



**VIGILANCE AND  
SERVICE**

**apollo bay surf life saving club**

**64th ANNUAL REPORT**

***Season 2015/2016***

Annual Report and Balance Sheet to be  
presented at the 64th Annual General Meeting  
and Election of Office Bearers

Presentation will occur at:

***The Apollo Bay SLSC Clubhouse  
50 Great Ocean Road  
Apollo Bay  
Victoria, 3233***

**Date: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016**

**Meeting will commence at 1230pm**

**To be preceded by a BBQ at 1130am**

## **VALE OF LIFE MEMBER**

We are sad to report the passing of Club Life Member, Bruce "Reg" Freer on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016 after a long battle with his illness.

Reg joined the Club in the season of 1966/67 and obtained his Bronze Medallion on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 19 67. During his time with the Club, Reg held many positions on the Club Committee including Club Captain and was a hard worker around the Club and at Club events. He was also a regular Patrolling Member till 2007/08 and a competitor in Surf Races and Surf Boats, highlighted with winning the Over 40 Surf Teams and Over 45 Surf Boat at the Victorian Masters Championships.

In 1984/85 Reg was awarded Life Membership of our Club for his contribution to our Club.

## **AGENDA: 64th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting to be read & confirmed
2. Business arising out of the minutes from the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting
3. Correspondence relating to the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
4. Consideration and election of Honorary Life Members
5. Presentation of any proposed addition or alteration to the Club Rules
6. Presentation, consideration and adoption of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
7. Presentation and consideration of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Report
8. Election of Office Bearers for Season 2015/2016
9. General Business in relation to the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

## **COMMITTEE POSITIONS VACANT AT 64<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The Following Executive positions become vacant at the 64<sup>th</sup>AGM:

<b>Vice President</b>	<b>2 year Term</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>2 year Term</b>
<b>Club Captain</b>	<b>2 year Term</b>
<b>Building and maintenance director</b>	<b>2 year Term</b>
<b>Competition Director</b>	<b>2 year Term</b>

The automatic office of the ABSLSC Committee consists of: **President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social and Fundraising Director, Junior Association Director, Club Captain, Building and Maintenance Director, & Competition Captain** (The President will hold the casting vote if required)

### **SUB-COMMITTEES to:**

#### Treasurer

- Membership Secretary

#### Building & Maintenance

- Bunk House Steward

#### Social & Fundraising

- Clothing Manager
- Bar Manager
- Club Newsletter (“Bombora”) Editor
- Club House Function Manager
- Special Events Manager
- Door Knock Co-ordinator

#### Club Captain

- Emergency Services Director
- Chief Instructor
- First Aid Officer
- Gear Steward
- Radio Officer
- Junior Members’ Representative

#### Competition Captain

- Boat Captain
- Swim Captain
- Beach Captain
- Board & Ski Captain

#### Junior Association Director

- Membership Secretary
- Social & Fundraising

#### Other Positions

- Club Registrar/Historian
- Grievance Officers (2 positions – 1 female & 1 male)

\*All members are requested to note that in accordance with the Club Constitution, no nomination for office will be considered unless it is submitted on a nomination form **prior** to the Annual General Meeting. If any positions remain vacant, either within the Committee or any of the Sub-Committees, these positions will remain open until such time as they become filled.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 2015-2016**

### **Executive Committee members:**

President: *Frank O'Rourke*  
Vice-President: *Ory Reid*  
Secretary: *Tracy McCabe*  
Treasurer: *Mark Kininmonth*  
Club Captain: *Josh Cooper*

Social & Fundraising: *Darren Hill*  
Building & Maintenance: *John Tallis*  
Junior Association Directors: *Meg Miller*  
Competition Captain: *Darren Minns*

### **Club Captain's Sub-committee:**

Chief Instructor: *Elise Kavanagh*  
Co-chief Instructor: *Isabel Kavanagh*  
Emergency Services Officer: *Jake Cooper*  
First Aid Officer: *vacant*  
Gear Steward: *vacant*  
Radio Officer: *vacant*  
Junior Members' Representatives: *vacant*

### **Social & Fundraising Sub-committee:**

Sponsorship Co-coordinator: *vacant*  
Bar Manager(s): *Darren Hill*  
Clothing Manager: *Sally Cannon*  
Door Knock Co-ordinator: *Bettina Terry*

### **Building & Maintenance Sub-Committee:**

Bunk House Stewards: *vacant*

### **Competition Captain's Sub-committee:**

Boat Captain: *vacant*  
Beach Captain: *vacant*  
Swim Captain: *Emma DeGrandi*  
Board/Ski Captain: *vacant*

### **Junior Association Sub-committee:**

Junior Association Membership: *vacant*

### **Other positions:**

State Centre Representative:  
Club Historian: *Allan Holmes*  
Membership Secretary: *Yvette Hill*  
Club Registrar: *Yvette Hill*  
Bombora (Club Newsletter) Editor: *Thom Cookes*  
Grievance Officers: *Vacant*

## **2014 – 2015 SEASON AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

- Best Club Member:** - Darren Hill
- Best Individual Effort:** - Josh Cooper
- Best New Member:** - Emily Mansfield
- Encouragement Award:** - Dylan Murnane
- President's Awards:** - Ross Marriner  
- Meg Miller
- Best Patrolling Member Award:** -

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This is my 6<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Report and last year I was expecting there would be no more. However I'm here again for my 2 years but I guarantee next year will be the last one I write..

Although there are a number of important parts of our club operations, from LSV's point of view, one of the most visible pointers to our performance as a club is our patrols.

This year we had 117 members do 2615 hours of patrol as opposed to 95 members doing 2334 hours last year. This also compares to 72 members doing 1628 hours the previous year.

Additionally we had 71 of our members contributing to 960 hours of water safety, primarily in support of our Nipper Program.

A total of 134 members contributed to Patrols or Water Safety or both. For a club our size, I think we can be proud of this involvement by our members.

These hours don't include the hours that Bob Wood has spent in the sky doing his own aerial version of water safety. At the same time Bob has managed to qualify for 50 years of patrolling duty starting when he obtained his Bronze in 1963/64.

Some of our most enthusiastic patrolling members this year have come from those who have just completed their Bronze/SRC and this, as always, has been very encouraging to see.

This year's Bronze/SRC camp was a bit smaller than some previous years, driven a lot by how many new members came out of Nippers. Based on the numbers we have had in Nippers, next year promises to be a large camp and we're all looking forward to that

To the 134 members who did make the effort to Patrol or do Water Safety, You have my thanks and that of the Club.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

I'm happy at this time of the year to look back over some of the incremental improvements we've made during the year.

Last year we finally got the swipe security system operational and this year we've added to that by adding a number of cameras to monitor the main areas for security purposes.

Last year we made a bit of reorganisation of the gear required for Nipper and other training activities to behind one of the roller doors fronting the beach. This year we managed to get this roller door onto the security system such that those who needed to access the gear could simply swipe to gain access to additional boards, Age Manager nipper tubs, anchors and marker cans.

Maybe next year we'll add the First Aid room and then it will all be just a bit easier for our hard working patrol members.

Last year I reported that we were planning to revamp the showers/change rooms. Unfortunately that started to look very expensive and we had some other expected expenses so we've had to shelve that plan temporarily.

The other expenses related to the VESEP grant which we were successful in gaining. Although our money was matched 2 to 1, there was still a fair bit of expense involved.

Still, we have managed to replace our ute and the ATV, both of which were showing distinct signs of living near the sea. The grant is also covering items of rescue equipment, new outboard motors and a new road trailer to transport IRBs and motors. This puts us in a reasonable shape for the next few years. In a surf club, all these items need regular maintenance and then replacement so this is an ongoing part of running the club.

Other noticeable maintenance on the club includes some repainting and repairing of external timber surfaces. Not exciting, but essential. And this is done courtesy of a grant from Colac Otway Shire.

Next year you should see a revamp of our long neglected bunk rooms. I'm not sure if we'll have them up to a commercial level but we'll certainly be able to use them without being embarrassed by the state they're in.

This year we've managed to vastly increase the number of courses that we have run and hopefully we will be better be able to meet our patrol requirements next year because of this.

There are other things to look forward to. We are still planning to revamp the changing rooms and showers to make them easier to clean and manage. Get ready to cheer when we finally achieve that.

In terms of personal achievements I have already mentioned Bob Wood but mention should also be made of Allan Holmes who has clocked 50 years of service to Lifesaving in Victoria.

## **NIPPERS**

This season's Nippers program was again one of the highlights of the season for me.

Last year I thought we had a good year with 144 Nippers but this year we had over 170 Nippers and somehow we seemed to manage that without any big dramas.

In addition we also welcomed a few Wye River members who had their Nipper Season stopped due to the bushfires over summer..

We had plans to continue with the Wye River Challenge as it was such a success last year but this again didn't happen due to the bushfire situation..

I spend a lot of my time during Nippers driving an IRB and so I miss a bit of what happens on the beach. However this year I had a much better idea of what was going on as we finally had the new age group coloured banners on the beach. Easy to see where the groups were, both from the sea and from the beach. And, if that wasn't colourful enough, our groups had colour coded hats and coloured coded Age Group Managers.

With a few extra IRB drivers around this year we also managed to have 2 IRBs in the water at most times during our Nipper sessions. Good training for our newer drivers and crew but also providing an increase in Water Safety for our Nippers.

What's happening with Nippers next season? Well were planning to make a bit of a push to encourage some participation in carnivals and the club will organise some additional training and make it as easy as possible for some of our Nippers to enjoy the taste of friendly competition.

Frank O'Rourke

## **JUNIOR ASSOCIATION REPORT (NIPPERS)**

The nipper season for 2015/2016 was an enormous success. The final registration numbers for the season were well over 150 nippers. Even with the Christmas Day bushfires, hindering travel to Apollo Bay, registration day was still very busy.

We had the largest number of Nippers registered in the Under 8 age group. This led to the children that qualified as U7 being split into a smaller group and expertly managed by Andrew Hende. There were 38 children registered in the Under 8 age group.

Most of the age groups had over 30 children, creating an issue with Age Manager to Nipper ratio. This will have to be addressed if the Nipper numbers continue to increase. Their needs to be either more Age Managers trained and the groups split into smaller groups or we cap the groups at 25 nippers each. If ABSLSC nippers continue to increase will need to encourage more parents, older siblings or younger club members to train to become age managers.

Registration dates also need to be adhered to and this season was one where the club had to close registrations. The large amount of members that believe that they can sign up on the day need to be advised that their children may not be able to participate in the nippers program. The t-shirt order had to be increased at the last moment to cover the extra children signed up. This then created the problem of some nippers not receiving the correct shirt size.

The new nipper t-shirt design was well received. The design was created by a club member who was once a nipper, thanks must go to Bella Davidson. The Nipper flags also created clarity within the large number of Nippers and the color-coding of the hats worked extremely well. Thanks to Simon Swingler for designing the Nipper flags and to Sally Cannon for her new ideas in clothing. Thanks must also be extended to Jamie Pickett and the Apollo Bay Foreshore Carnival. With Jamie's assistance and generosity we have new equipment and a fantastic night at the Carnival.

The Nipper locker works extremely well. The Age Group tubs may need to be replaced before next season. They will definitely need to be sorted and cleaned before season 2016/2017. The Age managers will also need to be responsible for their paper work and hand it directly to the Junior Coordinator at the end of the season. It is difficult to search through tubs looking for the information that needs to be added into Surf Guard.

The Nipper season was a typical season of Apollo Bay weather. We had days of high winds, with modified programs, and days of magnificent sunshine. The bushfires also created issues for the nipper program with the Wye River Challenge being cancelled. Wye River's Nipper program was also cancelled. To support our local communities ABSLSC offered to take the Wye River nippers into our program. We had two families join us with their parents and grandparents assisting with water safety.

Margaret Findlay successfully managed the ABSLSC water safety. Margaret has completed her last season of water safety and we will need to replace her. Margaret's experience and management skills will be hard to replace and we thank her for the safety of the Nippers in the water. Thanks also to the young club members that put the orange vest on to assist with the large numbers of Nippers this year.

Thanks must be extended to every person that assisted with Nipper Season 2015/2016. Without the assistance of parents, families and friends the Nipper season would not be able to successfully run.

Nippers dates for 2016/2017 are yet to be confirmed.

Meg Miller

## **CLUB CAPTAIN**

As we reach the end of another successful season, I'd like to thank everyone who gave up their time to help keep the beaches of Apollo Bay safe.

I say successful because no drownings occurred at our beaches this summer. There is no doubt that our hard working volunteers saved a number of lives this season, as they have done for many years.

By no means is that the only way in which we were successful though. Other areas will be touched on by fellow committee members, so I will focus mainly on the patrolling and training/assessment aspects of the club in this report.

As always we had a handful of members whose contributions were well above what we expect from them.

16 members did over 40 patrol hours, a great effort by these individuals.

Without the small group of people each year who do more than their fair share of patrols, the club would really struggle to exist. It is not fair for the majority of our members to rely on these outstanding people to do most of the work.

20 hours is the minimum that we expect from active members, and I want to thank the 39 people who have fulfilled that requirement.

However this does leave over 100 "active" members who did not do enough patrols. When the total patrol hours for the season of all members is added up, we had over 2500 hours.

Comparing these stats to last season, we had less people doing 40+ and 20+ hours this year. But the total patrol hours figure above is 300 more than last year.

This is a very promising statistic. It shows the contribution from members was more balanced this year, and overall we had more people patrolling, which is exactly what I was hoping to achieve.

We need to continue this improvement. I believe we can get to the point where all members do their share of patrols, rather than relying on a small group of people to do most of the work.

If you use the club facilities throughout the year, you should be giving back to the club by volunteering on patrol.

Next year let's aim for everyone to reach that 20 hour mark. Just two weekends of patrolling will cover it.

Moving on, one of the highlights of the season for me was seeing so many of the new SRC members on patrol each weekend. Their enthusiasm and energy was awesome. Some credit needs to go to the fantastic team of Bronze/SRC instructors who taught and inspired them - In particular Elise, Isabel, Evelyn, Sue, Calden, Billey, Ross, Patrick, Tyler.

It was awesome to again see some adults doing their bronze and becoming more involved in the club. We really are lacking older patrolling members, and will be running more adults bronze courses in the future, so get in touch if you might be interested.

The last 12 months have seen us acquire some much needed new equipment, thanks to a large VESEP grant. Some of the items we were able to purchase are:  
Ford Ranger

All Terrain Vehicle

Rescue Boards

Rescue Tubes

Patrol Tent/Shelter

IRB Motors

Also a big thanks to the Apollo Bay & District Health Foundation who generously gave us \$1500 to replace some of our equipment used for water safety during nippers, bronze camp, etc.

Let's really make sure we respect and care for the new (and old) equipment so that it continues to be functional for many years.

In regards to training and assessment, we successfully ran a number of courses throughout the season. It's great to see our members gaining new skills and being rewarded with valuable qualifications.

Here is a quick summary of the new awards that we put through during the season:

Bronze - 28

SRC - 18

Spinal Management - 9

Senior First Aid - 21

IRB Crew - 8

IRB Driver - 4

Basic Beach Management - 6

Next season there will again be plenty of opportunities to gain new awards so keep an eye on the facebook page and emails if you are interested.

Lastly, this was my final season as club captain and I'm pleased to pass the job on knowing that the club is heading in the right direction.

I'd like to say a big thank you to my fellow committee members, who all work hard to keep this club running.

The surf club is a great asset to the Apollo Bay community.

It's great to see so many people, both young and old, getting involved, having fun and coming away with valuable skills.

Let's continue this into the coming season, and make it another enjoyable one.

Josh Cooper

# **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT- 2015 / 2016 SEASON**

	2014/15	2014/15	2013/ 14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
Nippers	167	157	146	137	116	143
Cadets (13-15)	45	42	48	45	37	37
Active (15-18)	39	46	32	30	44	54
Active (18+)	40	42	31	33	44	48
Reserve Active	13	15	17	14	13	18
Associate	171	157	175	163	135	158
Life	15	14	15	14	14	15
Total	490	473	464	436	404	473

We are pleased with another steady increase in memberships overall.

The new Membership Portal system proved to be frustrating to new members but especially for renewing members. The change over method was complex and time consuming and the vast majority of members required my assistance.

There is no alternative to the Membership Portal and it has been adopted by SLSA and therefore the club as the preferred method of membership. The Portal streamlines all surf clubs, and offers a very broad reaching communication tool as well as eliminating the requirement for a paper membership application.

A steady increase in membership numbers for the nipper program, and an increase in Associate Memberships which would correspond to the growing number of junior members. Please see details below of age group breakup.

U7&U8-28 U9-25 U10-27 U11-26 U12-30 U13-16

A steady rise in young active members is also good to see. I think this is partly due to an increase in club support and use by the Apollo Bay College in the off season.

Please remember that annual memberships expire each year on June 30, so please jump on line now and renew early!

Yvette Hill Membership Office

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I present the 2015 - 2016 season financial statements for Apollo Bay SLSC. I am happy to report that club made an operating profit of \$67,117 and as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April the club holds cash of \$150,736.87. Unfortunately, the Balance Sheet will have to be provided at the AGM as I did not have an updated asset list in time to make the printers!

The large increase in profit compared to the previous 2 years was primarily due to grants. The major grant the club received was the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program total projected expenditure \$89360.98, Grant input \$59573, club expenditure \$29787.99. The grant provided the opportunity to purchase a new vehicle, \$41,834, a Commander AWD vehicle \$24,213, Lifesaving equipment \$6,168 and Rescue Boards \$4,841 at the time of writing a further commitment of expenditure of \$12303 on a trailer and IRB engine is still being processed. The expenses for the equipment were offset with the sale of the ute for \$7000 and \$4300 for the Polaris. Thanks goes to ex Vice President Ory Reid for undertaking the process and getting the VESEP grant with help from Josh & Jake Cooper. The other significant grant received outside of Life Saving Victoria & Australia was from Apollo Bay Health Foundation for \$1500, which was greatly received.

On behalf the club once again a big thanks to the Pickett Family for their generosity in allowing the club to raise money through the carnival. Thanks also to Apollo Bay Bakery and Great Ocean Properties for their ongoing sponsorship and finally well done to all those that organised and participated in the door knock we collected just over \$7000, a significant increase from the year previous.

Notable expenditures apart from the new equipment were for new roller doors, \$2,372 and a new security camera system that has been acquired and installed for \$1,363. Finally, I would like to give a big thanks to Victor Smith from Crowe Howarth Accountants, Colac, who has given his time and expertise, so that we may have completed financials!

Mark Kininmonth

# Profit & Loss

## Apollo Bay Surf Life Saving Club For the 12 months ended 30 April 2016

	Apr-16	Apr-15	Apr-14
<b>Income</b>			
Bar Income	11,155	10,870	10,465
Clothing Sales	7,228	8,656	10,623
Donations	3,400	5,184	4,789
Functions Revenue	5,036	2,560	4,880
Fund Raising Income	7,027	4,435	1,100
Interest Income	3,094	3,691	3,929
Memberships-ApolloBaySchool	2,723	2,173	1,955
Other Revenue	1,132	4,298	1,568
Sales - Membership Fees	32,601	31,681	28,862
Sales General	-	305	-
Sponsorship	4,773	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>78,169</b>	<b>78,854</b>	<b>73,171</b>
<b>Less Cost of Sales</b>			
Cost of Goods Sold	11,679	11,643	18,359
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>11,679</b>	<b>11,643</b>	<b>18,359</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>66,490</b>	<b>67,211</b>	<b>54,811</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>			
Grant Income	68,877	26,626	6,584
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>68,877</b>	<b>26,626</b>	<b>6,584</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>			
Advertising	-	915	-
ATO Fine	-	(1,400)	1,400
Bank Fees	40	-	20
BBQ/ food	5,894	6,776	7,344
Bookkeeping	190	2,365	-
Carnivals, Camps, Awards	1,559	5,116	10,029
Cleaning	1,591	873	1,068
Club Clothing	1,067	2,197	2,946
Consulting & Accounting	217	259	-
Depreciation	21,646	8,354	7,871
Domain, Webhosting,	660	-	-
Equipment Expense (under \$6500)	2,725	445	409
First Aid Supplies	2,538	1,731	1,500
Fund Raising Expense	-	248	-
Furniture & Fixtures	-	4,437	-
General Expenses	46	273	226
Insurance	6,381	5,851	5,229
Library	-	299	-
Light, Power, Heating	3,583	4,865	6,459
Liquor Licence	-	-	298
Liquor, Alcohol, Bar	1,823	-	-

# Profit & Loss

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	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>Apr-15</b>	<b>Apr-14</b>
Memberships Capitation Fee	-	1,318	-
Merchandise	-	-	300
Merchant Fee	344	644	455
Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	73	47
MV Fuel	2,077	2,260	1,316
MV Registration and Insurance	1,244	2,087	1,091
MV Repairs and Maintenance	568	5,128	867
Office Expenses	-	40	-
Permits / Subscriptions	839	336	-
Postage	228	9	172
Printing & Stationery	657	1,746	-
Professional Development	499	-	1,311
Professional Registration	-	146	637
Repairs and Maintenance	5,435	22,479	5,384
Sign Writing	359	-	-
Sponsorship Expense	-	182	182
Stamp Duty	-	428	-
Subscriptions	-	9	-
Telephone & Internet	1,470	1,596	2,098
Transport / Couriers	-	176	-
Uniform	1,839	33	-
Waste Collection	837	1,107	980
Water	1,896	1,295	1,433
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>68,250</b>	<b>84,695</b>	<b>61,071</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>67,118</b>	<b>9,141</b>	<b>324</b>

## **APOLLO BAY SLSC MEMBER MILESTONES 2015/16**

**Bob Wood** has registered 50 years of Patrol Service for our Club. Bob obtained his Bronze Medallion in the Season of 1963/64 and has patrolled for our Club since, apart from a period during the mid 1970's when he was travelling overseas. Apart from his Patrolling service Bob has served our Club in various Committee Positions, has been heavily involved with Life Saving Victoria, Surf Life Saving Australia, and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. In recognition for his efforts Bob has been awarded Life Membership of our Club, Life Saving Victoria, Surf Life Saving Australia and received an ESM (Emergency Services Medal) in the Australian Honours.

**Allan Holmes** registered 50 years of service to Surf Life Saving. Allan obtained his Bronze Medallion in the Season of 1965/66 and he has been involved every season since. Allan transferred from Woolamai Beach SLSC to Apollo Bay SLSC in 1967/68. He has served our Club in various Committee Positions during this period, he has also been heavily involved with Life Saving Victoria and Surf Life Saving Australia. In recognition for his efforts Allan has been awarded Life Membership of our Club and Life Saving Victoria.