



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT
2024 – 2025**

**MONDAY 28 JULY 2025 AT 7.30PM
IN THE CLUB ROOMS**



Mornington Life Saving Club 2024 - 2025 Annual General Meeting

In the Club rooms

On Monday 28th July 2025 at 7.30PM

Agenda

- 1. Minutes:**
 - a. 2024 AGM – Wed 24th of July 2024**
- 2. Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2025**
 - a. Auditors Report**
 - b. Treasurers Report**
 - c. Questions/Answers**
- 3. Presidents Report**
- 4. Club Captains Report**
- 5. Senior Captains Report**
- 6. Nipper Captains Report**
- 7. Membership Report**
- 8. Chief Instructors Report**
- 9. Elections**
- 10. Any Other Business**



MLSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

MLSC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	Wed 24/July 2024	Time:	7.30pm
Location:	Zoom meeting - Electronic	Minutes:	Adam McCrow
Present:	Damian Brice, Bec Brice. Adam McCrow, Nicole Warner, Jeremy Warner, Duncan Short, Stewart Lockie, Nicola Mackinnon, Terry Shrimpton, Ange Seaburgh, Mick Degg, Richard Morel, Jo-Anne Morel, Reagan Morel, Keiran McAuley, Kerry McAuley, Adel Peterson, Deiny Peterson, Remme Mason,, Clare Sacker, Meagan Logan, Adrian Lynch, Simon Williams, Tanya Duncan, Liz Bailey, Kevin Quinn, Adam Touzell, Jill McIver, Shane Tatham, Brenda Tatham, Tonnette O'Brien, Richard Moreton, Mark Cornish, Matt McConnell, Lisa McConnell	Apologies:	

Minutes of the previous AGM meeting

Passed:	Second:
Stewart Lockie	Adel Peterson

Correspondence:	No correspondence
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Agenda Item:	Discussion /Action
1. AGM report	AGM Report 2024



2. Treasurer's report Duncan Short	<u>Treasurer's financial report for 2023/24</u>
3. Presidents report Damian Brice	As per attached report .
4. Club Captains Report Nicola Mackinnon	As per attached report
5. Chief Training Officer Report Stewart Lockie	As per attached report
6. Senior Captains Report Simon Williams	As per attached report
7. Nipper Captain Report Jeremy Warner	As per attached report



<p>8. Membership Report</p>	<p>Membership: Total \$77,056</p> <p>Nippers - (5-13yrs) - 364 Cadet - (13-15yrs) - 41 Active - (15-18yrs) - 40 Active - 18 plus - 84 Associate Members - 408 Life Members - 17 Other - 374</p> <p>TOTAL - 1028</p> <p>• 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.</p>
<p>9. Committee Nominations</p> <p>Stewart Lockie</p>	<p><u>Executive Committee</u></p> <p>President - Richard Morel Vice President - Sophie Veale Club Captain - Nicola MacKinnon Treasurer - Duncan Short Secretary - Adel Peterson Chief Training Officer - Stewart Lockie</p> <p><u>General Committee</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ange Seaburgh 2. Simon Williams 3. Adrian Lynch 4. Liz Lancia 5. Jeremy Warner 6. Liz Bailey 7. Terry Shrimpton 8. Claire Sacker <p>Outgoing members:</p> <p>Adam McCrow Damian Brice Mick Degg Regan Morel Jon Miles</p>



Next meeting:	MLSC Committee meeting Monday 12 August 2024 in Clubrooms
Items to Discuss:	



AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 2025

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



MLSC TREASURERS REPORT 2024 - 2025 SEASON

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 2025:

CASH POSITION: Balance of \$282k at 31st March 2025, down from \$298k last year.

INCOME: for the year was \$334k, a \$7k decrease on the \$341k from last year.

Membership: Membership income of \$87k was \$10k higher than last season, mainly due to higher rates.

- Member numbers dropped by 54 heads (5%), mainly in the Associate (18) and other member categories (24). The Club increased membership dues by \$10 per head in the 2024/25 year due to inflationary pressures; we intend to keep fees flat in 2025/26.
- 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: received \$35k compared to \$67k last season (in which we received a one-off vehicle grant of \$32k).

- Thank you to Life Saving Victoria, SLSA, Bendigo Bank Mt Eliza, Mornington Peninsula Shire, and the Victoria State Government.

Kiosk & BBQ: Income of \$10k up from \$5k last year.

- Special thanks to John and Anthony for their continued efforts to source produce, run setup and pack up and provide support (and the delicious snags!).
- We continued our supported canteen operations this year, with Matt, Scott and the Millies team providing some fantastic food and beverage options and great hospitality, really lifting community engagement. Alongside supporting the BBQ, Millie's and associated activities have made club contributions of over \$5k post year end as part of our fund sharing arrangement, and we expect this to grow in the 25/26 year.



Schools Program: Income of \$62k, up from \$57k last season.

- Thank you to Jac Morrow, Kate Quinn, Mark Cornish, Kelly Parrish, and all the team for coordinating the Program.

Water Training Fees: generated income of \$11.5k up from \$8k last season; while revenue has increased the club is reviewing its training program during the off-season to ensure its ongoing sustainability.

- Thank you to Ange Seaburgh, Jeremy Warner, Travis Sutton, Damian Brice, Michael Egan, Adam Touzell, Luke Skehan and especially Matt & Lisa McConnell for all your coaching support. The results speak for themselves.
- 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 \$19k, down from \$38k last season (which included a substantial timing variance of \$20k).

- A great effort by Liz Bailey, thank you for your support.

EXPENDITURE: Annual expenditure was \$382k, up \$100k compared to \$282k last year.

- There's been a significant uplift in expenditure during the year. Some of this is due to genuine increases in activities, some due to cost inflation, also some timing variances with expenses coming in late from the 2023/24 season.
- Key callouts:
 - Higher carnival costs at both the senior and nipper levels, driven by both additional support requirements (lack of parent volunteers or unable to get official training) and timing differences.
 - Higher cleaning and waste costs, where previous favourable service agreements have concluded and increased activity and clubhouse maintenance / servicing is costing more.
 - Higher training costs, where the costs of training have not been fully recouped from associated training fees.



- We're also seeing higher maintenance cost of the clubhouse as the facilities age and reinvestment is required to maintain its functionality.
- The club is reviewing its cost profile during the off season, looking at new opportunities to raise funding and manage costs more effectively.

NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for Year: (\$49k), down from \$58k in 2023/24.

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 not our strongest year financially, the 2024/25 year provides a chance for retrospective and to plan future investment.

I am confident the club will develop expanded revenue opportunities and manage expenditure to sustainably continue current activities and invest in the upgrade of the club's equipment and facilities. We appreciate the members' and community's support as we move in the 2025/26 year.

Duncan Short
MLSC Treasurer



MLSC PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024 – 2025 SEASON

A couple of weeks ago I came to the club on Sunday afternoon to do something. Whilst here, all on my own with just the sound of the waves in the background, I began to contemplate: What is the Mornington Life Saving Club? Who are we? Where did we come from? What does our future look like?

Through this process of contemplation, I came to the realisation that the Mornington Life Saving Club has been created by a great evolution. Starting at Mothers Beach over 110 years ago, we have evolved over the years from an organisation that provides individuals with opportunities to learn to swim, to being an organisation that delivers a high class lifesaving service throughout the summer months, delivers quality training and development to all of our members, and is a successful and high performing club at a State and National level in competitions.

We have built two club houses (with one being destroyed by fire) and changed locations. This has been a long and at times difficult evolution but has only been possible because it has been driven by our most important resource, our people. Without members driving the changes through ideas, passion, commitment and dedication this evolution would not have been possible, and we would not be the club that we are today. I am grateful to all those that have come before me for giving us the framework to continue growing our great club.

Being my first year as President, I have thoroughly enjoyed stepping into the role, doing my best to steer our club in the right direction to evolve into something we can all be proud of now and hopefully into the future. For me Season 2024/25 has been marked by a deep sense of accomplishment and pride in the achievements and progress of the Mornington Life Saving Club. It has also given me a great insight into what we need to do to evolve into an even better organisation.

As a Committee I am proud of a lot of our achievements this year, with the highlights for me being:

- **Creation of the Mornington Life Saving Club Child Safety Statement.** This was an important step in making sure that the club is not only compliant with the requirements of Child Safety for Life Saving clubs across the country but also ensuring that we are an inclusive and safe club for all our members. We also appointed our Child Safety Officer, Tim Lambourne, who is guiding and counselling the Committee on what we need to implement and change for the club to be compliant and mitigate risks to the club and our members. A long and difficult process, but a majorly important one that we need all of our members to be onboard with.



- **The delivery of the clubs Vision and Values.** An important step in defining who we are and defining our culture. It is a critical tool that we can use to attract new members and establish partnerships within the community as we can demonstrate what we stand for in terms of behaviours and expectations.
- **End of season members survey, collecting valuable feedback from our members.**
Enabling us to be clear about how you feel about the club and what is important to you. Thanks to everyone who responded, your input is important and will be used to drive decisions on processes, programs and club initiatives into the coming season. We will continue to engage with the membership and seek your feedback on what matters to you, we can't guarantee that everything will be fixed or changed but we can guarantee that we will listen and consider all feedback.
- **Millies Kiosk, a real change in the way we manage our kiosk operations.** With the kiosk now being managed by an experienced and knowledgeable team (Scott James and Matt Waters) we are confident that we will continue to benefit from its continued financial success, without the need to allocated valuable club resources to maintaining its operations. Accepting that the first year of operations has not been without teething problems, which was inevitable, the team is confident that through the lessons learnt the coming seasons will be more successful both from an engagement and financial aspect.

The experience within the Millies Kiosk team has also delivered some amazing initiatives around community engagement, providing added vital revenue for the club. The Saturday Sessions have been a big success in terms of the engagement of the local community and the partnership with State of Nirvana is providing the club with added revenue over the winter months through the mobile sauna and yoga sessions. Both initiatives also bring additional foot traffic to the beach, thereby increasing the sales of the Kiosk. Scott and Matt have tabled a number of great initiatives with the Committee that we are working through and will communicate as they come to fruition.

Our key programs once again delivered excellent results this season:

- Our patrollers achieved excellent results in ensuring that as a club we were able to complete every patrol as per the protocols required by Life Saving Victoria, with all required patroller resources and awards present for each patrol. We had almost 28,000 more people attend our beach this year, a huge increase in numbers. Well done and thank you to Nicola Mackinnon, the Patrol Captains and their teams for your outstanding contributions to keeping our beach safe this season.



- We continue to rely on a small and dedicated group of patrollers to do most of the heavy lifting when it comes to hours on the beach. There were 12 individuals who did more than 48 hours of patrols this season, that is 11% of our patrolling population, and this group completed 1/3rd of the total hours for the club this year. I thank all of our Patrollers for their time and commitment, but a special thanks to those who did more than 48 hours. Moving into season 2025/26 one of our priorities will be looking for ways to attract and retain patrollers and make the patrolling experience enjoyable and engaging, hopefully this will lead to the club having more patrol groups and less time on the beach for all our patrollers.
- The Nippers program was once again well attended, with the weather gods shining upon us and providing good conditions for all sessions. The number of Nippers on the beach every Sunday morning was wonderful to see, watching so many kids enjoying themselves while learning valuable skills and being instructed by such a wonderful group of committed coaches. And the conversations with the parents while walking up and down the beach and their enthusiasm, it fills me with such amazing optimism for the future of our club. A big thank you to our Nipper Captain, Jeremy Warner, for your continued commitment and dedication to the Nippers program and to all of the Age Managers, Assistant Age Managers, Age Admins and parent helpers who make the program the success that it is.
- Our Nippers who competed in Carnivals and State Championships did us very proud. Not only did they compete hard and achieve some amazing results, finishing 2nd overall in the State Championships, but the highlight for me was receiving an email from an official highlighting how amazing, behaved and presented our kids were. For me this is great reflection on our club values and the behaviours that we encourage.
- It was another outstanding season for the Youth and Seniors, a finish inside the top 5 at Senior State Championships being a testament to all the hard work and commitment from all the athletes and coaches. In the absence of a Youth & Seniors Captain, Travis Sutton (Senior Coach) took control of the water program and a lot of the other tasks that would normally be undertaken by the Youth & Seniors Captain. The beach program led by Carly, continues to move forward in leaps and bounds with more of our kids taking to the beach events, with some very good results, it is great to see. Thanks to Travis, Carly and the team of dedicated coaches for your continued commitment to making the program a success.
- Highlight of the Youth & Seniors season was definitely the Men's Open Taplin at the State Championships. A team of Under 17 and Under 19 Mornington kids took it up to some very experienced athletes from some very experienced clubs and finished in



an incredible 4th place. It was fantastic to watch, not only the powerful performance of the athletes in the water, but the support from the beach by other teammates was inspirational. More evidence of our values in action.

- Schools Program continues to be a success, both financially and from a community engagement perspective. Jacqui Morrow has developed a well-oiled and robust program that is in hot demand, not only across the peninsula but reaching out to schools in the Casey area, with waiting lists for schools to participate. We had 24 schools enrolled and the number of participating students increased by 664 this season. The program has once again been shortlisted for the Most Outstanding Education program at the LSV Awards of Excellence. Thanks to Jacqui and everyone that assisted with the Schools Program this season, your efforts and contribution have made a huge difference in the lives of so many kids.
- Our training team was once again busy and committed to ensuring our members have the right awards to keep our beaches a safe place for all with Bronze, SRC, First Aid, Advanced Resus Techniques and CPR course and requalification's. Our trainers and assessors were also required to upskill and due to changes in SLISA course content. Thank you to Stewart Lockie and the team of Trainers and Assessors for the countless hours you give to make sure we are ready to do our job or keeping the beaches safe.
- We can't forget one of our major fundraising events, the Twilight Swim. Another success this year, with increase numbers of swimmers, which was fantastically managed by Clare Sacker and Ange Seaburgh and with the help of a lot of others around the club. Well done.

The coming season will be an opportunity for us to progress using some of the initiatives that have been implemented this season. Some of the key focus areas I see as important moving forward are:

- **Future direction and planning** – we need to have a plan for how to move forward and what we want to achieve and be as a club in the future. A Strategic Review and development of a Strategic Plan will be a key project, and we have commenced this with some discussions with an external consultant to assist with the process. Member engagement will be important in this process to ensure everyone is given the opportunity to have a say.
- **Club History** – the evolution of our club is long and interesting. We need to cherish this history and make sure it remains part of our club, and we do not forget those



who came before us. A project to gather historical photos and displaying them in the club is underway.

- **Child Safety** – continue the progress to be as close to 100% compliant. This is important to ensure to make sure we provide a safe and welcoming environment for all members and to mitigate any risks to the club and our members. Safety will always be one of our primary concerns.
- **Sponsorship and Funding** – the development of a Strategic Plan will enable us to attract valuable sponsors. Any potential sponsor needs to know who we are, what we do, how we represent to see where the value-add in sponsoring our club is. We will need to also look in to fundraising and what are the best avenues for our club to generate additional revenue through membership and community engagement.

Our clubhouse is showing a lot of wear & tear and as we have grown, space has become a problem. If we want to evolve and our plan in the future involves renovating or extending our clubhouse, we need to have plans in place to raise the capital necessary to make this happen as the current revenue streams are not enough. Assistance from experience and knowledgeable members will be paramount in driving this.

- **Marketing** - a review of how we market our club, and what we do, to the local and wider community. Providing scope to attract potential sponsors and members, as well as engaging the local community through events and fundraising.
- **Communication** – we need to make sure that members are getting the information needed for them to participate and be involved. We also need to engage with the local community and sponsors through regular updates on what is happening at the club. We will review our current platforms and processes and consider changes or updates to make sure we let you know the important information.

In closing, I would like to say that I am proud to be a member, life member and President of the Mornington Life Saving Club. I have always found it to be a great organisation to be involved in.

To the outgoing Mornington Life Saving Club Committee and Leadership, thank you for all your hard work and support throughout the 2024/25 season. Our success is a testament to your hard work and dedication and my heartfelt thanks goes out to you all:



MLSC Executive Committee: Vice President – Sophie Veale, Treasurer – Duncan Short, Secretary – Adel Peterson, Chief Instructor – Stewart Lockie, Club Captain – Nicola Mackinnon

MLSC Committee: Terry Shrimpton, Clare Sacker, Ange Seaburgh, Liz Lancia, Liz Bailey, Adrian Lynch, Jeremy Warner (Nipper Captain)

A special thankyou to those committee members who will not be returning to their positions for 2025/26:

Terry Shrimpton has decided to stand down after 7 years on the committee, holding roles of Club Captain and General Committee. Terry has been a valuable voice and member of the committee and the club and his hard work and dedication across the club is so very much appreciated.

Liz Lancia has been a valuable asset in the member engagement and development space, being our LSV M&LD representative for a number of years.

Adrian Lynch with his roles focused on the sport and performance has been a valuable voice and contributor and has kept the committee honest and focused on what was needed to ensure our sports program continues to provide and deliver.

Liz Bailey has brought invaluable experience in the uniforms and merchandise area, bring forward some changes that will help the club into the future.

Clare Sacker your considered, calm and intelligent approach to discussion and decisions has been inspiring and your willingness to contribute outside the boardroom around the club, the Twilight Swim in particular, has been much appreciated.

Sophie Veale (second time around) as Vice President your level-headed approach and great insight & ideas from a younger members perspective has been invaluable.

You have all brought something unique and valuable to your roles on the Committee and will all be missed in boardroom, but hopefully we will continue to see you around the club.

I would also like to thank Nicole Warner for her amazing dedication, commitment and support to our club as the Club Administrator, along with all the other jobs she does in the background to keep our club functioning. You are an amazing and invaluable asset to the Morningsong Life Saving Club.

I would like to thank everyone at the Morningsong Life Saving Club for their support and commitment throughout season 2024/25. As we move into the new season the incoming Committee has lots to consider with some very exciting projects in the pipeline. I ask that you please consider how you can be involved and make a difference, providing support to continue to make the Morningsong Life Saving Club the great place it is.



Every bit of help goes a long way and will ensure the club continues to evolve and be successful into the future.

Former President Mike Whitford said it best in his report from the 2016/17 season.

“The simple message for all club members is that many hands make light work. If we continue to help and support one another and share the heavy load, then the club will continue to prosper.” Join the ride, it’s a bit bumpy at times but I can guarantee it is exciting and satisfying.

Richard Morel
MLSC President



MLSC CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT 2024 - 2025 SEASON

☀️ Thank You, Patrollers – What a Season! ☀️

From the beach to the clubhouse, you've shown what it means to serve your community with passion, resilience, and teamwork.

To all of our Mornington LSC Volunteer Lifesavers – thank you for being the heart of our club. ❤️

Season Highlights:

Patrol Days: 54

Volunteer Patrol Hours: 2,705

Beach Attendance: 68,735

First Aids Administered: 15

Preventative Actions: 224

LSV Peninsula-Wide Totals:

Total Attendance: 529,334

Rescues: 227

First Aids: 153

Preventative Actions: 35,227

👏 Special Recognition:

To our Patrol Captains & Vice Captains – thank you for your leadership, mentorship, and commitment to excellence.

Group A – “The A Team”

Captain: Terry Shrimpton | Vice-Captain: Jess Shrimpton

Group B

Captain: Amy Veale | Vice-Captain: Kevin Quinn

Sea Patrol

Captain: Richard Morel | Vice-Captain: Regan Morel

Rockstar Crew

Captain: Nicola Mackinnon | Vice-Captain: Jarrod Cowling

Your efforts in training, drills, and performance set the standard high and ensured we were ready for anything.



🔧 Behind the Scenes Thanks:

To the individuals who supported club operations so seamlessly:

Terry Shrimpton – IRB Officer

Charlee Cook – First Aid Officer

Stewart Lockie – ATV Officer & Chief Training Officer

Nicole Warner & Adel Petterson – Admin support and LSV patrol hour coordination

Because of you, patrols ran smoothly and professionally all season long.

🌟 Standout Achievements:

A special shout-out to Mark Cornish, who clocked an incredible 117 patrol hours, not including his generous commitment to training and school programs. Your dedication is unmatched!

❤️ Patrollers of the Season:

Congratulations to our incredible patrollers who stood out for their commitment, consistency, and contribution:

Jacqui Morrow

Sam Shrimpton

James Sampson

James Lambourne

Kerry McAuley

Seb Lancia

Dan O'Brien

Sam McCrow

🏆 Awards:

Club Captain's Award: Terry Shrimpton

Patrol Team of the Season: Sea Patrol – Group C

Captain: Richard Morel | Vice-Captain: Regan Morel

Unsung Hero Award: Stewart Lockie

Chief Instructor Award: Mark Cornish

To our SRC's – your transition from Nippers to active patrollers was inspiring. Thank you for embracing the responsibility and rising to the challenge. The future of the club is bright with you on board.

🎉 Presentation Night was a true celebration of all we've achieved together. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a night to remember.



From every rescue and bandage to every hour on the beach - you've made a real difference. Your service helps keep our community safe, and your teamwork makes our club stronger.

Thank you again for an amazing season.

Nicola Mackinnon
MLSC Club Captain



MLSC SENIOR CAPTAINS REPORT 2024 – 2025 SEASON

Another great competition season has come to a close! We were truly blessed with an amazing Victorian summer, those consistent light south-easterly afternoon offshore winds, made Mills Beach the place to be most afternoons as we prepared for the season.

Our Senior group kicked off ski training in June, braving the winter months with consistent numbers. Sessions focused on endurance and paddling technique. This early commitment laid the foundation for some outstanding performances later in the season. Numbers continued to grow in the lead-up to our annual Mooloolaba training camp, followed by a full training schedule back at Mills six days a week under Harriet's proven and structured program.

We proudly represented the club across a range of key events:

- Coolangatta Gold
- Endurance State Championships
- LSV carnivals
- World Ocean Series.

It was one of the most tightly packed seasons in recent memory with carnivals on nearly every weekend throughout January and February.

Though our team may be smaller in numbers compared to others, we continue to punch well above our weight. A top 5 finish at the State Championships in Warrnambool was a major highlight, especially as we were competing against clubs fielding full teams across beach, R&R, and surf boats. The standout result of the weekend, a 4th place finish in the **Open Men's Taplin Relay**—an incredible achievement!

A dedicated group also made the journey to North Kirra to contest the Australian Championships. It was a fantastic week, filled with memorable performances and valuable racing experience. I highly encourage more athletes to consider attending in the future—it's an incredible opportunity to race against the best and accelerate personal development.

As we transition into the off-season, training continues. Ski sessions are back underway, many are returning to pool training, and preparations have already begun for **Aussies 2026**, set to be held once again at North Kirra.

A huge thank you to our team of coaches and dedicated parents for their ongoing support and commitment to delivering Harriet's program: **Matt and Lisa McConnell, Luke Skehan, James Bond-Scott, and Damian Brice**. Your efforts are what make this all possible.

We're looking forward to the return of summer and seeing the entire MLSC Senior Group back at Mills Beach, ready for another successful season!

Travis Sutton
MLSC Youth/Senior Coach



MLSC NIPPER CAPTAINS REPORT 2024 – 2025 SEASON

Mooloolaba Training Camp.

Our pre-season Mooloolaba training camp in September was a fantastic week for nippers, seniors and parents. This was a highlight on the calendar, filled with top-tier coaching, high-energy training, and exciting activities for all ages and skill levels.

It began with a welcome dinner on Sunday, 21st September at the Mooloolaba Surf Lifesaving Club, setting the tone for a memorable week.



Over five days, participants engaged in surf-focused training led by Jack Hansen and elite Ironmen and Ironwomen. Nippers and Seniors completed two daily sessions focusing on surf skills, technique, and endurance, while Masters took part in one supportive training session each day.

The week also featured team-building activities, coach Q&As, and time to enjoy Mooloolaba.

On Friday, a fun-filled race day brought together Nippers, Seniors, and Masters, including the highly anticipated Seniors vs Masters Team Iron Event. The week concluded with a celebratory closing dinner on Friday, 26th September at The Savvy Squire.

I'd like to make a special mention to thank Nicole, Kelly and Ange for the organising that you do with our trailer storage, registrations and our dinner preparations that go on behind the scenes. This all contributes to making our camp as successful as it is.



2024/2025 Nipper Program

Our Nipper Program commenced on November 10th with an Open Day. It was a fun day for new nippers/families to visit, tour the club, and participate in a nippers session. They gained an understanding of the program and a feel for what lifesaving means.

This year we had two dates for the compulsory swim assessment.
The day before the open day Saturday 9th November & Saturday 16th November the day before the first Nipper Session.

This year we ran 14 weekly nippers sessions. Most were on Sunday mornings with 2 Friday twilight nights. We also offered an intensive holiday program between Christmas & New Years.

NIPPER SEASON CALENDER 2024/2025

Day	Date	Event	Notes	
Saturday	26-Oct	Enduros - Mentone		
Saturday	9-Nov	Swim Assessment 1	Mornington Secondary College 12.30-2.00pm	Swim Ass.
Sunday	10-Nov	Nippers Open Day	11 am - 1 pm	Open Day
Saturday	16-Nov	Swim Assessment 2	Mornington Secondary College 12.30-2.00pm	Swim Ass.
Sunday	17-Nov	BEACH CARNIVAL 1 - Port Melbourne		Beach Carn.
Sunday	17-Nov	Nipper Session 1	Welcome to the Club - Tours (Volunteer x 2?)	Nipper Sess.
Sunday	24-Nov	Nipper Session 2		Nipper Sess.
Sunday	1-Dec	Nipper Session 3	Firetruck Visit	Nipper Sess.
Saturday	7-Dec	JUNIOR CARNIVAL 1 - Ocean Grove		Surf Carn.
Sunday	8-Dec	Nipper Session 4	VMR Rescue Boat Tour/Talk	Nipper Sess.
Sunday	15-Dec	BEACH CARNIVAL 2 - Altonia		Beach Carn.
Sunday	15-Dec	Nipper Session 5		Nipper Sess.
Sunday	22-Dec	Nipper Session 6 - SANTA	Santa (Sun Smart)	Nipper Sess.
Friday	27-Dec	Nipper Session 7	(Holiday Program)	Nipper Sess.
Saturday	28-Dec	Nipper Session 8	(Holiday Program)	Nipper Sess.
Sunday	29-Dec	Nipper Session 9	(Holiday Program)	Nipper Sess.
Friday	3-Jan	JUNIOR CARNIVAL 2 - Cosy Corner		Surf Carn.
Sunday	12-Jan	Nipper Session 10	Marine litter project	Nipper Sess.
Friday	17-Jan	TWILIGHT SWIM	No Nippers this weekend	Twilight S
Sunday	19-Jan	JUNIOR CARNIVAL 3 - Mt Martha	No Nippers this weekend	Surf Carn.
Friday	24-Jan	Nipper Session 11	(Twilight Nippers) - Police Visit	Nipper Sess.
Sunday	26-Jan	JUNIOR CARNIVAL 4 - Anglesea (AUSTRALIA DAY)		Surf Carn.
Sunday	2-Feb	Nipper Session 12	Masters Weekend	Nipper Sess.
Friday	7-Feb	Nipper Session 13	(Twilight Nippers)	Nipper Sess.
Sunday	9-Feb	JUNIOR CARNIVAL 5 - Jan Juc		Surf Carn.
Sunday	16-Feb	BEACH CARNIVAL 3 - South Melbourne		Beach Carn.
Sunday	16-Feb	Nipper Session 14	Club Champs	Nipper Sess.
Friday	21-Feb	JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS		Surf Carn.
Sunday	22-Feb	JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS		Surf Carn.
Friday	23-Feb	JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS		Surf Carn.

14 Nipper Sessions this year Including:
2 x Twilight Nippers



MMF Marine Litter Project

Enhanced Sustainability practices were achieved through our visit from Matt from MMF Marine Litter Project. This was a fun and interesting opportunity to demonstrate long-term protection and conservation of marine mammals and their environment.

Matt and team started with the Under 6s and worked their way up the beach to the Under 13s providing a hands-on discussion around connection to the environment, via appreciation of our amazing marine mammals.



Nipper Membership Numbers

The MLSC nipper program this season had 342 participants, making the program needing an army of volunteers to succeed.

Age Group	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
Nippers	59	64	64	39	32	44	25	15	342

- Our Volunteers for U9 to U13 groups consisted of 10 Volunteers:

1	Age Manager	Parent
2	Age Assistant	Parent
1	Admin	Parent
2	Water safety Personnel	Parents/Seniors
2	SRC	Age 13 & 14
2	Youth Instructors	Age 14/15

- Our Volunteers for the U7 to U8 groups consisted of 5 volunteers plus any SRCs or Youth Instructors that are available:

1	Age Manager	Parent
2	Age Assistant	Parent
1	Admin	Parent



1	Water safety Personnel	Parents/Seniors
1	SRC	Age 13 & 14
1	Youth Instructors	Age 14/15

- Our Volunteers for the U6 group consisted of 4 volunteers.

1	Age Manager	Regan Morel
2	Age Assistant	Parent
1	Admin	Nicole/Liz J

This season, I introduced the idea of involving parents as Age Assistants in the Under 6 group. The goal was to ease the load on the Age Manager and begin developing a support team that could carry through to Under 7s. It proved to be a valuable initiative, and I plan to continue with this approach next season.

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our incredible volunteers. Their dedication to helping our Nippers learn and grow in surf lifesaving was outstanding and played a vital role in the program's success and enjoyment.

While I don't usually like to single anyone out — as every volunteer contributes generously — I do want to recognise our Under 6 Age Manager, Regan Morel. Regan has shown exceptional commitment to the club and the group over many years, volunteering his time every Sunday despite not having a child in the program. His ongoing support deserves special acknowledgement, and I want to extend a huge thank you to him once again this year.



Youth Instructors

I would like to thank 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. Our nippers look up to you and enjoy learning from the best! Having been through the nipper's programs, training and competitions yourselves.



Water Safety

Parents were actively encouraged to join training sessions to increase fitness and progress to bronze certification.

A huge thankyou to Stewart Lockie and his team for holding an extra bronze course mid-season, I acknowledge and appreciate the time and effort to run these courses.

The more Bronze-accredited members we have, the greater our water safety coverage — enabling more water-based activities for our Nippers and strengthening our dedicated team of patrollers.



Fundraising

Once again, the BBQ was a great success — expertly led by BBQ Anthony — and played a key role in raising valuable funds for the club, a total of \$2.6K profit. All funds raised will go directly back into the club, helping to enhance our facilities, support our members, and grow our programs. Nipper parents contributed by taking turns on the roster each week, making it a true team effort.

Nippers Sessions

Each Nipper session began with a short presentation from me, providing a summary of the previous week's activities and sharing important information about the week ahead. Each age group had its own Team App group, where updates and event details were regularly posted. We also used Facebook groups to share announcements and celebrate achievements throughout the season.

This year, we welcomed four new admin volunteers who did an outstanding job managing communication — from signing Nippers in and out each week to ensuring the BBQ roster was always covered. Their efforts made a big difference to the smooth running of the program.

Water Quality

Unfortunately, the club was once again impacted this year by sewage spills from South East Water into Tanti Creek, which subsequently affected Mills Beach. Although the beach was closed due to poor water quality, our teams demonstrated exceptional adaptability by



organizing land-based activities where needed and using the opportunity for alternative training rather than cancelling Sunday sessions and midweek practices.

We were also grateful to receive a grant from South East Water, which allowed us to purchase nine new Race One nipper boards.

These boards will be available to nippers at carnivals who may not have their own personal equipment.



Santa

True to MLSC tradition, the nippers were thrilled once again this year when Santa Claus made his grand entrance—arriving by IRB on the last nipper session of the season!



After cruising up and down the beach for a couple of laps, Santa touched down and was happily escorted to the SBS vehicle, where he pulled out a big sack of lollipops to share with all 350 nippers and their excited siblings.



Club Champs/Farewelling our under 13's

The last day of nippers was a special day for the club not only holding our annual club champs but also seeing out our outgoing U13 group. All the Under 13 nippers and their coaches were asked to be upstairs in front of all nippers, parents and coaches and were congratulated for all their efforts throughout their Nippers journey.

Thank you for your kind words, Wes!



Every nipper from u6 to U12 and the age managers, assistants and coaches formed a guard of honour at the beach entrance. The u13s then entered the beach for their last session.

Kids cheering all the way down the line and quite a few teary-eyed parents, an extremely fitting way to include every nipper in a grand send off for the u13s.

Presentation Night

Presentation night for our u9 to u13 occurred in April at Gravity Zone with over 200 attending. It was a great way to have fun while also acknowledging the great nippers season. This is also where the year's nipper and club awards were handed out.

Club Awards

- Most Outstanding Nipper Award: Jack Seaburgh
- Nipper Captain Award: BBQ Anthony Sacker
- Shane Tatham Coaches Award: Murray DeJong
- Susan Archibold Award: Michael Egan
- Building Stronger Families: The Sacker Family



Carnivals

Our Under 8 to Under 13 Nippers that competed at carnivals this year really did do the club proud. Coming away with an outstanding 2nd overall for the year is an outstanding achievement and should be an indication of not only how hard working and skilled our Nippers are but how dedicated the huge team of coaches and parents are to make the program the success it is, in turn enabling our young Nippers to achieve their dreams and goals within this sport.



Coaches

At this appropriate time, I would like to sincerely thank and congratulate Harriet Brown (MLSC Head Coach), Adam Touzell (MLSC Junior Coach), Michael Egan (MLSC Iron Coach), Ange Seaburgh (MLSC Swim Coach) and Carly Platt (MLSC Beach Coach) for their outstanding dedication in nurturing and training our nippers for carnivals. Their efforts played a significant role in securing our impressive 2nd place overall for the season.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Rich Morel for his exceptional leadership as President this year, along with my gratitude for his unwavering support of the Nipper Program.

I look forward to seeing everyone back on the beach next year for another fantastic season.

Jeremy Warner
MLSC Nipper Captain



MLSC MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2024 - 2025 SEASON

Mornington Life Saving Club kicked off our highly successful 2024/2025 season with our Annual Club Open Day in November, which saw excellent attendance from both new and returning members. The event was a true showcase of our club's programs, people, and community spirit.

Our Age Managers, Assistants, and Admins were on hand to speak with families about our Sunday Nippers program, including the importance of parent involvement. They demonstrated the types of fun, skill-based activities that take place during Nippers sessions, providing a valuable insight into how we develop confidence and capability in the water.

Our Board and Swim Coaches were also available, sharing their expertise on mid-week training sessions and providing information on our upcoming competition season for those interested in pursuing lifesaving sport.

In addition, we were fortunate to have representatives from our Patrol Team present. They provided valuable information on patrolling opportunities and how members can become involved, including the training and certifications required to obtain awards and join our dedicated patrol crew.

The day was further enriched by the launch of Millies Café, a community BBQ, uniform sales, and registration assistance upstairs. We would like to thank the incredible support of our volunteers that volunteered their time to ensure our Open day ran smoothly.

We thank all members, volunteers, and supporters for contributing to a safe, engaging, and rewarding season. We look forward to growth and success in the seasons ahead.



Membership Report – Season 2024/2025 Season

Our club recorded a total of 960 members for the 2024/2025 season. This included 613 returning members and a warm welcome to 347 new members who joined our club community.

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

Membership Categories

Category	2024/2025 Members Total	2023/2024 Members Total	Member Retention
Nippers (5-13yrs)	354	359	98.61%
Cadet (13-15yrs)	32	41	78.05%
Active (15-18yrs)	36	40	90.00%
Active 18 plus	82	84	97.62%
Associate Members	390	408	95.59%
Life Members	21	17	123.53%
Other	45	65	69.23%
TOTAL	960	1014	94.67%

On a personal note. I would like to share that having been a part of this club for 10 years now with both my children still involved. One as a Nipper, one as a Senior and my Husband as a Swim Coach, Patroller and Nipper Captain, along with myself serving in the administration role for the past 6 years. I am incredibly proud to be part of the Mornington Life Saving Club. Thank you for the support from our committee, and our members. I love being able to assist in any way I can.

I would like to thank Kelly Parrish for all her help behind the scenes. Your dedication does not go unrecognised.

I look forward to another great season ahead and helping new members settle in and be a part of the lovely MLSC Family we have at our club.

Nicole Warner
MLSC Admin



MLSC CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT 2024 – 2025 SEASON

Training Summary Report Rescue Readiness & Qualification Review Season 24/25 Summary

Overview

This report provides a summary of member qualifications, skill refreshers, and key areas of development across the patrol season. The data highlights the commitment to excellence in lifesaving training and reinforces the critical importance of being rescue ready.

Qualification Overview

Qualification	Skills Maintained	Newly Qualified
Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)	19	13
Bronze Medallion	116	22
Silver Medallion – Aquatic Rescue	0	0
Silver Medallion – Patrol Captain	4	1
Gold Medallion	0	2
Radio Operator Certificate	1	0
Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Operator	1	0
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART)	21	7
Side-by-Side Vehicle (SSV) Operator	21	2
IRB Crewperson	30	0
IRB Driver	16	0
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	N/A	22
First Aid	N/A	7
Pain Management	N/A	0
Training Officer Certificate	N/A	0

Key Insights

- **Strong Patrol Core:**
138 active Bronze Medallion holders maintain patrol strength and capability.
- **Youth Pathways Active:**
13 new SRC members demonstrate healthy junior member progression.



- **Critical Care Skills Expanding:**
50 members trained or refreshed in CPR and ART, strengthening emergency response capacity.
- **Specialist Skills Need Boosting:**
Gaps in Silver Medallion Patrol Captain, IRB Driver, and Crew qualifications highlight key focus areas.
- **Instructor Development Required:**
No new Training Officer qualifications - priority should be given to mentoring trainers to sustain and expand training delivery.

Why Quality Training Matters

Every certificate earned is more than just a qualification—it's a commitment to safety, service, and saving lives. Regular upskilling ensures our members stay sharp, confident, and effective when it counts most. Our goal is not just qualification—it's rescue readiness.

Recommendations

- 1. Promote Specialist Awards:** Run campaigns encouraging members to take on Silver Medallion, IRB Driver, and Crew roles.
- 2. Expand Instructor Pool:** Identify and mentor potential Training Officers to grow our in-house training capability.
- 3. Encourage Multi-Skill Pathways:** Support members in diversifying qualifications to build all-round patrolling strength.

Conclusion

With strong foundational qualifications and a clear path for growth, the club is well-placed to uphold the highest standards in lifesaving. Continued investment in training will ensure our patrols remain capable, confident, and always rescue ready.

Stewart Lockie
MLSC Chief Instructor



MLSC ELECTIONS FOR 2025 - 2026 SEASON

Executive Committee Positions 2025 - 2026 Season

1. President – Richard Morel
2. Vice President -
3. Secretary – Kate Neath
4. Treasurer – Duncan Short
5. Chief Instructor – Stewart Lockie
6. Club Captain – Nicola Mackinnon.

General Committee Positions 2025 - 2026 Season

- Jeremy Warner
- Ange Seaburgh
- Adel Peterson
- Tim Lambourne



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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For the year ended 31 March 2025

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