



MORNINGTON **LIFE SAVING** CLUB
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT
2020 – 2021**

**WEDNESDAY 09 JUNE 2021 7.30PM
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**



Morningson Life Saving Club
2020 - 2021 Annual General Meeting
Held Via Zoom Video Conference

On Wednesday 9th June 2021 7.30PM

Agenda

- 1.** Minutes:
 - a.** 2020 AGM – Mon. 03 August 2020
- 2.** Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2021
 - a.** Auditor's Report
 - b.** Treasurer's Report
 - c.** Questions/Answers
- 3.** President's Report
- 4.** Club Captain's Report
- 5.** Senior Captain's Report
- 6.** Nipper Captain's Report
- 7.** Membership Report
- 8.** Chief Instructor's Report
- 9.** Addendum to Club rules to comply with Schedule 1 of the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998
- 10.** Elections
- 11.** Any Other Business

MLSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date:	Mon 3/Aug/2020	Time:	7.30pm
Location:	Zoom meeting - Electronic	Minutes:	Kelly Parrish
Present:	Mike Whitfort was the host. Naomi, Chris, Jac, Ash, Sophie, Amy, Sarah Gow, Dale, Mithran, Keiran, Kerry, Bec, Andrea, Keith, Shane, Brenda, Mick, Richard, Adel, Trent, Deini, Angela, Julian, Andrew, Kim, Tanya, Simon, Kelly. Terry, Chiara, Stuart, Adam, Stewart, Ange, Lee, Nicole, Jeremy, Adrian, Jo, Rich, Damian,	Apologies:	Jill McIver

Minutes of previous meeting Please read through the previous AGM minutes from 2019.
[Mon 3/June/2019 AGM Minutes](#)

Passed:	Second:
Keiran McAuley	Naomi Linssen

Correspondence:	<p>Jill McIver questions emailed in before the meeting.</p> <p>From the Minutes of the AGM - 4th June 2018 - Key Points - Item 3 Questions - "Joseph Ronan Trust - yet to claim any of the \$250K. Still working with the Trustees to have these claims paid." Yes correct; the club is yet to receive the full \$250k.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report 2018-2019 Season</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Donations - RLSA - Estate of the Late Mrs Roseanne Faith Grimke-Drayton - \$10,000.00 - Joseph Ronan Trust - \$55,730.00</p> <p>Can you advise what the donations were spent on please or did they go into General Account? Mrs Roseanne Faith's generous \$10k donation. This was placed in the general account of MLSC. In relation to monies received from Mr Ronan's Trust there had to be a specific purpose for every request made of the trust so none of the money went into the general account. The club has purchased a number of items and sponsored a number of development opportunities for youth with the Ronan money.</p> <p>What has been resolved from working with the Trustees of the Joseph Ronan Trust? Nothing has been resolved at the time of the AGM starting.. The club is extremely fortunate to have very generous members and Trust lawyer's Adrian and Frank Lynch agree to represent the club and our members on a pro bono basis. We are currently awaiting the Trustees to finalise their preferred date for a mediation in the matter. We are extremely hopeful that this matter can be finalised during the mediation period.</p>
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	<p>I also saw on Facebook last night that the reports have been delayed due to the President adding an item about container licensing agreement. What is this about and was there community consultation?</p> <p>We are happy to report that the club have been in discussions and following a planning application with the Mornington council to increase our onsite storage capacity for nearly two years. As is required by any planning application there were 3 boards placed in prominent entry point positions the club for a period of two weeks. No objections were filed and the container permit was granted.</p>
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Agenda Item:	Discussion /Action	Accountable Person:	Target Due Date:
AGM report	Annual General Meeting report Season 2019/2020		
2. Presidents report Mike Whitfort	<p>MLSC membership was just under 900 members for the 2019 season.</p> <p>Our season was cut short which had an adverse impact on the Club 's revenue.</p> <p>In 2019 we have moved the Club to more of a user pay system to ensure the Club will always maintain a stable financial position.</p> <p>The slight drop in member numbers over the last two years is partially due to the way we charged Families for a family membership. This now reflects a more accurate number of active participants.</p> <p>The IRBs have started to be upgraded. We received 1 of the two new ThunderCats, with the other coming by the end of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Replaced training and rescue items in patrol area. ● Upgraded nipper storage area to accommodate new equipment arriving. ● Purchased another 43 nipper boards - making all our boards under 3 years old. ● In addition to this we have recently ● We received a grant for a 4WD Beach Buggy which will be delivered to the Club for the 2021season. ● For the seniors the club has purchased 2 double Skis, 6 new Mal's and a new competition trailer. ● As a Committee we have replaced in excess of \$200,000 worth of equipment in the past four years. We have been able to do this while maintaining a 		

	<p>healthy cash flow and with the support of monies received from the Joseph Ronan trust.</p> <p>Storage Over the past three years the Committee has worked hard to increase the overall storage capacity of the Club. Firstly, we hired an offsite factory space that now houses our trailers and any excess equipment. The second phase will be the arrival of a 40ft container at the rear of the club rooms to house competition and single use equipment and ensure that the Patrollers have enough space to work in safe conditions. This will also provide storage capacity for the new 4wd vehicle which will arrive in the new year.</p>		
<p>3. Treasurer's report</p> <p>Stuart McKenzie</p>	<p>Financial report for the year ending 31st March 2020 Auditors report - Passed Stuart McKenzie/ Rich Morel Treasurers report - Passed Brenda/Adel Peterson</p> <p>Suggest to keep current auditors ROCG in Mornington as they have been working with MLSC for many years.</p> <p>Paid for All Terrain vehicle (other half was a grant we were awarded).</p> <p>No outstanding bills to be paid from the past committee. The year was cut short which reduced revenue however the club has been able to maintain a cash profit. Just under \$40K sitting in cash in the trading account and a little over \$100K in the investment account. The Club has re-invested the investment account into a term deposit.</p> <p>The P&L was affected by the committee making the decision to write down a debt owed to Bloody big swim from years ago.</p> <p>Will look at Tin rattles next season. Consider our insurances and what they are worth. Kiosk takings down due to weather on the weekends/days it is usually open.</p> <p>\$200K has been spent on new equipment in the last few years. This should give us a further 2-3 years without needing to purchase anything else.</p>		

4. Club Captains Report	As per attached report	Terry	
5. Senior Captains Report	As per attached report	Mick	
6. Nipper Captain Report	As per attached report	Damian	
7. New Committee for season 2020/21	<p>Executive Committee President - Damian Brice Vice Presidents - Sophie Veale and Terry Shrimpton Treasurer - Adel Peterson Secretary - Kelly Parrish Chief Instructor - Stewart Lockie</p> <p>General Committee Mick Degg Ash Morrow Tash Carah Andrea Greaves Keely McKenzie Naomi Linssen Amge Seaburgh</p>		
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Next meeting:	MLSC Committee meeting Mon 17/Aug/2020 @7.30pm via Zoom
Items to Discuss:	



AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 2021

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



MLSC TREASURERS REPORT 2020 – 2021 SEASON

In a season that was again interrupted by COVID restrictions, I would like to give thanks to the many members who have taken on roles to build the community, sport and business performance of the Mornington Life Saving club.

A quick summary of our financial position as at 31 March 2021:

CASH POSITION: Balance of \$148,128 as at 31st March 2021. This is up on 2020 year end!

INCOME: for the year was \$203,638 - a 25% reduction from 2020.

This is in response to Covid restrictions that resulted in zero income from camps, no twilight swim, no tin rattles, and no hiring of the club premises over winter to other groups.

Membership: Total \$61,727.

- This was a great result after the previous seasons disruptions, and the late start to our nippers season. Being able to retain similar membership numbers is a solid indication of the fantastic membership base we have at MLSC.

Grant Income: received \$52,798.

- Thank you to Life Saving Victoria, SLSA, Bendigo Bank Mt Eliza, South East Water, DHL, AMP, Mornington Peninsula Shire, and the Victoria State Government.
- I would like to acknowledge the Estate of Joseph Ronan for the \$40,000 bequest to the Mornington Life Saving Club to be received in the 2022 year.

Kiosk & BBQ: Income of \$27,557 and a Profit of \$8,991.

- Our appreciation goes to Carolyn Munro for your commitment and time in the Kiosk this year, overseeing ordering, looking after the young staff, coping with restrictions, closures, reopening at short notice and all the other hours we do not see. Thank you.
- Special thanks to John's BBQ team. Covid restrictions kept the BBQ from operating for a lot of the season. Once restrictions eased, these guys jumped in with minimal notice and gave the families a well earned snack after nippers training.

Schools Program: Income of \$19,376 and a Profit of \$3,097.

- Thank you to Ciara McAuley, Sophie & Amy Veale and Kelly Parrish for coordinating the Program. Was great to see the program up and running for the second half of the season and as many schools as possible coming down. A great opportunity to involve the local community in our activities, give local students a fun and safe learning environment, and provide employment to many of our members.

Water Training Fees: Income \$20,127 and a Profit \$6,463.

- This includes the optional mid-week sessions for U9s up. Thank you to Liam for coordinating 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.
- Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a pool due to restrictions but are working on getting the pool swimming program back up and running for next season.

Twilight Swim: \$0

- Our twilight swim unfortunately was curtailed for this season, due to Parks Victoria not approving our permits. This was a \$20,000 dint to our finances, but we are already



planning for the 2022 swim. Thanks to the work Kieran McAuley, Min Nielson and others did in the background before this event had to be cancelled.

EXPENDITURE: Year End \$202,700. 32% down on last year.

- Expenditure was down 32% on last year. Generally, less activities resulted in less spending.

Admin costs: \$20,349

- This expenditure significantly increased this season. The club employed administration officer's time has increased as volunteers' hours have decreased in this area. If anyone is interested in volunteering on an ongoing basis, please reach out.

Other expenditure:

- IRB Motor and 50% Balance paid on new IRB
- Double skis
- Water mat and sports equipment for nippers. The nippers had a ball with this new non-traditional gear that was a great addition to Sunday mornings. I have spotted a few of our youth on the water mat – I am sure they wish that this was around when they were nippers.
- iPads to be used for training purposes next season.

PROFIT AND LOSS: \$938 profit.

- We are a not-for-profit club and aim to put all earnings back into the club to enhance our members' enjoyment and experience. The community has done that perfectly this year.

At the conclusion of the AGM, I will step down as the Club Treasurer but will continue to support the new Treasurer and stay involved with lifesaving and MLSC.

See you on the beach.

Adel Peterson

Treasurer MLSC.



MLSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020 - 2021 SEASON

In the Mornington Life Saving Club's 106th year, it was a great privilege to move from the Nipper Captain role to be appointed President at a time when so much is being achieved by the club. A year that started with great uncertainty, ended up being a successful year both on and off the beach and with a lot of work, we were able to deliver a patrol season, nipper and senior activities and end financially in a stronger position.

As the new committee began in August, we were met with a pandemic not seen for 100 years where our community had been "locked down" for over 100 days and significant restrictions were still in place. Immediately, the committee got to work to frame up what a season could look like, as the general feel was enthusiasm for a summer ahead.

A Covid Committee was created which including Club Captain Terry Shrimpton, Senior Captain Michael Degg, Nipper Captain Ange Seaburgh and Chief Instructor Stewart Lockie. A number of months of weekly LSV meetings and preparation of the Mornington LSC Covid Plan put together by this team enabled us to set a date for the season to start.

While Covid 19 created a large number of challenges and disappointment with our preseason camps put on hold, it also provided some great opportunities to trial new initiatives. With the patrol season pushed back, it also provided an opportunity to look at starting the Nipper Program after Christmas, and extend through to the end of March in 2021. There is no doubt the warmer water was welcomed by our Nippers, especially our younger age groups and continued to be enjoyed right through until the end of March when some say the water is at its best. Our Seniors altered their training plan that had them back into the water as soon as possible, and our Covid Plan around confirming attendance helped with our resourcing.

One of the great unknowns heading into season 2020 – 21 was how the members were feeling about coming back to a season of Life Saving with still a lot of uncertainty around the pandemic and how the season would run. The response from members was amazing and saw our membership only marginally down, 5 patrol groups continuing to monitor the beach and we had strong numbers in Nippers and Seniors.

Another change that was evident was the number of people attending Mills Beach out of season. The water risk we manage at Mills Beach is very real at all times of the year. This was highlighted in October, out of patrol season, with a large number of people taking advantage of the restrictions easing and had headed to Mills Beach. On this day the rip along the blue stone wall was running hard and up to 10 children swimming and on boogie boards were swept out quickly. Fortunately, long term patrol member Jonathan Dark and a number of our Nippers and Youth were there on their own boards and without hesitation brought those in trouble back to the beach. It took great courage from the group to jump into action, but also shows the benefit of participating in our programs provides the skills and confidence to respond. Well done Jon Dark, Darcy and Will Wallace, Elena and Luka Djokic, Massimo and Sebastien Lancia and Nate Sims.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank this year's committee for their fantastic efforts and support in a challenging season - Terry Shrimpton, Sophie Veale, Adel Peterson, Kelly Parrish, Stewart Lockie, Michael Degg, Ange Seaburgh, Naomi Linssen, Ash Morrow, Andrea Greaves, Tash Carah and Keely McKenzie. All committee members have nominated to continue which puts the club in a great position. I would also like to thank our Club Admin Nicole Warner who completed her first full season in the role managing all member registrations and queries and did a terrific job with securing a number of financial grants.



Unfortunately, we farewell our Queen of the Kiosk Carolyn Munroe, who has decided to step back after a number of years building the Kiosk into the thriving space we see today. Thank you Carolyn for all your hard work and making the kiosk a key part of the club's revenue stream.

Lastly to our members. I would like to thank you personally for wanting to be a part of the Mornington Life Saving Club. With the uncertainty at the start of the season, we were unclear on what our membership base may look like. It was overwhelming to see the response and number of members joining. Once we were up and running, the effort to support activities on and off the beach was great and what is required to run a successful club. Thank you once again.

Financial

This year our finances were managed by the ever-capable Adel Peterson in the role of Treasurer. The club is in a positive financial position with the P&L showing a surplus of \$938 with our cash balance positive by \$12,130 vs previous financial year bank. The bank accounts remain in a positive position as we managed expenditure closely while still investing to maintain services for our membership and maintaining our equipment. Adel will be stepping down as Treasurer but will remain on the general committee to support the new position. Thank you Adel for all your hard work and guidance over the last year. Please see further details in Adel's Treasurer's Report.

Patrolling

Five patrol groups managed the ever increasing numbers spending the weekends and public holidays at Mills Beach in season 2020-21. Terry Shrimpton lead an amazing group of patrol captains who had to increase their knowledge around Covid requirements and the use of PPE on patrol, but again numbers were strong and any obstacle overcome. The Club fulfilled all LSV obligations and excelled in a number of metrics measured as covered in Terry's Club Captain Report. It was great to see a mix of old and new through patrol groups with 33 completing SRC. Ongoing training throughout patrol group sessions helped to maintain skill levels, while refreshing and introducing new initiatives for patrol members. Thank you, Terry and team, for another successful patrol season.

Training

This season we welcomed Stewart Lockie into the Chief Instructor role taking over from Kieran McCauley. The numbers that could attend were restricted resulting in more time and sessions needing to be planned by Stewart and his dedicated team of trainers. Even with this challenge and extra work load, the team was able to complete SRC, Bronze Medallion, First Aid and IRB crew training. All of these elements are vital in enabling the club to fulfill our obligations on patrol and at carnivals. An area where the club incurred significant expense was having to pay for IRB crews at Junior and Senior carnivals at times, so it was great to see a number of members complete driver and crew training towards the end of the season. There are still opportunities to increase skills within patrol groups so important awards and roles are not left to a vital few. I encourage all members to consider completing their Bronze Medallion and becoming part of a patrol group and enjoy all that Life Saving has to offer. For those members already with awards, please consider more training to add to your current base so we can continue to share the load. The training lead by Stewart and his team is of the highest quality and paid for by the club. Thank you Stewart and team for your dedication, effort and the time you put in to deliver training for the season.

Membership

As the planning for the season had commenced, a survey from LSV had to be submitted providing an estimate of membership vs the previous year. Across the 57 clubs in Victoria the result was an estimated 37% of membership would decline due to COVID 19. Our estimate



was aligned to this number so to see our membership sitting at 99% vs the previous season was amazing. I would like to thank all our members for their overwhelming support and wanting to be part of the Morningson Life Saving Club.

Communication

There continues to be a number of social media platforms the club have used and will continue to communicate to MLSC members and the wider community.

- Team App – Direct Age Group and Patrol Group information
- Closed Facebook – Mid week training and Patrol Group information
- Morningson LSC Facebook – Communication from MLSC to the general community
- Morningson LSC Instagram – Communication from MLSC to the general community
- Morningson LSC Newsletter – Bi Annual newsletter providing all up to date information

At anytime you are communicating via these mean, please be aware of the club code of conduct and be respectful and patient that all comms will be delivered as soon as possible. Thanks to Kelly Parrish who manages our communication platforms.

Nippers

This season we welcomed a new Nipper Captain in Ange Seaburgh. Ange has been an Age Manager over a number of seasons across different age groups, and with her background in PE and other sport coaching roles, made her a great choice. The preparation that went into the season was enormous to enable the Nipper program to run Covid Safe, and the efforts the Age Manger team put in to deliver a Nipper program was amazing. The number of nippers was again very strong with 318 from Under 6 to Under 13 flooding Mills Beach with Green & White Caps every Sunday. The opportunity to trial a new schedule resulted in our Nipper season beginning with the 4 day holiday program after Christmas and run through until the end of March. This change proved to be successful and will go into consideration for future seasons. Starfish Nippers was again part of the program and will continue to be a focus into the future and we thank Jo Morel, Clare Hendy and Jill McIver for their involvement. Finally, thank you to Ange and the Age Manager team for the enormous effort and also to the parent helpers each week that enabled the season to progress so positively.

Seniors

This season we had 77 registered senior members as part of our senior group. Mick Degg did another fantastic job as our Senior Captain and much thanks needs to go to Sally Bentley who fulfilled the challenging role of Senior Admin organizing all roles through a full carnival season. One of the highlights of the season was Remme Mason being awarded the LSV Champion Junior Lifesaver. Champion Junior Lifesaver recognises excellence in a young member, someone who has gone above and beyond throughout the season, showing fantastic leadership in lifesaving and local community and open to age 13 & 14 members. Once nominated by the club, Remme had to complete an intensive written component about her life saving experience and community work before she was one of a small number selected across the state to participate in the Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day – an achievement in itself to be asked to participate. After a big day at the Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Camp, where Remme's leadership, first aid, technical life saving skills and her personality shone through, she was awarded the title of Champion Junior Lifesaver for 2020-21. Congratulations Remme.

Another important initiative is the Shore Break program designed to provide opportunities for our Senior group not necessarily relating to activities at the club. Thanks to Sophie Veale and Keely McKenzie for organizing a Bowls night and Reagan Morel and Charlie Cook for starting the season up with a great Kohut Challenge. There will be more initiatives to drive next season as we continue to build the program.



After 3 years as Senior Captain Michael Degg has decided to step down. I would like to thank Mick for his dedication to the role over the last 3 years and to Jane for all her support to the senior group over that time. Mick leaves the Senior program in a great position with growth in training and competing youth and a great platform for the next Senior Captain.

Sport & Coaching

Harriet Brown continued in the position of Club Coach and Youth Mentor providing support and guidance for our Junior and Senior programs while writing all mid week training sessions and attending Mills Beach over the Christmas period. Our Junior Coach Liam Hemingway executed the program extremely well under Covid restrictions supported by Ange and the team of Youth instructors. It was pleasing to see the level of engagement at mid week training with solid numbers every week, and the new process of confirming attendance assisted in resourcing each session. Matt McConnell again did a tremendous job preparing our seniors with many sessions across Ski, Board, Iron and Running through a mix of afternoon and morning sessions. Open water swimming was well attended with Lisa McConnell and Jeremy Warner at the helm. Shane Tatham's multiple sessions across a mid week senior paddle and his magic with the Belt & Reel again saw enthusiastic numbers maintaining their skills or improving their craft.

Thank you to all our coaches who put in a tremendous amount of work to bring our sport team together and prepared for the competition season. I would also like to thank all the parent helpers who managed the required Covid protocols, completed water safety or were there to support in any way – we can't run this training without you. It was fantastic to see the attendance across all age groups in mid year training with great enthusiasm after being locked down for over 100 days in Victoria.

From a competition perspective LSV provided a limited program where U'12 and U'13 participated in a reduced season. A real positive was the ability of these age groups to compete in the Victorian Junior Life Saving State Championship at Warrnambool and provide the U'13's the chance to complete their time as Nippers, many of whom had started at U'6. The team of 25 athletes represented the Mornington LSC with great sportsmanship and performed strongly with the club finishing 6th in the state for the 2020-21 season. Congratulations team.

The Seniors were able to compete at more events than the Juniors this season. I would like to congratulate all the seniors for their efforts to be prepared, which was significantly reduced compared to the surf coast clubs who were not under the same restrictions. The courage displayed by the team at all carnivals was impressive, as every event was held in large swells, and while a fantastic exhibition to watch, would have taken great courage to compete. The Senior states were held at Lorne where our team representing the Mornington LSC delivered another fantastic result with finishing 6th in the state – well done all.

Schools Program

This year Chiara McAuley took over as our Schools Program Coordinator role. Following a slow start due to the restrictions Chiara did a great job accelerating the program once and accommodating many schools once they were able to attend. Thank you to Chiara for your hard work and Sophie Veale, Amy Veale and Kelly Parrish for your support as well as all the members who assisted with Water Safety and the Kiosk to bring the program to life. The School's Program is important to the club financially but also as a function for schools in the local community and will continue to be focus into the future.

Fund Raising

A volunteer organization like the Mornington Life Saving Club needs all the support we can get, so we can continue to deliver our service to the community. This year we were unable to participate in the activities we would normally to raise funds such as tin rattles, the



Morningson LSC Twilight Swim and Kozii Iron Challenge. There are plans to get these back up and running for the 2021-22 season. A big thanks to BBQ John and helpers who got the famous Sunday BBQ going once we could. Also a big thank you to Carolyn Munro and the team in the Kiosk. Without this vital source of income, the club would be in a negative position this year, with some of the weekend takings the biggest we have seen. Thank you also to other businesses who contributed this season and we hope to provide a greater pathway for investment in the club in the season ahead.

Club Redevelopment and Facilities Upgrade

As we continue to grow as a club, there is a need to look into the future in regards of our facility. A Sub Committee was created to begin the process of a redeveloping our current facility. I would like to thank Michael Degg, Kieran McAuley and Stewart Lockie who have started working on the process and engage levels of council and government to start the future plans. As a first step, a custom storage container will be positioned at the club to enable more storage, which we are currently housing in off site facility. The development of the plan is ongoing with more to share in season 2021-22.

Joseph Ronan Trust

After six years, the Joseph Ronan Trust has been finalised. I would like to thank the previous two committees for their work with the trustees and Frank and Adrian Lynch from Nicholas O'Donohue and Co Lawyers who assisted in the finalisation of the deed. Our last payment that will be received in the 2021-22 financial year was \$40,000. We appreciate the generosity of Joseph Ronan to have provided the club with money that has supported the development of our youth through leadership camps and new equipment. An honour board bearing Joseph's name will be created to preserve his memory and represent the Junior and Senior of the year.

Summary

In looking back on the season that almost wasn't I think it was quite remarkable on what we were able to achieve as a club. As a first year President I am most proud of how everyone at the Morningson Life Saving Club pulled together to make the 2020-21 season a great success. New restrictions and processes we needed to follow were met positively with the feedback that everyone was just happy to be back and enjoying whatever the season could deliver. It truly shows what a great community we have at the Morningson Life Saving Club.

As we approach the 2021-22 season, we should be enthusiastic about all the opportunities a normal season will deliver. Preparation on our pre season camps is well under way, we are currently refreshing the club through the off season and new storage areas will enable us to continue forward for the coming years. We have new equipment for the patrol team that will enable us to run more events like our twilight swims and the committee is keen to get to work to make the year ahead extremely positive. If you are thinking about getting involved, please do. The greatest strength is our people and the more great people that get involved, the club will continue to grow and be successful.

I thank everyone for your support over the last 12 months and I look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Damian Brice
MLSC President



MLSC CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT 2020 - 2021 SEASON

What a great season it's been at Mills beach this year. Everyone has worked together to smooth out the COVID bumps so the public can enjoy the beach and we were all able to stay "Safe". At times it was frustrating and cumbersome, but we persevered, and I think we handled it all pretty well! There was so much work that went on during the pre-season by our COVID coordinators that took up a lot of time. I won't bore you all with the details as we would be here forever but special thanks for all this work goes to:

Damian Brice, Mick Degg, Stewart Lockie and Ange Seaburgh – without you all the season wouldn't have got underway at all.

Thanks go out to the magnificent patrol group leaders both captains and vice-captains who lead their patrols so well, teaching, motivating, practicing and keeping the beach-goers safe.

Patrol Group 1

Captain- **Tanya Pinnock**

Vice-Captain- Keiran McAuley

Patrol Group 2

Captain- **Stuart Matthews**

Vice-Captain- Kevin Quinn

Patrol Group 3

Captain- **Amy Veale**

Vice-Captain- Robert Sampson

Patrol Group 4

Captain- **Richard Morel**

Vice-Captain- Dale Hendy

Patrol Group 5

Captain- **Stewart Lockie**

Vice-Captain- Nicola MacKinnon

Huge thanks to these awesome leaders for their commitment, hard work and enthusiasm. Focus this season has included family involvement at our patrols, youth leadership focus, and training scenarios. It's been a huge privilege to be part of such a fantastic group of people.

As a patrolling team we completed 52 patrols, patrolling over 2,600 hours at Mills beach this season.

The beach attendance was 37,617 up from last year's 24,621, nil rescues, 1 marine incident, 300 preventative actions along with 31 minor and 0 major (thank goodness!) first aid incidents that took place at Mills beach over this season.

Every year we are lucky enough to have some terrific patrollers contributing over and above their regular patrols and this year is no exception. My heartfelt thanks to ALL our patrollers.

Special mention to:- Mark Cornish, Rob Sampson, Kevin Quinn and Sam Shrimpton for patrolling over 60 hours in a season of unprecedented times, that's a remarkable achievement.

Over 40 hours:-

Jarrold Cowling, Tanya and Adrian Pinnock, Kieran McAuley, Ann Quinn, Nicola Mckinnon, Jess Shrimpton, Samantha McCrow, Amy Veale, Jon Dark, Natalie Sampson, Emily McGough, Stewart Lockie and Dale Hendy, and we also had 13 patrollers with over 30 hours.



That's a lot of hours – thank you all so very much!

The Club thanks you all for everything you do and as a special thanks to all those who have patrolled in excess of 30 hours, your club membership for next season will be reduced to \$10. Pay as normal when you sign up and the treasurer will action any reimbursement due.

A big thanks again this year to Naomi Linszen for managing and restocking the first aid, and Ash Murrow (gear steward) both supporting the captains in maintaining a safe and operational patrol.

Also, a big thanks to all the people that worked behind the scenes obtaining grants that resulted in new patrol equipment to keep Mills Beach safe, including:

- First Aid equipment
- IRB & IRB engine
- ATV

Side By Side (ATV)

It's been a long time coming but we were finally able to persuade the committee to purchase our own ATV. It's a magnificent piece of equipment that we will be able to use to place the IRB into the water and will serve us well for years to come. It doesn't hurt that it's great fun to drive too!!! Watch this space for training details for driving.

Summary for this season:-

Total hours patrolled - 2621

Team App & Facebook –Thanks to the admin team who keep this up to date and pass on the relevant news to each group within our club.

New SRC's and Bronzes – We were pleased to have some new faces join the patrols this year. Most have come up through the nipper program which is always great to see and one or two joined from outside the club, all very welcome additions. Thanks to Stewart Lockie for organizing and his team of trainers (as well as Stewart) for facilitating the courses that keep our high standards at the club and the assessors for playing their important part.

New IRB crew – Finally we were able to complete the training and assessing of those ready to become IRB crew. Congratulations and welcome to the IRB! If you are interested in joining them look out for details of the next course- Team App and Facebook are the places to keep checking.

First aid training – thanks again to Keiran McAuley, for running these training courses for us and ensuring we all adhere to the relevant regulations in this area.

Presentation night for patrollers- Finally we got to celebrate last season's awards along with this years! So nice to see so many of you there and to celebrate all patrollers. Not sure how patrol 3 group seemed to get most of the awardsbut they did – the chase is on for next season to catch them up!!!

Our team of patrollers are full of great people that give their time, commitment and support to the club. Thanks to each and every one of you for everything you do and for being part of MLSC; I hope you are as proud of this as I am. I look forward to seeing you and patrolling with you on the beach next season.

Terry Shrimpton
MLSC Club Captain



SENIOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2020 - 2021 SEASON

Ideally, I'd like to report on this season without reference to COVID, but by not acknowledging COVID it detracts from the efforts of many around the club that gave us a season that seemed so normal in so many ways, but had challenges identified and solved that highlighted the success of the season and the hard work of so many.

The Senior program has a ground hog element to it each year as our Under 14's emerge from the Nipper program, find a 9 and half foot board under their arm and new team mates by their side. The squad training is unfamiliar, but they quickly fit in and engage with all age groups.

COVID could have been used as an excuse after the winter we endured. Fitness, motivation and determination could all have suffered, however as the season progressed so did our Seniors as confidence, skill and fitness improved. To finish 6th at States and replicate the results of our most recent State carnival proved that our Seniors didn't need the excuse of the COVID lockdown. They were equally as good as any team that has worn the green and white cap.

The true success of the Senior program lies in the engagement with the group, highlighted by increased numbers in attendance to training and carnivals. The "Senior Squad" provided opportunities for improvement across all age groups.

What is most encouraging is seeing the Seniors taking on various roles within the club whether it be on the committee, on patrol, coaching Nippers, the schools program, serving in the canteen, youth instructing and generally setting a great example for our Nippers to aspire to through their hard work and dedication. It is inspiring to see these young adults appreciate the opportunities the sport and the club affords them through their respect for the sport, their peers and other club members. They are permeating through so many aspects of the club life.

Much of the success was set around providing a program that was based on opportunity. The opportunity to be the best Morningson Life Saver you can. For some success at carnivals were the measure, for others it was just starting and finishing and others keeping the beaches safe. Regardless of the outcome smiles prevailed.

Congratulations to all our award winners, on and off the beach. They were all well deserved.

Our Senior Club Captains, being Charlie Cook and Reagan Morel, carried on with their exemplary leadership. Their leadership was to span so many of the facets of the Senior program, from patrol, training at all levels, competition and social activities. The senior program is well served by the leadership within and we thank Charlee and Reagan and those that support them.

Thanks to Matt McConnell and Harriet Brown in providing the training program. To Shane helping on the beach once again and undertaking his training. Thanks to Stew Lockie, chief instructor, who provided a COVID safe program that upskilled our Seniors providing them all with the credentials to carry out their roles and participate.

To my fellow COVID Co-ordinators a massive well done to your effort and contribution. Terry, Ange, Stew and Damo. Thanks to all the parents that helped out with COVID requirements, filling in weekly surveys and being the COVID Supervisors. We couldn't have done the training without it.



A massive thank you to Sally Bentley the Senior Admin, who had the added responsibilities that COVID brought as well as ensuring we fulfilled our duties at carnivals by rostering water safety and officials. This was made more difficult as more than ever before we had last minute withdrawals that not only affected the competitors on the beach, but the official roles we were committed to providing. You did an amazing job finding replacements with only a day or 2 as notice.

My wife Jane, once again provided amazing support by helping with the COVID surveys and entering the teams.

As a Senior group a lot happens around the club to provide for them, their training and maintaining their engagement, but it all becomes worth it when the Seniors we are promoting are the people we want our Nippers to become. Our Nippers look up to them physically and metaphorically and that is something we as a club should be very proud of.

This season is my last as Senior Captain. Thanks to the committee for their continued support of the Senior program and giving me the opportunity to work with such inspiring young people. The Seniors are an amazing group. We should be extremely proud of them all.

We look forward to next year.

Michael Degg
Senior Captain



MLSC NIPPER CAPTAIN REPORT 2020 - 2021 SEASON

What a year to have taken on the role of Nipper Captain of Mornington Life Saving Club! It was definitely a very different year, which had many challenges with the covid pandemic. No Mooloolaba Camp, no Open Day, no Torquay Camp, minimal carnivals for Under 12s and Under 13s and no Victorian State Champs for the younger age groups. However, I was thrilled to be in the role and enjoyed every minute.

Walking to Mooloolaba Challenge

Pre-season, we created a lockdown challenge to get our life saving community active. Age groups were tasked with 'Walking to Mooloolaba by recording their physical activity each week. The target: 21,200 minutes. It was great to have high participation numbers from nippers, age managers, assistants and admins. Our Under 11s were the first to reach Mooloolaba and were rewarded with a Zoom trivia session with Harriet.

To generate excitement about the upcoming season, we also sent every nipper enrolled in the previous season (2019/2020) a letter from their age manager along with a club sticker.

Training

Our comprehensive training program kicked off on 23 November when restrictions were lifted, providing our nippers with training 6 days a week and covering all disciplines required for life saving.

We were fortunate to again have Harriet Brown in the role of Water Coach and Youth Mentor, creating programs for swimming, board and iron. Most of our swimming sessions were in open water swimming. We also had five pool sessions at Crib Point.

All training was paid in full upfront and parents had to register their nippers for training each week. This proved to be a successful way to organise groups and water safety. Each session required five Bronze Medallion holders, along with Covid supervisors to distribute and wash the boards. Everyone chipped in and worked together. We had 56 nippers participate, which was great.

Coaching

Although covid made it difficult for Harriet to visit us this season, she did make a special appearance at our Holiday Program in December. Later in the season, Harriet analysed video footage of our nippers during training and provided invaluable feedback on their technique.

Junior Coach Liam Hemingway shared his knowledge and expertise, executing Harriet's programs with the assistance of our 21 youth instructors.

Shane Tatham provided beach training – belt and reel, running and flags. He also gave our Under 13s mal training in preparation for next season and seniors and masters the opportunity to participate in casual board and iron sessions.

Matt McConnell and Mick Degg continued to work with our Seniors, building a strong youth team for the future.



Lisa McConnell and Jeremy Warner ran open water sessions at Mills Beach and pool sessions at Crib Point.

Sunday Nippers

After much uncertainty we finally began our nippers season on Sunday 27 December with a 4-day beach program. This season, we had 318 nippers enrolled (U6–U13) – an amazing number considering covid. Many of the younger age groups had in excess of 45 nippers in their group.

Our program was delivered by a team of 32 age managers, assistant managers and admins. They did an outstanding job teaching our nippers new skills and how to stay safe at the beach and in the water, all while encouraging participation and team spirit.

A grant from South East Water allowed us to purchase new equipment, including pool noodles, balls, hoops, egg and spoons, sacks and a parachute.

Parents were required to register nippers for Sunday sessions, giving age managers certainty about numbers, which helped with planning.

Participation numbers remained constant throughout the 17 sessions. Our season finished on 28 March.

Contribution by Seniors

A group of seniors again introduced our U6s to the fantastic sport of life saving. It is a real asset having our seniors give back to the club and pass on their vast knowledge and skills. Thanks to Zahli, Keely, Xiara, Amy and Reagan for delivering a great program in 2020/21.

Parent involvement

Thanks to all the parents who assisted with beach setup, water safety, covid supervising, BBQ duties and helping out with the age groups on the beach and in the water. If you would like to be involved next season, please contact me directly.

Covid Team

Our brilliant covid team worked endlessly for MLSC to ensure we followed all guidelines set by LSV and the Victorian Government and were able to deliver a safe and successful nippers program to our community.

Starfish Nippers

The Starfish Nippers program continues to grow. It is a fantastic initiative that promotes participation for individuals with special needs. Thanks to Jo Morel and Clare Hendy, along with guidance from Jill McIver for running the sessions again this season.

Junior carnivals

LSV carnivals this season were restricted to Under 12s and 13s. At Mordialloc we had 26 nippers compete; poor water quality meant there were no water events. At Ocean Grove, 24 nippers competed.

I worked with Point Leo SLSC to organise a mini-carnival to give all nippers an opportunity to participate in a friendly environment, close to home; unfortunately, it was cancelled due to Victoria's snap 4-day lockdown.



Jonathon 'Jono' Holt from Mordialloc LSC created an amazing opportunity at Cosy Corner for our U9–U11s to compete for the first and only time in the 2020/2021 season. MLSC was represented by 39 nippers.

State Championships

The Junior Victorian State Life Saving Championships were held in Warrnambool over the March long weekend. The Green Machine were well represented with 22 nippers from Under 12s and Under 13s. Marli Parrish and Olive McCrow from Under 11s assisted in making up teams. It was a big weekend and one that will be remembered for the high energy, great team spirit and brave and inspiring efforts by all competitors.

Carnival Support

Behind every carnival is a large contingent of MLSC volunteers who do water safety, IRB crewing/driving, first aid, officiating and who transport equipment to and from beaches all over Victoria. This season we had a number of members complete various awards, which meant we could meet all LSV requirements, including filling gaps from other clubs. Thanks to Kelly Parrish who coordinates all roles required for us to compete at carnivals and to Chief Instructor Stewart Lockie for facilitating Bronze and Officials courses. Thanks also to Melinda Nielsen for managing carnival registrations.

Surf Rescue Certificate

This season we also had a significant number of U13s and U14s complete their Surf Rescue Certificate, enabling them to begin patrolling Mills Beach, often as a family unit, which was great to see.

Club Champs

Our annual Club Champs was our final session Sunday 28 March. For the first time this season, everyone came together as a group. Following the Acknowledgement of Country and national anthem, our nippers formed a guard of honour for our U13s, many of whom will continue as seniors and patrollers next year.

Presentation Night

Our presentation night for U9–U13s was held on 1 May at Gravity Zone. It was a successful night that included a slideshow from each age group with highlights of the season.

Thank you

As Nipper Captain, I am very proud of what we achieved in the 2020/21 season at MLSC. With so much uncertainty and so many curve balls thrown in our direction, we managed to deliver a successful nippers season to our community.

I am extremely proud of all of our age teams and can't thank them enough for the time, energy and enthusiasm they put into their sessions and the support they provided to me during this challenging covid season.

The final 4 weeks of our nippers program was an extremely busy time, with age managers, assistants and admins away for Junior and Senior States and Cosy Corner. I am very grateful to our seniors and their families for stepping in and running the Sunday sessions for us.

Thank you to MLSC President Damian Brice who is always thinking of how we can make our club even better. He has a great vision for our club and works tirelessly to achieve everything.



Thanks also to the MLSC Committee for their support and guidance throughout the season. Our coaches and age manager teams drive the success of our season and influence our participants to make life saving their chosen sport and become patrollers of Mills Beach. I would also like to thank all the parents of our nipper program, all of whom have participated, volunteered and encouraged our nippers throughout the season. I will be back again next season and I am excited to see what we can achieve together. See you at Mills Beach.

Angela Seaburgh
MLSC Nipper Captain

MLSC MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2020 - 2021 SEASON

Leading into our 2020 – 2021 year we had many uncertainties of how the season would run and even whether we would be able to go ahead with our life saving season.

The impact of the COVID 19 pandemic brought many obstacles and uncertainties to face and overcome with the many everchanging government rules and regulations. To comply we had to make changes to our usual program from previous years such as:

- No come and try out day available.
- No Open day/Registrations available onsite prior to the Nipper program commencement.
- We were restricted to limited numbers within each age group on the beach to comply with the social distance rules that were in place,
- and many more.

However, these changes did not seem to have a huge impact on our membership numbers. New membership interest pre-season start and during the season was remarkably high. We had 80+ new families join our club.

MLSC membership was just under the 900 members for the 2020 - 2021 season.

This result is an outstanding achievement as we kept in close comparison to our previous season, also coming in at just under 900 members.

The table below summarises the number of members in specified categories over the current and previous season:

Membership Categories

Category	2020/2021 Members Total	2019/2020 Members Total	Member Retention
Nippers (5-13yrs)	318	332	96%
Cadet (13-15yrs)	54	37	146%
Active (15-18yrs)	23	25	92%
Active 18 plus	85	89	96%
Associate Members	346	332	104%
Life Members	17	16	106%
Other	28	46	61%
TOTAL	871	877	99%



The attendance of our Nippers program stayed consistent right throughout our season at around 70% each week.

Whilst it has been a challenging year for everyone following the COVID -19 pandemic. We have had a successful Lifesaving season at MLSC. This would never have been possible without the Incredible work that our Volunteer Committee have put in to make this happen. There was endless planning going on behind the scenes, with club meetings along with regular LSV meetings/briefings being attended frequently in relation to Covid updates.

Looking forward to hopefully heading into a more normal, covid restriction free season at MLSC.

Kind Regards,

Nicole Warner
MLSC Admin



MLSC CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT 2020 - 2021 SEASON

Season 20/21 presented many challenges for the training group, and I am very pleased to say the team rose to those challenges and delivered a great calendar of training. Whilst the quantity of training was quite high, the quality was also outstanding, well done to all the team.

The Training

The training team delivered 10 COVID adjusted requal sessions and 12 new award sessions including an IRB Crew course which was run in conjunction with Frankston. We will look to build on this training relationship with Frankston in 21/22 and include other clubs.

The Numbers

Requalification

Bronze – 88

SRC – 14

ART – 17

Crew – 8

Driver – 10

New Awards

Bronze – 16

SRC – 33

First aid – 10

First Aid and ART – 21

Crew – 6

The Plan

Season 21/22 will hopefully look different COVID wise and once again we will be offering a full suite of training courses including Bronze, SRC, First Aid, ART, IRB Crew, IRB Drivers, Officials, and Side by Side vehicle (SSV) which is what LSV call the ATV. As with every season, requals will be required before Dec 30th hopefully COVID numbers will allow us to run bigger groups.

If anyone is interested in joining the training team, please contact me via chiefinstructor@morningsonlsc.com.au

Stewart Lockie

MLSC

Chief Instructor

ADDENDUM TO CLUB RULES

Addendum to Club rules to comply with Schedule 1 of the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998

Schedule 1(a)

'No amount shall be paid to an officer or servant of the club by way of commission or allowance from receipts of the club for the sale and disposal of liquor'

Schedule 1(b)

'A visitor to the club must not be supplied with liquor in premises unless the visitor is a guest in the company of a member of the club'

Schedule 1(c) (i) & (ii)

'A person shall not

- (i) Be admitted as an honorary member of the club, or
- (ii) Be exempted from the obligation to pay the ordinary subscription for membership of the club

Unless the person is of a class specified in the rules and the admission or exemption is in accordance with the rules'

Schedule 1(d)

'A person under the age of 18 years shall not be admitted to membership of the club, unless the club is primarily for sporting purposes'

Schedule 1(e)

'The rules of the club provide for the affairs of the club to be under the control of a Management Committee'

Schedule 1(f)

'The rules of the club provide that all members of the Management Committee of the club be elected by the members of the club for a term of not less than 12 months by members of a class of members that constitute not less than 60% of the total membership of the club, excluding temporary or honorary members and persons who are members by reason only of reciprocal arrangements with another club and persons whose rights as members are limited to rights as social, gaming or neighbourhood members'

Schedule 1 (g) Not required if club is 'Incorporated Club'

Schedule 1(h)

'The club shall keep a record of each guest and visitor to the club including his or her name, address, date of visit and the name of the member introducing the guest or visitor'



MLSC ELECTIONS FOR 2021 - 2022 SEASON

Executive Committee Positions 2021-2022 Season

1. President - Damian Brice
2. Vice President (Operations) – Naomi Linssen
3. Vice President - Sophie Veale
4. Secretary - Kelly Parrish
5. Treasurer – Wesley Roach
6. Chief Instructor - Stewart Lockie
7. Club Captain – Terry Shrimpton

Other Positions 2021-2022 Season

- Ash Morrow
- Adel Peterson
- Michael Degg
- Andrea Greaves
- Ange Seaburgh
- Tash Carah
- Keely McKenzie
- Simon Williams



ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next Committee Meeting

Date to be nominated by the Incoming Committee



APPENDIX 1 – AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Association Report

Morningson Life Saving Club Inc

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For the year ended 31 March 2021

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