



# The Mine

## Newsletter of Point Leo SLSC

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### Important Club Dates

**Daron McFarlane's Roast** Friday 25 March

### Carnival Dates

State Championships 11-13 March 2011  
Australian Titles 4-11 April 2011

### Presidents Note

Greetings Everyone!

Since the last edition of The Mine, the club has gone through its usual January 'flat out period'. For those who follow cricket and have heard Bill Lawry quip so often, "*it's all happening!*"

In the space of just on seven weeks the following major events, functions and activities have successfully taken place in and around the club environs:

- Boxing Day Swim
- Point Leo Senior Carnival
- Point Leo Swim Camp
- Masters Carnival at Lorne
- Significant attendance at junior and senior carnivals (Point Leo had 80 competitors at its senior carnival on 16 January and 150 nippers at Cosy Corner!)
- 20 members competed at the Manly/Freshwater Carnivals
- Inaugural Gary Tierney Foundation Award (Well done to Lachlan Pearse)
- Junior Lifesaving program (Nippers)
- Nippers Parents Nights (x 2)
- Gear Shed re-design
- Spit Roast Nights
- Uniform Shop
- Muso Night
- Club Bar operation
- Numerous First Aid cases attended to over the past six weeks
- Weekly Patrols
- Reasonably successful patrol inspection
- New Club Sponsor Board
- Numerous carnivals including the regional carnival moved from Mt Martha to Point Leo and the full nipper carnival at Point Leo as well (1100 entries!)

Well done to all members who contributed to or had direct involvement in one or more of these events. What we do as a club allows so many people to enhance their lives and make the Point Leo community a great place to be involved in. It is interesting to note that on some days over the past 8 weeks over 800 people 'go through' our clubhouse in a single day. This figure will most likely only grow larger in coming seasons but it is a credit to everyone that the club can manage so much activity in a structured and successful manner

Whilst there are still lots of activity to be undertaken for the rest of the season, the main areas of focus the club needs to concentrate on are:

**Patrols:** They need to be fully attended at all times. I will be asking the Club Captain Haydn Tierney and Vice Captain Jack Garner to ensure this is strictly adhered to.

**Competitions:** We still have a number of carnivals, state titles and nationals to go. For those who are training and competing for these, best of luck, work hard and do you absolute best whilst representing and wearing the orange cap of your club Point Leo

See you on the beach!

**Ian Knight**  
**Club President**

## Profile of the Month: Steve "Chopper" Anstee - 2010 - 2011 Vice President and Bar Manager

Steve joined Point Leo SLSC in 1974, and was a member of the same bronze squad as the current Point Leo President Ian Knight.

Better known in his younger years for his pool swimming exploits, Steve won seven National Swimming titles as a Breaststroke and Medley swimmer, as well as numerous State Swimming titles. He represented Victoria seven times as a swimmer between 1973–1980, and was named the Victorian Men's team captain in 1980 for the Moscow Olympic trials held in Melbourne.

As a surf swimmer, Steve won many state titles including Cadet Surf Race, Junior Surf & Belt Races, and Senior Surf & Belt Races between 1975–1980.

He was a member of the Point Leo Cadet Surf Team that won gold at the Australian Titles held at Clifton Beach in Tasmania in 1975, and won silver in both the Junior Surf Teams Race & Junior Belt Race at the Australian Titles held at Trigg Island in Western Australia in 1979.

Steve represented Victoria in surf lifesaving six times between 1978–1981, including two successful Weiland Shield teams against the Californian Lifeguards in the USA in 1979 and again at Lorne in 1981.

Steve joined Geoff "Blabb" Waters' R & R team in 1978, and was a member of numerous Point Leo R & R Victorian State Title winning teams between 1978–1997.

He was also the Point Leo Club Captain in 1996–97.

These days Steve runs his own engineering plastics business, Profile Plastics P/L, in Bayswater which he started in 1988.

He has two daughters, Laura 19 yo & Tara Bella 9 yo who has just joined the Nippers as an U10 for the first time this season.

Steve's dad, Ron Anstee, who also represented Victoria in surf lifesaving, was one of the original Point Leo SLSC members. He joined in 1955, along with his brother, John Anstee, when they both moved across to Point Leo from Portsea SLSC. With his youngest daughter Tara Bella in the Nippers, Steve is part of the very few 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Point Leo families.

You will find him at the bar over summer, as he is our current Bar Manager, and he's also on the committee again this year as a Vice President.

## February Club Captain's Report

### Patrols

Patrols are the primary reason of the Point Leo SLSC's existence. With so many other club activities going on though it can be easy to forget our main priority. With the hectic summer months drawing to a close it is essential that we continue to ensure Point Leo is adequately patrolled.

Haydn's Patrol Tips:

- If you are part of patrol please try your best to attend your rostered patrols.
- If you cannot attend your patrol (wedding/funeral/apocalypse) get a substitute!!!
- Ensure the tower is manned – it is a great central point for communication and the view is awesome
- Vigilance and Service – try to look the part. Ask yourself what would Mitch Buchanan (The "Hoff") do?
- Have fun and be creative – Open Water Polo anyone?

Also Point Leo is in dire need of patrollers with additional awards. If you are interested in furthering your SLSA qualifications please stay tuned for courses or please contact Jack Garner, Bree Ambry or myself.

**Swim Classic:** Our run of good weather came to end this year. However even with the extreme conditions we had a great turn out. The event could not have happened without the army of Point Leo SLSC volunteers – well done to all involved.

**Nipper Program:** The size and the professionalism of this program continues to amaze. To all involved keep up the good work.

Fantastic effort by all those that assisted in running the impromptu regional carnival. The dominance of our Nippers was further bolstered by a home ground advantage.

**SRC / Cadet Program:** The substantial number of water safety available for Nippers is due largely to our Cadet program. We also have an increasing numbers of SRCs involved in our patrols.

The SRC course held in early January also increased our SRC numbers. I would like to thank Diane Summers, Pip Van, Max Wilkins and Jackson Curtis for running this course.

**Swim Camp:** Awesome camp due to a fun motivated group of competitors and excellent helpers.

**Competition:** Point Leo has a presence at surf carnivals not seen since the 1980s. Excellent work by our competitors, team manager and section leaders.

**Haydn Tierney**  
**Club Captain**

## Board and Ski Captain's Report

The summer has seen further strengthening of our new group of young board paddlers progressing from Nippers to the Cadet and Senior levels. We have had continued outstanding results in Nippers (never taken for granted) and great attendance/results at Senior carnivals in the U15, U17 and open ages.

Board participation in Nippers continues to thrive with skills demonstrably improving with progression through age groups. Particularly pleasing is the number of U14s Nippers showing good technique paddling the "cadet" boards on their knees. Surf awareness, skills and etiquette have also improved significantly thanks to regular sessions at Crunchies during training.

Board training on Sundays and Tuesdays has been well attended with 15-20 in the U12 and up age groups and similar numbers attending the U11 and down sessions. Thanks to Chris Munro, Lochie Pearse and Travis Cargill for the great work in running these sessions. Hayden and Haydn have also been regularly available and their skills and knowledge have been an inspiration to the group.

The new Board and Ski policy has in general been well adhered to and the "overuse" damage to boards has been reduced as a result. Huge thanks to Andrew Welsh and Ken Robinson for managing the boards during the Nippers program.

On the skis, Matt Bunting-Frame, along with Hayden and Haydn, have mentored a number of U17 Cadets to improve ski skills and this is now showing results at carnivals. With the increase in Cadet numbers coming from Nippers, a strong interest is being expressed regarding growing our ski team. This is a great opportunity for the club to continue building our competitive strength at a Senior level.

We are opening 50/50 applications for the 2011-12 seasons for both board and skis. The 50/50 policy and application forms are on the website and should be carefully read before submission. We are looking at acquiring used skis/boards for 50/50 applications at this year's national titles and so require applications to be lodged by 1/3/11. Please note that if applying for a ski 50/50 all applicants will need to independently have:

- Their own paddle (approx \$450)
- Roof racks for transport (up to \$600)
- Under cover storage at home

We are looking forward to states and nationals! Keep up the great work everybody!!

**Jon Ford**  
**Board and Ski Captain**

## R and R Section Report February 2011

Point Leo has again had a successful start to the season. It is heartening to see six Point Leo R&R teams training hard, committed to reaching their team goals. Whether it is to go to the state titles, compete in the two person at Nippers, or winning the elusive Aussie Gold, each team is well on their way.

We currently have two under 15 teams, coached by Geoff Waters and Steve Anstee. It is fantastic to see Steve return

to the event in which he personally achieved so much success in the 90's. Steve has taken on a beginner team consisting of Matilda, Hannah Carboon, Isy Paton, James Lilicrap and Kate Higgins, and they are learning the ropes. They competed for the first time at Jan Juc, and I was pleased to see some smiling faces as they marched off. It can be very daunting going to your first carnival and I am sure they will see plenty of success in the future with ongoing guidance from Steve.

Geoff is also coaching Isy and Matilda for the Under 14 two person event for the state titles and carnivals. I am sure they appreciate all of the guidance that Geoff has given them.

At the Point Leo Senior Carnival, a second Open Women's team, coached by Morgan Lacey and Don Heathcote (a Lorne old timer for those that remember!), competed for the first time. Morgan is joined by Emily Cox, Milly Hughes, Jess Bird and newcomer Edwina. They are currently training in Melbourne and are heading towards states.

This year we also sent another set of teams to Manly for a training camp/competition series. We had a great week - all of the teams had a great time bonding and developing their skills.

At Lorne, the teams were again successful with quite a few pennants coming home. I am sure Jack Caton, our Under 17 belt swimmer, appreciated winning a pennant at Lorne, the beach where he grew up.

As the state titles approach I hope all teams are enjoying their run into the end of their season and are working hard to achieve their team goals.

Good Luck for states!

**Khali Williams**  
**R and R Captain**

## Swim Captain's Report

As Swim Captain I am very pleased to report the progress, participation and interest members of the Point Leo SLSC have invested into the club's swim section over the summer period. Swimming is an integral part to the surf club, not only in the competition arena but to also fill our basic patrol requirements. I witnessed members, young and old, progressively develop their swimming experience and fitness.

I encourage the coaching team at Point Leo to continue investing the hard work

put into each athlete. I am adamant it will show at this year's State Championships.

**Swim Camp:** The 2011 Point Leo Swim Camp was held over the week of 10-14 January and was a fantastic success. With 23 participants (aged from 13-16) it was a pleasure to watch them swim, develop their technique and fitness and most rewardingly their confidence in racing and open water swimming. I believe their results from the Point Leo, Jan Juc and Lorne Carnivals, especially in the U15 area, are a testimonial to the hard work put in by participants and their coaches during the Swim Camp week. I have had positive feedback from parents and participants regarding the camp on how it was conducted and the enjoyment had.

I would like to thank and congratulate Emily Cox, Callum Pearse, Patrick Hough, Haydn Tierney and especially Stacey Lethlean and Dave Jack Russell on their extended efforts and help with Swim Camp. It would not be possible to run such a fantastic and worthwhile week without their help.

**Morning Swim Training:** A consistent swimming squad had been training three mornings a week at Hastings' Pelican Park over January. The squad averaged 15-18 members consisting of Cadets through to Seniors. Haydn and I had been coaching and setting the programs to challenge and work on the fitness levels of our athletes. I think the Cadets should be commended for their efforts and their parents even more so for sacrificing sleep on the holidays and driving them to training! I encourage all swimmers to continue their swimming training at their respected swimming squads up to the Aussie Titles.

**Hot Morning Swim:** The Point Leo Hot Morning Swim has come to a conclusion for the summer period. It was run every Saturday and Sunday morning over January and had a diverse range of people attend with little consistency. I hope to run the Morning Swim again next summer with less dates and more consistent attendees and build on what I believe could be a great social activity for Masters.

**Club Comp:** Due to insufficient numbers in the last two weeks, Club Competition will cease as of 24th Feb. I have been very pleased with the participation and results over the summer period and believe that Club Competition has provided competitors with race pace training integral to their improvement while being a wonderful success for its

first year running. Results will be posted on club notice boards over the next couple of weeks and the grand prize presented at Presentation Night.

**Belt Swimmers:** I have put out a notice asking all belt swimmers to notify me of their intention to do so at states. I plan to organize Belt teams before the weekend of states to minimise confusion and competitor anxiety.

**Lochie Pearse**  
**Swim Captain**  
[lachlanpearse@gmail.com](mailto:lachlanpearse@gmail.com)

## Senior Competitors only (U15 & up) for State Championships

Competitor registration for the championships will be open on:

When: Friday, 11 March 2011  
Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Where: Administration Area, SLS Lakes Entrance Club - Upstairs

When: Saturday, 12 March 2011  
Time: 6:30 am - 7:30 am  
Where: Administration Area, SLS Lakes Entrance Club - Upstairs

All competitors must have their names marked off prior to competing by their Team Managers ONLY at the registration times listed above. All Competitors must have their age stamp put on their arms from the registration area when registering at the above times. Team Managers cannot register for members, who are not on online lists.

\*Note: Boat competitor's registrations will remain open until 10:00 am

## Dude's Bar Report – January and February 2011

Dude's Bar has hosted some terrific functions for the surf club over the last six weeks or so, including Boxing Day Night, New Years Eve, two Nipper Parents evenings, the Nipper Disco, the Gary Tierney Foundation award, the senior carnival, the muso night and, of course, the ever popular Roast Nights & Friday night sippers.

A big "Thank You" must go out to everyone who has assisted me on these nights, with a special mention going out to Johnny, Alf, Max & Knighty, who have made my job a lot easier by their continual involvement, and also Penelope & Jon

Ford for organizing some great evenings of entertainment.

The Friday night sippers will continue during February, from 5.30 – 8.30 pm as previous.

Hope to see you all down at the surf club, and remember to drink responsibly.

**Steve "Chopper" Anstee**  
**Bar Manager.**

## Point Leo Muso Night

Due to popular demand the Point Leo Muso Night made a triumphant return to the club on 21 Jan. A capacity crowd soaked up the club's abundant talent with the highlights being Matt Hicks' cool jazz on opening, and killer keys later in the night with the main band Ruby and Ester McCarthy, Louie McGowan and Nick Ford's sublime pop and reggae hits. Victoria Roadknight's classical cello followed, partnering with Bella Ford for some Missy Higgins (was that a tear in your eye Kate?). Lochie Robinson and company made Satin Doll sound great.

Special thanks to Tim Stout, Ian Treloar and the crew from the Defibrillators in bringing the night to a head. Great to see the young and old packing the dance floor grooving to some classic old tunes! Garry "the voice of Shoreham" Jones worming on the floor surrounded by screaming women brought the night to a hilarious close.

Start practising for 2012!

## Gary Tierney Foundation Grant Presentation

On 15 January 2011 almost 100 members of the Point Leo SLSC were present at the clubhouse for the presentation of the first Gary Tierney Foundation Fund Grant. An apology was received from GFTT chairman Tom Mollenkopf who was jetting about Japan on business/pleasure with Brooke. All other GFTT board members were in attendance.

At 7pm Club President, Ian Knight welcomed all present, then recalled the great contribution the late Gary Tierney made to the club over several decades as a competitor, club official (incl. captain and president), mentor to young members, financial benefactor and life member. For these reasons he said the GTFF had been established, kicked off with a generous initial donation from the Tierney family. Subsequent donations from members, past members and the

club itself had now seen the fund grow to almost \$70,000.

It was emphasised that whilst this was an impressive amount the end target is \$200,000 in the first 5 years and much more work needs to be carried out in order to achieve this target. Ian said how delighted he was in the progress of the GTFF and thanked the board members for their work.

Ian then handed over to Louise Tierney to make the inaugural grant of \$3,000 to Lochie Pearse. Louise outlined Lochie's impressive progress with the club since joining in 2006, particularly in the competitive, patrol and fundraising areas. He already has two silver medals achieved at National level, and numerous medals at state titles and at local and NSW carnivals. Within the club Lochie is a Patrol Captain, Swim Captain, current holder of the President's Trophy and has participated in the SLSA Leadership Scholarship. No wonder that he is such an inspiration to all of our younger members.

Lochie expressed his gratitude for the generous assistance given by the Foundation and said he would do his best to honour its aims.

Mark and Haydn also spoke in support of the award being given to Lochie, and about the Foundation generally. Earlier in the day Haydn had been narrowly pipped on the finish line in the 1.2 km Portsea Swim Classic, but looked as fresh as a daisy.



A brochure prepared by Mark on the inaugural presentation from the Foundation was distributed to the meeting. A copy of the brochure will be posted out to all club members in the near future. It is a great read.

Just before 8 pm, and not before time, several cartons of pizzas were delivered and were descended on by the hungry hordes, apparently intent on doing some last-minute carbo loading before the surf carnival at Point Leo the following day.

**Richard Batchelor**  
**GTFF Board Member.**

## Shave the Saver

Trystan Precht is having his hair shaved off on March 27th at the club rooms!!

Trystan is sacrificing his hair to help raise funds for the competition team's trip to the Aussies. Come along and see the action on March 27th at 2-30pm at the clubhouse. A gold coin donation will enable you to see the hairdresser trim (shave) Trystan's golden curls.

In his bid to raise more funds to help subsidise the Point Leo competition team's trip to the Aussies at Kurrawa, Trystan has visited many local stores seeking donations. He has also visited the local primary schools and spoken to the students about surf lifesaving in general and how to stay safe in the water. This is a great initiative by Trystan and we ask that as many members as possible come along on March 27th to support him when he has his head shaved.

## Honorary Life Membership.

In accordance with the rules of the Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club Inc. nominations are called for Honorary Life membership of the club. Nominations are to be submitted in writing to John Horwood, PO Box 479, BALNARRING, 3926 by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

Qualifications for nomination are:

Objective Provisions

- (A) Members who have rendered service to the Association (the club) over a total period of 15 years (which need not be continuous) in one or more of the following capacities.
- exemplary patrol record over a substantial period
  - as an elected officer
  - as a Member of a sub-committee
  - as a delegate to the Victorian State Centre (Life Saving Victoria)
- (B) If a Member serves concurrently in two or more of the capacities set out, then only one of such capacities may be counted in determining the total period of service.

Subject Provisions

- (A) Subject to having service qualifying under the objective provisions, that service being considered by the Honorary Life Members of the

Association to be special service. The standard of what is considered Special Service shall be at the discretion of the Honorary Life Members and shall not be the subject of any appeal whatsoever.

- (B) Consideration may be given to a nominee who has rendered exceptional Special Service over a shorter period.

If there are any queries at all regarding the subject of Honorary Life Membership these should be directed immediately to the club Secretary, Andrew Gibson.

## A Roast for Daron McFarlane

Daron continues to inspire us all with his upbeat and positive attitude whilst continuing his medical treatment. Club members are invited to a gathering of Daron and Alicia's friends for a night of fun and catching up with old friends – primarily a little bit of respite for Daron and Alicia and just a great night out. It is also our intention, at the end of the night, to be able to make a financial gesture to Daron and Alicia to ease their financial burden, especially in regard to Daron's ongoing medical expenses.

The night will consist of some finger food and drinks, a band for your entertainment and some speeches. There will also be a silent auction of some sporting memorabilia and other items during the course of the night.

Venue: Coach & Horse Hotel  
33 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood  
Ph: 03 9870 1661  
7.30pm onwards – 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2011  
Please RSVP by 17<sup>th</sup> March

Please advise of your intention to attend by sending your payment to the account below or by emailing or calling Vicki Knight.  
Ph: 0418 544 423  
Email: [vkinnerstrength@gmail.com](mailto:vkinnerstrength@gmail.com)

Acc. Name; Mrs V.A.Knight, BSB # 704 230, Acc # 100139708 (please include reference details)

Adults - \$135 per head, anyone U/18 (non drinker) -\$85 per head, families of any size - \$360

If you are unable to attend, but would still like to make a contribution please send payment through to the above account.

We would love to see you for what we hope will be a very special night for Daron

## Adult Bronze Course

If you are interested in Nipper Water Safety, Patrols or Masters Competition, you need your Bronze Medallion. Andrew Gibson will run a second Adult Bronze course, maybe in March, if he can get 10 ~~victims~~ interested people.

The format would be two intensive days over a weekend, with Assessment the following weekend. Please register your interest by email [gibsonaj@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gibsonaj@bigpond.net.au) or call Andrew on 0407 332 264.

## Assessors Course

Surf Life Saving Victoria is running an assessors course on 26 and 27 March at Life Saving Victoria headquarters (Port Melbourne). The course is the first set to becoming an assessor, a qualification that Pt Leo is desperately short on. The course is 9am to 5pm on both days and covers a range of skills, techniques and surf life saving policy to enable the participants to assess at a club level. Once you have completed the course you simply need to complete three assessments under the supervision of a qualified assessor and you will be deemed a fully qualified assessor, capable of assessing all of the awards which you currently hold.

## Training Officers Certificate

Surf Life Saving Victoria is also running a TOC (Training Officers Certificate) course on 2 and 3 April. The training officer certificate essentially educates the participants in the many different methods of effectively training. It goes through learning styles, delivery methods and communication skills, all of which are highly important for effective training. The completion of the course allows the participants to come and train at Bronze Camp, as well as any of the other awards that are being run throughout the season.

If you are interested in completing either of the courses please contact Jack Garner, [jackpatrickgarner@gmail.com](mailto:jackpatrickgarner@gmail.com) or on 0438053239

## CIRCULAR 214:02:11 - Training Officer Course April 2011

Attached is the hyperlink for the April Training Officer Course information.

[http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/resources/documents/Circular\\_213.02.11\\_Awards\\_of\\_Excellence\\_2011.pdf](http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/resources/documents/Circular_213.02.11_Awards_of_Excellence_2011.pdf)

## National Leadership College

The national leadership college was a weeklong camp run by Surf Life Saving Australia at the University of Sydney. It was a thoroughly engaging and stimulating programme that covered topics ranging from the intra-personal elements of who you are, your personality, strengths and weaknesses and how to build yourself to the inter-personal of how you communicate with other people, how to influence and develop others and managing conflict and communication skills. It also looked at the big picture, and how leadership operates in the ever changing real world, as well as a close examination of the idea of connective leadership. Despite the highly theory based focus of the camp, it was very much grounded in practically application. Every day we would complete group exercises where we would put the theory we had learned into practice, and it is never as easy as it seems. We also had time each day to reflect upon how the skills we were learning could help us to improve our respective Surf Life Saving Clubs.

The course was fantastic, and my thanks must go to the club for supporting my trip up there and nominating me in the first place.

**Jack Patrick Garner**  
Vice Club Captain

## Victorian Masters' Championships

Point Leo had a very successful Masters Carnival at Lorne this year. It was a stark contrast to 2010 where we had a team of only two and came away with few medals.

This year saw the return of former Open Iron Man, Clayton MacDonald, and debut appearances from Jon Ford, Barney Mounsey, Dana Sawyer, Bruce Mourney and Jo Davis. Regulars Dave Russell and Andrew Gibson made up the team.

Our training regime was between minimal and non-existent; a situation we plan to remedy for 2012.

The competition had a great start when Barney sprinted away with the first event, the 2km run, winning by about 150m. We had success in many individual and team events and came away with a team total of 25 medals.

More than anything, the weekend was great fun. All competitors had a ball and found it personally rewarding.

If you are interested in Masters, you need to start now. Get your Bronze, do your patrol hours, stay fit and you will be ready for 2012. We need more Beach competitors to make up relay teams.



Pt Leo Masters Team 2011. Team Captain Jack Russell absent getting First Aid on a knee injury.

## Point Leo Nippers Carnival

Over 1,000 Nippers from 24 clubs descended on Point Leo for the 4th State Junior Carnival on Sunday, 13 February. In preparation, an army of Point Leo volunteers started the day early to set the beach and water areas up, prepare the lunches and organise the car parking. The weather was always going to be our biggest problem and by 10.30am the forecast winds and showers had arrived. The kids started turning blue, water safety started getting testy and hopes of selling all the Mango Licks quickly evaporated. The carnival was eventually abandoned at 11.15am due to the deteriorating conditions. Fortunately by this stage many age groups had completed most of their program and some had finished their entire program.

Once again it was fantastic to see such a large contingent of Point Leo Nippers competing bravely in extremely

challenging conditions. Many thanks to the multitude of Nipper parents who volunteered their time to help with the various roles required to ensure the smooth running of the carnival. Special thanks also to the large number of club members (who aren't nipper parents) who also volunteered their time and expertise. A special mention to Phillippa Grogan who donated all the yummy Phillippa's bread rolls for the lunches. It is the commitment of all these club members that ensures the ongoing success and vitality of Point Leo SLSC. Now if I can just sell the rest of those Mango Licks.....

Our efforts with the Point Leo Nippers Carnival was recognised and appreciated by the State Life Saving Victoria who sent us the following email:

Dear Team Managers & Junior Coordinators,

Referee Judy Silom from the State Junior Carnival at Point Leo would like to thank you all for your assistance with the weekend's carnival and give you and update of the carnival due to its early finish.

The entries for the carnival were 1006 from 24 clubs which was fabulous to see.

Many thanks to Andrew Welsh and his work party at Pt. Leo the beach was set up and ready to go on time. No job was too small. Great teamwork.

The R & R was completed and run and most areas started on time so my thanks to all the officials who volunteered to run areas and assist with starting, marshalling and recording and judging because without all these volunteers the carnivals would not run.

To the water safety crews and volunteers thank you for braving the elements in what became unworkable conditions for all concerned.

The difficult part was conveying the decisions - without a public address system and megaphones in some of the area boxes. This will be rectified.

The following is a breakdown of which events were completed and considering it was 11:30am cancellation the area referees did a sterling job to get this much achieved.

Under 7 (Linda Beddoe) all events completed

Under 8 (Simon Farnbach) all events completed

Under 9 (Brent Ward) all events completed

Under 10 (Phillip Mawkes) all events except beach flags

Under 11 (Jake Jacobsen) all water events completed beach events cancelled

Under 12 (Peter Ronec) Iron and Board Race completed -surf race, beach flags and beach relay cancelled

Under 13 (Gavin Taylor) all water events completed beach events cancelled

Under 14 (Rod Keppell) all water events completed beach events cancelled.

Thanks to everyone competitors, parents, officials and water safety for a job well done in adverse conditions

Drew Urlichs – SLSV

## Nippers through the eyes of a parent volunteer

This summer, Alison Karayan was a parent volunteer for the U/8 boys. She writes of her experiences:

Last weekend Point Leo hosted the fourth junior state carnival. The weather was ordinary but the kids weren't, they were awesome.

Watching the U/8 boys compete I could see the skills learnt throughout the season being put into action. Boys who barely knew each other six weeks ago were cheering and encouraging their team mates. Kids who hate sand on their faces were diving at flags, heat after heat. And that's just the boys, don't get me started on the girls.

If you ask me why I enjoy being a Nippers parent I can tell you it's a combination of pride in my own children, admiration for others' kids and being part of a strong community.

Like the U/8s I sometimes find the waves daunting, the water cold and the early morning starts a bit ugly (sometimes you need to be talked into being a volunteer!) But the pay-offs are enormous—we're all developing persistence and prowess and when the sun comes out it's just brilliant.

(There's always room for more parent volunteers so hope to see you next summer!)

## The Bloody Big Swim

The Bloody Big Swim is a 1.2km swim from Frankston to Mornington. Joanne Davis competed in this event with her team partner, Nicole Chester.

Joanne and Nicole's support crew were members of Point Leo SLSC, Andrew Gibson, his friend David and Matt Bunting-Frame. They were very experienced sea people. Apart from the crowded first change-over with boats and paddlers concentrated in one place, the race went off without a hitch. Joanne wore a Point Leo lifesaving cap for her first leg, as did her paddler Matt who did his job and found her as quickly as possible off the beach. Matt was waiting offshore for Joanne at the end of Frankston Pier to continue on for the next change over.

Joanne and Nicole changed over every ten minutes all the way from Frankston to Mornington. They both came first in the Duo 75+ category.

It was a great day and great swim. Joanne and Nicole extend a HUGE thanks to Andrew, David and Matt for offering their support during this event.



Nicole Chester and Joanne Davis



Matt Paddling beside Joanne

## Flood Assistance

With the Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi, the Victorian floods are off the front pages. There is enormous devastation to crops, stock and fences.

You can help. Blazeaid has teams of volunteers in Bridgewater repairing farm fences. ([www.blazeaid.com](http://www.blazeaid.com)). No experience required, just workboots and a big heart.

Contact Andrew Gibson 0407 332 264 if you have a couple of days to spare.

## Lost and Found

Have you lost a wetsuit in or around the Club? Andrew is currently holding 6 wetties. Ring me on 0407 332 264

## Uniform Shop

We will be opening the uniform on Sunday 6th of March, strictly between 10am - 11am - no extensions.

This is your last chance to get your jackets, caps, bags and swim wear. We also have had a delivery of men's swimmers and sports bags.

## A Thank You from Tina

Tina from Brew to You would like to thank everyone for supporting the coffee at Point Leo. The donation to the club this season is a record \$2,500 and we are most certain that everyone at the Club would sincerely like to thank Tina in return for her fantastic efforts throughout what has been a difficult season at times.

You are always guaranteed to receive a nice smile with your coffee and that is appreciated by everyone. Tina says "If I don't see you at the States, I'll see you next season."

## Carnival Photos

Liv Keppel competing in state team



Tasmania carnival



Jess Mourney & Lucy Welsh

Point Leo Surf Carnival



Photos from the Lorne Carnival



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