aid responses by our patrolling members. To see that our members have been able to handle these with skill and professionalism has been very reassuring for the club.

Aside from the regular Jellyfish stings, cuts and abrasions, sand in eyes; we have also responded to a broken arm on the bike track, sprained ankle from jumping off the new rock groyne, and a near drowning which saw a beach user taken away to hospital; just to name a few.

There are some points that need to be raised though. Please ensure that you always have another patrol member with you when administering first-aid. This allows assistance for writing reports, asking questions on treatment you may be unsure of, and protects you as the first-aider. Also, if in doubt, call for an ambulance. Don't be afraid to call for experienced help as you are never sure when situations can escalate.

A quick reminder that First Aid reports need to be fully completed in pen. Incident reports also need to be completed for any injuries of club members, or for any major first-aid cases.

We are a service that looks after the beach users and we need to be able to provide first-aid when required. Thank-you to everyone that treated or assisted with first-aid throughout the season, your work has been invaluable.

Ben Herdman

Nippers Report

This season we had just under 200 Nippers registered, which was slightly down on the previous year. Attendance at sessions was up this season due to the better weather conditions we experienced over summer.

We introduced a \$20 fee per Nipper this season to assist with some of the costs associated with running the program. Included in the fee this season was a pink vest, (which was a new requirement for all members to wear whilst training or competing in water activities), and also the coloured age group Nipper cap, which has previously been sold for \$10. We will likely continue charging this fee for the upcoming season to assist with the fees charged by Lifesaving Victoria, which include a capitation fee per junior and award processing fees for preliminary evaluations, competition evaluations and the Junior Age Group Awards.

I'd like to personally thank all of our Age Managers that ran the program each Sunday for their respective age groups. We can't run the program without Age Managers and we appreciate the time they give up each Sunday to run this program for our Nippers. You do not need your Bronze Medallion or SRC to be an Age Manager, so if getting in the water isn't your cup of tea, perhaps you would consider becoming an Age Manager to assist us run the Nipper Program.

The Age Managers for this season were:

U6 – David Rylance and Siobhan Wend

U8 – Graham Thomas

U9 – Michael Patishman

U10 – Luisa Corrigan and Simon Smyth

U11 – Brenda Ramsdale

U12/U13 – Rachael Rylance

A big thank you also to our Nipper Water Safety team headed up by David Ramsdale, who was assisted by Michael Corrigan. As it is a requirement to have a minimum of one water safety

personnel to every five Nippers in the water, we couldn't run our program without the support of members who volunteer to assist with this each Sunday. If you'd like to help out in this area, all you need is your Bronze Medallion or SRC and we will be running courses for these awards throughout the season.

The last thank you for the season is to Melissa Wakefield and her team of dedicated parents who organised the food and coffee each Sunday for our hungry Nippers and their parents. We hope you will be able to continue doing this amazing job for us again this year.

This season 101 Nippers obtained the awards associated with their age group. In order to receive this award Nippers must attend a minimum on half of the scheduled sessions and participate in the activities that are run by their Age Manager.

Nipper Awards achieved this season were as follows:

Surf Play One (U6) x 18
Surf Play Two (U7) x 16
Surf Aware One (U8) x 21
Surf Aware Two (U9) x 11
Surf Safe One (U10) x 15
Surf Safe Two (U11) x 7
Surf Smart One (U12) x 7
Surf Smart Two (U13) x 6

This season for the first time we also had six juniors from the U11-U13 age groups complete the Resuscitation Certificate. This award provides them with the skills to administer CPR.

We look forward to seeing all of our Nippers back this summer and those that are now old enough coming back to complete their SRC awards and start patrolling.

Rachael Rylance



U11-U13 during the practical part of the Resuscitation Certificate with Chief Instructor, David Rylance

Competition

I am pleased to report that throughout the 2012/13 competition season Elwood has been well represented at most carnivals, both junior and senior.

The first carnival for last season was the 2012 Senior Victorian Pool Championships which were held in October. A small team of three represented the club and came home with XX medals between them.

We started beach training sessions as soon as daylight savings started and the number of members attending steadily increased over summer with as many as 35 juniors attending some of the Monday and Wednesday night sessions. These sessions are aimed at those wishing to compete in carnivals and focus on technique, fitness and competition skills.

Junior summer carnivals got underway in December with the first carnival being held at Jan Juc. Elwood attended the subsequent carnivals at Cosy Corner, Mt Martha, the Metro Regional Championships at Mordialloc and the Junior State Championships at Lorne.

We had a small team head to Lorne for the Junior State Championships. Maggie Kontev, Zac Bromage and Jemima Bromage did the club proud against some tough competition. Zac won Elwood's first LSV summer competition medal, taking home gold in the U11 Boys Surf Race.

Unfortunately we didn't have any members compete in Senior beach carnivals over summer, but we are hoping that this will change for the 2013/14 season as some of the members who have previously competed in the junior carnivals move into the senior age groups.

It was great to see the Elwood IRB team nearly double in size this season and the team performed very well throughout the season. We hope that this team will continue to grow and become more competitive next season. Trading my clipboard for a wetsuit and pink vest this season, I was able to experience how much fun it can be to compete in this sport – despite the number of bruises I managed to get during training and competition!

Congratulations to everyone who put the Elwood club cap on to compete this season, I hope you all return to give it another go for 2013/14.

Results from State and National Carnivals during the 2012/13 season.

Victorian Senior State Pool Championships – October 2012

Gold Medal

Rachael Rylance – Masters Female 100m Manikin Tow
Olivia Corrigan – U12 Female 50m Manikin Carry
Olivia Corrigan – U12 Female 100m Obstacles
Olivia Corrigan – U12 Female 100m Manikin Carry with Fins

Silver Medal

Rachael Rylance – Masters Female 100m Manikin Carry with Fins

Bronze Medal

Rachael Rylance – Masters Female 100m Obstacles
Rachael Rylance – Masters Female 12m Line Throw
Jackson Barr – U16 Male 100m Manikin Carry with Fins

Victorian Junior State Championships – Lorne March 2013

Gold Medal

Zac Bromage – U11 Boys Surf Race

Victorian Junior State Pool Championships – July 2013

Harry McKenzie – 4th U8 Boys Tube Tow

Harry McKenzie – 5th U8 Boys 25m Freestyle

A number of our members also competed for Williamstown S&LSC in IRB competition this season.

Victorian IRB State Championships – Lorne June 2013

Gold Medal

Angela Montebello – Women's Teams

David Rylance – 8th Men's Tube

Australian IRB Championships – Darwin July 2013

Angela Montebello and Rachael Rylance – 6th Women's Teams

Angela Montebello – 6th Men's Mass Rescue

David Rylance, Michael Corrigan, Angela Montebello, Rachael Rylance – 6th Lifesaver Relay

Rachael Rylance



Building Sub-Committee Report

Our club is growing and the members have been developing more interest in competition. To be able to support this, the building sub-committee is looking at, not only what immediate needs the club has, but also what the club needs to do to support any continued growth.

Elwood clubrooms have been used as a great training venue for both club members and other external hirers. However, in recent times, we have purchased competition specific equipment, as well as ensuring that our equipment needs meet our membership base. As such, our storage capacity is not suited to the needs of the club.

The building sub-committee have been in discussions with our local council to brainstorm how we may overcome the issues that we face at the moment, and the potential threat of us out growing our clubrooms in the near future.

The sub-committee is also concerned with how the club can support the wants and needs of the membership. We want to know how we can accommodate our members so that they can achieve what they want to get out of the club.

If you have any suggestions for our committee, or feel you would like to assist or even join the sub-committee; feel free to contact me. We are always looking for people with new ideas and suggestions to make our club a better place for everyone.

Ben Herdman

Social Sub-Committee Report

Throughout the 2012 – 2013 lifesaving season we held three major social events which enabled us to invite local residence to our club, friends , family and of course offered Elwood lifesavers an opportunity to catch up whilst off duty!

Red, White and Blue Cocktail Party:

Kick starting the social season was our annual Red, Blue and White Cocktail Night. It was a reasonable turn out with many friends and local residents showing their faces to enjoy a few club coloured cocktails and canapés. In true tradition we held a silent auction to raise funds for the club, without the generosity of our incredible local business's (listed below) who donated gifts or services this simply would not be possible so a huge thank you to you all! I would also like to offer a special thank you to Jane Touzeau our local counsellor who made a special attendance to see what our club culture and venue is all about.

Trivia Night:

Our annual Trivia night has proven to be a sell out and hot favourite! The competitiveness and love for a good laugh made this evening a truly joyful event! With eight tables which consisted of lifesaving members, family or friends we laughed, ate and bantered through different trivia topics. A special mention goes out to our local businesses who donated gifts for prizes, Ben Herdman and Tess Nikolsky for arranging and hosting the event and Cathy and Emma for having the loudest table!

End of Season BBQ:

As the season started coming to an end, the long summer nights started saying good bye, it was time for us all to have one last get together before we closed shop for the season! We held a BBQ and a few games of petanque at the St Kilda Bowls Club to wind down from the 2012/13 season, it was a relaxing and enjoyable evening where we could all chat about the incredible summer that had been, ate delicious food and enjoyed a few laughs over a couple of beverages. I must make a special

mention to the Nipper parents who came along with our cheerful Nippers, it was great to see some new faces and meet some new members!

Local business's who kindly donated to gifts or services to Elwood throughout the season:

Wonder Hair & Nail, St Kilda Bowls Club, Ebisu Designs, Thai Orchid, House of Three, Elwood Food & Wine Bar, Heavenly Feet, Cellabratations, T2, Luna Park, Bella Inspirations, Pharmasave Elwood Pharmacy and Fox's Den.



The "Miriam Heine", delivered just in time to appear in the Annual Report.



Appendix 1

Awards Obtained in 2012/13 Season

Age Manager

Scott Brownbill
Luisa Corrigan
Greg Fahy
David Rylance
Rachael Rylance
Simon Smyth
Graham Thomas

Bronze Medallion

Amber Tong
Fletcher Tong
Mailys Perfrement
Daniel Kotsimbos
Tom Short
Nina Colon
Duncan Phimister
Sarah Van Newkirk Connor

IRB Crew Certificate

Natasha Ubrihien
Nina Colon
Daniel Kotsimbos
Amber Tong
Fletcher Tong

Radio Operator Certificate

Twiggy Mercer
Aymeric Perfrement
Amber Tong
Fletcher Tong
Sienna Visentini
Kyla Breeze
Duncan Phimister
Sarah Van Newkirk Connor
Louis O'Grady
Olivia Corrigan
Joel Hosken
Charlie Joyce
Daniel Kotsimbos
Tom Short
Ruby Stock
Jasmine Wilson-Cohen

Resuscitation Certificate

Ariel Elbaum
Chloe Gent
Margarita Kontev
Polly McKenzie
Alissa Ramsdale
Benjamin Ramsdale

Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management

Diana Bates
Michael Corrigan
Wesley Hosking
Natasha Ubrihien

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

Diana Bates
Stephen Craven
David Ramsdale
Jessica Wend

Spinal Management

Stan Asimopoulos
Michael Corrigan

Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)

Twiggy Mercer
Aymeric Perfrement
Sienna Visentini
Olivia Corrigan
Joel Hosken
Charlie Joyce
Ruby Stock
Jasmine Wilson-Cohen
Kyla Breeze
Louise O'Grady

Training Officer - ATV

Ben Herdman

Appendix 2

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

AGE GROUP	MALE CHAMPION	FEMALE CHAMPION
Under 6 - Sea Stars	Xavier Edmonds	Tessa Bahen
Under 7 - Nemos	Dexter Prime	Rehanah El Adam
Under 8 - Dorys	Benjamin Boyce-Elliott	Alexandra Thomas
Under 9 - Yellow Fins	Sam Connor	Jessica Patishman
Under 10 - Snappers	Dante Visentini	Chloe Vincent
Under 11 - Stingrays	Jean Bergero	Alissa Ramsdale
Under 12 - Sharks	Ben Devine-Troon	Grace Sherman
Under 13 - Blue Marlins	Benjamin Ramsdale	Holly Puzsar
Junior Club Champions	Benjamin Ramsdale	Holly Puzsar

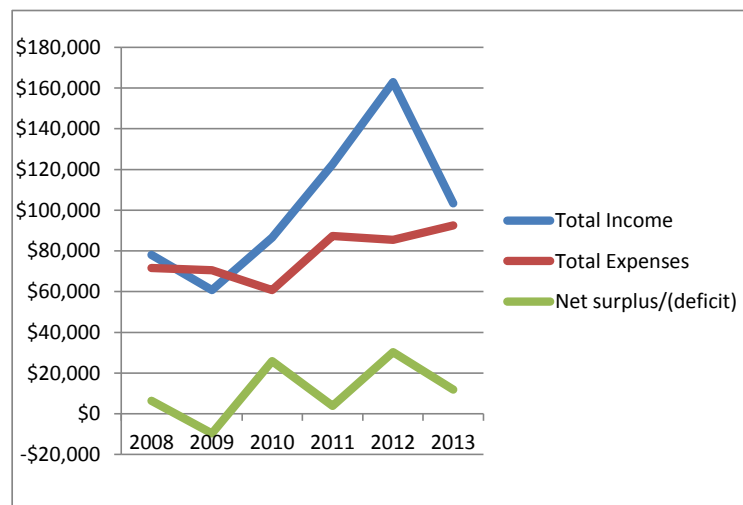
SENIOR CHAMPIONS

Intermediate	Not Contested	Erin Damen
Senior Club Champions	Tom Lewis	Not Contested

Appendix 3

Changing Sources of Club Finances

	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06	2004/05	2003/04	2002/03	2001/02	2000/01	1999/00
Total Equity	215.6	203.8	173.6	169.7	143.9	153.6	147.2	120.7	73.6	55.1	28.7	29.0	27.5	18.7
Total Income	103.4	163	122.5	86.6	60.8	78	76.5	102.3	53.7	55.5	52.1	42.1	31.3	26.9
Membership	20.9	18.8	17.5	14.5	10.7	13.4	10.9	8.6	4.4	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.2
Water Safety (net)	21.9	12.9	12.8	12.7	11.0	17.4	15.3	21.3	13.3	25.1	15.7	7.6	8.4	4.7
BBQ (net)	2.3	6.0	7.6	8.4	7.9	2.0	3.0	10.1	10.2	11.7	8.0	3.9	-	
Donations	1.8	27.9	18.6	1.1	1.4	0.3	1.7	4.0	8.6	1.5	4.1	4.8	6.3	8.9
Grants	30.2	45.4	20.5	28.1	5.5	5.7	15.8	28.3	6.3	3.1	8.8	1.0	D+G+S	
Hire of Facilities	4.5	11.4	10.0	3.6	2.8	14.4	13.4	5.8	1.2					
Depreciation	32.4	27.2	25.2	20.6	18									
Sponsorships (\$)	3.2	10.0	2.5											
Total Expenses	92.5	85.4	87.3	60.8	70.5	71.6	49.9	55.2	35.2	29.1	40.2	38.8	22.5	28.8
Trading Result	10.9	77.6	35.2	25.8	-9.7	6.4	26.5	47.1	18.6	26.4	11.9	3.3	9.8	1.9
Centenary expenses (net)	-0.9	47.3	31.3											
Net surplus/(deficit)	11.8	30.3	3.9											



Francis Family – Award for Service to the Club

Melissa Wakefield took on the task of organising all of the food for Nippers this year. Melissa has arranged all of the supplies, preparing the food and organising a team of helpers prior to Nippers each Sunday so the Sunday's flow effortlessly with members organised to cook and sell the food and man the coffee machine. Melissa ensured that we had a broad offering of food with some healthy options included.

Hardy Family – Best First Year Award

The committee did not feel that there was anyone who met the requirements for this award this season, and therefore this will not be awarded this year.

Ashton Family – Most Improved Award

Stan Asimopoulos joined the Club in 2007 as an Associate member and obtained his Bronze Medallion in 2011. Since then Stan has also obtained his IRB Crew, Basic Beach Management and Spinal Management award. Stan has become an enthusiastic member on patrols and also assisted with most of the water safety jobs this season. Stan also assisted Rachael Rylance on some occasions to run the weeknight training sessions. Stan stepped into the role of Team Manager for the IRB team this year, and was a great support to the team at the carnivals.

Kathryn Conabere – Dedication to Duty (Female) Award

Once again this year, there were two individuals that we couldn't split, so we have jointly awarded Angela Montebello and Rachael Rylance.

Rachael Rylance is the Secretary of the club and also looks after processing all of the memberships and responding to membership enquiries. Rachael continued her commitment to patrolling and water safety this year and also ran coached sessions on Monday and Wednesday nights at the club through summer and has been coaching swimming sessions on Wednesday nights through winter. The training sessions have seen improved attendance and performance of our members at carnivals. Rachael continued to be proactive in getting our juniors to compete, and attended the beach carnivals as Team Manager during summer. Rachael also gained her Age Manager's award and managed the U12 and U13 Nippers this season, as well as co-ordinating the Nipper Program as we were unable to find someone to take on that role. Rachael also assisted with training new Bronze Medallion and SRC candidates. Rachael was selected as the Team Manager for the Victorian IRB State Team.

Angela Montebello is the Club Captain and a member of the committee. Angela completed 164.5 patrol hours, between both Elwood and Williamstown Lifesaving Clubs which was nearly three times the number of hours she was rostered for. Angela also helped at the majority of water safety jobs demonstrating senior leadership for newer members of the water safety team. Angela also assisted with training and assessing our members as well as members at other clubs for their awards. Angela has continued to represent Elwood on various LSV committees ensuring we have a voice at various forums. Angela has ensured that all LSV conditions and deadlines were met in order for us to receive the available funding this season.

Robert Sharpe – Dedication to Duty (Male) Award

Michael Corrigan increased his dedication to patrol this year, completing 79.5 patrol hours during the season. Michael assisted with the water safety at Nipper sessions throughout the season and also helped out with the majority of water safety jobs for the club this season. Michael also assisted Rachael at a number of the weeknight training sessions through summer. Michael was a member of the Elwood IRB team again this season and has shown dedication and commitment to training and competing.

John R Conabere – Most Efficient Overall

David Rylance is the Chief Instructor, member of the committee, IRB Captain, Water Safety Officer and Equipment Officer. David also helped out as an Age Manager for the U6's when and runs most of the Monday night fitness sessions at the club during winter. He has been the coach for the Elwood IRB Race Team which competed at all Victorian carnivals this season. David represents Elwood on a couple of LSV committees and has been selected for the Aquatic Sports Pool Panel. David has coordinated all of our Water Safety events which provide major fund raising for our club each year. David has conducted training from before seasons start through to the end of the patrol season for all awards to ensure that our patrol teams are proficient and equip to look after our beach. David conducted training and assessed at other clubs aside from Elwood as well. His training also ensured we had Age Managers to run the nipper program on Sunday mornings. David was awarded the Lifesaving Victoria Volunteer Trainer of the Year at the Awards of Excellence this season.

Water Safety Awards

The following people receive an Elwood LSC jacket for water safety services this season:

Erin Damen
Fletcher Tong
Olivia Corrigan
Stan Asimopoulos

The following people receive a Radiator thermal rash vest:

Angela Montebello
Ben Herdman
David Rylance
Diana Bates
Jess Wend
Michael Corrigan
Peter Hosken
Rachael Rylance
Wes Hosking