

Minutes – Council of Lifesaving Clubs

VENUE: Ian Potter Room
Life Saving Victoria State Centre
200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne

DATE: **Saturday, 11 August 2018**

1. Preliminaries – Open 11:36

1.1. Welcome –

CLC Executive and Officers

Director	Peter Williams	Council Representative/Acting Chair	Julian Meagher
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LSV Staff

GM – Lifesaving Club Development	Andrew Foran	Volunteer Support Officer	Nicholas Foon
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Club Delegate

Altona LSC	Lisa Curran	Point Leo SLSC	Simon Merrigan
Anglesea SLSC	Tom Cullen	Sandringham LSC	Bree Ambry
Baumaris LSC	Margaret Hewett	Seaford LSC	Darren McLeod
Bonbeach LSC	Lloyd Thomas	Waratah Beach SLSC	Robert O'Brien
Elwood LSC	David Rylance	Williamstown S&LSC	Paul Sullivan
Hampton LSC	Yvette Costello	Wonthaggi LSC	Mark Scott
Mount Martha LSC	Bec Gibbs	Wye River SLSC	Martin McIntosh
Ocean Grove SLSC	David Pavia		

Club Delegates Proxies

Barwon Heads/13 th Beach SLSC	Katrina Antony	Port Fairy SLSC	Katrina Antony
Carrum SLSC	Catherine Paulsen	South Melbourne LSC	Alison Porter
Lorne SLSC	Paul McMaster		

Observers

LSV President	Tom Mollenkopf	Director – MLD	Angela Malan
Director Elect - CLC	Georgie Wettenhall	LSV	Frances Evans
LSV History Officer	Prue Weber	LSV	David Potter
Edithvale LSC	Kerry Bell		Peter Hetherington
Chelsea	Judy Silom		Alan Evers-Buckland
Longbeach Surf Life Saving Club			

Apologies

Edithvale LSC	Dianne Montalto	Council Chair	Ian Fullagar
Fairhaven SLSC	Darren West	Mentone LSC	Russell Rees
Mordialloc LSC	Rob Tennant	Point Lonsdale SLSC	Matthew Ponsford
Portland SLSC	Kym Mayberry		

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Saturday, 12 May 2018

- 2.1. Confirmation of previous minutes
 - First – Lloyd Thomas Bonbeach LSC
 - Second – Rob O'Brien Waratah Beach SLSC
- 2.2. Business arising from these minutes

3. Board Update – P. Williams

- 3.1. Aquatic Sports Review – the board has signed off on the review plan, and communications are going out surrounding the review.
- 3.2. LSV is looking into the rejuvenation of regional aquatic facilities, with a push to secure more government funding to aid and assist deteriorating aquatic facilities built in the late 50's.
- 3.3. LSV risk register has been updated and been approved by the board.

4. LSV Governance Update– P. Williams

- 4.1. Peter Williams gave thanks to the members who provided submissions into the review.
- 4.2. The LSV board will not be proposing a change to the elected director representation at this current time. It is noted that ongoing review is necessary to keep up with the changing dynamic of the organisation and governance requirements.
- 4.3. Development of Governance Charter and Model Criteria to ensure that the LSV board can run itself in confidence.
- 4.4. Question from Mark Scott Wonthaggi: How does LSV look to develop its Directors?

Tom Mollenkopf LSV President - there is a formal process to identify the skills and needs of the board. The board internally reviews the current skill sets of the Directors and assesses training needed to address any identified gaps.
- 4.5. Question Prue Weber: Does LSV have a Chief Medical Officer?

Yes, there is the medical advisory board.

5. State Government Budget Update – Andrew Foran

- 5.1. Economic Review Sub-Committee (ERSC) Bid Process Overview – LSV applies for funding to the State Government Budget through the Department of Justice – Emergency Management Victoria (EMV). While our ambition is for funding to be recurrent, we submit for larger



projects including facility redevelopment annually. Advocacy to Government throughout the year is key to achieving this.

- 5.2. Lower the Drowning Toll Bid – LSV applied for funding for a range of programs under this title, including lifesaving program extensions, education & drowning prevention strategies.
 - 5.2.1. Lifesaving Services received \$1.52M over two years to go towards additional lifeguard & RWC sites, active training, and 4 additional volunteer support positions.
 - 5.2.2. Other funding will go towards People Development and IT projects, including initiatives to improve processes and systems for members.
- 5.3. Increase Lifesaving Capacity Bid – LSV asked for \$2.2M and \$1.9M over two years. We received \$1.5M and \$1.3M.
- 5.4. Lifesaving Facility Development - \$8M secured over the next 4 years for facility redevelopment plus some additional funding for current projects, highlighting an escalation of building costs being experienced across the entire industry.
- 5.5. This year the funding has created the ability to initiate new lifesaving services and tap into emerging technology, as well as review the way we provide lifesaving to the community.
- 5.6. Future funding – any future funding needs to be evidence based. LSV is continually trying to influence the key policy and statutory decision makers.
- 5.7. We have seen amazing outcomes achieved by clubs who have taken the initiative to influence funding outcomes from their relevant members of parliament and Government Ministers at State and Federal levels.
- 5.8. Question from David Pavia Ocean Grove: What does the funding for lifeguard sites go into?
 - 5.8.1. Ander Foran: Will go into infrastructure, equipment and staffing.

6. General Discussion

- 6.1. Do other clubs pay teenagers for helping at club events, if so how, when, cash/gift card etc? - Yvette Costello Hampton LSC
 - Andrew Foran – consider any implications from an employment and industrial perspective. Clubs should be aware of their legal obligations, such as Workcover, rates of pay etc. You might consider other incentives such as waiver of membership fee for the following year.
 - Bonbeach LSC – cash payment for beach programs as the member is giving up a shift that they might normally work at personal employment.
 - Anglesea SLSC and Williamstown S&LSC – pay an hourly rate for the staff in the merchandise shop and coaches
 - Wonthaggi LSC – gift card and reimbursement of costs for members who help out at community events.
 - Ocean Grove SLSC – will pay the members at standard lifeguard rates if they are helping out at approved events.
 - Tom Mollenkopf – Contribution towards travel costs if they meet a certain amount of patrols, or certain amounts of community programs. This helps instil a culture of putting in.
- 6.2. Discussions that were had at the MLD ACM and Council meeting - Julian Meagher
 - 6.2.1. U14 transition – MLD will workshop this at the MLD Forum on Saturday, 13 October. Discussions regarding youth engagement on the LSV board. Suggested that suitable young leaders such as BLS scholars or participants of leadership development programs should first get involved via their club committees and/or delegates.
- 6.3. Meeting Attendance – Tom Mollenkopf
 - 6.3.1. Concern around the club attendance at CLC meetings. For the last season 1 club was represented at all meetings, 6 clubs were represented at 3 meetings. 28 clubs had no representation at all. What can the LSV board do to help? Technology has improved to help increase attendance from our regional, and sometimes metro members remotely. How do we make the council meetings work better for the current membership to ensure participation?



Bonbeach LSC – clubs need to understand the importance of the council structure. All clubs have an equal vote, it doesn't matter how many members you have.

6.4. Is there an SOP for public drone use on the beach? – David Pavia Ocean Grove

Darren McLeod - Refer to circular 091.11.16 <https://lsv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Circular-091.11.16-Remotely-Piloted-Aircraft-Use-in-Lifesaving.pdf>

David Rylance – You can report unsafe drone flying to CASA.

<https://www.casa.gov.au/aircraft/webform/report-unsafe-drone-operations>

Any feedback on current SOP's is welcomed by the Lifesaving Operations Council

7. Meeting Close – 12:31

7.1. Next Meeting The next Council of Lifesaving Clubs meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 10 November 2018.

