



Elwood Life Saving Club Inc 102nd Annual Report



2013/14 Committee Members and Office Bearers

President – David Rylance

Vice President – Ben Herdman

Treasurer – Brenda Ramsdale

Secretary – Rachael Rylance

Committee members – Angela Montebello, Michael Corrigan, Christine Evely, Wesley Hosking, Stan Asimopoulos, Jessica Wend

Club Captain – Angela Montebello

IRB Captain – Michael Corrigan

Chief Instructor – David Rylance

Nipper Coordinator – Rachael Rylance

Water Safety Officer – David Rylance

Equipment Officer – Ben Herdman

First Aid Officer – Stan Asimopoulos

Radio Officer – Wesley Hosking



Victorian IRB State Championship Bronze Medal in Men's Teams Rescue

Michael Corrigan, David Rylance, Rachael Rylance, Ben Herdman, Nina Colon, Wes Hosking

Presidents Report

It has been another busy and successful season for Elwood LSC, with Patrols, water safety for special events, the junior program, member training, competition and other community activities we are involved in. We not only provided the regular patrols during the season, but we were able to provide extra patrols during the week when there were days of extreme heat. I would like to thank all the members who patrolled the beach at Elwood ensuring that the public was able to enjoy the beach safely. With the changes that are occurring in the emergency services in Victoria, which Life Saving Victoria and Elwood LSC are a part of, we are being asked to be more flexible with our patrolling and response to incidents. This is our core role and it is important that we have qualified members to perform this duty. It has been great to see new members and current members gain patrolling qualifications and patrol the beach at Elwood. The training group again put through a number of different awards this season ensuring our members have the skills to perform their duties. A number of our trainers and assessors also trained and assessed members of other clubs, which is great that we are able to assist other clubs in this way.

Our junior program is getting bigger and bigger and it is great to see the Elwood LSC pink vests running around the beach on a Sunday morning. I get a lot of positive comments about this from people outside our club as we are seen as being vibrant and active in the community. The season started with a rush of inquiries after we were able to get an article about our junior program into the local Leader and the Herald Sun newspaper, thanks must go to Wesley Hosking for organising this. It is also great that a number of our juniors are now going on to gain patrolling awards and are coming back to assist at Nippers with water safety and running the program. For this program to work, we need a lot of volunteers, from qualified members to provide water safety, age managers and coaches to BBQ helpers, uniform sales and a junior program coordinator. The ability for the club to continue to run the junior program relies heavily on volunteers helping on the day for it to run smoothly.

The club again was successful in obtaining some grants to update, increase the number of or purchase new equipment for patrols, training, competition, water safety and general items around the club. The grants along with support from our sponsors and the funds from water safety events and BBQ's means we can provide up to date and safe equipment for our members.

Well done to all our members who have participated in lifesaving carnivals. We have members participate in junior summer carnivals, junior and senior pool carnivals and IRB carnivals, with members attending the SLSA IRB championships Kingscliffe Beach in northern NSW.

This season also saw a number of members attend state or national leadership camps of differing levels. Polly and Georgie attended the LSV U15 Leadership development camp and Rachael and I attended the SLSA Leaders Masterclass. I highly recommend these development camps and encourage our members to attend, as you gain valuable knowledge as well as new friends in lifesaving.

Elwood LSC has had a great year with us participating in all areas of lifesaving and a couple of members also taking on State roles as well as their club positions. I thank all for help in making the club what it is and look forward to the coming season.

David Rylance

Vice Presidents Report

The 2013-14 season was another stellar year for our club and members. Our Nipper program has reached capacity and it was fantastic to see so many new families come to experience our beach as part of our club. The Nipper program needs the support of the parents of every child involved, so any way you can help is always appreciated.

The patrolling members showed great skills this long, hot season. Not only was this a long year for patrolling, but we also put up extra weeknight patrols during the heatwave. Members saw more action on those weeknight patrols with major first-aid cases, lost children, and huge numbers on the beach, even after sun-down. I would like to commend all those that gave up their time for that. But even on our regular patrols, hot or cold, we were kept busy with severe first aid cases requiring patients to be transported to hospital, and near drownings at our beach. We are very fortunate that these cases had the swimmers walking away from the beach, but everyone needs to remember that it's not always the hot days when the action happens. So please remain alert and vigilant when down at the beach.

Training sessions continue to run all year round with beach work, swimming and board paddling over the summer months, and general fitness at the club and swim squad training at Harold Holt pool during the winter months. These sessions are open for all members so please feel free to come join in.

Competition has continued to grow at all levels of the club with more juniors entering the summer beach carnivals, and both juniors and seniors representing Elwood at the pool carnivals. Once again, Elwood has had a growing IRB team that has competed at all IRB carnivals this season.

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.

I am very excited to see this club continue to grow and look forward to another fantastic season ahead of us.

Ben Herdman



Treasurer's Report

2013/14 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 \$4,852 after depreciation. Cash in the operating bank account at 30 June 2014 was \$71,983 and the term deposit at year end was \$53,262.

We continued to receive great support from our local businesses for many of our activities during the season. Unfortunately however, we were not able to secure a financial sponsorship for our Nipper T-Shirts and consequently the Nippers missed out on their club shirt. It would be wonderful if we could get the T-Shirts back as not only do the kids love them, there is significant exposure provided on the back of the shirts for business' logos. We will try and source sponsorships again for the 2014/15 season.

The Club benefited greatly again from Grant receipts. We were fortunate to receive another generous VSESP Grant of \$10,279 (ex GST) which assisted us in purchasing a new patrol boat, motor and fuel cell. 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 \$2,500 VicHealth Active Club Grant for the purchase of nipper boards and competition boards. 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.

Congratulations to Stan Asimopoulos and Diana Bates for running a very successful tin can shake in February 2014. This was a new fundraising event for Elwood and thanks to Stan and Diana's well planned and organised approach, donations from the public amounted to \$4,159.

Club room hire income has unfortunately continued to decrease this season. This is in large part due to our equipment storage challenges. 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.

For the most part the weather for water safety events this year was great and the Water Safety team worked extremely hard again during the season to bring in substantial funds for the Club. Many thanks to David Rylance, Michael Corrigan, 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.

Besides sourcing sponsorships, our greatest challenge for the 2014/15 year will be to encourage parents and members to support and join our teams – Nippers, BBQs, Water Safety – all require member participation to ensure that we can continue to provide these services and to earn vital funds.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their generous assistance over the last 12 months.

Brenda Ramsdale

Many thanks to our generous sponsors and donors:

Sponsors

- ❖ Elwood Community Bank Branch - Bendigo Bank
- ❖ Chisholm & Gamon
- ❖ RedFred - Design Branding Web Print
- ❖ Engine swimwear

Donations

- ❖ Chisolm & Gamon – Elwood Festival \$1,466
- ❖ St Stephens Anglican Church \$500
- ❖ Lead-Out Windtrainers \$455
- ❖ “Get Your Shake On” - tin can shake Feb 2014 \$4,159
- ❖ Private donations \$170

Grants received (excluding GST where applicable).

- ❖ VESEP – Life Saving Victoria \$10,279
- ❖ VicHealth Active Club Grant \$2,500
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – Admin assistance grant \$5,260
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – insurance grant \$3,153
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – administration grants \$2,500
- ❖ Life Saving Victoria – uniform grant \$500

Elwood Life Saving Club Inc

John R Conabere OBE Pavilion

Foreshore

Elwood Beach

Elwood VIC 3184

Profit & Loss [With Last Year]

July 2013 through June 2014

	2014	2014	2013	2013
INCOME				
Membership				
Membership - Active Senior	\$1,168		\$1,150	
Membership - Cadet	\$591		\$455	
Membership - Family	\$18,364		\$14,618	
Nipper fee	\$4,164		\$2,927	
Membership - Associate	\$3,091		\$1,777	
Total Membership		\$27,377		\$20,927
Water Safety & Event Income				
Triathlons - Supersprint	\$19,448		\$17,472	
Triathlons - Other Clubs	\$0		\$955	
Water Safety - Other Clients	\$6,324		\$4,536	
Total Water Safety & Event Income		\$25,772		\$22,963
Fundraising Income				
Fundraising - BBQs & coffees	\$5,050		\$6,063	
Fundraising - drink sales	\$81		\$0	
Fundraising - sunscreen sales	\$0		\$10	
Fundraising - Other	\$4,437		\$0	
Total Fundraising Income		\$9,568		\$6,073
Sale Club Clothing		\$9,354		\$4,165
Manual and course fee sales		\$15		\$15
Donations - DGR		\$2,591		\$1,876
Grants		\$24,192		\$30,274
Vic Training Guarantee subsidy		\$500		\$3,408
Hire of club facilities		\$1,945		\$4,764
Sponsorships		\$0		\$3,200
Social events		\$55		\$3,440
Fuel tax credits		\$294		\$372
Misc - CoPP Holiday Program		\$0		\$1,000
Interest		\$2,080		\$1,182
TOTAL INCOME		\$103,742		\$103,659
EXPENSES				
Maintenance and Repairs				
Maintenance - Clubhouse	\$2,685		\$2,151	
Maintenance - IRBs	\$827		\$139	
Maintenance - Motors	\$3,461		\$57	
Maintenance - Boards and Skis	\$120		\$163	
Maintenance - Other Equipment	\$409		\$1,640	
Total Maintenance and Repairs		\$7,502		\$4,151
Patrol Supplies				
Oxygen	\$1,005		\$1,183	
First Aid Supplies	\$516		\$1,291	
Fuel and Oil	\$1,624		\$1,186	
Other patrol expenses	\$90		\$375	
Total Patrol Supplies		\$3,235		\$4,036
Water Safety Expenses				
Water Safety event assistance	\$1,559		\$0	
Other water safety excl fuel	\$1,270		\$983	
Water safety equipment	\$365		\$0	
Total Water Safety Expenses		\$3,194		\$983
Fundraising				
BBQ & Coffee Supplies	\$1,296		\$3,712	
Drinks & icypoles for sale	\$81		\$0	
Fundraising - Other	\$277		\$0	
Total Fundraising		\$1,655		\$3,712
Social events and activities		\$1,307		\$4,551

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Profit & Loss [With Last Year]

July 2013 through June 2014

	2014	2014	2013	2013
Clubhouse stores		\$125		\$154
Purchase of Equipment		\$1,172		\$1,169
Awards and Trophies		\$4,222		\$2,498
External training expenses		\$2,823		\$1,608
Club uniforms and apparel		\$20,675		\$20,081
Training manuals & expenses		\$1,439		\$2,477
Competition expenses		\$2,376		\$1,639
Administration				
Telephone	\$327		\$339	
Internet	\$1,092		\$1,045	
Insurance	\$6,386		\$6,155	
Bank Fees	\$6		\$11	
Credit card fees	\$240		\$213	
Bad debts	\$0		\$1,200	
Postage, Stationery & Printing	\$1,974		\$1,608	
Registrations & charges	\$573		\$489	
LSV Capitation Fee	\$1,764		\$1,968	
Total Administration		\$12,362		\$13,028
Depreciation				
Depn - Motor Vehicles	\$5,776		\$5,776	
Depn - Furniture & Fittings	\$1,000		\$1,269	
Depn - Boats	\$7,918		\$3,902	
Depn - Motors	\$7,256		\$7,883	
Depn - Trailers	\$2,531		\$2,400	
Depn - Boards	\$6,043		\$5,467	
Depn - Radios & other equip	\$772		\$1,167	
Depn - Computers&office equip	\$871		\$94	
Depn - Training & Comp Equip	\$1,120		\$1,142	
Depn - Tents & patrol equip	\$798		\$711	
Depn - Anchors	\$1,129		\$1,129	
Depn - First Aid Packs & equip	\$232		\$300	
Depn - PFDs	\$240		\$424	
Depn - Water Safety Equipment	\$294		\$421	
Depn - maintenance equip	\$1,018		\$334	
Total Depreciation		\$36,999		\$32,419
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$99,086		\$92,505
OPERATING PROFIT		\$4,656		\$11,154
Other Income				
Centenary - Book sales	\$195		\$580	
Centenary - Event fundraising	\$0		\$364	
Total Other Income		\$195		\$943
Other Expenses				
Centenary Expenses				
Centenary - Book	\$0		\$65	
Total Centenary Expenses	\$0		\$65	
Total Other Expenses		\$0		\$65
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		\$4,852		\$12,032

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Balance Sheet [Last Year Analysis] June 2014				
	2014	2014	2013	2013
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bendigo Club Cheque Account	\$71,983		\$62,004	
Term Deposit - Bendigo Bank	\$53,262		\$51,182	
Debtors	\$1,651		\$875	
Uniform Float	\$200		\$200	
Total Current Assets		\$127,096		\$114,261
Other Assets				
Deposits Paid	\$1,267		\$12,849	
Total Other Assets		\$1,267		\$12,849
Property & Equipment				
Motor Vehicles	\$28,882		\$28,882	
Motor Vehicles Accum Dep	-\$19,072		-\$13,295	
Furniture & Fittings	\$18,223		\$14,816	
Furniture & Fittings Accum Dep	-\$12,686		-\$11,686	
Boats	\$67,389		\$43,376	
Boats - Accum Dep	-\$39,222		-\$31,304	
Motors	\$57,100		\$50,947	
Motors - Accum Dep	-\$41,465		-\$34,209	
Trailers	\$16,700		\$15,800	
Trailers - Accum Dep	-\$12,210		-\$9,679	
Boards	\$44,763		\$44,763	
Boards - Accum Dep	-\$31,328		-\$25,285	
Radios & other equipment	\$9,102		\$9,102	
Radios & other- Accum Dep	-\$8,411		-\$7,639	
Training & Comp Equipment	\$8,520		\$8,520	
Train & Comp Equip -Accum Depn	-\$6,049		-\$4,929	
Maintenance equipment	\$5,089		\$5,089	
Maintenance equip - Acc Depn	-\$1,458		-\$441	
Computer & office equipment	\$6,233		\$2,914	
Computers - Accum Dep	-\$3,655		-\$2,784	
First Aid Back Packs & Equip	\$2,402		\$2,402	
First Aid Packs & eq Acc Depn	-\$1,860		-\$1,628	
Defibrillator	\$3,954		\$3,954	
Defibrillator - Accum Depn	-\$3,954		-\$3,954	
Tents & patrol equipment	\$7,047		\$7,047	
Tents & patrol equip -Acc Depn	-\$4,948		-\$4,150	
Anchors	\$6,197		\$6,197	
Anchors - Acc Depn	-\$2,977		-\$1,848	
PFDs	\$2,122		\$2,122	
PFDs - Acc depn	-\$2,122		-\$1,882	
Water Safety - Other	\$1,468		\$1,468	
Water Safety -Other - Acc Depn	-\$878		-\$584	
Total Property & Equipment		\$92,896		\$92,104
TOTAL ASSETS		\$221,259		\$219,214
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors	\$297		\$2,029	
Total GST Liabilities	\$250		\$1,325	
Total Current Liabilities		\$547		\$3,354
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$547		\$3,354
NET ASSETS		\$220,712		\$215,860
Equity				
Retained Earnings	\$215,860		\$203,828	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	\$4,852		\$12,032	
TOTAL EQUITY		\$220,712		\$215,860

Secretary's Report

The 2013/14 season was once again busy and packed with events, training and competition.

We saw over a 25% increase in member numbers from last season, mainly due to the demand for our Nipper program. The final official membership number for the 2013/14 season was 641, broken down as follows:

Junior Activity members 5-13 years old x 249
Cadet members 13-15 years old x 32
Active members 15-18 years old x 11
Active members 18 years old & over x 44
General members x 144
Associate members x 34
Probationary (No Working with Children Check received) x 104
Past Active x 2
Life members x 21

Members completing their Working with Children Check (WWCC) continues to be an issue. We will be sending communication prior to the start of the season to those that we do not have WWCC details for and we would greatly appreciate this being attended to before members renew their memberships. 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 and juniors will not be able to take part in our Nipper Program unless their parents have completed the WWCC requirements.

The changes made to our Constitution last year to be compliant with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations) were submitted to Consumer Affairs and were approved subject to making two amendments requested. These items have been included and the final version of the Constitution is now available on our website.

I'd like to thank the other members of the Committee for their support and commitment to the success of the Club throughout this season and I look forward to another very successful season coming up.

Rachael Rylance



One of the highlights our trip to the IRB Championships in Kingscliff NSW - a visit from a whale during training. The boats pictured are EWD05V and EWD06V with the Elwood IRB team onboard.

Club Captain's Report

Over the season our seven patrol teams with a total of 76 member's patrolled Elwood beach. This includes the hours provided to water safety for our nipper program.

We started the patrol season with small numbers on each patrol team and by season's end these teams had grown considerably in numbers and gained valuable experience. This is with many thanks for the instruction provided through the bronze courses getting candidates completing their Bronze Medallion award or updating to Bronze Medallion from Surf Rescue Certificate.

All patrol captains and vice captains carried out their duties with professionalism. Team 7 formed to provide a patrol with nipper parents really consolidated this season and now sees members coming through from the nipper program including Ben Ramsdale and Ariel Elbaum. Michael Corrigan became the Captain of Team 1 as did Rachael Rylance for Team 5 and James O'Grady for Team 6. We also had new Vice Captains in Wes Hosking on Team 1, Stan Asimopoulos on Team 2 and Steve Craven on Team 5.

The following details are noted:

- There were two rescues carried out during the season
- 24 First aids performed of which two ambulances were required
- 444 preventative actions including 1 lost child and 1 search
- Team 2 received the only patrol audit for the season with a perfect score

During January we experienced some extreme hot weather with additional patrols provided from 5pm to 8pm during the week. Many thanks is extended to Rachael Rylance for captaining the patrols during this time, and all who participated on them.

A big thank you is extended to all those who patrolled over the season. The time that you volunteer is invaluable to your club and the Elwood community and those that visit our beach and its immediate surrounds. The more members on patrol the more enjoyable it is for everyone on the team.

For those who may be interested following is a list of the members patrolling hours. Through the commitment of our members this season I was able to reduce my own hours, which has not been possible in the past. The more members who are available to patrol on the roster means that the load can be spread more evenly. Looking into the future we should not see anyone with huge patrol hours in excess of 100 hours. This became a personal goal for the season with the intent of prolonging the years which our patrollers are willing to take on.

I look forward to the coming season and seeing you all on the beach.

Angela Montebello

Patrol hours 2013/14 season (Includes Water Safety for Junior Activities)

Name	Total Patrol Hours	Name	Total Patrol Hours	Name	Total Patrol Hours
Stan Asimopoulos	54	Grace Hocking	14	Aymeric Perfrement	24.75
Jane Baker	10.5	Timothy Hooper	4	Maily's Perfrement	26.5
Allan Banks	58.75	Emily Hosken	12	Holly Puzsar	10
Jackson Barr	6.5	Joel Hosken	44.5	Tahlia Pykoulas	27.5
Diana Bates	56.5	Wes Hosking	59.5	Kate Rafferty	0
Cathy Boyce	23.75	Gwen James	20.75	Ben Ramsdale	26.25
Kyla Breeze	53.75	Chris Joswig	5	Brenda Ramsdale	34.25
Samantha Caddaye	40.75	Charlie Joyce	9.75	David Ramsdale	69
Susi Cartwright	38	David Kelly	27	Spencer Rich	21.5
Michael Cocksedge	16.5	Gerard Kennedy	15.5	David Rylance	51.25
Nina Colon	41	Margarita Kontev	31.75	Rachael Rylance	90.5
Penny Cooper	26.5	Daniel Kotsimbos	30	Tom Short	1
Michael Corrigan	87.75	Michael Kotsimbos	30.25	Kendra Smith	31
Olivia Corrigan	45.25	Tess McCullough	14	Ruby Stock	30.25
Steve Craven	21	Alison McKenzie	34.5	Tim Sullivan	13.5
Erin Damen	57.25	Polly McKenzie	58.25	Graham Thomas	23.25
Ariel Elbaum	36	Stephanie McKinnon	6.5	Amber Tong	5.5
Rachel Elbaum	35.5	Twiggy Mercer	34.25	Fletcher Tong	52.5
Robyn Evely	42.5	Angela Montebello	44	Celine Ubrien-Prime	31.5
Giulia Fiorentini	10	Teresa Nikolsky	5	Natasha Ubrihien	23
Remi Fiorentini	27	James O`Grady	37.5	Andrew Vincent	39.75
John Gough	26.25	Louise O`Grady	16	Paul Visentini	3.5
Emma Gronow	11.5	Patrick O`Grady	37.5	Siena Visentini	15.75
Scott Hardie	24.5	Georgie Park-Beard	32.75	Jessica Wend	30.5
Ben Herdman	67.5	Owen Pascoe	27	Jasmine Wilson-Cohen	27
Grace Hocking	14	Anne-Aelis Perfrement	3		

Chief Instructor's Report

This season has been a busy season for our trainers and assessors with changes to many of the awards, including the training and assessing awards which meant that our trainers and assessors spent a lot of time up skilling and completing professional development sessions to enable them to continue to train and assess our members. Even though this took up a lot of time we were still able to provide training for the following new awards: Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate, ATV Operator, IRB Crew, Silver Medallion IRB Driver, Resuscitation Certificate and Radio Operator Certificate, as well as facilitating Skill maintenance sessions for our current award holders.

Refer to Appendix 1 for a list of all new awards achieved this season. Below are the numbers of skills maintenance for each award completed by members this season.

Skills Maintenance

Award	No.
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate	15
Bronze Medallion	41
IRB Crew Certificate	27
Radio Operator Certificate	21
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	13
Spinal Management	11
Surf Rescue Certificate	12

After being awarded the Life Saving Victoria Volunteer Trainer of the Year in July last year, I attended the Surf Life Saving Australia Awards of Excellence in Sydney at the end of October as the Victorian nominee for the national award. I am honoured to have received the SLSA Trainer of the Year at these awards.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all our trainers and assessors for the work you have done this season.

David Rylance



Water Safety Officer's Report

This season saw us again provide water safety for Supersprint events in Victoria which included the Gatorade Triathlon Series, the Corporate Triathlon and a new event Challenge Melbourne and the Weetbix Tryathlon Series in Geelong and St Kilda. We also provided water safety for two of the Brighton Baths Aquathon Series. We are proud to continue our association with Can Too and this season we provided coaching and water safety for their training at Elwood in the lead up to the Williamstown Australia Day 1km and 2km swims.

All of these events provide valuable funds for the club as well as providing our lifesavers experience in rescues and surveillance. I would like to thank all the members who got up early in the morning to assist with these events, without you we would not be able to provide these services.

The following people assisted with water safety this season:

Allan Banks
Andrew Vincent
Angela Montebello
Aymeric Perfrement
Ben Herdman
Ben Ramsdale
Brenda Ramsdale
Charlie Joyce
David Kelly
David Rylance
Diana Bates
Erin Damen
Fletcher Tong
Giulia Fiorentini
Grace Hocking
Gwen James
James O'Grady
Jane Baker
Jess Wend
Joel Hosken
John Gough
Kendra Smith

Maggie Kontev
Michael Corrigan
Nina Colon
Olivia Corrigan
Pat O'Grady
Peter Hosken
Peter James
Polly McKenzie
Rachael Rylance
Remi Fiorentini
Robyn Evelyn
Ruby Stock
Sam Caddaye
Spencer Rich
Stan Asimopoulos
Stephanie McKinnon
Stephen Craven
Tahlia Pykoulas
Tess McCullough
Tim Hooper
Tim Sullivan
Wes Hosking



IRB Captain's Report

Another action packed season for the hard working IRBs with water safety, patrolling and competition all proving demanding on our equipment. A number of motor failures during the middle of the season presented some challenges, but we managed to meet all our obligations thanks to equipment that we have and the support of some of our fellow clubs. To are looking to continue our policy of cycling engines through patrol and water safety to ensure that we have enough equipment available to support all of our activities, plus add additional capacity to ensure we are not reliant on other clubs if the worst should happen.

The new rigid hull dedicated to Miriam Heine has been pride of place on the beach this year, proving to be an excellent work horse and replacement for the old patrol boat. We have also taken delivery of another new IRB thanks to the VESEP grant which has enabled us to continue to provide the required level of support for water safety at the larger events without relying on support from other clubs. This boat will also be used in competition and has allowed us to support one female and three male teams in competition this year.

The growing IRB team has had a great season reaching the finals in several rounds of the TRE Premiership and obtaining pennants at the Southern State championships in Robe. We also had our first women's team competing from the second round of the season and they have had phenomenal success, reaching finals in most events.

The team consists of Ben Herdman, Michael Corrigan, David Rylance, Rachael Rylance, Wes Hosking, Nina Colon, James O'Grady, Patrick O'Grady, Fletcher Tong, Joel Hosken, Erin Damen and Robyn Evely as competitors, Stan Asimopoulos as Team Manager, Peter and Gwen James, Allan Banks and Peter Hosken as the clubs officials.

Michael Corrigan



Equipment Officer's Report

Our Club equipment is vital for running our day to day activities, such as Patrolling, the Nipper program, competition and so it is very important for everyone to help look after and maintain all the club equipment. However, accidents do happen and we ask that if any equipment does get damaged that you let someone know so that it can be fixed ready for more people to use.

This season we have had several boards repaired already, including junior competition and patrol rescue boards.

Our ATV is now over 3 years old, and it is showing signs of wear due to the tough conditions it is put through on the beach each day. We all need to make sure we are taking care of this beach vehicle, as it takes so much care of us.

Coming up to the start of the new patrol and nipper season, the club will look at having some working bees to ensure that all of our gear and equipment is in good condition for use. Keep an eye out for the messages as we will need as many people as we can get to assist on these days.

As part of the VESEP Grant the club is able to purchase a new Air Conditioner for the first aid room. As some of you may know, this room can get very hot on the days when we need to keep our patients cool. The club will hopefully be installing this extra equipment before the hot summer hits us.

If anyone has any suggestions for improving club equipment, or would like equipment at the club that we don't have at the moment, please let your equipment officer, or any member of the committee know.

Ben Herdman

First Aid Officers Report

We are a service that looks after beach users and need to be able to provide first aid when required. This season past saw conventional first aid responses for jellyfish stings, cuts and abrasions, strains and sprains. I have to commend the work of patrol members who assisted in all of these responses.

Whether on patrol, water safety or in the general public arena, the skills we gain when qualifying for the Bronze Medallion are invaluable. I cannot emphasise the importance of all members to participate in any program that offers first aid as part of it's syllabus.

When dealing with a first aid incident there are a couple of suggestions to keep in mind:

- have another patrol member with you when administering first aid
- complete the necessary forms and reports
- don't be afraid to call for experienced help as you are never sure when situations can escalate
- if in doubt call an ambulance

Stan Asimopoulos

Radio Officers Report

There's plenty to talk about when it comes to radios at Elwood. Our club, like those statewide, will soon move to a new digital radio system aimed at improving interoperability between emergency services and bringing lifesaving into line with mandatory frequency changes occurring nationwide. This is much like the transition to digital television. The new system will replace the existing analogue technology which has served us for so many years. Improved clarity and capability are promised.

Myself and club captain Angela Montebello earlier this year attended a briefing at Life Saving Victoria headquarters on this important switch, led by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority.

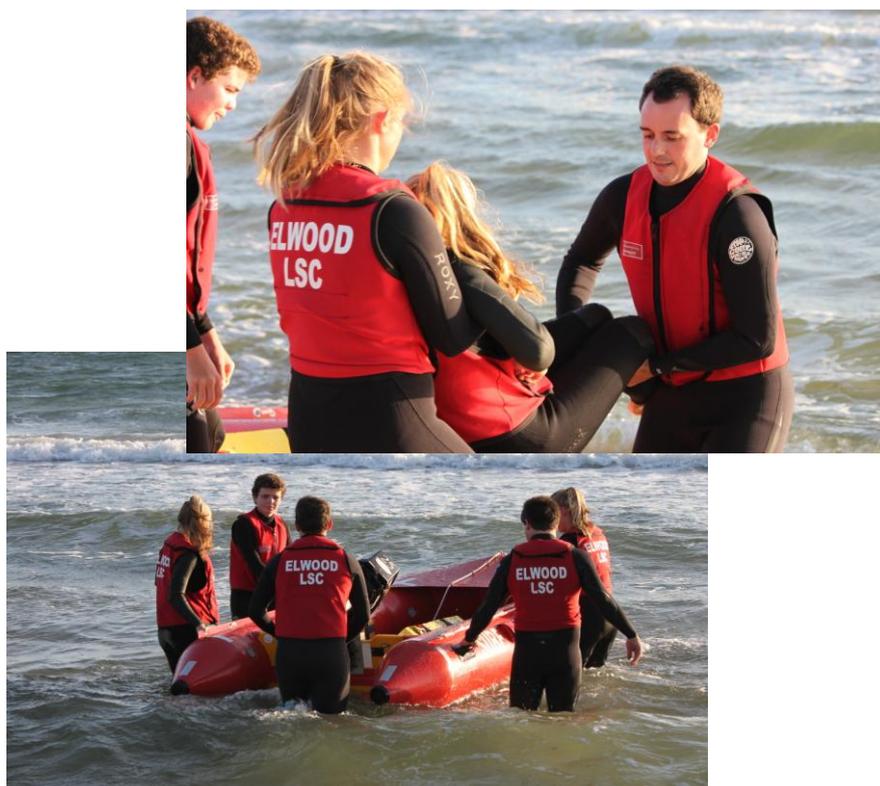
Much detail is still a work in progress or restricted due to commercial in confidence limitations related to a tender process. Several things are clear however.

The digital switch will make existing radio handsets obsolete with new units to be provided to all clubs via Life Saving Victoria. These will be provided via a leasing arrangement meaning the club will no longer have ownership of handsets. Fixed radio equipment at the clubhouse will also be changed over.

Replacement handsets will be similar to those already in use and Life Saving Victoria has stressed simple operation is a priority. Units will be tested for suitability in lifesaving work and compatibility with existing protective pockets and harnesses. The new technology allows extra functions such as the ability to send a duress signal and track a radio's whereabouts using satellite technology but whether this is enabled hasn't been confirmed. Training will be provided.

The digital transition is likely during the upcoming season but we await further advice. Care to ensure existing equipment goes the distance during the interim is vital. We had few issues last season and your care in avoiding unnecessary repairs and replacements is appreciated. As always, please alert me to any issues and stay tuned for some exciting changes ahead.

Wes Hosking



Nippers Report

This season the demand for our Junior Program saw the need to introduce a cap of 250 children being able to register. We officially had 249 Nippers registered for the season, which was a significant increase from previous year. Due to the better weather conditions we experience over summer, we had good numbers attending sessions throughout the season with up to 150 nippers at some sessions.

We kept the \$20 fee per Nipper in place this season, which assists with some of the costs associated with running the program such as fees charged by Lifesaving Victoria including a capitation fee per junior and award processing fees for preliminary evaluations, competition evaluations and the Junior Age Group Awards. Included in the fee this season was the coloured age group Nipper cap, which has previously been sold for \$10.

We started the season with a session at the Harold Holt pool to complete the preliminary swim assessments for those in the U8-U13 age groups. This is the second year that we have used a pool to complete these assessments and we hope to continue this going forward as it makes completing the assessments easier for the Age Managers and it is more comfortable for the juniors to complete the swims in a pool rather than worrying about open water conditions.

Our Age Managers did a great job throughout the season and I'd like to personally thank all them for their passion and commitment to turning up each Sunday to run the program 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. If you would like to get involved in assisting in this area we will be running an Age Managers course at the end of October before the season kicks off.

The Age Managers for this season were:

U6 – Gwen James, David Rylance and Rachael Rylance

U7 - Emma Hughes

U8 – Greg Fahy & Scott Brownbill

U9 – Stan Asimopoulos

U10 – Michael Patishman

U11 – Simon Smyth

U12/U13 – Brenda Ramsdale

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.

In the second half of the season we trialled rotating BBQ duties by age group. This process seemed to work quite well and we will most likely implement this on a permanent basis for the coming season. Thank you to all of the parents who put their hands up to assist with the BBQ each weekend and a special thank you to Robbie Simons for bringing the coffee cart most weeks so our parents and helpers could get their Sunday morning caffeine fix.

We held our Junior Club Championships on Sunday 23 February. The weather was kind on the day with a lovely sunny day with light winds. There was some very close competition in some of the age groups with two champions being decided by a countback on first places. It was great to see so many of our nippers come along to take part. I'd like to thank Brenda Ramsdale for her assistance with organising the day and also all of our members who helped out to ensure that this event was a success.

This season 112 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 23
Surf Play Two (U7) x 27
Surf Aware One (U8) x 20
Surf Aware Two (U9) x 16
Surf Safe One (U10) x 11
Surf Safe Two (U11) x 11
Surf Smart One (U12) x 3
Surf Smart Two (U13) x 1

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



Some of our Junior Champions at the Junior Club Championships.



Some action shots from the season at Nippers, including the visit from Santa in December.

Competition

The 2013/14 season saw Elwood represented at junior and senior pool carnivals leading into the patrol season, most of the summer Junior Carnivals and we also have a growing IRB team that competed over winter.

We have continued regular training sessions this season, which has been a great way for our members to stay fit and improve their skills year round. Over winter Monday nights are held at the Club and focus on strength and fitness, while Wednesday nights are at Harold Holt pool for swim training. As soon as daylight savings started we moved back to the beach and Monday and Wednesday nights become a mixture of board paddling, open water swimming and general fitness. The number of members attending training sessions has been fairly constant and it's great to see a mix of juniors, seniors and parents taking part. These sessions are aimed at those wishing to compete in carnivals and focus on technique, fitness and competition skills, but are open to all members to attend.

Junior summer carnivals got underway in December with the first carnival being held at Ocean Grove. Elwood attended the subsequent carnivals at Cosy Corner, Chelsea Longbeach, Jan Juc and Torquay. Unfortunately we didn't have anyone enter the Metro Regional Championships at Hampton or the Junior State Championships at Warrnambool. I hope that we will be able to increase numbers at Junior carnivals next season, but this will mean support from parents and members to assist as team managers, officials and water safety.

The Elwood IRB team continues to grow and this season we had a team of twelve representing the Club. The team continues to improve and this year made a number of finals throughout the season, finishing the Victorian season with a Bronze Medal in the Men's Team Rescue event. Most of the team headed to Robe in South Australia for the Southern States Challenge over the long weekend on June. This was a very successful trip for the team and we came away with a third in the Men's Team Rescue and Men's Mass Rescue events. The season ended with the Australian Championships in Kingscliff NSW. Elwood was represented by a team of eight competitors, including a female team of Rachael Rylance and Nina Colon, for the first time at an Australian IRB Championship. We hope that this team will continue to grow and become even more competitive next season.

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 2014/15.

Results from State and National Carnivals during the 2013/14 season.

Victorian IRB State Championships – 13th Beach and Lorne July 2014

Bronze Medal - Men's Teams Rescue

Ben Herdman	David Rylance
Wes Hosking	Michael Corrigan
Nina Colon	Rachael Rylance

Southern States Challenge - Robe SA June 2014

Third Place - Men's Teams Rescue

Ben Herdman	David Rylance
Wes Hosking	Michael Corrigan
Nina Colon	Rachael Rylance

Third Place - Men's Mass Rescue

David Rylance	Nina Colon
Michael Corrigan	Robyn Evely



Elwood LSC IRB team at Southern States Challenge in Robe SA.
 Officials - Peter James, Allan Banks, Peter Hosken, Gwen James; Team Manager - Stan Asimopoulos;
 Competitors - David Rylance, Rachael Rylance, Ben Herdman, Nina Colon, Fletcher Tong, Robyn Evely, Joel Hosken, Michael Corrigan, Wes Hosking



Social Sub-Committee Report

Taking time away from the sand to relax and socialise is always a treat and this year was no different. Two social subcommittee events bookended our season, giving members a chance to unwind and mingle.

The patrollers dinner at Jimmi Jamz kicked things off in December, taking the place of our usual cocktail party. The night was well attended and it was great to see so many people from different patrols get together.

In May we marked another successful year's work with the end of season dinner at St Kilda's Phamish restaurant. We welcomed new members and some more familiar faces with about 40 people munching their way through pizzas, pasta and the occasional wine. Many of our younger members made it along and even shared the "kids table" with some young-at-heart adults too.

Organising these events is no easy feat and a special thanks to those social subcommittee members who helped pull things together.

The coming season is fast approaching and we will soon begin planning ways to share some fun once more. Including as many people as possible is a priority so please feel free to suggest your ideas. Offers of assistance are always welcome. Keep a look out for more information soon.

Wes Hosking



The last day of Nippers for the 2013/14 season.

Appendix 1

Awards Obtained in 2013/14 Season

Advanced Resuscitation Certificate

Stan Asimopoulos
Michael Corrigan
Amber Tong
Fletcher Tong

Age Manager

Emma Hughes
Stan Asimopoulos
Tim Sullivan

ATV Operator

Rachael Rylance

Bronze Medallion

Michael Cocksedge
Erin Damen
Grace Hocking
Christopher Joswig
David Kelly
Tess McCullough
Alison McKenzie
Owen Pascoe
Kendra Smith
Andrew Vincent
Kyla Breeze
Joel Hosken
Allan Banks
Sam Caddaye
John Gough
Tim Sullivan

IRB Crew Certificate

Allan Banks
Erin Damen
Stephanie McKinnon
Joel Hosken
Sam Caddaye

Radio Operator Certificate

Polly McKenzie
Georgie Park-Beard
Michael Cocksedge
Ariel Elbaum
Grace Hocking
Christopher Joswig
David Kelly
Tess McCullough
Alison McKenzie
Owen Pascoe
Holly Puzsar
Tahlia Pykoulas
Kendra Smith
Andrew Vincent
Ban Ramsdale
Allan Banks
Joel Chackungal
Tim Sullivan
Kate Rafferty
Margarita Kontev
John Gough
Giulia Fiorentini

Resuscitation Certificate

Joel Chackungal

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

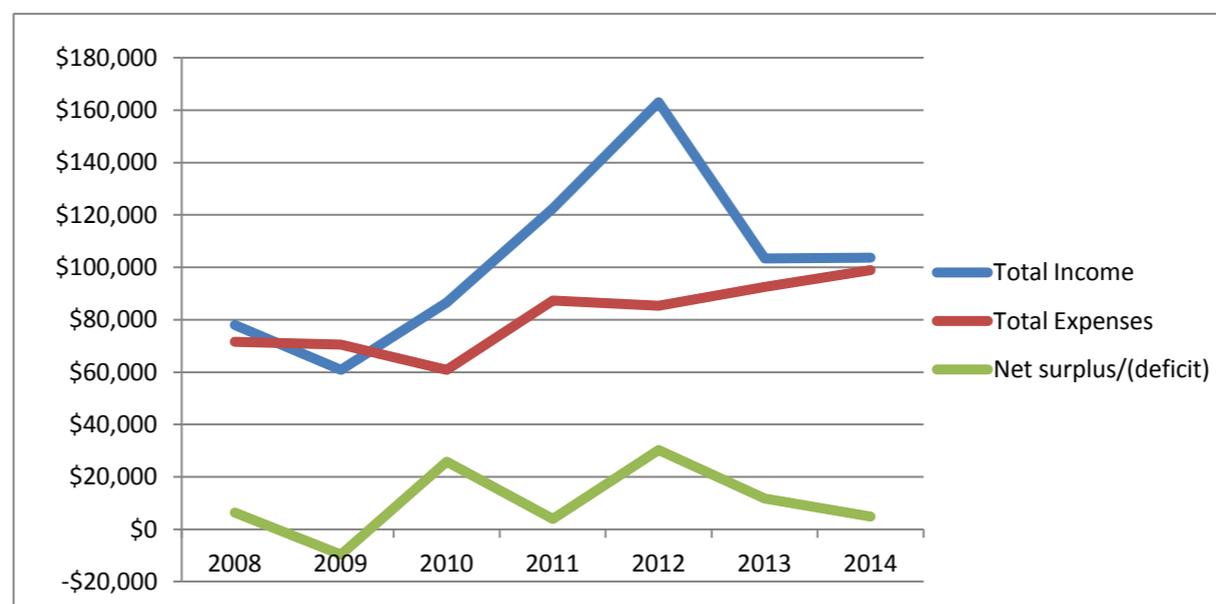
Stan Asimopoulos
Rachel Elbaum
Rachael Rylance

Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)

Ariel Elbaum
Polly McKenzie
Georgie Park-Beard
Tahlia Pykoulas
Giulia Fiorentini
Margarita Kontev
Holly Puzsar
Kate Rafferty
Ben Ramsdale

Changing Sources of Club Finances

	2013/14	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	220.7	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	103.7	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	27.3	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)	22.6	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)	3.7	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	2.6	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	24.2	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	1.9	4.5	11.4	10.0	3.6	2.8	14.4	13.4	5.8	1.2					
Depreciation	37	32.4	27.2	25.2	20.6	18									
Sponsorships (\$)	0	3.2	10.0	2.5											
Total Expenses	99.01	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	4.7	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	-0.9	47.3	31.3											
Net surplus/(deficit)	4.9	11.8	30.3	3.9											



Appendix 2

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

AGE GROUP	MALE CHAMPION	FEMALE CHAMPION
Under 6	Samuel Marsden	Maia Mottram
Under 7	Harrison Gibbins	Catherine Moule & Taylor Levin
Under 8	Zaro Rockman	Rehanah El Adam
Under 9	Harry McKenzie	Olivia Gibbins
Under 10	Finlay Gough	Jessica Patishman
Under 11	Ben Sullivan	Matilda Mottram
Under 12/13	Louis Timlock	Milla Park
Junior Club Champions	Louis Timlock	Milla Park

SENIOR CHAMPIONS

Intermediate Champions	Not Contested	Not Contested
Senior Club Champions	Ben Herdman	Erin Damen

Francis Family – Award for Service to the Club

The Award for Service to Club is jointly awarded to Peter and Gwen James this season.

Gwen is a Life Member of the Club and this season assisted as an Age Manager for the U6s at Nippers, helped with water safety for weeknight training sessions and triathlons and has supported the IRB team as an Official at most of the carnivals this season including the Victorian State Championships. Gwen also assists by treating the team's injuries when we are competing, which helps get us through competitions. Peter also supported the IRB team as an Official at most of the carnivals this season including the Victorian State Championships and also supports the team when we travel by preparing meals, running errands and assisting with anything else we need help with. Both Gwen and Peter accompanied the team to the Australian IRB Championships in Kingscliff NSW and were a great support to the team.

Hardy Family – Best First Year Award

This is awarded to Allan Banks this season. Allan joined the Club in January and completed the Bronze Medallion course during January and February. As soon as Allan was qualified he started patrolling and completed 58.8 hrs in the remaining months of the season. He also obtained his IRB Crew Award and completed the Level 1 Officials course. Allan has shown a keen interest in helping out at the Club by assisting with water safety for weeknight training, Nipper sessions and triathlons. Allan also supported the IRB team as an Official at most of the carnivals this season including the Victorian State Championships.

Ashton Family – Most Improved Award

The Most Improved Award goes to Joel Hosken for this season. Joel has shown a great deal of maturity on patrols, and has shown commitment to the Club by completing 44.5hrs of patrol and assisting with water safety for triathlons and junior activities. Joel obtained his Bronze Medallion and IRB Crew awards this season and competed with the IRB team at all of the carnivals this season including the Victorian State Championships and the Australian IRB Championships. Joel is a dedicated member of the team, trains hard and is always willing to help out and pitch in.

Kathryn Conabere – Dedication to Duty (Female) Award

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 by stepping up to be a Patrol Captain this season and completing 90.5hrs on patrol, which included a number of volunteer patrols during extreme heat. Rachael assisted with water safety for triathlons, continued to run coached sessions on Monday and Wednesday nights at the club through summer and has been coaching swimming sessions on Wednesday nights through winter as well as coaching the IRB team with Dave. Rachael continued to be proactive in getting our juniors to compete, and attended the beach carnivals as Team Manager during summer. Rachael continued as the Nipper Program Coordinator this season and assisted with Age Managing when required. Rachael obtained her IRB Drivers and ATV awards this season and competed as a driver and patient in the IRB team. She also assists with training new Bronze Medallion and SRC candidates.

Robert Sharpe – Dedication to Duty (Male) Award

The Robert Sharp Memorial Trophy is jointly awarded to Wes Hosking and Michael Corrigan this season.

Wes Hosking continued his commitment to the Club this year as a Vice Patrol Captain completing 59.5hrs on patrol. He was also valuable member of the Committee this season, writing a number of successful grant applications and he assisted with the promotion of the Club and our Nipper Program by securing articles in the Herald Sun and local Leader newspapers. Wes assisted with the majority of water safety jobs this season including regularly assisting with Can Too on Saturday mornings. Wes was a member of the IRB team again this season and has shown commitment to training and competing.

Michael Corrigan increased his dedication to patrol this year by stepping up to be a Patrol Captain and completing 87.8hrs 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. Michael was also the IRB Captain this season.

John R Conabere – Most Efficient Overall

Brenda Ramsdale is awarded the John R Conabere Trophy this season. Brenda is the Treasurer of the Club and keeps the finances of the Club in excellent order. Brenda continued to be a member of the Nipper Parent patrol team this season, completing 39.25hrs. Brenda was also the Age Manager for the U12/U13 Nippers. Brenda also assisted with water safety at triathlons and has assisted as an Official at junior carnivals and the first IRB carnival this season.

Water Safety Awards

The following people receive an award for assisting with 50% or more of the water safety jobs this season:

Allan Banks	Joel Hosken
Andrew Vincent	Michael Corrigan
Angela Montebello	Pat O'Grady
Ben Herdman	Peter Hosken
David Rylance	Rachael Rylance
Diana Bates	Samantha Caddaye
Erin Damen	Stan Asimopoulos
Fletcher Tong	Tim Sullivan
Gwen James	Wes Hosking
James O'Grady	