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Club funding announcement

After years of lobbying efforts, meetings with various stakeholders, Local and State Government officials and plenty of meetings, Williamstown S&LSC has been successful in securing \$11 million dollars in State Government funding for the Club facility works. This funding compliments committed funds from Hobsons Bay City Council, who have been supporters of this endeavour from the beginning.

This funding means that we can now work towards the planning and design for the upgrade of our hallowed Club facilities and grounds and provide a best-in-class facility to support our lifesavers and our members for the next 100 years of our history. Information about member consultation, planning and design and other matters will be provided in due course.

A huge thank you goes to all members, past and present, who have helped get Williamstown S&LSC this victory! A big thank you as well to Melissa Horne MP who is a great friend to Williamstown S&LSC and has worked on our behalf to assist in securing this funding.

LSV CEO @ Williamstown S&LSC

Newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of Life Saving Victoria, Catherine Greaves, recently visited Williamstown S&LSC and met with members of WS&LSC's Board of Directors, including President Paul Sullivan, to welcome her to lifesaving and discuss Williamstown S&LSC, including the announcement about funding for the club facility upgrade.

Catherine has an extensive career in the emergency management space in Victoria, including her most recent position of CEO of the Country Fire Authority during the transition of Fire Rescue Victoria over the last few years. Catherine replaces long-time CEO Dr Nigel Taylor, who has spent over three decades working in lifesaving in Victoria, including since Life Saving Victoria was formed in 2002.

We wish Nigel all the best, and welcome Catherine to Life Saving Victoria!





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Competition @ Williamstown S&LSC

IRB Racing

2021 has brought many challenges to lifesaving competition, with interrupted training capabilities, cancelled competitions and uncertainty. However, our IRB Racing Team has persevered throughout the season, training within requirements to continue to develop their skills and ready themselves for the 2021 TRE Motorsport Victorian IRB Championships.

Williamstown S&LSC has a long history in the sport of IRB Racing, and our Team continued that history throughout the season. With successes throughout the season at the Mordialloc and Ocean Grove carnivals, including some fantastic results for both long-time and new members of the team, the rest of the season held a positive outlook for our members!

A brief interlude to training and competition due to lockdown in Victoria saw the unfortunate cancellation of the South Melbourne carnival. However, with comprehensive COVID arrangements we were able to compete at the double header carnival weekend at Lorne, where some diverse surf conditions challenged our competitors' skills and knowledge, with some great development of our athletes occurring throughout the weekend!

The season came to a close at the State Titles at Lorne two weeks later, with some incredibly tight racing, great surf conditions and plenty of excitement leading to Williamstown S&LSC winning the State Titles! Williamstown S&LSC also finished the TRE Motorsports IRB season in second place! Some great results for our budding team!



Well done to all clubs who participated in the event! It is fantastic to see new clubs joining our great sport and seeing everyone develop together.



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Winter Pool Competition

Another staple of the LSV Aquatic Sports calendar is the Winter Pool Competition!

Competitor Aiden Wright recently represented Williamstown S&LSC at the Junior Pool Lifesaving Carnival in Sandringham on the 11th July 2021, coming away with some impressive results!

- U11 Obstacle Race – 3rd
- U11 8m Line Throw – 2nd
- U11 25m Manikin Carry – 2nd
- U11 50m Manikin Carry w/ Fins – 3rd
- U11 Tube Tow – 3rd

Well done Aiden!

Tom Frisby will be representing Williamstown S&LSC in the Senior Pool Lifesaving Competition for the 2021 season. Due to the lockdown in Victoria, the carnival scheduled for 18th July won't go ahead, but we look forward to seeing Tom representing the blue and gold in the near future!



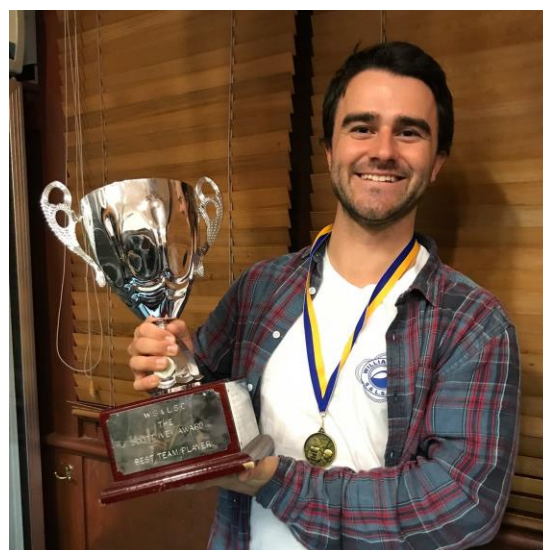
The final Senior Pool Lifesaving Carnival is scheduled for 5th September, for more information see the [LSV website](#).

Senior Presentation Night

On the 14th May, we held our Senior Presentation Night at the Club Hall, to award and celebrate the achievements and efforts that our Club competitors and members have put in throughout the 2020/2021 season!

The recipients for the 2020/21 season is as follows:

- U19 Club Champion – Nick Frisby
- Open Club Champion – Tom Frisby
- Senior Beach Competitor of the Year – Emmett Keough
- Senior Male Water Competitor of the Year – Tom Frisby
- Senior Female Water Competitor of the Year – Maya Brammer
- Best Female Rower – Claire Howell
- Coaches Award – Jesse Coulson
- Scott Ivey Team Player of the Year – Alastair Thomas
- Team of the Year – WS&LSC March Past Team



Congratulations to all recipients!



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Nippers 2021/2022

The Nippers Education Program (Nippers) is a major part of the Junior Activities portfolio of our Lifesaving Club. At our Club, the aim of our Nippers program is first and foremost to train our “Young Lifesavers of the Future”. Training to become a lifesaver from a young age is a wonderful way to learn many new skills and meet so many great friends.



As part of the program, they will learn many skills in aquatic safety, awareness around water and what to do in an emergency, and these will develop a sound knowledge of being safe in and around the water as well as an understanding of serving the community via lifesaving.

Over the years our Nippers are taught a wide range of skills associated with being a Lifesaver. Nippers in Under 8s and above can extend what they learn in the Nipper program by representing the Club in lifesaving aquatic sports competitions and proudly wearing our Club colours in a variety of both beach and water-based events.

We also have a fantastic Starfish Nippers program, which caters for young people with a disability and aims to teach its participants vital beach safety and water awareness skills!

The Nippers Education Program and Starfish Nippers Program for this season are still to be finalised. To participate in the Nippers program, you need to be between the ages of 5 and 12 on the 30th September, 2021.

We are a family club and strongly encourage all family members to join.

Anyone over the age of 18 will need to obtain a Working with Children Check and have the club and LSV listed as organisations. This task can take a few weeks as the club requires the notification from the Dept of Justice before you can join. So if the program is of interest to your family, we suggest that you obtain or update your WWCCs now.

For further information, please email membership@williamstownslsc.org.au or check our website <https://williamstownslsc.org.au/membership/>



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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for 2021 will be held on the 28th August at 5pm.

Members should have received via email the following documents:

- 2021 Director Nomination Form (nominations have closed)
- Notice of Annual Meeting & Agenda
- 2020 AGM Minutes
- Summary of proposed changes to the Constitution (Agenda: Section 3 – Special Business)
- Comparison of Constitutions (with notes)

Copies of these documents can be found on the Williamstown S&LSC website and the AGM notification on TeamApp.

Alterations may need to be made to the location/medium of the event should there be any changes to Victorian COVID restrictions. Confirmed details will be released closer to the date.

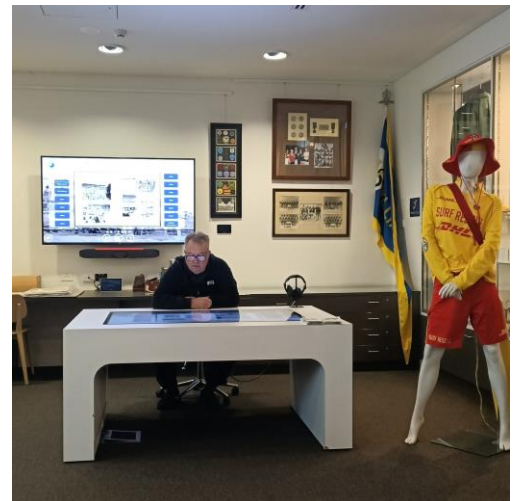
If you have any questions relating to the Annual General Meeting, please contact the Club Secretary at info@williamstownslsc.org.au

Club History exhibit @ Williamstown Library

In a showcase of our Club's rich history and dedication to the local community over the years, Williamstown Library recently hosted an exhibition of the Club's history after reaching 100 years in the community!

This exhibition showcases some key memorabilia, paraphernalia, and information about our Club over the past century, and highlighted the highs and lows, and dedication of its volunteers and the events that have led our Club to where it is today.

A massive thank you to Jacqui Hewitt, Erica Bird, Neil Emmett and Nola Wilson for curating this exhibition and promoting our Club within the community!





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Valuing Volunteers Evening

Every year, Life Saving Victoria holds an evening of celebration for the dedicated volunteers who give up huge amounts of time and effort to contribute to the safety of our communities through patrols and other areas.

This year Williamstown S&LSC were represented by Katherine and Andrew Canet, who each contributed many hours to both Williamstown and Cape Paterson through their patrols and Life Saving Victoria through LSV Comms this season.



Katherine received a 100+ Hours Silver Award with 131.5 hours throughout the 2020/21 season, and Andrew received a 100+ Hours Bronze awards with 114.5 hours. Well done Katherine and Andrew!

LSV 2021 Awards of Excellence

The LSV Awards of Excellence are an annual celebration of the amazing accomplishments and efforts of lifesaving clubs, services and stakeholders throughout the season.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 AoE were moved online and held on the 7th of August.

A big congratulations to all nominees and recipients from Williamstown S&LSC!

LSV
AoE
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Congratulation to our nominees:

Open Team of the Year
WS&LSC March Past Team

Official of the Year
Leonie Newey

John Wishart Memorial Medal (Lifesaver of the Year)
Alex Walton

Beaurepaire Shield (Club of the Year)
Williamstown S&LSC

100+ Gold Hour Patrol Awards
Kane Treloar

Lifesaving Long Service Awards
Leonie Newey (5 Years State Service)
Kane Treloar (10 Years State Service)
David Rylance (15 Years State Service)



Well done to all nominees and winners!



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Mental Health Sessions

With mental health becoming a growing area for discussion within society, as well as the events of the COVID-19 pandemic in the last 18 months, early intervention, education and discussion around mental health can change the way circumstances affect an individual and the people around them.

Using a grant from the Hobsons Bay Community Fund, Williamstown S&LSC were able to organise two sessions for members and the community, with the focus of each session being Youth and Adults. The Adult Mental Health session was run by Fran of Empowered Existence, with attendees getting involved in an interesting night of discussion and enlightenment.



The Youth Mental Health session featured special guest Tom Boyd, former Western Bulldogs star and a big advocate for mental health awareness. The night was a great insight into the early rise to fame and the subsequent mental health struggles through his career and was an inspiring event for both the youth and adults who attended.

Shelley Penn – Order of Australia Medal

A big congratulations to member Shelley Penn, who recently was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to architecture and design in the public realm, and to professional institutes!

Shelley has been a member of Williamstown S&LSC since 2013, and has been a prominent contributor to architecture and design in the government and academic fields for decades.

Williamstown S&LSC would like to congratulate Shelley on her award and wish her all the best moving forward!





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Balloon Ban @ Williamstown S&LSC

At the Williamstown S&LSC Board meeting in June 2021, a motion was put forward to ban the use of balloons at the Club, including Club functions, facility hires and other events held within Club grounds. The motion was passed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and is in effect as of June 9th 2021.

Some recommended alternatives for balloons are:

- Blowing bubbles
- Floating flowers
- Reusable or recyclable bunting
- Paper decorations



WARC Positions available x 2

An opportunity is available for members to be a part of the Williamstown Awards and Recognition Committee (WARC). This committee has been formed to assist the Board in the recognition of the work that our wonderful members do year in year out, and to ensure that members that contribute their time and effort to the Club are recognised, both through internal and external award opportunities.

Two positions are becoming available at the upcoming Annual General Meeting for the WARC, and the Board of Directors is seeking expressions of interest from members to participate in this sub-committee.

More information on the WARC can be found under the 'Documents & Policies' section of the Club website.

Expressions of interest can be made in writing to the Board via email at info@williamstownslsc.org.au



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EOI – WOW Swim Committee

The biggest event on the Williamstown S&LSC Calendar, the Williamstown Open Water (WOW) Challenge swim is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who form the WOW Sub-Committee. The opportunity has arisen for members who may be interested in taking on a position on the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee is comprised of the following positions:

- Race Director
- Race Administrator
- Safety Coordinator
- Water Safety Coordinator
- Chief Marshall
- Medical Officer
- Registration Coordinator
- Equipment Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator



If you are interested in participating in the WOW Sub-Committee for the 2021/22 season, please forward your details and position(s) of interest to admin@williamstownslsc.org.au





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EOI – Nippers Sub-Committee

The 2021/22 Nippers Education Program is fast approaching, and Williamstown S&LSC is looking for volunteers to join the Nippers Sub-Committee for the 2021/22 season! This Sub-Committee will help the Director of Junior Activities formulate, organise, and implement our fantastic Nippers Education Program for the upcoming season.

Williamstown S&LSC is seeking expressions of interest in the following roles on the Nippers Sub-Committee:

Water Safety Coordinator - someone who is responsible for the coordination of water safety for the Nippers Program, including rostering, management on the day and finding replacements/additional water safety where required

BBQ Coordinator - someone is responsible for the coordination of the BBQ and Milo/Cordial activities for after the Nippers programs, including rostering, management on the day and providing fuel for our Nippers, families and volunteers.

COVID Safety Officer - someone who is responsible for beach set up in a COVID-Safe way each week, encouragement of members, Nippers and volunteer to adhere to the COVIDSafe requirements, and report any issues to the Director of Junior Activities/Club COVIDSafe Coordinators.

Beach Sweep Coordinator - someone who is responsible for managing a small group of volunteers each week to survey the areas on and around the beach and safely remove any rubbish/hazards that may affect our Nippers and volunteers during the program.

There is opportunity within these roles to gain some experience and insight into leadership roles within Williamstown S&LSC, as well as for multiple people to take on each role to share the load and to learn and develop together. If you wish to be involved in the upcoming season, please send your contact details and position(s) of interest to juniors@williamstownslsc.org.au.





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EOI – Schools Program Coaches

A growing area of Williamstown S&LSC is our Schools Program! These sessions provide members with the opportunity to pass on their knowledge and develop their leadership, employment and teaching skills by educating school groups (Primary and Secondary schools) on aquatic safety.

These programs generally run between September/October to December, and February to April (dependent on bookings), are run during school times Monday to Friday.

We require people who are Bronze Medallion (for coaches) and/or Pool Lifeguard (for lifeguards) qualified to work as casual employees for Williamstown S&LSC as part of this program. All coaches and lifeguards must also hold a Working With Children Check (Volunteer) before beginning work within the Schools Program.

For more information, and to express your interest in working within the Schools Program, email the Club at admin@williamstownslsc.org.au.

WS&LSC Merchandise

WSLSC Winter Woollies are in!!

We have received a brand-new shipment of Zip Up, Pull over hoodies and the very popular deck coats along with our usual stock of beanies, track pants and jackets!!

Keep a look out for the upcoming popup shop notice - pending COVID restrictions or email Simeone at merchandise@williamstownslsc.org.au





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