



ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Port Melbourne Life Saving Club

Keeping Port Phillip Beaches Safe Since 1913

Australian for life. 



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 over 100 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 2016 - 2017

Club Administration	
President	Stephen Brooks
Vice President	Vacant
Treasurer	Paul Larcher
Secretary	Andrew Gall
Membership	Belinda Gill
Sponsorship	Stephen Brooks
Web and Newsletter	Alan Briggs
Media and Public Relations	Alan Briggs
Facilities Manager	Paul Mapley
Catering Manager	Elina Bowron

Life Saving Operations	
Patrol Manager/Club Captain	Peter Bellion
IRB Officer	Peter McLaverty
Radio Officer	Brett Armstrong
Life Saving Operations Delegate	Peter Bellion
First Aid Officer	Brett Armstrong

Development and Education	
Chief Instructor	Darrel Gill
Nipper Coordinator	Belinda Gill
Youth and Leadership Delegate	Belinda Gill

Competition	
Competition Manager	Not Filled
Head Coach	Not Filled
IRB Captain	Peter McLaverty
Aquatic Sports Delegate	Neil Morarty OAM

Presidents Report – Stephen Brooks

This being our 104th year it was great to see the energy continue to grow in our club during the 2016 - 2017 season. Our numbers again remain strong in the key areas of Membership, Nippers, Patrols, Training, our financial position is sound and our Committee strengthened with 4 new members Peter Bellion, Paul Mapley Allan Briggs, Andrew Gall.

This year Belinda Gill was deservedly nominated as Volunteer Of The Year at the LSV Awards Of Excellence dinner for the fantastic work that she continues to deliver with our Nippers. Eight of our Committee attended the Awards with The Mayor Bernadene Voss and Dr Michael Kennedy joining us as our VIP guests. It was a great night and inspiring to be reminded of the incredible work that the 57 Life Saving Clubs in Victoria contribute.

We are proud to have run another successful and much embraced beach program to the Yr 5 and Yr 6 students from Wembley Primary School for the 13th consecutive year. Our relationship with Albert Park College continues with their Yr 7 students participating in a beach program for the 7th year and our club providing necessary backup space as the school continues to increase in numbers. We are continually working with APC to increase their participation in the many lifestyle benefits of Life Saving at our Club.

We operated seven full Patrols throughout the longer season December to April and our new Patrol Director leading from the front. We provided water safety for Paddle Around The Bay and Cal Smiths Brain Foundation Paddle from Frankston.

Our Training Officer(s) continue to provide excellent training allowing more members to complete awards including Bronze Medallion and re-qualification. We are fortunate to have 3 additional members recently complete their Certificate IV in Training and Assessment - well done!

The Committee has now completed some much-needed works to improve the amenity of the club with new storage cupboards, fitting blinds in the hall and refit of the patrol room. A refit of Shed 1 & Shed 2 was undertaken by our new Facilities Manager to address the limited storage and make access to our equipment easier and safer for all members and patrollers. A new CCTV system has been installed and a Swipe Access Control System is being installed. These works are long overdue and a benefit to all members allowing us to increase our capacity to better serve the community.

We were in the fortunate position to retire one of our IRB and gift it to the Mildura LSC where no doubt it will be put to good use on the Mighty Murray.

I would like to thank the Port Of Melbourne Corp for their continued sponsoring of our Nippers BBQ that allows us to provide a nutritious lunch to our energetic Nippers. I would also like to thank The City of Port Phillip, our local Councillor and Mayor for their continued support.

We are a club of community minded Life Saving volunteers providing valuable beach and water safety, first aid, training and exercise, I would like to thank each member of your Committee, our Patrol Captains, Patrollers, Age Managers, Nippers and Members for their community service and continued participation and look forward to seeing you all on the beach

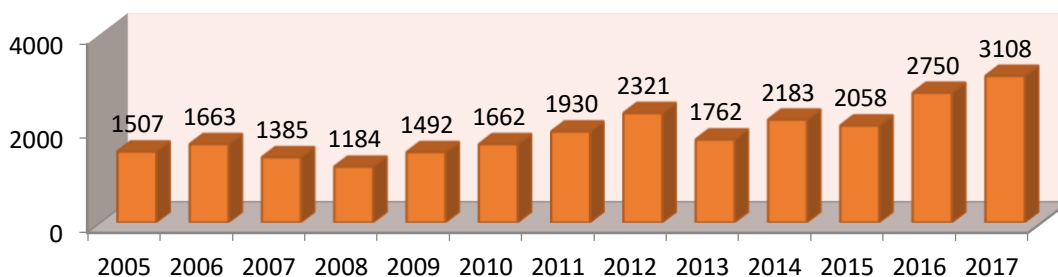
Stephen Brooks
President

Patrol Statistics

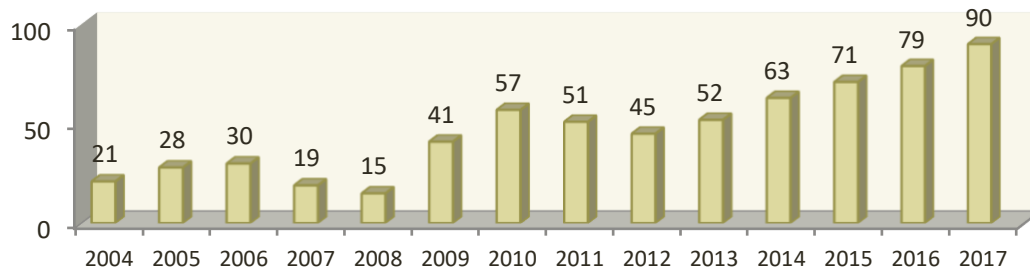
Top 10 Female and Male Patrol Members

Leading Female Patrol Members		Leading Male Patrol Members	
Name	Hours	Name	Hours
1. Belinda Gill (ID: 3755877)	113.5	1. Peter Bellion (ID: 4616565)	155.8
2. Georgia Anastasiou (ID: 4680182)	55.5	2. Stephen Brooks (ID: 5533192)	142.5
3. Phoebe Browne (ID: 4445627)	50.5	3. Brett Armstrong (ID: 4132668)	127.0
4. Vicky Hadzidimitriou (ID: 4445632)	43.8	4. Darrel Gill (ID: 3737210)	121.0
5. Tea-Rose Passon (ID: 5509981)	35.0	5. Cal Smith (ID: 4760104)	113.0
6. Sevannah Velgakis (ID: 4564366)	32.0	6. Benn Fischer (ID: 5524241)	105.0
7. Arienna Koch (ID: 4481116)	30.8	7. Colin Dale (ID: 4513573)	73.0
8. Kinga Marffy (ID: 4517645)	30.0	8. Josiah England (ID: 5609969)	72.0
9. Regina Cramer (ID: 4511855)	28.3	9. Nathaniel England (ID: 5609901)	65.3
10. Nicoletta Hadzidimitriou (ID: 4443779)	27.3	10. Glenn Sanderson (ID: 5423800)	64.5

Total Club Patrol Hours – 3, 108



Total Patrolling Members Participating in Patrols - 79



Training and Development

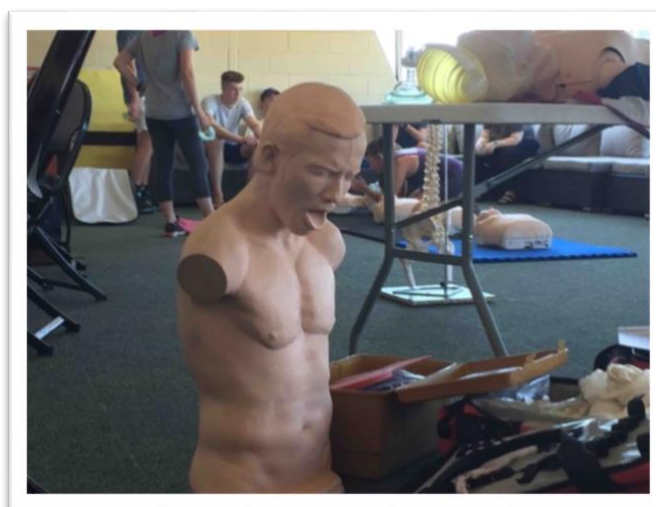
Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate



Spinal course



Provide First Aid HLTAID003



Age Managers

Our age managers are vital to keep our Nippers Program running, this season 17 new Age Managers completed their training.

Junior Program (Nippers 5 – 12 years)

Our Nippers program continues to grow stronger every year with a large waiting list. We have a great participation rate with our Nipper parents and club members which improve the quality of our program each season. Our Age Managers are doing an exceptional job with the kids across all age groups; we have an excellent retention rate as the popularity of our program grows. We have purchased more boards for the younger age groups to cater for the larger numbers and larger boards for the older groups catering for the cadets as we prepare them for lifesaving awards and patrolling skills.

Nipper Program Participation Long Term Trend



School Beach Program

For the past 14 years the club has run a school's program for Wembley Primary School. We also run 'Meet a Lifesaver' session for 110 Williamstown North Primary School Prep students.

This season we had a total of 435 Primary and Secondary School students learn all about Lifesaving and the skills required to be involved in Lifesaving.

I would like to thank the students and teachers from Wembley Primary School 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.

We continued our 10-week Lifesaving Program with Albert Park College. In conjunction with Life Saving Victoria 160 Year 7 students completed a lifesaving program that formed part of the school's curriculum that we will offer for each starting year of the college. This program provides an introduction to lifesaving and club activities which we hope will encourage the students to become patrolling members of Port Melbourne.



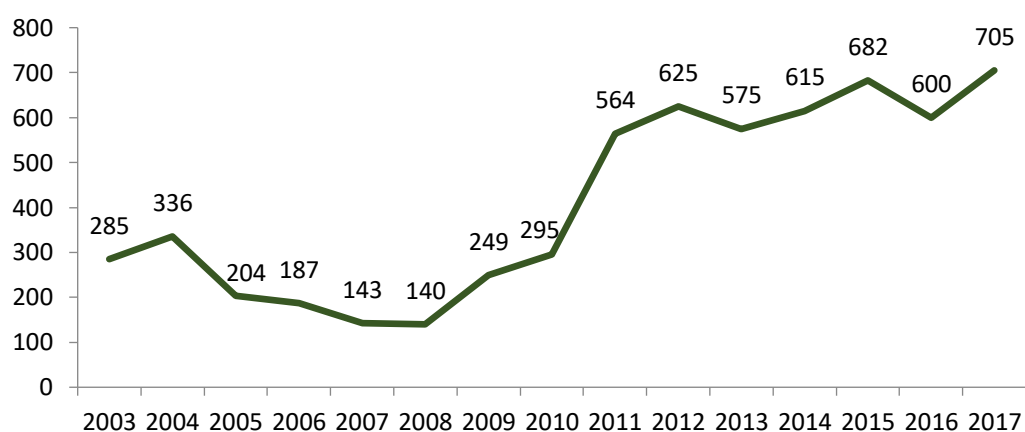
The one thing you can guarantee in Melbourne in Summer is cold weather, some of our senior lifesavers demonstrating a full CPR scenario.

Club Membership

Membership Categories as of 30th June 2017

Membership Category	Total	Male	Female
Probationary (Albert Park Schools Program)	124	70	54
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	209	92	117
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	24	15	9
Active (15-18 years)	10	2	8
Active (18 years and over)	51	39	12
Award	47	28	19
Long Service	3	3	0
Associate	0	0	0
Life Member	11	6	5
General	210	93	117
Participants (nippers not in program)	15	8	7
Totals	705	357	348

Membership Long Term Trend



Patrolling Awards

First Season Lifesaver Awards

Male Rookie of the Year – Josiah England

Female Rookie of the Year – Sevannah Velgakis

Most Patrol Hours – Georgia Anastasiou



Social Gatherings

End of Season Party

Another awesome End of Season Nipper Disco, this year's theme Haunted Club. The Gill's went all out again decorating the club in spooky theme. A fun night had by all with our favourite DJ 'Jazzie' spinning the MP3's all night.



Life Saving Victoria – Awards of Excellence



Colin 'Bomber' Dale, Paul Larcher, Bernadene Voss (COPP Mayor), Stephen Brooks, Peter Bellion, Belinda Gill, Alan Briggs, Caroline Larcher, Darrel Gill, Michael

Facilities

Our clubhouse has undergone some major changes in the past 12 months. Our ability to look outside the square and reutilise space, has seen us create a far more effective and flexible space in all areas.

Design and construction of new Board Racks has enabled us to mobilise and reconfigure our shed space to give us a more valuable space on Nipper Days for efficient lifesaving operations and Age Manager Meetings.

It has also seen it become an active classroom space when hosting school's programs and training and assessment. Shed 1 now offers reprieve from the elements, should they change and a beach level space to conduct CPR and Beach Program training scenarios.

There have been many key focuses on how we can always make our building function better and opening it up to greater community usage and accessibility. Our relationship with the City of Port Phillip and their key personnel has seen us able to move forward and adopt the necessary modifications to the building, which in the future will create greater opportunity for the club and the wider community. APC continues to use the building as a satellite classroom arrangement, and the with the installation of new blinds and cupboards in the main hall, we have been able to multi –purpose the space, without too much disruption to lifesaving operations. Additional installation of cupboards in the Clubhouse Patrol Room has also seen this space re-invented and enabling us to gain a broader perspective of how we view the beach and enhancing operations, by having a more efficient workspace. Furthermore, the purchase and installation of new furniture has seen the clubhouse become more inviting and welcoming. This is also an added advantage as PMLSC is a focal point of Training and Assessment in the region, and it portrays the pride we have in the facility.

New policies have been put in place regarding Board usage, both of members and visitors, which protects the club and those using our facility. Re racking of boards and equipment, has seen our gear gain greater accessibility and willingness to use. Especially in the case of Nipper sessions, where boards that were previously considered hard to paddle and use, have become a challenge to master and a board of choice.

Installation and repurposing of change cubicles has seen an added changing space within the clubhouse, coinciding with the repositioning of existing lockers to utilise the space better and allow a flow of traffic in and around the shed and foyer spaces. With many more great initiatives to come, we look towards a strong future and one that will demonstrate commitment and inclusion surrounding the club.

As maintaining equipment and ensuring you have the necessary resources to meet demand can be a challenge, we can rest assured PMLSC is in a great position and has the necessary strategies in place for replacement and updates of its asset register. Recently the club made a significant donation of an IRB to the Mildura Life Saving Club, so as it can provide valuable water safety and training on the river., and further develop their Nipper Program. It is our ability to have this holistic view and reach out to our fellow fraternity and lifesaving organisations to ensure our commitment to all Victorians and beach goers, is upheld.

With much anticipation for the 2017/18 we await the installation of the CCTV and Swipe Security system. This will be installed over the off-peak period and will be ready to go, and fully operational by season start.

It will enable us as a club to ensure the safety and security of all those who use the clubhouse and continue our commitment to our members to access and utilise club facilities. There has been a "Member Access Policy" developed around the implementation of the swipe system and this will enable us to offer greater usage of the Club, should those who apply, meet the necessary criteria.

As our club continues to grow and create greater pathways into lifesaving, we urge all our members to be involved and active within the club. Regarding housekeeping and general up keep around the club, we also encourage you to be active. Whether it be a quick sweep of the shed floor, washing a board after you use it, taking out the trash or perhaps passing on something that needs attention, these little things add to the teamwork culture that makes our club tick.

With the weather on the turn and we look to dust off the boardies and rashies in readiness for another season, I look forward to seeing you all down at the club and continuing to make "YOUR CLUB" great!

Paul Mapley
Gear and Facility Manager PMLSC

2016-2017 Upgrades Completed

- New motorized blinds in the hall and Patrol Observation room.
- Storage Cupboards in the Function hall.
- New bench in the Observation room.
- Security Camera's.
- New timber on the external deck.
- New double door fridge.

Future Plans

- Cooling and Heating in the Function hall
- Electronic Door Locks.
- Solar Panels.

Financials

Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profit and Loss)

Revenue	As at 30 Jun 2016	As at 30 Jun 2017	Notes
Grants, Donations. Fundraising	\$ 24,549.95	\$ 17,140.00	6
Membership	\$ 18,163.64	\$ 13,377.27	7
Events	\$ -	\$ -	1
Clothing sales	\$ 4,436.36	\$ 4,018.18	
Nipper program	\$ 12,054.55	\$ 16,745.45	
School program	\$ 11,931.82	\$ 23,090.91	3
Training	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 66.36	4
Club House	\$ 7,590.91	\$ 9,481.82	8
Other income	\$ 1,695.49	\$ 666.66	10
Total Revenue	\$ 81,597.71	\$ 84,586.66	
Expenses	As at 30 Jun 2016	As at 30 Jun 2017	
Catering and events	\$ 7,541.77	\$ 7,814.40	
Clothing purchases	\$ 8,679.76	\$ 5,617.91	
Administration	\$ 1,979.67	\$ 5,011.11	
Insurance	\$ 5,011.11	\$ 10,629.02	5
Club House	\$ 12,373.96	\$ 34,258.37	2
Competition	\$ -	\$ -	
Nipper program	\$ 1,544.86	\$ 3,490.56	
Training	\$ 5,089.55	\$ 6,549.14	
Patrol	\$ 10,116.07	\$ 13,557.35	
Total Revenue	\$ 52,336.77	\$ 86,927.87	
Net Surplus	\$ 29,260.94	\$ (2,341.21)	
Other Comprehensive income	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Comprehensive Surplus	\$ 29,260.94	\$ (2,341.21)	

Notes

- 1 Annual dinner and nippers disco provided for members
- 2 Includes major item in current year for - blinds, sofas, cupboards and benches, CCTV
- 3 Includes APC beach program fees
- 4 Training provided free to club members
- 5 Does not include insurance costs covered centrally by LSV
- 6 Includes Grants from LSV and State Govt beach fund and sponsorship from PoMC
- 7 General Membership and Albert Park College
- 8 Hire of club house includes Albert Park College usage
- 9 First 3 months of APC hall hire waived in lieu of providing and installing carpet
- 10 Includes bank interest, and money received as key deposit

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
2014 Laurie Wood

2002 – Middle Park Life Saving Club Merger