

SPRING 2009



VENUS BAY
SURF LIFE
SAVING CLUB



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone! It's time for most of us to wake from hibernation and get ready for the 2009/2010 summer season. There is a lot of preparation to be done over the next two months so that we're ready for the start of the patrol season on the last weekend of November.

While most of us were sitting through a quiet winter, a group of around 30 of our members were 'chilling out' at IRB competitions.

Our team continued to improve on last year's success winning several medals at the Victorian titles and finishing in 2nd place overall behind Williamstown and ahead of Anglesea in 3rd position.

The team also performed very well in difficult conditions at the Australian titles

making it through to finals in some events.

This group of members have approached competition in a determined, structured and thorough manner and deserve this success. I also congratulate the team on their conduct and presentation throughout the season. We have received glowing reports which I believe reflects the team's pride in being members of Venus Bay SLSC.

There has also been activity over the last few months in other areas:

An additional water tank was installed and the clubhouse' gutters replaced. We are working on substantial improvements to the kitchen equipment facilities. Some new nipper &

competition boards are being acquired. Some funding has been provided by South Gippsland Shire Council and more is being sought to replace the patrol tower. Parks Victoria has carried out major works around the road and footpath between the clubhouse and the beach.

Please take a few minutes to return your membership applications as soon as you can or bring them along to the registration day on Sunday 1 November at the clubhouse.

All active members over the age of 18 years and any other members over the age of 18 years who have any active involvement in club activities must have a Working with Children Check before the start of this season.



Welcome to the Spring edition for the 2009/10 season.

Venus Bay Watch is designed to keep you up to date with forthcoming events at your club.

We look forward to your continuing involvement with our outstanding club especially as we approach our 50th year of existence.

Please remember to check our website at www.vbslsc.org.au for the latest news and events.

Important Notices

Please remember to return your membership renewal ASAP.

**Member sign up day
November 2 @ the
Clubhouse.**

Visit the club website for more up to date information.



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This is not only LSV policy but is now law in Victoria. If you don't have a Working with Children Check you will not be able to participate in patrols, stay at the clubhouse or be involved in nipper activities (this includes parents who help out at Nipper sessions).

There can be no negotiation regarding this – If you are over the age of 18 and are actively involved in club activities you must have a Working with Children Check.

A Working with Children Check does not cost anything for volunteers other than the cost of a passport photo from you local chemist. **so please just get one!**

I look forward to seeing everyone over the Melbourne Cup weekend.

Allan Latto

**NIPPERS REPORT
DAVID CUMMING — COORDINATOR**

Hi everyone. I'm delighted to be able to take on the role of Nipper's coordinator following the retirement of Lisa Gates at the end of last season. I would like to thank Lisa for her incredible contribution to Nippers over a number of seasons. I have no doubt that I have big shoes to fill.

As we gear up for what promises to be another exciting Nipper's program, I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to get involved. You can do this by becoming an age manager, or assisting with water safety, beach activities, or a range of other tasks.

In order to get off to a smooth start and to ensure that we have enough caps and bathers for Nippers and to guarantee your child a spot in his or her age group, I would greatly appreciate it if you could enrol your child as soon as possible. Also by letting me know in advance if your child will require a cap or bathers we can ensure that we have enough supplies. Please contact me at cumminggang@bigpond.com.

As in previous years early registration will take place on November 2 at the clubhouse. Nippers will kick off on December 27, and will run through to New Years with only a one day break in the middle. The dates will then revert back to Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday. Times will be confirmed closer to the season.

I look forward to seeing you on the beach.

David Cumming

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Club Caps	\$10.00
Women's Bathers	\$50.00
Girls Bathers	\$45.00
Women's Sport's Bikini	\$55.00
Men's Bathers	\$35.00
Boys Bathers	\$30.00
Adult Rash Vest	\$40.00
Children Rash Vest	\$35.00
Adult Polo Shirt	\$35.00
Children Polo Shirt	\$30.00
Adult Hooded Windcheater	\$55.00
Children's Hooded Windcheater	\$40.00
Track Pants (All sizes)	\$45.00
Surf Rescue Track Pants (Red)	\$35.00
Surf Rescue Windcheater (Red)	\$45.00



FROM THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR— Kim Stewart

It's that time of year again! The SRC and Bronze Medallion Camp will be held at the clubhouse from Sunday December 13 to Saturday December 19. Members aged 13-14 are eligible to complete the Surf Rescue Certificate whilst members 15 years and older can complete their Bronze Medallion.

Accommodation will be in the bunkrooms with lunches and dinners catered. This is a fantastic week run by qualified instructors where candidates learn an abundance of lifesaving skills in theoretical and practical settings with lots of scenarios to refine their skills!!!...and of course lots of fun!! Anyone interested in participating in the camp, assisting with the running of the camp, or acting in scenarios should contact Kimberley Stewart, Chief Instructor on 0407 889194 or via email stewkim1@lavalla.sale.catholic.edu.au for more information.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS — Elliot Amalos

Hi Club member! This season is going to be a busy year for competition. If you are interested in competition of any form — Summer beach, pool or IRB— please drop me a line on my email elliott.amalos@gmail.com or mobile 0402 043 323 including your contract details and area of competition.

There are five carnivals coming up this summer that we are looking to attend. These include:

For all IRB competitors we will be looking to start training in the next few months, so stay tuned for further updates. With the National IRB Championship being held in Tasmania in mid April, the IRB State Panel has scheduled some lead up carnivals to be held in February, March and April. Dates will be provided soon.

For all parents looking to enrol their children into Nippers the sign-up will be held on November 2, with Nippers starting on December 27 through to the January 26.

All parents or active members out there, we are always after officials & team managers. If you are interested in becoming an official please contact myself for details on courses being run as all are welcome to join in the fun involved at carnivals. All qualified club officials please contact myself if you are interested in officiating in the coming season. Your support will be very much appreciated around the carnival and by the competitors.

I hope you are looking forward to another great season ahead, stay tuned to the website for dates of the following:

- Actives weekend
- IRB team meeting
- Summer carnival team meeting
- Pre scrutineering & scrutineering
- Dates for requalify
- Competition training schedule

Elliot Amalos Vice President Actives & Competition Coordinator



CLUB CAPTAIN RECIEVES ASSESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to club captain Russell Stewart on being awarded Life Saving Victoria's assessor of the year.

Russell received the prestigious award at the Life Saving Victoria Awards of Excellence held at the St Kilda Town Hall.

Russell received the award for his work as Bass district coordinator. Russell's role involves assisting and training assessors and delivering assessments of lifesaving clubs for patrolling awards.

Russell was nominated for the award by both Venus Bay and Waratah surf life saving clubs.

Russell is incredibly committed to the club and to life saving in general and thoroughly deserved the award.



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