



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

2025 – 2026

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026 AT 6.30PM

IN THE CLUB ROOMS

Mornington Life Saving Club

Annual General Meeting - 2025/26 Report

For the Year Ending 31st March 2026

Club Overview

Club Name: Mornington Life Saving Club

Reporting Period: 1st November 2025 – 1st May 2026

Affiliation: Life Saving Victoria (LSV) & Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA)

Location: Mills Beach, Mornington Victoria

Mornington Life Saving Club exists to protect life, educate the community, and provide outstanding volunteer beach safety services. This report outlines the Club's activities, achievements, challenges, and financial position for the reporting year.



Mornington Life Saving Club 2025 - 2026 Annual General Meeting

Held in Clubroom

On Friday 19th June 2026 6.30PM

Agenda

1. Minutes:
 - a. 2025 AGM – Monday 28th July 2025
2. Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2026
 - a. Auditor's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Questions/Answers
3. Governance Report
4. Membership Report
5. President's Report
6. Club Captain's Report
7. Senior Captain's Report
8. Schools Program Report
9. Nipper Captain's Report
10. Chief Instructor's Report
11. Facilities, Equipment & Assets Report
12. 2025/26 Challenges & Risks
13. 2026/27 Priorities
14. Acknowledgements & Thanks
15. 2026/27 Office Bearer Elections
16. Any Other Business

MLSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date:	Monday 28/July 2025	Time:	7.30pm
Location:	MLSC Club rooms	Minutes:	Nicole Warner
Present:	Richard Morel, Jo Morel, Regan Morel, Nicole Warner, Jeremy Warner, Duncan Short, Stewart Lockie, Nicola Mackinnon, Ange Seaburgh, Kelly Parrish, Keiran McAuley, Kerry McAuley, Adrian Lynch, Richard Moreton, Mark Cornish, Tim Egan, Tim Lambourne, Kate Neath, Sophie Veale, Amy Veale, Ross Haliday, Matt Waters, Stuart Matthews, Justin Gately, Kevin Quinn, Jo Gately, Matt McConnell, Lisa McConnell,	Apologies:	Adel Peterson, Jill Mc Ivor, Dan O'Brien, Clare Sacker

Minutes of the previous AGM meeting

Passed: Adrian Lynch	Second: Jeremy Warner

Correspondence:	Emails from Adel, Jill and Dan with an apology for tonight's meeting.
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Agenda Item:	Discussion /Action
1. AGM report	AGM Report 2025 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lyHxdhf5gqHU_-YOaLEt1iOOLOp_3ZkB/view?usp=drive_link
2. Treasurer's report Duncan Short	Treasurer's financial report for 2024/25 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wG50qfyxCuAquAnki-vjkelPgnrQTdfW/view?usp=drive_link
3. Presidents report Damian Brice	As per attached report
4. Club Captains Report	As per attached report

Nicola Mackinnon	
5. Chief Training Officer Report Stewart Lockie	As per attached report
6. Senior Captains Report Coach Travis Sutton	As per attached report
7. Nipper Captain Report Jeremy Warner	As per attached report

8. Membership Report	Membership: Total \$87K Nippers - (5-13yrs) - 354 Cadet - (13-15yrs) - 32 Active - (15-18yrs) - 36 Active - 18 plus - 82 Associate Members - 390 Life Members - 21 Other - 45 TOTAL – 960 • Special thanks to Nicole Warner who provides enormous support club-wide on registrations, all grant applications, equipment purchase fulfilment, payment approvals amongst a long list of other activities.
9. Committee Nominations Stewart Lockie	<u>Executive Committee</u> President - Richard Morel Vice President - VACANT Club Captain - Nicola Mackinnon Treasurer - Duncan Short Secretary – Kate Neath Chief Instructor - Stewart Lockie

	<u>General Committee</u> Jeremy Warner Ange Seaburgh Adel Peterson Tim Lambourne Outgoing members: - Thank You Terry Shrimpton – 7 years on the committee – Club Captain and general. Sophie Veale – Vice president 2nd time around. Adrian Lynch – Focused in the areas of Sport and Performance. Liz Lancia – Membership, Leadership and Development representative. Liz Bailey – Valuable committee member, as Uniform Coordinator. Clare Sacker – Valuable committee member, assisting as Twilight Swim Co-ordinator

Next meeting:	MLSC Committee meeting Monday 11 August 2025 in Clubrooms
Items to Discuss:	Welcome New Committee, Roles and Responsibilities. Club Calendar.



AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 2026

The Auditor's report is appended at the end of this report.



TREASURERS REPORT

Finance Report

I would like to give thanks to the many members who have taken on roles to support and grow the many facets of the Mornington Life Saving club.

A quick summary of our financial position as at 31 March 2026:

CASH POSITION

Balance of \$242k at 31st March 2025, down from \$282k last year, with the decrease mainly driven by investment in Club sporting and hospitality investment.

INCOME

For the year was \$304k, a \$30k decrease from the \$334k from last year.

Membership

Membership income of \$75k was \$12k lower than last season's \$87k, mainly due to higher rates.

Member numbers dropped by 105 heads (11%), mainly in the Nipper (42), Associate (36), and Other member categories (15). The Club kept membership dues flat in 2025/26, with a decision yet to be made for 2026/27. Cost of living pressures have impacted membership, with lower levels of renewals in.

Special thanks to Nicole Warner who provides enormous support club-wide on registrations, all grant applications, equipment purchase fulfilment, payment approvals amongst a long list of other activities.

Grant Income

We received \$27k compared to \$35k last season, mainly due to lower government grants.

Thank you to Life Saving Victoria, SLSA, Bendigo Bank Mt Eliza, and Mornington Peninsula Shire for their contributions.

Kiosk & BBQ

Income of \$13k up from \$10k last year, plus a further \$1.5k from Friday night meat raffles at Millies Upstairs.

Special thanks to Peter Baulch for efforts to source produce, run setup and pack up and provide support (and the delicious snags!) for the year.

Our supported canteen operations this year, with Matt, Scott and the Millies team have unfortunately concluded. A new operator has been appointed and will reopen Millies as we move into pre-season in Sept / Oct.

Schools Program

Income of \$57k, slightly down from \$62k last season, mainly due to wet weather days.

Thank you to Jac Morrow, Kate Quinn, Mark Cornish, Maison Degg, and all the team for coordinating the Program.



Water Training Fees

The club generated income of \$13k, up slightly from \$12k last season and effectively breaking even with water training costs this year.

Thank you to Harriet Brown, Adam Touzell, Dave Rosetto, Ange Seaburgh, Jeremy Warner, Travis Sutton, Damian Brice, Luke Skehan, Carly Platt, and especially Matt & Lisa McConnell for all your coaching support.

Thanks also to the youth instructors. It was great to see our teenagers continue to help train the nippers. For many of them this is their first job, and they did a fantastic job overall.

Uniform

Income of \$12k, down from \$19k last season.

EXPENDITURE

Annual expenditure was \$338k, down \$44k compared to \$382k last year.

Last year saw a significant uplift in expenditure due to some genuine increases in activities, cost inflation, and timing variances with expenses coming in late from the prior 2023/24 season. We have managed to rein this back in the 2025/26 year, mainly through careful cost management. Key callouts:

Lower spend in Carnivals (down \$27k) and LSV capitation fees (down \$6k), though eliminating timing variances. Lower uniforms spend (down \$8k) as we utilise existing stock. Lower training costs (\$9k) as member service revenue was applied to lower charges.

These savings were partially offset by high clubhouse maintenance costs as the facilities age (up \$14k), higher insurance costs (up \$6.5k) and higher cleaning costs (up \$5.5k).

We're also seeing an increased requirement for investment in both sporting and clubhouse equipment (as noted above) as the facility ages and reinvestment is required to maintain its functionality.

NET DEFICIT for Year

The club had a net deficit for the year of (\$34k), an improvement from a net deficit of (\$49k) in 2024/25. Excluding depreciation (\$35k) the club is at an approximate breakeven position.

Mornington Life Saving Club is a not-for-profit club and aims for a net neutral position over the long term, putting earnings back into the club to enhance our members' experience and provide a valuable service to the community. While our financial performance has improved, there is still some way to go if the club is to maintain existing service levels or expand its offering.

I am confident the club will continue to build new revenue opportunities and manage expenditure sustainably, continuing current activities and investing in the upgrade of the club's equipment and facilities.

We appreciate the members' and community's support as we move in the 2026/27 year.

Treasurer: Duncan Short



GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Club has continued to operate in accordance with:

- Mornington Life Saving Club's Constitution and Board approved policies
- LSV & SLSA policies
- Consumer Affairs Victoria incorporated association obligations

Key governance activities this year:

- **Number of Board meetings held following AGM 29th July 2025: 11**
- **AGM held: 19th June 2026**
- **Constitution/Policy updates:**
 - Revised Policies – 4,
 - New Policies approved – 6 and
 - Revision of Member Code of Conduct.
 - All club policies will be reviewed and where necessary updated effective 1 Oct 2026.
- Child Safety compliance is maintained, is placed on the agenda for all Board meetings and continues to be a major focus of the club.
- Working With Children compliance maintained

The Club remains compliant with all statutory and organisational requirements.

Secretary: Kate Neath



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Mornington Life Saving Club commenced the 2025/2026 season with another successful Annual Open Day held in November.

The day attracted a strong turnout of both returning and new families and provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase the many programs, activities, and volunteering opportunities available within our club.

Throughout the day, our dedicated Age Managers, Assistants, and Administration team welcomed families and provided information about the Sunday Nippers program. They highlighted the importance of family involvement and shared examples of the engaging, skill-based activities that help children build confidence, surf awareness, and water safety skills in a supportive environment.

Our Junior Coach and Swim Coaches were also available to discuss mid-week training opportunities and provide insight into the upcoming competition season for members interested in further developing their lifesaving and sporting abilities.

Representatives from our Patrol Team were on hand to speak with members about becoming involved in patrol operations. They provided valuable information regarding patrol pathways, training opportunities, and the qualifications required to gain awards and actively contribute to beach safety within our community.

Millies's kiosk cafe was open, and we provided a community BBQ, uniform sales, and registration support services, helping create a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere for all attendees.

A sincere thank you goes out to our wonderful volunteers whose time, effort, and commitment ensured the day ran smoothly and successfully. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

As a club, we remain proud of the strong sense of community, participation, and support that continues to make Mornington Life Saving Club such a positive and inclusive environment. We thank all members, volunteers, families, and supporters for contributing to another rewarding season and look forward to continued growth in the years ahead.

The club recorded a total membership of 855 members for the 2025/2026 season. This reflects an overall retention rate of 89.06% from the previous season and highlights the continued commitment and engagement of our members across all areas of the club.



The table below outlines membership numbers across each category in comparison to the previous season.

Category	2025/2026 Members	2024/2025 Members	Member Retention
Nippers (5–13 yrs)	312	354	88.14%
Cadets (13–15 yrs)	30	32	93.75%
Active (15–18 yrs)	34	36	94.44%
Active 18+	74	82	90.24%
Associate Members	354	390	90.77%
Life Members	21	21	100%
Other	30	45	66.67%
TOTAL	855	960	89.06%

On a personal note, being part of Morningson Life Saving Club for the past 11 years has been an incredibly rewarding experience for both my family and I. With both of my children still actively involved in the club - one participating in Nippers and the other as a Senior member - along with my husband contributing as a Swim Coach, Patroller, Master and Nipper Captain, the club has truly become an important part of our lives and community

Having served in the Administration role over the past seven years, I feel extremely grateful to work alongside such dedicated committee members, volunteers, and families who all contribute so much to the success of our club. I genuinely enjoy being able to support members and assist wherever possible.

Again, I would also like to sincerely thank both Kelly Parrish and Adel Peterson for their continued support and the countless hours of work they have contributed behind the scenes. Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

I look forward to another successful season ahead and to continue to welcome and support new and returning members to be a part of the wonderful MLSC community.

Club Admin Officer: Nicole Warner

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Season 2025/26 – A Year of Innovation, Evolution and Growth

The 2025/26 season has been a defining year for Mornington Life Saving Club — a season marked by **innovation**, **evolution**, and **genuine growth** across every part of our organisation. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. Our volunteers, board members, coaches, trainers, patrollers, and community partners have shown unwavering commitment, passion, and belief in the future of this club. Their energy continues to drive Mornington Life Saving Club forward.

Governance

Governance has been a cornerstone of our progress this season, providing the stability, clarity, and confidence our club needs to grow. Strong governance gives us clear direction, ensures consistent and fair decision-making, and creates the transparent processes that build trust across our membership. This year we strengthened our policy framework, updated existing policies, and introduced new ones that support safe, consistent, and future-focused operations. By embedding robust governance practices, we are not only protecting the club today — we are laying the foundations for long-term sustainability, smarter strategic planning, and a club culture that every member can be proud of. Governance is how we stay steady, stay accountable, and stay ready for the future we are building together.

As we continue to shape the club's long-term direction, governance remains central to our strategic planning. It provides the structure, discipline, and accountability that allow us to move forward with purpose. Strong governance ensures our decisions are aligned with our vision, grounded in evidence, and supported by clear priorities. By refining our processes, strengthening our policies, and developing meaningful performance metrics, we are creating a stable platform for sustainable growth. Governance is how we stay focused, stay united, and stay future-ready — ensuring that every step we take is deliberate, strategic, and in the best interests of our members and community. Explore:

Governance also empowers us to innovate with confidence. With clear frameworks and transparent processes in place, we can explore new ideas, modernise our operations, and evolve the way we serve our members and community. Governance gives us the guardrails to take smart risks, measure our progress, and ensure every innovation aligns with our long-term vision. It allows us to trial new approaches, refine what works, and build a club that is adaptable, resilient, and ready for the future. Through strong governance, innovation becomes not just possible — it becomes sustainable, strategic, and central to who we are becoming.

Millies Kiosk – A New Chapter

The evolution of the club kiosk continued this season. Scott and Matt once again delivered a welcoming and community-focused Millies Kiosk experience, creating opportunities for members to connect and enjoy our clubhouse. We thank them sincerely for their contribution.

At the end of summer, Scott and Matt made the decision to step back from managing Millies. In response, the Board made a bold and future-focused decision: to bring full ownership of Millies Kiosk and Millies Upstairs under Mornington Life Saving Club. The club now owns all equipment, branding, naming rights, and social media assets — a significant step in strengthening our long-term sustainability.



We will continue to operate with a dedicated Kiosk Manager, and we are excited to welcome Laura, an experienced café operator with strong local connections and a passion for community. We look forward to Millies entering its next chapter under her leadership.

Nippers – A Program to Be Proud Of

Our Nippers program continues to shine as one of the club's greatest strengths. Under the leadership of our Nipper Captain and a dedicated team of volunteers, the program delivered another outstanding season. Walking the beach on a Sunday morning, seeing the joy and confidence in our youngest members, remains one of the highlights of my year.

Youth & Seniors – Developing Lifesavers and Leaders

Our Youth & Seniors program continues to grow in both participation and achievement. We once again had exceptional representation in Victorian teams at State and National events, with individuals achieving well-deserved recognition for their performances.

Next season, we will place even greater emphasis on development opportunities, ensuring our members have access to camps, programs, and pathways offered by LSV and SLSA. Mornington Life Saving Club is committed to supporting every Youth and Senior member as they grow — not just as lifesavers, but as people.

Competition – Proud Results and a Future of Evolution

Our competition program continues to deliver strong results across Nippers, Youth, Seniors, and Masters. State Championships once again showcased the depth of talent within our club.

As we look ahead, it is time to innovate and evolve our training program. We have the expertise, the passion, and the knowledge to take this program into its next phase — one that continues to make us proud and supports our athletes for years to come.

Patrol Operations – Punching Above Our Weight

Under the leadership of Club Captain Nicola Mackinnon, our patrol operations once again exceeded expectations. Despite low patroller numbers, we met every commitment and upheld our core mission: keeping our community safe.

The development of strategies to attract and retain patrol volunteers for the next season and into the future is a key priority to alleviate the risk of patroller burnout and improved succession planning for the future of patrol group leadership.

Training – Building Capability and Confidence

Training is the engine that powers lifesaving. Led by Stewart Lockie, our training team expanded this year and delivered a wide range of courses to members across the club. We are committed to growing our training capability further, ensuring our programs remain sustainable, diverse, and future-focused.

Schools Program – Award-Winning Excellence

Our Schools Program continues to go from strength to strength. A huge thank you to Jac Morrow and her team for their tireless work delivering high-quality education to students from across the region.



This year, the program received two major honours:

- LSV Community Education Achievement Award
- Sports Victoria Sports and Recreation Initiative of the Year Award

This recognition reflects the passion, professionalism, and impact of the team.

We extend our deepest thanks to **Jac Morrow** for the extraordinary time, commitment, and energy she has poured into the Schools Program over the years. Jac has shaped this program into a highly regarded, much-sought-after experience for schools across the region, and she should be immensely proud of what she has built. Her leadership, passion, and professionalism have elevated the program to award-winning status and created an enduring legacy for Mornington Life Saving Club. As Jac steps down from her role as Schools Program Manager, the Board expresses its sincere gratitude for everything she has contributed. We are currently in the process of securing the right person to continue this important work — speaking with potential candidates and welcoming interest from anyone who has the time, passion, and commitment to help carry this program forward.

Twilight Swim – Another Successful Year

Despite challenging weather forecasts, the Twilight Swim attracted more than 350 participants and generated a profit of more than \$11,000. This event continues to be a highlight of our calendar and a testament to the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors: CSA, Nicholas O'Donohue & Co Lawyers, Leisure Pools, Quinn Power, Bay Events, and Engine. Thanks to Clare Sacker and Ange Seaburgh and the rest of the planning or organisation team for their hard work and commitment in delivering another successful event.

Planning for next year is already underway, with exciting innovations being explored.

Recognising Service and Excellence

This season we proudly recognised 14 members for 10 or more years of patrolling service, as well as Tanya Pinnock, who received the prestigious SLSA 30-Year Long Service Award. Tanya, thank you for your extraordinary contribution to lifesaving and to Mornington.

We have also nominated four outstanding members for the upcoming LSV Awards of Excellence:

- **Mark Cornish** – Member Trainer of the Year
- **Oliver Bruce** – Junior Lifesaver of the Year
- **Ethan Gately** – Athlete of the Year (U14–U15)
- **Callum Rossetto** – Athlete of the Year (U17–U19)

We wish them every success.

Leadership Transitions – Gratitude and Excitement

Two valued leaders are stepping down from their roles at the end of the 2025/26 season.



Nicola Mackinnon – Club Captain

Nicola has been an exceptional Club Captain for three seasons. Her leadership has strengthened our patrol operations, built strong relationships with neighbouring clubs, improved internal processes, and elevated the quality of our service. We are grateful she will continue contributing as a Trainer and Patroller.

We are delighted to announce **Jarrold Cowling** as our new Club Captain. Jarrod brings deep experience and a strong commitment to the club. We look forward to the direction he will take this vital portfolio.

Jeremy Warner – Nipper Captain

Jeremy has been a cornerstone of our Nippers program, leading with passion, humility, and a genuine desire to see every child thrive. He leaves the program in an incredibly strong position and will continue contributing as a coach and parent.

We proudly welcome **Renee De Jong** as our new Nipper Captain. With years of involvement in the club, four children through the Nipper program, and extensive experience in junior sport, Renee is exceptionally well-placed to lead the next chapter of Nipper program at the Mornington Life Saving Club.

Adel Peterson - Director

Adel has been a valued member of the Mornington Life Saving Club Board for 6 years, taking on the roles of Treasurer, Vice President and more recently Director. Adel's experience, knowledge and commitment have been invaluable to the discussions and decisions made throughout her time as a Board member. Adel has also played an important role in organising the Twilight Swim every year and continually volunteers her time to assist at most club events and functions. I personally will be forever grateful for your sage advice, conversation and friendship. Thank you Adel.

Community, Sponsorship & Fundraising

The Club values strong community partnerships.

- Key sponsors/supporters:

- Bendigo Bank – Community Bank Mount Eliza
- Commercial Systems Australia (CSA)
- Nicholas O'Donohue & Co Lawyers
- Leisure Pools – Southeast Melbourne
- Revolution Roasters
- Quinn Power
- Bay Events
- Core24 Health Clubs

On behalf of the Board Committee, I extend our sincere thanks to **Life Saving Victoria, Mornington Peninsula Shire**, our sponsors, and our community for their ongoing support. Together, we are building a club that is strong, proud, and ready for the future.



Mornington Life Saving Club is evolving — and the best is yet to come.

President: Richard Morel



CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Lifesaving & Patrol Operations Report

As this season marks my final year as Club Captain, I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank each and every one of you for the incredible support you have given me over the past three years. It has truly been a rewarding journey for both myself and my girls, filled with memories, friendships, challenges, and achievements I will always treasure.

While I'll still proudly continue as Patrol Captain, the time feels right for me to step back from the Club Captain role and focus a little more on myself and my girls.

What a season it has been.

Your dedication, teamwork, and unwavering commitment have once again been nothing short of outstanding. Together, we achieved an incredible 3490 volunteer patrol hours, helping keep our community safe throughout another busy summer season.

A very special thank you goes to our Patrol Group Leaders — our Captains and Vice-Captains — whose leadership, professionalism, and commitment set the standard all season long. From maintaining LSV standards to running training sessions and scenario role plays during patrols, your efforts ensured our teams were always prepared and capable of handling whatever came our way.

Patrol Captains & Vice Captains 2025/26

Patrol Group A – “The A Team”

Captain: Terry Shrimpton

Vice-Captain: Jess Shrimpton

Patrol Group B

Captain: Amy Veale

Vice-Captain: Kevin Quinn

Sea Patrol

Captain: Richard Morel

Vice-Captain: Reagan Morel

Patrol Group “Rockstar Crew”

Captain: Nicola Mackinnon

Vice-Captain: Jarrod Cowling



I would also like to acknowledge several individuals whose support behind the scenes was invaluable throughout the season:

Daniel O'Brien – IRB Officer

Charlee Cook – First Aid Officer

Stewart Lockie – ATV Officer & Chief Training Officer

Nicole Warner – Administrative Support

Adel Peterson – Administrative Support, ensuring all patrol hours were accurately recorded with LSV.

Every patrol maintained a strong and reliable core team throughout the season, with no issues covering shifts — a fantastic effort by all involved. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

Patrol Summary

- Total patrol hours: 3490
- Total Patrolling members: 117
- Patrol season: 15th November – 19th April, including additional 30+ degree patrols
- Patrol Days: 52

Patrol Gear & Equipment Status

IRB Fleet:

- MRN02V – Hard Hull – Fair condition
- MRN01V & MRN03V require patching

All remaining equipment in good working order

Rescue & Incident Statistics

- Rescues performed: 7
- First aid treatments: 26 minor, 2 major
- Preventative actions: 268
- Major incidents: 0
- Beach attendance: 32,057

An enormous congratulations to our Patrollers of the Season and Junior Patrollers of the Season. Your contributions, commitment, and enthusiasm throughout the season were exceptional.



- Jess Shrimpton
- Kate Quinn
- Kevin Quinn
- Jack Mathews
- Kieran McCauley
- Oliver Bruce
- Scott Lindsay
- Jayden Cowling

Special Congratulations

- **Club Captain's Award** – Oliver Bruce
- **Patrol Team of the Season** – “The Rockstar Crew”

To our New SRCs — watching your transition from Nippers to active patrollers has been fantastic. Your willingness to upskill, learn, and step confidently into patrol teams has been truly commendable. Congratulations, and keep up the outstanding work.

Thank you also to everyone who attended our Presentation Night. It was wonderful to come together and celebrate the season's achievements as one club and one team. I look forward to seeing you at the next Bridging course to achieve your Bronze Award.

Most importantly, thank you all once again for your commitment to keeping our beaches and community safe. Every contribution — no matter how big or small — makes a difference, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together.

It has been an honour serving as your Club Captain.

If I can also ask that you all take the time to complete the questionnaire that has been circulated, this will help us plan for next season and give us an opportunity to review your feedback and see what more we can do for you, for the club and for each other.

Thank you.

Club Captain: Nicola Mackinnon

SENIOR CAPTAINS REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the Senior Captain's Report for the season.

We kicked off the season in fantastic fashion with our annual seniors' trip to Mooloolaba. With beautiful weather throughout the week, it provided the perfect opportunity for our members to reconnect, train, and enjoy time together before the season got underway. While the surf conditions were relatively flat and we didn't see many waves, it certainly didn't dampen spirits, and a great week was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

We had an outstanding turnout of 23 senior members on the trip, which was a fantastic reflection of the enthusiasm and commitment within our club. It was particularly pleasing to see such strong representation from our Youth and Under 17 groups. Their participation, energy, and engagement throughout the week highlighted the strength of our future senior ranks and the positive culture that continues to grow within our club.

The Mooloolaba trip once again proved to be a valuable opportunity for members to develop their skills, build friendships, and strengthen club connections both in and out of the water. The success of the camp set a positive tone for the season ahead and reinforced the strong sense of community that makes our club such a special place.



COMPETITION

The 2025–2026 season provided our senior members with a wide range of opportunities to compete, develop their skills, and represent the club at local, state, and national levels.

Throughout the season, our seniors had the opportunity to compete in five water carnivals and two beach carnivals conducted by Life Saving Victoria. In addition, members were able to challenge themselves at several premier events including the Warrnambool Battle of the Bay, the Lorne Shaw and Partners World Ocean Series, and the Manly Open Surf Classic.

It was pleasing to see a dedicated group of athletes regularly representing the club across these events. Their commitment to training and competition throughout the season was a credit to both themselves and the club.

The highlight of the competition season was undoubtedly the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Kirra. We were proud to have seven senior competitors and three masters competitors. Competing against Australia's best

athletes in challenging surf conditions was no easy task, however our competitors embraced the challenge with pride and determination.

While results are important, it was particularly rewarding to see several of our athletes achieve personal best performances throughout the championships. These achievements reflected the hard work, dedication, and resilience shown by our members throughout the season.

Due to the nature of team competition opportunities available within Victoria, several of our senior athletes transferred to other Victorian clubs to participate in team events at the Australian Championships. We are extremely proud that many of these athletes went on to qualify for Australian finals in their respective team events, demonstrating the high calibre of athletes being developed within our club.

The willingness of our members to continue pursuing excellence while maintaining strong connections with our club is a testament to the positive culture we continue to build. Their achievements on the national stage provide inspiration for our younger members and highlight the pathways available through surf lifesaving competition.

Senior Carnival Participation

Senior Carnivals	Number of Competitors
Enduros	27
Jan Juc #1	20
Ocean Grove #2	30
Anglesea #3	29
Jan Juc #4	26
Point Leo #5	30
Masters	16
Senior States	36

This season we had 40 competing and training seniors from U14, U15, U17, U19 +Opens for the 2025/2026 season.

On behalf of the senior members, I would like to thank our coaches, officials, water safety personnel, age managers, volunteers, families, and committee members for their continued support throughout the season. The success of our senior program would not be possible without the countless hours contributed by so many people behind the scenes.

I would also like to acknowledge our senior athletes for their commitment, sportsmanship, and dedication throughout the year. Whether competing at club, state, or national level, they have represented our club with pride and professionalism.

I look forward to building on this season's successes and seeing our senior program continue to grow in the years ahead.



STATE TEAM VIC SELECTIONS

One of the standout achievements of the season was the selection of four of our senior athletes to represent Team Victoria. This is an outstanding accomplishment and reflects the talent, dedication, and commitment within our senior ranks.

Congratulations to Taylor and Ethan on their selection in the Victorian Pathways Interstate Team. Both athletes earned their places through exceptional performances throughout the season.

Taylor enjoyed a fantastic season on the beach, consistently producing outstanding results in both beach flags and beach sprint events. His determination, speed, and competitive spirit saw him achieve excellent results across the season and ultimately earn selection in the Victorian team.

Ethan also enjoyed an exceptional season, demonstrating remarkable consistency across all water disciplines. His performances in board races, surf swims, and iron events were outstanding, and his commitment to training and competition was rewarded with selection in the Victorian Pathways Interstate Team.

Representing Victoria at North Kirra is a significant achievement, and the club was incredibly proud to see both athletes competing against the best young surf lifesavers from across Australia.

We also congratulate Cal and Charlie on their selection in Team Victoria for the Super Surf Teams competition held at Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club in New South Wales.

Selection in a Victorian representative team is a tremendous honour and a reflection of years of dedication, determination, training, and competition. Both Cal and Charlie have consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to their development as athletes and ambassadors for our club.

Having four athletes selected to represent Victoria across two prestigious interstate events is a remarkable achievement for our club and highlights the strength of our senior development pathway. These selections provide inspiration for our younger members and showcase what can be achieved through hard work, perseverance, and commitment to surf lifesaving.

Congratulations also goes to Callum Rossetto who was awarded the Maurie Rayner Scholarship. This award is given each year to an outstanding u19 athlete of our sport.

Maurie Rayner was a proud member of Torquay Surf Life Saving Club and a champion athlete whose achievements left a lasting mark on the sport.

Among his many accomplishments, Maurie won both Victorian State and Australian Ski Titles and placed second in the inaugural Victorian Ironman competition. He was also one of the early pioneers of the “Surfathon” and went on to claim State, National, and World Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) titles across various events.

In recognition of his remarkable contribution to surf lifesaving and his sporting excellence, the Maurie Rayner Scholarship was established in 2002.

The scholarship is awarded annually to outstanding athletes who demonstrate exceptional performance and achievement throughout the season, honouring Maurie’s legacy of dedication, excellence, and commitment to the sport. Great effort, Cal.



Club Initiatives and Participation

This season saw the introduction of an exciting new club initiative, the 4 Pole Challenge, thanks to the efforts of our Nippers Captain, Jeremy.

The challenge was designed to provide members with an additional opportunity to test their fitness, skills, and competitive spirit in a fun and supportive environment. Following the success of the nipper competition, a Senior and Masters 4 Pole Challenge was also introduced.

It was fantastic to see an enthusiastic group of both senior and masters members embrace the challenge and take part throughout the season. The event created a great atmosphere around the club, encouraged friendly competition, and provided another opportunity for members of different ages and abilities to come together and participate.

Initiatives such as the 4 Pole Challenge play an important role in building club culture, promoting participation, and fostering connections between members. The positive response from competitors was extremely encouraging, and we hope to see the challenge continue to grow and attract even more participants in the years ahead.

New Equipment

Another highlight of the season was the club's investment in new equipment to support and enhance our training and competition programs. Our senior members were extremely grateful for the purchase of two new rescue boards, which have made a significant difference to both training and competition. Having boards that are better suited to the weight and size of senior and masters competitors has allowed more members to participate confidently and perform at their best in the board/rescue event. We were also fortunate to add a new double ski to our equipment fleet. This addition has been invaluable, increasing participation opportunities for our large group of ski paddlers and enabling more members to compete in ski events throughout the season. These investments demonstrate the club's commitment to supporting its athletes and fostering greater involvement across all areas of surf sports.

ANZAC Day March

An important part of our club culture is recognising and respecting the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country.

It was wonderful to see a strong turnout of senior members representing the club at the Mornington ANZAC Day March this year. The participation of our seniors demonstrated the respect our members have for this important community event and the values it represents.

A special acknowledgement goes to Jayden and Will, who had the honour of laying the wreath on behalf of the club. They represented our members with pride, dignity, and respect during the commemorative service.



Technique Sessions

During the Easter school holidays, we were fortunate to run Introduction to Mal Paddling and Introduction to Ski Paddling sessions for our senior members. These sessions were expertly led by our senior boys, Charlie, Cal and Kyle, who generously shared their knowledge and experience with the group. With around 15 members attending, participants were introduced to the fundamentals of paddling, including correct positioning, paddle technique, equipment set-up.

It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and engagement shown by all those who attended. The sessions were extremely well organised and provided a valuable opportunity for our members to develop new skills and build confidence in

these disciplines. We are incredibly grateful to Charlie, Cal and Kyle for volunteering their time and expertise, and for helping create a supportive and encouraging learning environment for our senior members.



Club Presentation Night

Our club Presentation Night was a fantastic way to bring together our senior members and patrollers to celebrate the season that was. It provided an opportunity to reflect on the year, share stories, and acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by so many individuals across both groups.

The evening was a great success, with a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. Members were able to come together off the beach and pool, strengthening the sense of connection and community that is so important within our club. It was especially valuable to recognise the hard work, commitment, and dedication shown by both our senior athletes and our patrolling members throughout the season.

The event was well supported and enjoyed by all, with great food and a fantastic venue setting the scene for a memorable night. One of the highlights was the lawn bowls, which proved to be popular with everyone in attendance and added a fun, light-hearted element to the evening.

Overall, the Presentation Night was a fitting way to acknowledge the efforts of our members and celebrate the achievements of the season in a social and inclusive environment. It was a reminder of the strong culture within our club and the importance of taking time to recognise the people who make it all possible.



Senior Captain: Ange Seaburgh



SCHOOLS PROGRAM REPORT

The MLSC 2025/26 Schools Program ran from November – March Monday to Friday, 10 am to 2 pm. A season with a high number of bad weather days, rain and high winds and an increased level of marine creatures (jelly fish, sting-rays and seals).

The Program came away with 2 awards over the last season, the Community Education Achievement Award at the Lifesaving Victoria Awards of Excellence for the 2024-2025 season and the VicHealth Active Sport and Recreation Initiative of the Year at the Vic Sport Awards 2025.

In total, 56 of the 62 available dates were booked by the schools listed in the breakdown.

A total of 3260 children attended from 23 schools, Balcombe, Kambrya (Year 10s) and Penbank did not return this year (the dates for Balcombe did not align and Kambrya College decided their student numbers were too large, Penbank moved from Term 1 to Term 4 for 2026. Mornington Secondary College Year 7s joined us and are returning in 2027 along with all the other Schools listed.

The program employed 24 staff across the season with MLSC seniors being employed post end and beginning of the school years.

Total revenue for this year was \$55,610 before costs.

Planning for the 2026/27 season is well advanced, with this season's schools already rebooked, with limited additional dates available for new bookings.

Financial Summary

	2025/2026	2024/2025	Decrease (\$)	Decrease (%)
Total Revenue	\$55,610	\$62,065	\$6,455	10%
Profit	\$10,533	\$16,281	\$5748	35%

The reason for the decrease being a loss of days and some shorter days because of bad weather and donating a 3 day program to Mornington Park Primary (approx. \$3600). Plus the Club is covering the extra 15 minutes of set up time per staff member per day implemented last season.

MLSC Schools Program breakdown

Term 4 2025 22 days booked out of 22

Term 1 2026 34 days booked out of 40

Cancellations (due to bad weather)

Term 4 – 3

Term 1 - 4



Schools involved (23)

Mt Eliza North, St Thomas More PS, Casey Grammar, Belvedere Park PS, Overport PS, Karingal PS, St Brendans PS, Bayside Christian College, Tyabb PS, Flinders Christian College – Carrum Downs and Tyabb campus', Mornington PS, Langwarrin Park PS, Kunyung PS, Bentons Junior College, Pearcedale PS, Aldercourt PS, Belgrave Heights, Penbank PS, Peninsula Grammar, Baxter PS, Toorak College and Mornington Secondary College.

Number of children who attended:

3260 down from 3860 (2024/25). **Decrease of 600.**

New School Bookings this season = 1

Number of Staff:

Term 4 – 23 staff (6-8 per day/1 day with 12)

Term 1 – 14 staff and then reduced to 7 staff by end of February due to Seniors heading to university (4-6 per day)

Total Revenue

T4 = \$23,517.50 - \$21,188.75 (wages) = \$2,328.75

T1 = \$32,092.50 - \$23,888.75 (wages) = \$8,203.75

Total = \$10,532.50

Less approximately \$250 for balls, soccer goals, sinkies, noodles, sunscreen etc

We added 5 new foamie surfboards from a \$1000 grant. We now have 18 boards for the Program. We also had T-shirts printed to represent a team look when arriving and running sand activities.

2026/27 Outlook

All Schools are already booked in for the 2026/27 season. There are only 2 available days in Term 4 and 4 in Term 1 for next season.

Program improvement for 2026/27

Storage for equipment (not shared with the cleaner)

Kiosk hours continuing to be aligned to school's program operation

Improved opportunities for snack & food options for the schools

Schools Coordinator: Jacqui Morrow

NIPPER CAPTAINS REPORT

Nippers Program

The 2025/26 season was another fantastic year for the MLSC Nipper Program, with strong participation, great community support, and plenty of memorable moments both on and off the beach. It was great to see so many returning families alongside many new members joining the program and embracing everything surf lifesaving has to offer.

Pre-Season Mooloolaba Training Camp

Our annual pre-season training camp at Mooloolaba once again proved to be a huge success. The camp brought together over 150 nippers, youth, seniors, masters, parents, and coaches for a week focused on training, development, and team culture.

The week kicked off with a welcome dinner at the Mooloolaba Surf Lifesaving Club before participants settled into an action-packed schedule of surf training sessions, guest coaching, fitness work, and team activities. Across the week, athletes were exposed to high-level coaching and valuable surf experience while also building friendships and confidence in the water.

The week concluded with a fun and competitive race day involving Nippers, Seniors, and Masters, highlighted by the much-anticipated Seniors vs Masters Team Iron event. In a hard-fought contest, the Seniors claimed bragging rights for the year, taking out the event and proudly bringing the trophy back home.

Nipper Program

Our season officially commenced on the 9th of November with our Open Day, providing new families with the opportunity to meet coaches and volunteers, tour the club facilities, and experience a taste of what the Nipper Program is all about.

This season we again held multiple swim assessment dates prior to the commencement of the program, helping streamline registrations and ensuring all members were ready for the first session.

Throughout the season we successfully delivered 15 Nipper sessions, including a mix of Sunday morning programs, twilight sessions, and our holiday intensive training block over the Christmas period. Despite some challenging weather and water conditions throughout the season, the flexibility and dedication of our volunteers ensured sessions continued wherever possible.



The program continues to grow in both participation and quality, with a strong emphasis on surf awareness, water confidence, skill development, and enjoyment.

Age Group	Number of Nippers
Under 6	47
Under 7	49
Under 8	55
Under 9	44
Under 10	27
Under 11	27
Under 12	34
Under 13	19
Total	312

Sustainability & Education

This season we continued to focus on environmental awareness and sustainability within the Nipper Program.

A highlight was the visit from Matt and the team from the MMF Marine Litter Project, who delivered engaging and interactive sessions with our age groups. The presentations helped educate nippers on marine conservation, the impact of litter on marine life, and the importance of protecting our beaches and waterways.

The hands-on approach was extremely well received by both nippers and parents and reinforced the strong connection between surf lifesaving and caring for our coastal environment.

Participation & Volunteers

The MLSC Nipper Program continued to attract strong participation numbers this season, with hundreds of children taking part across all age groups. Running a program of this size simply would not be possible without the incredible support of our volunteer network.

Every week our program relied on:

- Age Managers
- Assistant Age Managers
- Water Safety Personnel
- Youth Helpers
- SRC Members
- Administrative Volunteers



- BBQ Volunteers
- Coaches and Trainers

A special thank you must go to all parents, senior members, and youth members who volunteered their time throughout the season. The commitment shown each Sunday, at carnivals, training sessions, and club events is what makes the program so successful.

This year we continued encouraging parents to become more actively involved within age groups, helping support coaches while also building confidence and continuity within the program moving forward.

While it is difficult to single out individuals in such a dedicated volunteer group, I would once again like to acknowledge Regan Morrell for his ongoing commitment to the Under 6 group. His enthusiasm and consistency over many years have had a huge impact on so many young nippers and families entering the club. I would also like to recognise Lachlan Parrish for the fantastic job he did volunteering his time alongside Regan this season, helping coach and support the Under 6s each week.

Water Safety & Bronze Courses

Water safety remains one of the most important parts of the Nipper Program, and we are fortunate to have such strong support from our Bronze members and patrol community.

Throughout the season parents were encouraged to participate in training and complete their Bronze Medallion qualifications. Increasing the number of active Bronze members within the club strengthens not only our Nipper Program but also the wider patrol and lifesaving operations of MLSC.

A huge thank you to Stewart Lockie and the training team for their efforts in running additional courses and supporting new members through the accreditation process.

Fundraising & Communication

Our weekly BBQ fundraiser again played an important role in supporting the program financially throughout the season. Thank you to all families who assisted on the BBQ roster each week.

Communication across the program continued to improve this season through Team App, Facebook groups, email updates, and weekly briefings before sessions. Keeping families informed and connected remains a major focus and helps ensure sessions and events run smoothly.

A special thank you to our admin volunteers and age group coordinators who worked tirelessly behind the scenes organising sign-ins, communications, and volunteer rosters.

Water Quality Challenges

Unfortunately, this season again presented challenges with water quality issues impacting beach access at various times throughout the year.

Despite these setbacks, our coaches and volunteers adapted exceptionally well by running modified land-based training and alternative activities where required. Their ability to remain flexible ensured nippers continued developing skills and staying engaged throughout the season.

Santa Visit

One of the highlights of the season was once again the arrival of Santa Claus by IRB at our final session before Christmas.

As always, Santa made a spectacular entrance on the beach before handing out lollies to excited nippers and siblings. It continues to be one of the most loved traditions within our club and a fantastic way to finish the year before the Christmas break.



Club Champs & Under 13 Send Off

The final session of the season once again provided a special opportunity to recognise our outgoing Under 13 members as they completed their final year in the Nipper Program.

The traditional guard of honour, created by younger Nippers, parents, coaches, and volunteers, was a fantastic show of respect and appreciation for our graduating Under 13 members. It was a proud moment for families and a reminder of the strong community culture that exists within MLSC.



We wish all our Under 13 members the very best as they transition into youth activities and continue their surf lifesaving journey.

The day also featured our highly successful Club Championships, which provide a fun and inclusive in-house carnival experience for all Nippers. The event gives both competing and non-competing members the opportunity to race alongside their teammates, challenge themselves in a supportive environment, and compete for ribbons and trophies. The Club Championships continue to be a highlight of the season, promoting participation, teamwork, and club spirit.

Mills 4 Pole Challenge

The inaugural Mills 4 Pole Challenge was a fantastic success, with our U11–U13 nippers showing outstanding determination and resilience while completing over 3km of wading, running, swimming and paddling. It was a great display of grit, determination, encouragement, teamwork and club spirit, and we look forward to the event continuing into the future.



Presentation Night

Our end-of-season Presentation Night was another fantastic celebration of the season and a great opportunity for nippers and families to come together outside the beach environment.

The night recognised the efforts, achievements, and improvement of our nippers throughout the year while also celebrating the commitment of coaches, volunteers, and families who contribute so much to the program.



The following club awards were proudly presented in recognition of the outstanding contribution, dedication, and commitment shown throughout the season. We extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to each recipient for the valuable role they have played in making this season such a success:

Shane Tatham Award – Outstanding Coach: Dave Rossetto & Tristan Snow

Nipper Captain Award – Outstanding Service to the Nipper Program: Heath & Bianca Williams

Building Stronger Families Award – Outstanding Commitment to the Club by a Family: The Neath Family

Susan Archbold Award – Volunteer of the Year: Andrew Wallace

Most Outstanding Nipper: Ella Warner

These awards acknowledge the remarkable efforts of our members, volunteers, coaches, and families whose passion and dedication continue to strengthen our club and contribute to its ongoing success. Congratulations to all recipients and thank you for your invaluable support throughout the season.

Carnivals

Our carnival competitors represented MLSC with pride throughout the season, with strong numbers attending each carnival and an outstanding turnout at the Victorian State Championships held in Warrnambool.

The commitment, determination, and sportsmanship shown across all age groups was exceptional. A season highlight was finishing an incredible 4th overall in the State — just one race away from securing 3rd place — competing against some of the strongest surf lifesaving clubs in Victoria.

This achievement is a true credit to the dedication of our nippers, coaches, water safety teams, and families who continue to support the program week in and week out.

A special thank you to Junior Coach Adam Touzell for his outstanding commitment and dedication throughout the season. Adam invests countless hours helping our Nippers build confidence, develop their surf lifesaving skills, and enjoy the sport. His extensive surf lifesaving background has been invaluable to our junior program.

I would also like to acknowledge Iron Coach Dave Rosetto for his excellent coaching and support this year. Dave's knowledge, passion, and encouragement have played a significant role in the development of our athletes.

Together, Adam and Dave have had a direct impact on our outstanding carnival results and our remarkable achievement of 4th place overall at the Junior State Championships. We are incredibly grateful for their contribution to the success of our junior program.



Carnival Participants

Location	Number of Participants
Ocean Grove	54
Torqua	58
Mt Martha	79
Mordialloc	81
Ocean Grove	37
Junior States	56
Beach Carnival 1 – Altonia	14
Beach Carnival 2 - Mordialloc	17
Total	396

Closing

I would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in the MLSC Nipper Program throughout the 2025/26 season. From committee members and coaches through to water safety, admin teams, parents, and senior members — the success of the program is only possible because of your commitment and support.

A special thank you also to our club leadership and committee for their continued support of the Nipper Program throughout the year.

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of such a strong club community, and I’m already looking forward to another great season ahead.

Nipper Captain: Jeremy Warner

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Training & Development – Chief Instructors Report

Training remains a cornerstone of our operations.

Awards & Qualifications

- Bronze Medallions awarded: 29 (17 Bronze Medallions and 12 Bronze Medallion Bridging)
- SRC / Nippers qualifications: 15 Surf Rescue Certificates (SRC) awarded
- Advanced awards (IRB, ART, Trainer/Assessor): 21 advanced awards completed (10 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques & First Aid, 8 IRB Crew, 2 IRB Driver, 1 Radio Operator Certificate)

Member Development

- Training sessions conducted: 29 courses delivered during the season
- Club training days hosted: 22 Skills Maintenance sessions completed

A total of 75 awards and qualifications were achieved by members throughout the 2025–2026 season, demonstrating the club's ongoing commitment to developing skilled and capable lifesavers. In addition, 106 members successfully completed Skills Maintenance requirements across a range of awards.

Challenges & Risks

While the club delivered a successful training season, several challenges remain that may impact future training delivery and member development.

- **Qualified Instructor Availability** – The club has a limited number of qualified Trainers and Assessors able to deliver CPR, First Aid and Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) courses. Maintaining sufficient instructor capacity is critical to ensuring members can access required qualifications and refreshers in a timely manner.
- **Volunteer Time Commitment** – Training delivery relies heavily on volunteers balancing club commitments with work and family responsibilities. Sustaining volunteer engagement remains an ongoing challenge.
- **Member Retention and Progression** – Encouraging members to progress from entry-level awards into advanced qualifications such as IRB Crew, IRB Driver, Patrol Captain and Training roles is essential for maintaining operational capability.
- **Skills Maintenance Compliance** – Ensuring all members complete annual Skills Maintenance requirements continues to require significant planning, coordination and administrative support.
- **Training Equipment and Resource Requirements** – Maintaining compliant training equipment and ensuring adequate resources are available for course delivery remains an ongoing operational requirement.

Thank you to our Trainers, Assessors, and mentors for their commitment and dedication throughout the season.

Chief Training Officer: Stewart Lockie

FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT & ASSETS REPORT

Clubhouse conditions: generally, the clubhouse is in good condition. There are areas which need attention to maintain a safe and secure and environment for the club to run its programs and complete its mission.

Major upgrades or maintenance undertaken: Lighting upgrades and repairs throughout the premises, plumbing repairs to second floor Male bathroom along with plumbing and cabinetry repairs to Female and Male bathrooms downstairs. New cabinetry upstairs to increase storage capacity.

Equipment, purchases or replacements:

- New Double Ski and Board Rescue Board for Youth & Seniors
- Replacement Fridge for the food and beverage storeroom and new fridge purchased for upstairs.

Planned works for the coming year include:

Major repairs required to repair long term water leak into Kiosk. There are now two separate leaks, which have caused water damage to the walls and ceiling and damaged equipment, which required replacement. Numerous small repairs have been put in place over the years, which have not fixed the problem. If not fixed properly it will continue to deteriorate.

Consider replacement of Kiosk roller door, which is rusted and if not replaced could pose a health and safety risk.

New cabinetry upstairs and downstairs to allow for storage of equipment and chairs. Installing new cabinetry will remove a lot of the clutter from downstairs especially and will provide a designated area for the storage of Schools Program equipment.

2025/2026 CHALLENGES & RISKS

Challenges & Risks

Key challenges this year included:

- Patroller numbers and availability
- Volunteer availability
- Aging facilities, assets and equipment

2026/2027 PRIORITIES

Strategic Priorities for Next Year

The following have identified the following priorities to consider for season 2026/27:

- Review and update of Mornington Life Saving Club Constitution
- Develop strategies for increased active patrol membership
- Develop strategies for improved access to development pathways for all members
- Develop strategies for funding upgrades of club facilities, assets and equipment
- Develop Facility, Assets & Equipment maintenance plan
- Plan for future of the Junior and Youth & Seniors competition training program post 2026/27 season
- Further develop sponsorship and fundraising strategy
- Develop strategies for improving community engagement



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & THANKS

As we bring this Annual General Meeting to a close, I would like to take a moment to recognise and acknowledge the people who make Mornington Life Saving Club what it is.

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank our outgoing Board and Directors for their dedication, leadership, and commitment over the past season. The time, energy, and care you have invested in this club has been outstanding. Your contribution has helped ensure that Mornington Life Saving Club continues to be a strong, inclusive, and welcoming club for all members, both now and into the future. On behalf of the entire membership, thank you for the work you have done and the legacy you continue to build.

I would also like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank Nicole Warner, our Administration Officer, for all of her hard work and commitment to the club. Nicole, the amount of effort you put into ensuring our administrative requirements are always in order does not go unnoticed. The additional work you do behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly is invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you contribute to the club.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank every volunteer across the club. Whether you are patrolling, coaching, training, supporting events, or working behind the scenes, your contribution is what allows this club to operate and thrive. The countless hours you give, often without recognition, are what make this such a special place and such an important part of our community.

It is through your collective effort, passion, and spirit that we are able to protect lives, support one another, and create a club that we are all proud to be part of.

Thank you again to everyone for your ongoing commitment and support.

Richard Morel



2026 – 2027 OFFICE BEARER ELECTIONS

Executive Board Positions 2026 - 2027 Season

- President – Richard Morel
- Vice President -
- Secretary – Kate Neath
- Treasurer – Duncan Short
- Chief Instructor – Stewart Lockie
- Club Captain – Jarod Cowling

General Committee Positions 2026 - 2027 Season

- Jeremy Warner
- Ange Seaburgh
- Tim Lambourne
- Renee DeJong
- Kellie Roberts
- Tim Egan
- John Smith
- Justin Gately
- Kelly Parrish
- Adam Touzell



ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next Committee Meeting

Date to be nominated by the Incoming Committee



APPENDIX 1 – AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Association Report

Mornington Life Saving Club Inc

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