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Beaches Safe

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The Port Melbourne Life Saving Club was first established in 1913 and has over the years merged with several clubs that existed at nearby beaches. The last merger was in 2002 when Middle Park LSC closed due to deteriorating club rooms and a disappearing beach.

For 97 years we have been keeping Port Melbourne beaches safe. The club has seen its ups and downs over the years but today it is a vibrant club offering a popular Nipper Program for local families and a safe beach environment for the public to use and enjoy.

Run entirely by volunteers the club is affiliated with Life Saving Victoria and Surf Life Saving Australia.



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Committee Members for 2009-2010

Club Administration

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| President | Tim Norman |
| Vice President | Jon Levin |
| Treasurer | Peter McLaverty |
| Secretary | Jo Peterson |
| Membership | Belinda Gill and Paul Larcher |
| Sponsorship | Tim Norman |
| Web and Newsletter | Gemma Devonport-Ward |
| Media and Promotions | Tim Norman |
| Facilities Manager | Teagan Heywood and Peter McLaverty |
| Sister Club Manager | Colin 'Bomber' Dale |

Life Saving Operations

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Patrol Manager / Club Captain | Jon Levin |
| IRB Officer | Peter McLaverty |
| Radio Officer | Brett Armstrong |
| Life Saving Operations Delegate | Brett Armstrong |
| First Aid Officer | Steve Roper |

Development and Education

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Chief Instructor | Darrel Gill |
| Nipper Coordinator | Belinda Gill |
| Youth and Leadership Delegate | Belinda Gill |

Competition

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Competition Manager | Jo Peterson |
| Head Coach | Jon Levin |
| IRB Captain | Peter McLaverty |
| Aquatic Sports Delegate | Neil Morarty |

Presidents Report

I was delighted to be elected your president this year and pleased to work with dedicated committee members with an impressive range of skills and commitment.

When I joined the Committee several years ago, I found the club highly dependent on a small core of extremely dedicated people. Consequently, I sought to spread the work load and build some foundations for the future. We enjoyed success, but more work remains.

Following our AGM last year, your Committee held several planning sessions to agree a working agenda for the year. We divided this agenda amongst our 4 major operational areas; these being Operations (including Patrols), Training and Development, Competition and Equipment, and General Administration.

Key objectives for Operations were to improve the patrol roster and to enhance the training of patrol members. While progress was made in these areas, our standards slipped as the season progressed and we finished the year with a bit of a scramble. Closer liaison with our new sister club, Anglesea, is anticipated to help alleviate this in the coming year.

In regard to Training and Development, our key objective was to conduct early training for Bronze and Age Managers, with the aim of supplementing our existing skills base. We were successful in completing the training, but this did not generate the additional qualified patrollers we had hoped. It did, however, increase the number of Age Managers, enabling us to expand our Nippers program. This program continued to be the outstanding success of the club, expanding our profile and ensuring valuable training for community children. Contributing to this was our success in conducting Nippers information sessions at 2 local primary schools, these being Wembley Primary and Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School.

In our Competition stream, we restarted Club Championships and competition with other clubs – this had been placed in abeyance due to the extra work load it imposed. We conducted a very successful Nippers championship and an enjoyable senior championship - we hope the latter grows in popularity this coming year. We also took a Nippers team to a carnival at Point Leo, as an opportunity to build their skills and aspirations. We plan to participate in more carnivals this year, providing another angle of interest for our Nippers.

In regard to general club Administration, I'm pleased with our accomplishments. We specified and oversaw the implementation of a new web site – please have a look at <http://www.portmelblsc.com.au>. We anticipate improving this over the coming year.

We also evaluated proposals from Anglesea and Lorne Clubs – this led to us forming a sister club relationship with Anglesea. We anticipate this will improve our Patrol roster over the upcoming year.

Financially, our club continues in a strong position, thanks to supplementary fundraising, and to cautious financial management from your Committee. At the time of this report,

we have applied for grants covering a range of new equipment with a value exceeding \$40,000.

Over the next year, our focus must return to improving and building on the conduct of our training. We need more candidates for training and to become Age Managers – this will spread the load amongst our existing patrollers.

I want to acknowledge and thank those special members who played a large role in our success. Our Committee was made up of the following individuals.

Darrel and Belinda Gill play a critical role in our club success, through their work as Training Manager and Nippers Coordinator. Peter McLaverty (Treasurer) ably managed our finances, as well as our clubhouse. Jo Peterson (Secretary) kept excellent records and coordinated our external Nippers team. Gemma Devonport-Ward (Web and Newsletters) produced our high quality newsletters and designed a number of our advertising features. Jon Levin (VP and Competition Manager) contributed to our increased competitive position. Paul Larcher (Memberships) ably assisted our coordination of member details. Neil Morarty, Brett Armstrong and Steve Roper brought their extensive experience to the Committee. During the year, we were joined by Colin Dale who has volunteered to continue this year.

I want to draw your attention to the report on patrol hours that form part of this annual report. This shows that a significant number of our patrol hours were performed by a small number of dedicated patrollers. In particular, I thank Brett Armstrong and Teagan Heywood who contributed days of their time to ensure our beaches are patrolled.

In closing, I emphasize that our club needs your participation to be successful. In particular, we seek more Age Managers to support our educational programs. I encourage all members to consider how you could play a role in our organization in future and ask that you contact me to volunteer.

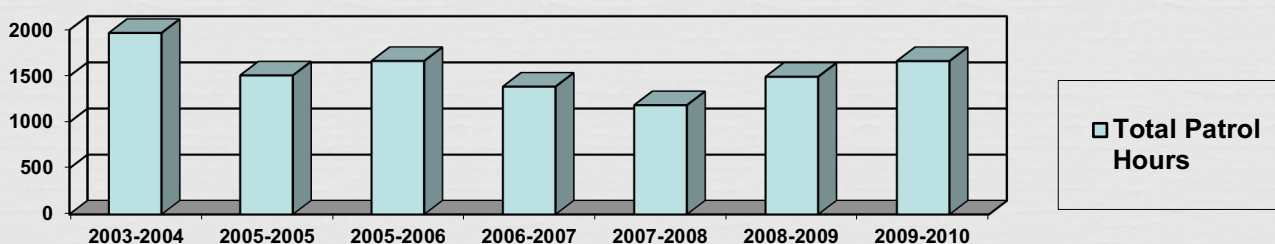
Tim Norman

President, Port Melbourne Life Saving Club

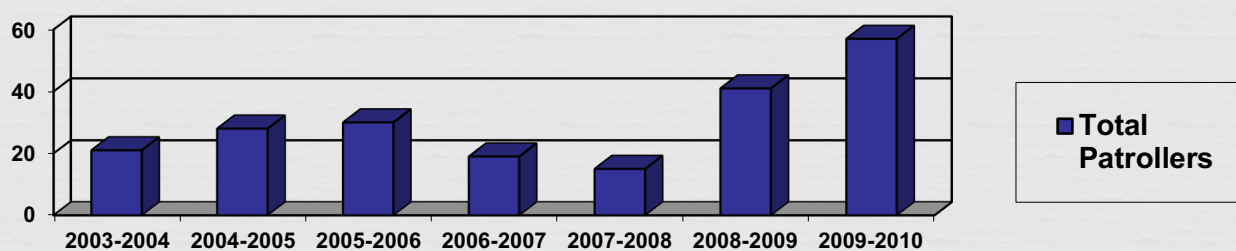
Patrol Statistics

| Surname | First Name | Hours | Surname | First Name | Hours |
|----------------|------------|-------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Heywood | Teagan | 185 | Roper | Stephen | 53.5 |
| Armstrong | Brett | 138.5 | Heywood | Mark | 48 |
| Gill | Darrel | 119 | Gort | Tish | 43.5 |
| Gill | Belinda | 105 | Edwards | Guy | 42 |
| Norman | Tim | 76.5 | Gill | Benjamin | 41 |
| Kanesoulis | Alana | 70.5 | Stamateatos | Dimitri | 40.5 |
| McLavery | Peter | 65.5 | Browne | Jasslyn | 36.5 |
| Heywood | Liam | 65 | Levin | Benjamin | 36.5 |
| Hadzidimitriou | Nicoletta | 63.5 | Stirling | Hugh | 33.5 |
| Reid | Rohan | 63.5 | Bound | Fleur | 32 |
| Levin | Jonathon | 59 | Kep | Dean | 27.5 |
| Dale | Colin | 55 | Krotiris | Harrison | 26.5 |
| Karambelas | Georgia | 53.5 | Reid | Julian | 23 |

Club Total Patrol Hours - 1662



Club Total Patrollers – 57



A stronger patrol team this season and assistance from our sister club Anglesea ensured we had enough resources to cover our commitment of Beach Patrols and water safety. Still a lot of effort and hours by our members put's pressure on our patrol teams and as always the more patrollers we have the less committed hours each member needs to put in. To ensure we don't burn out our team of patrollers we need at least 80 qualified to patrol the beach each season, we are getting closer and have started patrol rosters but more are needed in the coming seasons.

Education and Development

Last season we concentrated on getting more patrollers qualified to ease the pressure on current lifesavers. This season we targeted getting more Age Managers to improve the quality of our Nipper Program and allow us to increase our Nipper intact.

Only one Bronze course was run and more advanced training was completed for our current patrollers. Next season we will be topping up our current resources and focusing more on advanced training for our Age Managers and Patrollers, we will also be concentrating on increasing the number of 'Competition Officials' for our move back into Nipper and Senior beach carnivals.

We will be looking inward to our member base for more parents and senior members to take up some Life Saving Awards next season.

As part of our schools beach program we had 210 grade 5 and 6 students go through beach rescue and basic CPR training which we will continue to do next season.

I look forward to teaching more of our member's skills to help save lives next season and hope you all take this opportunity to learn and become patrolling and active members of the club.

| New Awards | |
|---|----|
| Apply Surf Awareness and Self Rescue Skills (PUASAR012B) | 2 |
| Bronze Medallion | 1 |
| Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA21004) | 2 |
| Communicate in the Workplace (PUACOM001C) | 2 |
| Defibrillation Certificate | 1 |
| Follow Defined OH&S Policies and Procedures (PUAOHS001C) | 2 |
| IRB Crew Certificate | 1 |
| Junior Activities Age Manager Course | 13 |
| Operate a Semi-Automatic Defibrillator in an Emergency (PUAOPE010B) | 1 |
| Operate Communication Systems and Equipment (PUAOPE002B) | 2 |
| Participate in an Aquatic Rescue Operation (PUASAR009B) | 2 |
| Perform CPR (HLTCPR201A) | 4 |
| Provide Emergency Care (PUAEME001B) | 2 |
| Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management | 5 |
| Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed) | 6 |
| Work Effectively in a Public Safety Organisation (PUATEA004C) | 2 |
| Work in a Team (PUATEA001B) | 2 |

| Proficiencies | |
|--|----|
| Advanced Resuscitation Certificate | 4 |
| Bronze Medallion | 27 |
| Defibrillation Certificate | 2 |
| Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving) | 1 |
| IRB Crew Certificate | 8 |
| Lifeguard Network Member (Associate) | 2 |
| Lifeguard Network Member (Full) | 2 |
| Silver Medallion IRB Driver | 7 |
| Spinal Management | 2 |
| Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed) | 3 |



Darrel Gill

Chief Instructor



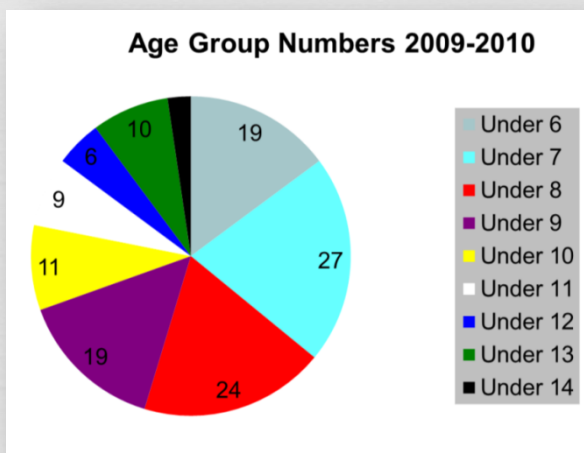
Junior Activities (Nippers)

I would like to take the opportunity in first thanking the club for nominating me in the Premiers Community Volunteering Awards. I was one of five finalists in my category. Even though I did not win the award, I was very humble in being nominated and also being a finalist. I got to meet the Premier and received a certificate for my volunteer work.

The 2009-2010 Nipper Season saw a few changes. We increased our number by twenty five and capped our Nippers at 125. This again was an increase from the previous season of 25 Nipper. We were able to increase the number of Nippers by 25 because we had 13 parents completed the Age Managers Course. We also attended our first Beach Competition in many years and had our own Carnival which was a great success.



The temperature was on average between 20 -25 degrees. The thirteen Sundays were great and enjoyed by all. On one sunny Sunday we had a photo shoot with the Herald Sun. We feature in a two page spread. It pictures showed how much fun the nippers have at the beach.



The parents had more of a hand in setting up and packing away of equipment. Many of the parents now know what the routine is and help out without being asked to.

The barbeque roster again this year worked well and the children were happy to eat all that was cooked.

Thanks for everyone's assistants and help in running our successful Nippers program.

Life Saving for Schools Program

For the past 5 years the club has run a schools program for Wembley Primary School.

Each February, 150 Grade 5/6 students come down to the beach for three Mondays in a row and learn all about Lifesaving and the skills required to become involved in Lifesaving.

This year the weather was hot, the water conditions were great as we did not get an influx of Jelly fish. The club provides all of the equipment required for the activities. We have been able to purchase this equipment from the income that this program generates.

I would like to thank the students and teachers from Wembley Primary School as they have requested to do the program again next year, I also need to thank all of the lifesavers who gave up their time to come down to the beach and help out with the program.



Belinda Gill

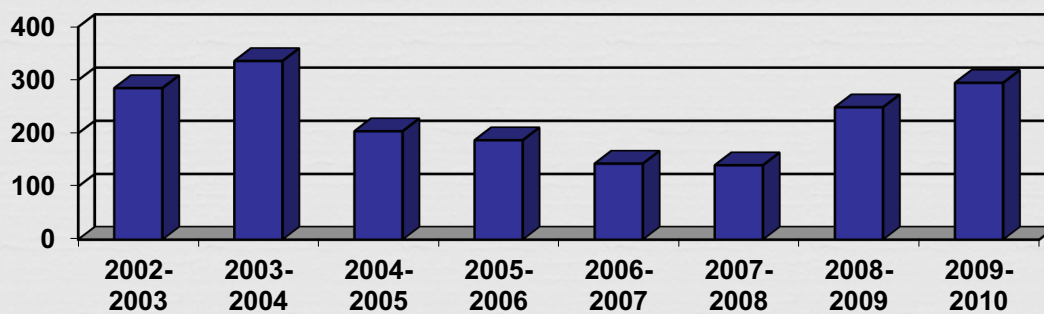
Nipper Coordinator

Club Membership

Membership details retrieved from Surf Guard as of July 1st 2010

Our club is starting to reach numbers not seen since the Port Melbourne Middle Park LSC merger in 2003 thanks to our strong Nipper program and recent membership drives for patrolling members. As we continue to improve our resources with more committee members and increased member participation in club operations will we see our numbers increase. We will continue to lobby the council for improved club facilities to accommodate our increasing numbers.

| Category | Total | Male | Female |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Junior Members (5 – 13 years) | 124 | 67 | 57 |
| Cadet Members (13 – 15 years) | 16 | 8 | 8 |
| Active (15 – 18 years) | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Active (18 years and Over) | 19 | 8 | 11 |
| Reserve Active | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Long service | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Associate | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Life Members | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| General | 103 | 50 | 53 |
| Total | 295 | 157 | 138 |



Sponsorship and Grants

There are 5 primary sources of funding for our club; sponsorship, grants, fundraising events, membership dues and training programs to external parties. This year we embarked on a strategy of increasing the funding sought from sponsorship and grants and decreasing our reliance on fundraising events. Accordingly, this year saw an increase in the number of grants for which we have applied. Several of these have recently been granted and we have also had others declined. A summary of these follows:

| Source | Grant Program | Our objective | Amount | Status |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Dept. of Families | Volunteer Grants | Subsidise fuel and new PA | \$3,040 | Granted |
| Telstra | Telstra Assistance Fund | Handheld radios | \$1,600 | Granted |
| Community Services | Emergency Services | Rescue Boat and motor | \$12,940 | Declined |
| Woolworths | Community Grants | BBQ materials for Nippers | \$3,900 | Declined |

Discussions in regard to sponsorship are underway with a number of local businesses.

Tim Norman

Sponsorship Manager

State Competitions

It has been some years since we entered any nippers into any beach competitions. This has been because of a lack of resources to manage this. However, with more assistance this year from parents and age managers we were able to offer the nippers the opportunity to compete.

A total of 9 nippers competed across the under 7,8, 9 and 13 age groups at the Point Leo junior carnival on 20 February 2010. Despite being their first carnival, they had great success and managed to achieve a number of placing's in the different age groups. Next year we intend to participate in more beach carnivals.

Three nippers also competed at the pool competition at Sandringham in July 2010. Although unfamiliar with many of the events the nippers competed with enthusiasm and again achieved some placing's.



Jo Peterson

Carnivals Manager

Club Championships

The Club Championships was held at the end of the season and was well attended. This provided an opportunity for all nippers and seniors to compete against each other and to have fun at the same time. Congratulations to the junior club champions, Daniel Sinclair and Alana Kanesoulis and to the senior club champions, Ben Levin and Gemma Devonport-Ward.

| Age Group | Female | Male |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Under 6 | Haley Segeth | Angus Sheedy |
| Under 7 | Zoe Sinclair | Hugo Welch |
| Under 8 | Arienna Koch | Liam O'Neill |
| Under 9 | Xaviere Taplin-Pruves | Daniel Sinclair |
| Under 10 | Tea Romano | Ben Norman |
| Under 11 | Tamara Bellion | Nicolas Hadzidmitriou |
| Under 12 | No competitors | Frank Kanesoulis |
| Under 13 | Ashley Spinks | Hugh Stirling |
| Under 14 | Alana Kanesoulis | Harrison Krotiris |



Club Champions for 2009-2010 Season

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|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Junior Female Champion | - | Alana Kanesoulis |
| Junior Male Champion | - | Daniel Sinclair |
| Senior Female Champion | - | Gemma Devonport-Ward |
| Senior Male Champion | - | Benjamin Levin |



Gear and Equipment

Each season we purchase and replace equipment as do all sporting and Emergency Support organizations. As a non-profit organization we rely on sponsorship and grants to finance our equipment needs. This season as in the past we used a combination of club funds (membership, Nipper program) and grants to purchase the following equipment. As a side note most grants only supply funding for a portion of the equipment i.e. 50%, this season the State and National government made available grants that provided 100% funding on a set list of equipment we could choose from.

This season we spend \$4,500 from club funds to purchase the following equipment;

| Quantity | Equipment | Funding |
|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 | Dolphin Fibre Glass Rescue Boards | Telstra Grant + Club Funds |
| 1 | Rescue Boat Fuel Cell | Telstra Grant + Club Funds |
| 10 | Nipper Boards (5-6 year age group) | Club Funds from Nipper Program |
| 1 | Portable First Aid Kit | Government |
| 1 | Spine Board and Spine Kit | Government |
| 1 | Defibrillator Training Unit | Government |
| 1 | Laptop and Projector | Government |
| 1 | Printer and Internet Router | Club Funds / Office Works |
| 2 | 19 foot plastic training ski's | Woolworths Grant |

From the previous page we have also applied for several grants for next season as we have some expensive equipment coming up for replacement, rescue boats, outboard motors, ATV(4WD) and new competition equipment as we start competing again next season.

As you know the club lacks storage space for equipment and we are constantly looking for ways to maximize what we have. We are currently working with the local Port Melbourne Bunning's store to design a new storage system in the gear shed's which will hopefully provide space for all the new equipment coming next season.

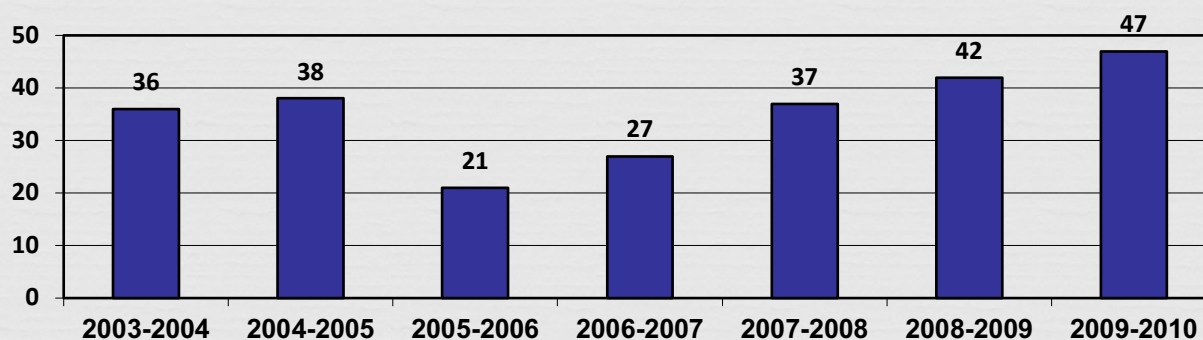
If any member has expertise in storage or has some industry contacts we can use then any assistance as always will be greatly appreciated.

Financials

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| Total Income | \$43,963 |
| Total Expenditure | \$38,788 |
| Total Profit | \$5,175 |

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Bank Balance as of 30/6/2009 | \$14,679 |
| Term Deposit as of 30/6/2009 | \$32,757 |

Total Cash Funds \$47,436



Income

| Category Description | Totals |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Bank Interest | 1,477.11 |
| Club Clothing Sales | 1,845.00 |
| Drink Sales | 176.00 |
| GST Refunds | 545.00 |
| Fund Raising | 610.00 |
| Donations | 150.00 |
| Grants | 16,871.75 |
| Schools Beach Program | 7,470.00 |
| Water Safety | 200.00 |
| Membership Fee's | 7,685.00 |
| Nipper Program Fee's | 5,541.00 |
| Facilities Usage Fee's | 485.98 |
| Petty Cash | 7.05 |
| Equipment Storage Fee's | 720.00 |
| Training Program Fee's | 180.00 |
| Total Income | 43,963.89 |

Expenses

| Category Description | Totals |
|--|------------------|
| LSV Affiliation Fee | 100.00 |
| Award Fee's | 110.00 |
| Bank Charges | 11.00 |
| Advertising | 348.70 |
| Cleaning | 1,385.45 |
| Food – Functions, BBQ Etc | 2,417.42 |
| Freight | 220.52 |
| Insurance | 6,133.82 |
| PO Box rental | 84.50 |
| Office Supplies | 881.35 |
| Postage | 205.67 |
| Clothing (club uniform) | 3,470.65 |
| Drinks | 91.00 |
| Credit | 14.70 |
| Training (manuals etc) | 748.80 |
| Patrol Equipment and Maintenance | 5,813.23 |
| First Aid Supplies | 916.20 |
| GST | 350.00 |
| IRB (Fuel, maintenance) | 1,828.33 |
| Nipper Equipment | 2,985.20 |
| Refund | 180 |
| Facilities Rent (COPP) | 507.31 |
| Water Safety for Schools Program | 2,780.00 |
| Schools Program | 241.79 |
| Utilities | 2,627.02 |
| Web Site (Setup and Hosting) | 2,650.20 |
| Trophies and Club Competition Supplies | 1,685.30 |
| Total Expenses | 38,788.16 |

Life Members

Port Melbourne Life Saving Club Life Members

1993 Perce White
1993 Leo 'Doc' Wood
1994 Leanne Wood
1996 Bill Decis
1996 Marion Philips
1998 Chris Raeburn
1999 Cole Ward
2000 June Wood
2001 Barry Roddy
2001 Mark Heywood
2002 George Hale
2002 David O'Dwyer
2002 Jenny Peric
2002 Darrel Gill
2002 Belinda Gill
2002 Brett Armstrong
2002 Peter McLaverty
2002 Kaz Svazas
2003 Steve Roper
2004 David Dawson
2004 Rachel Dawson

2005 Trent Rowe
2007 Gina McLaverty
2009 Teagan Heywood

2002 – Middle Park Life Saving Club Merger