



**VIGILANCE AND
SERVICE**

apollo bay surf life saving club

60th ANNUAL REPORT

Season 2011/2012

Annual Report and Balance Sheet to be
presented at the 61st 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: Saturday, 7th July 2012

Meeting will commence at 6.00 pm

**To be followed by Light Dinner
and
Presentation of Club Awards**

AGENDA: 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting to be read & confirmed
 2. Business arising out of the minutes from the 60th Annual General Meeting
 3. Correspondence relating to the 61st 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 60th Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
 7. Presentation and consideration of the 60th Annual Report
 8. Election of Office Bearers for Season 2012/2013
 9. General Business in relation to the 61st Annual General Meeting
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VALE

We are saddened to record the passing of **Ken “Knackers” de Heer** during the season.

Ken joined our Club in 1967 after he transferred from Point Lonsdale SLSC.

Ken immediately put the skills which he obtained at Point Lonsdale into good use. He coached and trained many of our Surf Boat Crews and was also the Sweep for a number of crews. Ken also brought with him the fund raising concept of the Door Knock, which continues to this day to be one of our biggest fund raisers.

Ken took on many Committee positions during his time with the Club, including President, Vice President, Club Captain and Boat Captain. He was actively involved with many fund raising activities.

For his efforts Ken was rewarded with Life Membership of our Club in 1979.

After his time with our Club Ken then shifted to Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula where he was active in the formation of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club becoming their first President.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Ken’s wife, Kim, and son Nick.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS VACANT AT THE 61st AGM

The Following Executive positions become vacant at the 61st AGM:

Vice President	2 year Term
Secretary	2 year Term
Club Captain	2 year Term
Building & Maintenance Director	2 year Term
Competition Director	2 year Term
<i>Position also vacant:</i>	
Social & Fundraising Director	1 year Term

The automatic office of the ABSLSC Executive 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/Registrar

Building & Maintenance:

- Bunk House Steward(s)

Social & Fundraising:

- Clothing Manager
- Bar Manager(s)
- Club Newsletter ("Bombora") Editor
- Club House Functions Manager
- Special Events Manager
- Door Knock Co-ordinator

Club Captain:

- Vice 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:

- Social & Fundraising

Other Positions:

- Grievance Officers (2 positions – 1 female & 1 male)
- Historian
- State Centre Representative
- Online Communications Officer (**new position**)

*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: 2011-2012

Executive Committee members:

President:	<i>Frank O'Rourke (elected Feb '12)</i>
Vice-President:	<i>Andrew Bazell</i>
Secretary:	<i>Allan Holmes</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Christopher Ward</i>
Club Captain:	<i>Max Coutts (resigned Feb '12)</i>
Social & Fundraising:	<i>Rene Peters (resigned)</i>
Building & Maintenance:	<i>John Tallis</i>
Junior Association Director:	<i>Michael Harrison (resigned Feb '12)</i>
Competition Captain:	<i>Darren Minns</i>

Club Captain's Sub-committee:

Chief Instructor:	<i>Christopher Ward</i>
Emergency Services Officer:	<i>Jake Cooper</i>
First Aid Officer:	<i>Ory Reid</i>
Gear Steward:	<i>Frank O'Rourke</i>
Radio Officer:	<i>Robert Wood</i>
Vice-Club Captains:	<i>Ory Reid & Reed Irving-Craig</i>
Junior Members' Representative:	<i>Panee Woodruff</i>

Social & Fundraising Sub-committee:

Sponsorship Co-coordinator:	<i>vacant</i>
Bar Manager(s):	<i>Di & John Lugg</i>
Clothing Manager:	<i>Melissa Potter</i>

Building & Maintenance Sub-Committee:

Bunk House Steward:	<i>Rene Peters</i>
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Competition Captain's Sub-committee:

Boat Captain:	<i>vacant</i>
Beach Captain:	<i>vacant</i>
Swim Captain:	<i>vacant</i>
Board/Ski Captain:	<i>vacant</i>

Junior Association Sub-committee:

Junior Association Membership:	<i>Karina Barrymore</i>
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Other Positions:

State Centre Representative:	<i>Allan Holmes</i>
Club Historian:	<i>Allan Holmes</i>
Membership Secretary:	<i>Karina Barrymore</i>
Club Registrar:	<i>Karina Barrymore</i>
Bombora (Club Newsletter) Editor:	<i>Christopher Ward</i>
Grievance Officers (female):	<i>Angela Tonkin</i>
(male):	<i>vacant</i>

2010 – 2011 SEASON AWARD RECIPIENTS:

(Awarded at the 2011 Presentation Dinner)

Best Club Member:	-	<i>Max Coutts</i>
Best Individual Effort:	-	<i>Christopher Ward</i>
Best New Member:	-	<i>Ory Reid</i>
Encouragement Award:	-	<i>Mark Hart</i>
President's Awards:	-	<i>Jenny Bryant</i> <i>Kim Bazell</i> <i>Jake Cooper</i>
20 Year Patrol Award:	-	<i>Darren Minns</i>
Best Patrolling Member:	-	<i>Max Coutts</i>
Best Patrol Members:	-	<i>Jake Cooper</i> <i>Max Coutts</i> <i>Mark Hart</i> <i>Rene Peters</i> <i>Ory Reid</i> <i>Jessica Stewart</i> <i>Panee Woodruff</i>
100+ Patrol Hours:	-	<i>Jake Cooper</i> <i>Max Coutts</i>
Best Competitive Effort:	-	<i>Darren Minns</i>
Life Membership:	-	<i>Dean Tonkin</i>

Citation presented at the 60th AGM:

Dean has held the Committee positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Vice Club Captain.

During his time as a member of our Club, Dean has been awarded the Best Club Member (twice), Best Individual Effort, Best Patrol Member (3 times), and Best New Member.

Dean has been heavily involved with the GOSF/Swim and Nippers. He came up with the concept for the Emergency Services Display which takes place on Easter Saturday and has been a great success. He has been a tireless worker around the Club. He has worked as an Official at both Junior and Senior LSV Carnivals.

Most recently, Dean has also arranged for the donation of radio equipment and other gear to our Club.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Apollo Bay Surf Lifesaving Club's 60th year started out on a slightly disappointing note. Dean Tonkin stood down as president after admirably serving out his term but, unfortunately, we had no volunteers at that time to fill the president's position.

It wasn't until the end of the nipper season that I decided, or was persuaded, to offer to fill the position. A lot of my previous hesitation to even contemplate this position was my relative lack of experience in the Surf Lifesaving movement but I've come to learn – as anyone who might be interested in any committee roles – that anyone who has the interest will find plenty of support to make the job as easy as it can be.

I'm playing catch up in trying to learn about the club, what's needed to make it run, it's relationships with Life Saving Victoria, the needs of our members, and our obligations to the public who we serve. I won't be mentioning by name all the people who are absolutely essential to the running of the club or this report will be too long to be read. However I must thank Allan Holmes for the massive amount of knowledge that he has and his attempts to impart it to me.

PATROLS

We should all remember that, no matter what other activities that we do, as a club our primary reason for being is to protect the public using our beach. Our most public face, therefore, is that of our patrolling members. I'd like to say that we've improved on previous years but I have to admit that, as compared to last year, we've had 3% less patrolling members and patrolled for 3% less hours. This is something that we'll be seriously looking at for next season.

This slight negative shouldn't make us forget the fact that we have been patrolling our beach and keeping it safe for the public. So, to our 94 patrolling members for the last season I give a heartfelt thank you for your efforts and the time you have contributed.

This year we have been granted a dispensation by LSV to run some limited patrols due to our difficulty in having enough members with the required awards to meet all the current requirements for a full patrol. Although this has given us some flexibility in patrols it is not a situation we can stay in forever and we will be making a further concerted effort to make sure we have enough members with the required awards.

I previously mentioned our public face and one of the most visible aspects of that is now our bright red, with all the bells and whistles, 6WD Polaris. As a result of a VESEP grant we have been able to purchase this as a safer alternative to the previous quad bike. As part of the same grant we have a new IRB and spare motors on order, and we hope to see them before you read this report.

COMMITTEE

Prior to being on the committee, first as Gear Steward and later as President, I was always glad that the club existed and functioned and allowed my children to participate in the Nipper Program each summer. Eventually I grew to realise that the existence and functioning of the club was only possible as a result of a lot of behind the scenes work from your committee members.

All of your committee members are volunteers and, even when all appears quiet over the months from the end of one patrol season to the start of the next, will be still attending monthly meetings and fulfilling their roles.

Over this "quiet" period, functions still need to be run to provide some of our income, maintenance and general improvements still have to happen, clothing has to be made ready for the next season of nippers, patrol rosters need to be organised, all memberships need to

be processed, accounts still need to be paid and reconciled and a myriad of interactions still need to happen with Life Saving Victoria. And that's only some of it.

Of course the people doing these volunteer roles can't be expected to do them forever and there are roles that our members must step up for if the club is to continue. So don't be shy.

Early in the patrol season, Max Coutts realised he was unable to continue with the club captaincy due to other commitments. So I thank Max for the efforts he had already put into the role but equally I thank some of our keener members, Ory Reid and Reed Irving-Craig, who put up their hands to cover the Club Captain role. Your efforts are very much appreciated by us all.

So, to all my fellow committee members, on behalf of your club and myself, I say thank you. Your efforts are always much appreciated although it may not always seem that way.

NIPPERS

Our thanks go to Michael Harrison for taking on the role of Junior Association Director, leading another successful Nipper program with 116 participants this year. Again, the success of the program is very much due to the parents who took on Age Manager roles as well as those who provided support on the beach and in the water. In particular, thanks go to our water safety volunteers who made sure that your children were always looked after whilst in the water.

Michael is unable to continue with this role next season as he will be participating more as a parent, but we welcome Fiona De Palma and Meg Miller who have offered to jointly fill the role.

COMPETITION

Following on from last year, Jess Stewart and Panee Woodruff again did the club proud in the state First Aid competition, coming first in the U19's and then 2nd in the Open competition. Elyse Stewart and Eliza Kavanagh formed an U15 team and came first in their division. Both teams then represented Apollo Bay in the National Championships and finished 7th in their respective divisions

The Apollo Bay Nippers fielded their largest team ever at the Victorian Championships with 39 competitors turning up to compete at Lorne. Despite atrocious conditions on the Saturday, the competition went ahead on the Sunday with the team and Iron Nipper events. The most notable performances were Oscar Jones' 1st in the U12 Boys Iron Nipper, a 1st in the U12 Boys Aqua Cameron relay with Ned Cox, Kyle Middleton, Marcus Uzunovski and Oscar Jones and then Amber Whipple's 4th in the U14 girls Iron Nipper event.

With next year's Junior Lifesavings Championships again at Lorne we look forward to another big effort.

Another highlight of the Junior Lifesaving Championships was the award of the 2012 Champion Junior Lifesaver to Elyse Stewart who has followed in her sister's footsteps in doing so.

FUND RAISING

Annual Door Knock: Thanks very much to Anna Morton for her organisation of the 2012 door knock. We raised just over \$8300 which compares nicely the previous year's total of just over \$7000. Whilst Anna has obviously done a great job she will be looking forward to someone giving her a hand for our next door knock, particularly on the day itself.

As everyone who has participated will tell you, the door knock is quite painless to participate in when you have some nippers accompanying you asking for donations. This is a major part of our fundraising and some more participation from our club members should easily see us exceeding that total next year.

The Apollo Bay Music Festival: This year has seen a significant change in the format of the Music Festival with the clubhouse no longer being used as a venue. One unfortunate aspect of this is it is no longer a major fund raiser for us. The Music Festival did use the clubhouse as an area just for performers to relax for which we received \$2000 which was significantly less than what we would normally raise. At this stage it is unclear what will happen next year. This makes it even more important that we maximise the value of the Annual Door Knock.

News Year Eve Impromptu: Thanks must go to Jamie Pickett for his donation of masses of flashing light sabres and flashing coloured hair and also to the short notice volunteers who helped sell them to the New Year's revellers. Coincidentally these were the same revellers who had gathered to see Jamie's fireworks on the foreshore. Along with the takings from the bar this added up to a nice addition to our coffers.

Wine Tasting: In what is becoming a tradition, Trevor Stewart, in conjunction with the Rathbone Wine Group, again hosted an evening of wine tasting and an opportunity for members to stock their cellars.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPLAY

On Easter Saturday, as our patrolling season drew to a close, we again had the Apollo Bay Emergency Services to display their equipment on the foreshore at Apollo Bay for the residents and holiday makers to come and inspect.

We had the Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Ocean Rescue, Police and Surf Club equipment available. The highlight again was the LSV Westpac Rescue Helicopter which landed as part of this display. Our new 6WD was also pretty popular with heaps of children clambering all over it.

This display was once again a great success and we had the biggest attendance so far with it making the front page of the Colac Herald with a photo of some of our Nipper Members and the Pilot of the LSV Westpac Rescue Helicopter.



And with that bright picture I'll wind up the President's report for 2012.

Thank you all for your various contributions and I look forward to working with you all in the coming season.

FRANK O'ROURKE

SECRETARY'S REPORT

2011/2012 has been a very demanding year for our Club. Following our AGM we were left with a number of the Committee positions vacant which resulted in the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting in October 2012 to discuss our future and Committee vacancies.

We thank those members who supported this Meeting. Following this we were able to fill a number of these vacancies and over the course of the year we were able to fill the bulk of the remainder. With the effort of a small group of hard working Committee Members we were able to successfully complete the season.

Again, with 2012/2013, we face a number of major challenges so it is important that we fill the vacant Committee positions at our AGM or otherwise we will struggle again. So I ask all members to think very seriously about our future and to get involved in the running of our Club.

This year our Club has been very fortunate to be able to take delivery of a new Polaris ATV and IRB Trailer and we are waiting on the delivery of a new IRB and motors thanks to the grants we received from the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program funded by the Victorian Government. All up this equipment is worth around \$60,000 of which we had to contribute roughly \$20,000. You will notice that this gear is not cheap, so it is important that it be looked after!

We also received other grants from Life Saving Victoria and the Federal and State Governments. These total roughly \$10,000 and assist us in the administration costs associated with operating a volunteer organisation. For this we are very grateful as it assists us greatly in the running of our Club.

As this is our 60th year we are planning a 60th Birthday/Reunion to be held on the weekend of the 19th to 21st October 2012. The Organising Committee headed up by Chris Oakes would like all members to support this event.

As I will not be continuing in the Secretary position next season I would like to thank the Committee Members for their assistance over the past 2 years. Tracy McCabe has indicated that she is willing to assume the role, and I wish her all the best as she takes on this role for the next 2 years.

ALLAN HOLMES

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION REPORT (NIPPERS)

The 2011/2012 Nipper Program was another great success. A very big thank you must go to our team of great helpers who worked tirelessly with the running of the Program. Without them we would not have a Nipper Program.

Unfortunately our numbers were down a bit on the past 2 seasons. This may have been caused by the later than normal advice on the enrolment. This has been addressed and we will be ready to take registrations from now on.

We believe with some of the changes which we are making we will be able to eliminate the long delay which occurred with Enrolment Day. The newly elected Directors – Fiona De Palma and Meg Millar will circulate the information regarding this in the next few months.

Once again we were very fortunate to have our Nipper Program sponsored by Great Ocean Road Real Estate. This sponsorship has been the backbone to the success of our Nipper Program and we look forward to it continuing for many years to come.

We decided to continue with the Nipper Program which was introduced last season with a few modifications. Again the feedback from the Nippers and parents was favourable. This Program enabled all of the Nippers access to the boards and activities during every Nipper session.

The success of the Nipper Program is basically due to the tireless work done by the many volunteers who give up their holidays to run the activities. In particular, we have to thank the following people:

Registrations & Membership Secretary: **Karina Barrymore**

IRB Water Safety Co-ordinator: **Brett Duca and Dean Tonkin**

Swim Area Co-ordinators: **Suzie McBride, Michelle Fillmore, Jeanine McKenzie & Margaret Findlay.**

Under 8 Age Manager: **Peter Kavanagh** Assistant: **Simon Swingler**

Under 9 Age Manager: **Panee Woodruff** Assistant: **Paul Thompson**

Under 10 Age Manager: **Evelyn Lyons** Assistants: **Frank O'Rourke, Karina Jones, Patrick Cussen**

Under 11 Age Managers: **Angela Tonkin** Assistants: **Sue O'Rourke, Fiona De Palma**

Under 12 Age Manager: **Jacob Wade** Assistant: **Emily Wade**

Under 13 Age Manager: **Nick Baum** Assistant: **John Lugg**

First Aid Co-ordinators: **Di Earl**

Social & Cleaning Co-ordinators: **Jenny Bryant, Helen Mason & Mich Cox**

Clothing: **Melissa Potter.**

Photography: **Mark Strachan**

Water Safety Personal: Again we were fortunate that a number of the Club Members, especially the Cadets, gave up their time to provide the Water Safety for the Nippers. A big thank you all of you.

We were hosts for the 2012 Life Saving Victoria Western Regional Championships. We had a great turn up of our Nippers and we again did very well and our Nippers should be very proud with what they achieved. Unfortunately we were unable to defend the title we won last season of the Western Regional Champion Club. We finished second to Lorne. With some of the plans we are going to implement with training and coaching for next season we hope

that we can win back this Title next season. With these Championships we would like to say thank you to all the parents and members who helped out with the running of this event.

The 2012 LSV Junior Victorian Championships were held at Lorne. We had a Team of 39 Nippers enter for these Championships. This was **the biggest team** we have sent to a Junior Victorian Championships. Unfortunately the weather was not kind on the Saturday. The sea was very rough with many rips, and this, combined with the rain and wind, meant unfortunately all of the events planned for the Saturday were cancelled. This resulted in a number of our Nippers missing out on competing.

On the Sunday all of the Team Events and the Iron Nipper events were conducted. It is very pleasing to report that **all our teams** did well with a number of them making the Finals. We had success in the Under 12 Boys with **Oscar Jones** winning the Boys Iron Nipper. Then Oscar teamed up with **Ned Cox, Kyle Middleton** and **Marcus Uzunovski** to win the Under 12 Boys Aqua Cameron Relay.

Well done to all of our Competitors; they should all be very proud with what they achieved.

We cannot run the Nipper Program without the support of a number of the Apollo Bay businesses. We would like to especially mention Apollo Bay Foodworks, Apollo Bay Bakery and Apollo Bay IGA. We would also like to thank Helen Mason and Peter Booth for donating a BBQ to the Club for use at the Nipper functions.

Finally, to all of the Nippers we hope you enjoyed yourself and we look forward to seeing you all next season. We also wish Fiona and Meg all the best with the 2012/2013 Nipper Program.

ALLAN HOLMES for MICHAEL HARRISON

CLUB CAPTAINS' REPORT

Having taken over the Club Captains role in February following the resignation of Max Coutts due to study commitments, I have found it to be a challenging, exciting but most of all rewarding experience and hope to continue in this role into the new season. I would encourage anyone within the Club willing to give more back to this Club and the Apollo Bay community to take their role within our club to the next level and get involved in the committee, as many positions will open up at the next Annual General Meeting.

This year has been a success in many ways for our Club. From the dire situation we were in at the beginning of the season where we were unsure if we would be able put patrols on the beach, to having fulfilled all but one patrolling date, is an extraordinary effort from our active members, and I would like to thank each and every one who assisted with beach patrolling this season.

Nippers this year has also been a huge success thanks to the countless hours put in from a group of our dedicated members, In particular Dean and Angela Tonkin, Allan Holmes, Frank O'Rourke, the Age Group Managers and all of those involved in water safety. Nippers is a fantastic program not only for the participants, but also for our Club, so I would like to extend my many thanks to all of those committed members and parents who make this program a possibility.

Both bronze camps this season have been great successes over 11 candidates completing their Bronze Medallion and 11 candidates completing their Surf Rescue Certificate. There was also a group of 10 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques awards put through towards the end of the season. Many thanks to Brian Humphries at Apollo Bay P-12 college for co-ordinating and running the College's Bronze Medallion camp. Our partnership with the College is one that is of great benefit to both parties and shall surely remain sturdy well into the future. Also a big thank you to Chris Ward, our Treasurer and Chief Instructor, for the tireless hours he put in all throughout the season in organising and running the summer Bronze and SRC program, processing all new awards and proficiencies, and ensuring the Club is financially sturdy.

Though there are many notable extraordinary things about this club, this is still overshadowed by the fact that a very small group of our members is completing the vast majority of the work load. This is not a fair situation, and as much as it is fantastic that these people have done so, it is a disappointment that others have refused to step up. This season only around twenty active members completed more than twenty patrolling hours, the amount that most clubs consider as the minimum requirement to retain your active membership. Many of these members have also gone far above and beyond these expectations and to these members the club and I would like to offer our great thanks. This coming season I have formed a Patrol Availability Form, which is to be implemented as a way to help our active members let us know when the most suitable dates to patrol will be. This form will be communicated to your email address in the near future and is expected to be returned before the 1st of September. It is an expectation that members will aim to fulfil at least 20 patrolling hours each season for us to be able to provide the necessary Patrols for our beach.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you on the beach in the new season,

Yours sincerely,

ORY REID

MEMBER REWARDS PROGRAMME

As an incentive for our Members to gain more Awards and do extra activities for the Club the Committee introduced a Member Reward Programme. These were distributed to all members at the start of the season. As this is the first time that the Club has presented these rewards, the numbers are small, however it is expected that the number of recipients will increase as more members take advantage of the offers.

We are pleased to report the following Members gained the following Rewards:

100+ Patrol Hours –

(Personalised Carry Bag, Surf Rescue Cap and free Membership for 2012/2013):

Jake Cooper, Josh Cooper, Tyson Matthews and Ory Reid

60+ Patrol Hours –

(free Membership for 2012/2013 and Surf Rescue Cap):

Reed Irving-Craig

40+ Patrol Hours –

(Surf Rescue Cap):

Alice Caddy, Daniel Cussen and Max Coutts

Silver Medallion – IRB Driver –

(Personalised Spray Jacket):

Jake Cooper

2 New Awards* –

(Club T-Shirt):

Josh Cooper, Jack Fillmore, Tyson Matthews, Jessica Murnane, Ory Reid

- Not including BM or SRC

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Dear members,

Unfortunately, total membership was down by about 18 per cent (70 members) compared with last year.

The main reason for this is the reduced nipper memberships, which fell by 21 per cent, and the flow-on fall in associate members, which were down about 17 per cent.

The number of Active 15-18 year olds also took a tumble this year, down about 18 per cent (10 members).

My first season as Membership Secretary has been very rewarding and it's great to be part of such a hard working volunteer committee, doing our very best to look after everyone in our club.

However, feedback from members this summer focussed on people experiencing a few difficulties coming to grips with the new online membership system. Adding to this was the enforcement of Working With Children Checks for all members over age 18. This is a legal requirement. These two issues caused a few teething problems and delays, requiring extra time and effort to guide everyone through. So thank you for your patience, not only did you have a new membership secretary but also a new online system! I'm sure this year the hiccups will have been resolved and membership renewals and applications will be quick and simple.

One of the best ways to ensure the process works well, however, is to ensure your WWCC is up to date, and linked to our club, and that you renew your membership as early as possible. Just a reminder that memberships start from July 1 each year – so get in early folks!

Best wishes

KARINA BARRYMORE

MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY

	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09
Nippers	116	143	155	134
Cadets 13-15	37	37	31	47
Active 15-18	44	54	58	51
Active 18+	44	48	56	52
Reserve active	13	18	6	4
Family Associate	135	158	92	107
Life members	14	15	17	17
TOTAL	403	473	415	403
(Life members deceased)	5	4	2	2

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Here we are at the end of yet another season and it's time to reflect on the achievements of our members. From the first regatta over the Cup weekend, to the final ART course just before Easter, we have been quite busy. As the season progressed it seemed to me that we had not been able to obtain as many patrolling awards as we usually do, but now that all the data is in, it is apparent that we have not been as quiet as first thought.

The tally for this season is:

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate: 8

Billy Bryant, Josh Cooper, Jesse Craddock, Jack Fillmore, Evelyn Lyons, Tyson Matthews, Rose McBride, Jessica Murnane

Bronze Medallion and Cert II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue): 31 of each

Declan Armstrong, John Bartels, Billy Bryant, Alice Caddy, Stephen Collins, Colin Cooper, Josh Cooper, Rebecca Crawley, Jessica Doherty, Jessica French, Danah Harbour, Reed Irving-Craig, Ryan Kent, Jordan Marriner, Rose McBride, Matthew Nosedo, Brendan O'Carroll, Terry Livesey, Caroline Wren, Tyson Matthews, Patrick Cahill, Tatjana Frei, Samuel Hasell, Linnea Lidfors, Evelyn Lyons, Myles Pammer, Ciaran Ross, Liam Trickey, Matthew White, Rhys Williams, Sebastian Winter, Joseph Tobin

IRB Crew: 11

Nicholas Baum, Colin Cooper, Josh Cooper, Samuel Hasell, Reed Irving-Craig, Tyson Matthews, Matthew Nosedo, Sebastian Winter, Jessica Murnane

Radio Operator Certificate: 1

Ory Reid

Silver Medallion – IRB Driver: 1

Jake Cooper

Spinal Management Certificate: 5

Jack Fillmore, Michelle Fillmore, Heather Frost, Ory Reid, Robert Wood

Surf Rescue Certificate: 24

Nicola Alexiades, Liam Arstall, Amelia-Rose Booth, Meg Bryant, Conor Cahill, Jack Church, Benito Cilauro, Lily Cox, Annameika Craddock, Daniel Cussen, Seamus Fillmore, Tenielle Flack, David Fogarty, Matilda Hasell, Christopher Jaskiewicz, Elise Kavanagh, Fergus Lappin, Baxter Lyons, Kaleb Rakerbrandt-Traube, Connor Reidy, Elyse Stewart, Tyler Thompson, Darcy Walters, Amber Whipple,

Total Patrolling Awards = **112**

With all the associated units of Competency that accompany many of the awards, our total for the season as recorded in the Surf Guard database is 441!

We are still desperate for more members to obtain the **Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate, Senior First Aid, Spinal Management, Silver Medallion – Basic Beach Management,** and **Silver Medallion – IRBD** awards if we are to fulfil our Patrol requirements for the coming season. Please consider doing these if able...

It has been mooted that the way that awards will be organised for the Otway district will no longer be for one club at a time. Given the few Trainers, and even fewer Assessors, in our District, awards will probably be trained and assessed as 'District' events, rather than being organised for individual clubs. This will mean that there may have to be more travelling and interactions between the clubs in our District.

Well done to all members who obtained awards.

CHRISTOPHER WARD

COMPETITION CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The highlight for Apollo Bay in competition this year was the outstanding results by our First Aid Competition team.

Victorian State Surf Lifesaving Championships

Apollo Bay entered an U/15, U/19 and Open team in the Victorian State First Aid Competition. **Elyse Stewart** and **Elise Kavanagh** completed their SRC over the summer and decided to take up the challenge of competing in the U/15 division. It was a hard competition and South Melbourne put up a great fight, providing our girls with some fierce competition, but our Apollo Bay girls came out on top, winning the Gold medal. Later in the day, **Panee Woodruff** and **Jessica Stewart** competed in the U/19 and the Open divisions. They thrived on the challenges with every new first aid scenario that they faced. In the end, they won a Gold medal for the U/19 and Silver in the Open division, after being narrowly defeated by the Jan Juc boys.

2012 Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships

Elyse, Elise, Panee and Jess then travelled to the Gold Coast to compete in the Australian Championships First Aid Competition. It is here, where Panee and Jess celebrated by defeating the Jan Juc boys who had beaten them in the Vic Titles. The Australian Championships bring whole new challenges, as compared to the State Titles. The U/15's first aid competition had 2 patients with some tricky injuries and the U/19 and Open divisions had 4-5 patients with life threatening injuries.

Results for our competitors:

7th U/15 **Elyse & Elise**

7th U/19 **Panee & Jess**

7th Open **Panee & Jess**

A great quote from Jess Stewart best sums-up the first aid competition-

“...Competing in first aid is unlike any other event, but still has some of the key principles that all competition does. It's stressful and exciting, leaving you with a huge adrenalin rush.

I thoroughly enjoyed this year's competition and look forward to competing again next year.”

Apollo Bay is looking for more members to get involved in competition next year...so if you are interested in swimming, running, board or surf ski paddling, or following in the footsteps of our champion first aid team...please let your club captain know.

DARREN MINNS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since my report last year when I had just taken over the role of Treasurer I have had the opportunity of learning much more of what is required regarding the duties of a Club Treasurer. There have been a couple of mistakes made with the use of the Quickbooks accounting program, but given the ability to reverse all entries, I view these as a means of learning the intricacies involved. At the time of writing, our accounts are with Anderson and Associates, the Club's Honorary Auditors, and we are awaiting their final report.

I can report, however, that our Bank Accounts are just over \$15,000 higher than at the start season (subject to confirmation from the Auditor). The Balance Sheet gives a suggestion of \$40k+, but this figure includes grant income which for some reason (LSV can't explain why) does not appear as expenditure. I'm still investigating this aspect. This is a very pleasant surprise given the fact that we did not hold the Great Ocean Sports Festival this year, and the Musical Festival chose not to use our facilities as a venue for the performers. It is a credit to our Committee for their careful planning and expenditure this season that we have made a profit.

Our major fundraiser this year turned out to be the Annual Door Knock, which was organised by Anna Morton in her first go in this role. Anna worked tirelessly throughout the season and personally spoke with the owners/managers of most of the Businesses in the main street. Anna was personally responsible for around \$1500 in direct donations. On the day there was a poor turn-out of members, given the 400+ members on our register. Perhaps next year all members will help to support our club? In spite of this, our Door Knock yielded just over \$8300 – a very satisfying amount!

Our favourite, the fundraising BBQs, continued to be well supported and added to the club's financial success.

The Friday Night Group makes a significant contribution to the club, and it is important to thank and support these members for keeping an important social aspect of our club regularly happening.

The hire of the clubhouse (mostly for Weddings) has been a significant source of income for the club, too, and with a little more refinement should continue to assist our finances. Thanks to Kim Bazell, Di Earl and John Lugg for their work in this area.

There were a number of Sponsors of our club who should be identified and thanked. Great Ocean Road Real Estate continues to be our major sponsor for the Nipper Programme. There was a mix-up with the payments from last season which have been resolved, and although we are still awaiting payment for this year's t-shirts and advertising, we welcome their support.

Other supporters of our club include: Apollo Bay Hotel, Transcal Graphics, Brad Teal Real Estate, Johnson Controls, Great Ocean Road Fish and Loaves, Community Care Chemist, Apollo Bay Surf and Kayak, Great Ocean Road Properties, Apollo Bay Fresh Hair Studio, The Ice Cream Tub, The Great Ocean Road Trading Post, Wild Dog Trading, George's Food Court, Moontide, Buff's Bistro, Apollo Bay Seafood Café, Apollo Bay Surf and Fish, Iluka, High on Heels; and for allowing us to have a collection tin on their counter: Apollo Bay Foodworks, The Shell Service Station, and Apollo Bay Information Centre

Thank you to all who have assisted me in the Treasurer's role, a full list of income and expenditure with the Auditor's report will be made available to all members when they are available.

CHRIS WARD



Financial Members Season 2011-2012

Junior Activity Members (Nippers)

Stephanie Alexiades, Sarah Arstall, Charles Barons, Katerina Barons, Molly Barrymore Owens, Billey Bernet, Laura Billings, Lincoln Birley, Tess Blokkeerus, Indi-Mara Bodin, Nicholas Booth, Jay Boymal, Kari Boymal, Kirra-Jayne Buenen, Holly Buoy, Rory Cahill, Oscar Cilauro, Sophie Cookes, Joel Cooper, Tori Cooper, Elodie Costin, Ned Cox, Hannah Crome, Harry Crome, Oliver Crome, Amy Cussen, Bella Davidson, Louis Davidson, Ruby Davidson, Charlotte Dolan, Lily Dolan, Stirling Findlay, Matilda George Murphy, Grace Gorrie, Jack Hanger, Jonathon Hansen, Jonathan Hanson, Hudson Harrison, Patrick Hession, Lucca Hill, Scott Hughes, Alex Jaskiewicz, Alexander Jaskiewicz, Grace Johnston, Patrick Johnston, Saxon Johnston, Harriet Jones, James Jones, Oscar Jones, Patrick Jones, Zara Jones, Beth Kavanagh, Isabel Kavanagh, Emma Kenyon, Dennis Kininmonth, Ella Lavender, Lilly Lorimer, Emma Lucy, Harrison Lugg, Patrick Lugg, Calden Lyons, Tielle Lyons, Clem Matthews, Moni Matthews, Tommy McBride, Alexandra McCabe, Corey McCabe, Ethan McCormack, Kyle Middleton, Toby Middleton, Tiarah Minns, Isabella Moffat, Ruby Morrow, Luca Morton, Marlo Morton, Dylan Murnane, Claudia Murrowood, Corey Neilsen, Jane Nicholls, Johanna Nosedo, Aidan O'Rourke, Emily O'Rourke, Lilly-Mae Pickett, Taylum Pickett, Mathilda Pithouse, Cameron Potter, Ben Rippon, Jack Rogers, Phoebe Rogers, Mia Salomon, Tom Salomon, Max Scott, Cleve Stephens, Lily Stephens, James Summers, Harry Swingler, William Swingler, Olivia Tallis, Thomas Tallis, Angel Thompson, Brook Thompson, Mathilde Tobin-Couzens, Sebastian Tobin-Couzens, Claire Tonkin, Georgie Tonkin, Marcus Uzunovski, Max Uzunovski, Tilde Verhoeven, Archie Virgo, Henry Virgo, Eliza Walters, Ruby Walters, Alice Whelan, James Whelan, Sage Wolfenden, Thomas Wolfenden

Cadet Members (13-14 yo)

Nicola Alexiades, Liam Arstall, Jack Bazell, Amelia-Rose Booth, Meg Bryant, Conor Cahill, Elsa Caruso, Benito Cilauro, Lily Cox, Annameika Craddock, Daniel Cussen, Grace Davies, Jessica Doherty, Seamus Fillmore, Tenielle Flack, David Fogarty, Kate Griffiths, Matilda Hasell, Christopher Jaskiewicz, Rosaleen Jeffries, Elise Kavanagh, Fergus Lappin Baxter Lyons, Mia Matthews, Alannah Murnane, Ciara O'Keeffe, Kaleb Rakerbrandt-Traube, Connor Reidy, Fiona Royse, Megan Ryan, Elyse Stewart, Alexandra Strachan, Tyler Thompson, Joseph Tobin, Gemma Upson-McPike, Darcy Walters, Amber Whipple

Active Members (15-18 yo)

Lilly Andolfatto, Daniel Armstrong, Declan Armstrong, John Bartels, Maximilian Baum, Billy Bryant, Alice Caddy, Patrick Cahill, Jake Cooper, Josh Cooper, Jack Cornish, Jesse Craddock, Jack Fillmore, Joe Fogarty, Tatjana Frei, Jessica French, Mia Frost, Mitchell Gardiner, Danah Harbour, Samuel Hasell, Peter Hession, Samuel Hunt, Reed Irving-Craig, Luke Lalor, Linnea Lidfors, Terry Livesey, Jordan Marriner, Tyson Matthews, Rose McBride, Matthew Nosedo, Brendan O'Carroll, Niamh O'Keeffe, Myles Pammer, Ory Reid, Caitlin Ross, Ciaran Ross, Jayden Stewart, Liam Tobin, Liam Trickey, John Van Someren, Matthew White, Rhys Williams, Sebastian Winter, Didi Woodruff

Active Members (18 yo and over)

Nick Allan, Joshua Baum, Nicholas Baum, Adam Clegg, Stephen Collins, Max Coutts, Rebecca Crawley, Emma DeGrandi, Brett Duca, Diane Earl, David Ferey, Michelle Fillmore, Margaret Findlay, Michael Fogarty, Heather Frost, Ethan Gardiner, Matthew Geraerts, James Grout, Michael Harrison, Brian Humphries, Ryan Kent, Michael King, Mark Kininmonth, Carolyn Lalor, Oscar Lalor, Sam Leitch, Evelyn Lyons, Ross Marriner, Quinn Matthews, Jeanine McKenzie, Susan O`Keeffe, Francis O`Rourke, Susan O`Rourke, Alexis Page, Nathan Smith, Jessica Stewart, Isabelle Twist, Rachel Van Santen, Fiona Waddington, Emily Wade, Jacob Wade, Panee Woodruff, Caroline Wren, Michael Wright

Reserve Active Members

Peter Allan, Andrew Bazell, Robert Bedson, Peter Geekie, Paula Hession, Glenn Marriner, Suzie McBride, Darren Minns, Anna Morton, Jessica Murnane, Simon Swingler, Bettina Terry, Peter Whatley

Life Members

Paul Boucher, Bruce Freer, Peter Hedrick, Allan Holmes, Ross McKenry, Neil Morarty OAM, Donny O`Meara, Christopher Oakes, Angela Tonkin, Dean Tonkin, John Verey, Christopher Ward, Ian Wood, Robert Wood

Associate Members

Jim Alexiades, Trudy Anderson-Jones, Kate Arstall, Steven Arstall, Andy Barons, Elpis Barons, Karina Barrymore, Jennifer Baxter, Kim Bazell, Peter Billings, Rosanne Billings, Andrew Birley, Joanne Birley, Jeff Blokkeerus, Karen Bodin, Peter Bodin, Peter Booth, Michelle Bove, Nicholas Boymal, Stephanie Boymal, Rebecca Brennan, Jenny Bryant, Nicholas Buenen, Morena Buffon, Richard Buoy, Marie-Louise Cahill, Michael Cahill, Julia Ciccarone Davidson, Santo Cilauro, Karen Cookes, Thom Cookes, Colin Cooper, Graham Costin, Michelle Cox, William Cox, Pip Cuming, Patrick Cussen, Adrian Davidson, Fiona Davidson, Richard Davidson, Tara Davidson, Lea-Anne Dolan, Robert Dolan, Tess Doughty, Margie Drake, Denise Duca, George Duca, Robert Findlay, David Gorrie, Tamara Gorrie, Helen Hansen, Stuart Hansen, Helen Hanson, Stuart Hanson, Georgina Harrison, Ernan Hession, Darren Hill, Yvette Hill, Becky Johnston, Jane Johnston, Lyndon Johnston, Rick Johnston, Adrian Jones, Seth Jones, Andrea Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Maree Kennedy, Kelly Kenyon, Tony Kenyon, Mary-Anne Keratitotis, Nancy Kinimonth, Leanne Knight, Sean Lucy, John Lugg, Shane Lyons, Davina Marriner, Kerry Marriner, Helen Mason, Tracy McCabe, Shaun McCormack, Monique Melis-Cooper, Daniel Middleton, Jody Middleton, Megan Miller, Liza Minns, Johanna Moffat, Scott Moffat, Jesse Morrow, Johanna Mousley, Holly Munday, Peter Murnane, Catherine Murphy, Susan Nicholls, Amber Nosedá, Bryan Nosedá, Stephen Owens, Nicola Philp, Jamie Pickett, Richard Pithouse, Sharon Pithouse, Melissa Potter, Craig Rippon, Jenny Rippon, Veronica Roache, Brendan Rogers, Paula Rogers, Denis Ryan, Paul Salomon, Maryanne Shearer, Karine Stehmann-Jones, Robert Stephens, Dani Stevens, Trevor Stewart, Gary Summers, Sally Swingler, John Tallis, Denise Thompson, Paul Thompson, Jacinta Tobin, Julianne Tobin, Jo Uzunovski, Simon Uzunovski, Debby Verhoeven, Phillip Virgo, Vanessa Virgo, Margaret Wade, Steven Wade, Andrew Walters, Janet Walters, Christine Warren, Karlene Whatley, Anthony Whelan, Catherine Whelan, Karen Williams, Mark Williams, Martin Wolfenden