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Bridport SLSC – Annual Report 2012/13

Report as at: 31 March 2013

Bridport SLSC continues to grow from strength to strength, and this year saw the Club become a fully affiliated member of SLSA, and the Club breaking ground on the building of Stage 1 (lower level) of the Clubhouse and Storage Facility, new members and new operational roles being undertaken.

- A move last year to move to a **smaller Committee**, with a number of **Operational Portfolios** has paid off with the club's operations and administration going from strength to strength. Please see the list below.
- **Bridport Gold Multi-Sport Event** - Another successful Bridport Gold was held in 2013, this time on the January Long Weekend. Attendance was down on last year, with a cold windy day deterring the recreational competitors the event usually attracts. This was consistent with the Bridport Splash held the same day which was also low in attendances. Results are on the website.
- **Swim the Pier** – was held each Saturday during January, with attendances averaging around 15 to 20 (max 25) swimmers each week. A number of the Ocean Series Swimmers also dropped in, between the swim series events, to do the Bridport Pier Swim. It is hoped that Bridport can be included in the Ocean Series Swims next season, with talks underway
- **Accreditation and Instructor Training**
 - Level 1 Coaches – Kath Hawkins completed the Level 1 Coaches Hours
 - Level 2 Coaches – Paul Hawkins Level 2 Coaches Course in South Australia
 - Trainers – Jacqueline and Brett Williams completed this Course
 - 3 Assessors - Including 2 new Trainers and Assessors (Paul and Kath Hawkins) completed updates ready for next season, joining Amanda Mayes to assist in this area.
 - Paul Hawkins will travel to Queensland in August to undertake further Jet Boat Training
- **Nippers / Seniors Training**
 - A Registration Day on the Bridport Village Green was a success, attracting new members as well as a great deal of interest by locals and holidaying families, who enjoyed the Craft display and talked to members about what we do in Surf Life Saving Clubs.
 - Trialled a new Nippers format with the inclusion of some 4 day (back-to-back) Nippers Sessions run Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday for 2 weeks at the start of January to encourage families holidaying for the early part of January to become involved. After these initial 2 weekends, the program continued as highly structured activities on Sundays during January, then as a more informal skill consolidation and PB training session during February, due to Club Members travelling for competitions. The 4 day weekend sessions were well received, however the Friday and Monday sessions were difficult to staff due to Instructor work commitments. This aspect of the program is likely be reviewed and modified slightly for Season 2013/14.
 - The Club competed for the first time as a fully affiliated club, and completed our first march past as a Bridport Team.

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- While the contingency was only small at the Junior State Championships with 9 Nippers attending, every member that attended made it through the semi-finals and into the heats. Congratulations to Declan Underwood, Will Smith, Jed Hawkins, Dawson Howell, Chloe Hawkins, Bronte Smith, Sam Foley, Jak Hawkins & Wylie Howell.
 - The Club also competed with two teams in the Masters Surf Boat Rowing and one Ski Competitor.
 - Attended the SAREX Training Exercise in Swansea in May 2013.
 - This year the Club hopes to develop challenges and training specific to retaining SRC's /Bronze aged 13yrs to 24yrs in the club, and requests any information or resources from more experienced clubs.
 - **Clubhouse Development**
 - Bridport SLSC continues to grow from strength to strength, and this year saw the Club breaking ground on the building of Stage 1 (lower level) of the Clubhouse and Storage Facility.
 - Additional funding was secured for the Construction of the Clubhouse from Tasmanian Community Fund (\$90K) **in addition to** the State Government's contribution (\$150K) and Surf Life Saving Tasmania's funding (\$35K).
 - The Club completed pre-planning and reporting & permit requirements
 - Developed a partnership with the Dorset Trade Training Centre to gain the assistance of the Cert 2 Constructions Students to work with their Teacher onsite for 20 weeks (2 days a week). The Program is known as the Bridport SLSC Clubhouse Construction Training & Employment Pathways Program (TEPP) and has won national recognition as a model by the Local Employment Coordinator Program, as a model for Priority Employment Area development, and highlighted by the Federal Government. Program Labour Value: \$41,760.
 - As a direct result a Revegetation TEPP partnership was also developed with the Launceston Polytechnic to meet the requirements of the Clubhouse development application. Program Labour Value: \$24,960.
 - Building works underway from late March, early April 2013, and Stage 1 Storage Facility to Lock up stage is on schedule for completion in July/August 2013.
 - Paul Hawkins, Geoff Lyons, Brett Williams, Kath Hawkins and Jaculyn Williams have done extensive work around managing the Clubhouse Building Project, with the assistance of Treasurer Michele Grant & Secretary Janet Wooden. It has been a feat to stay abreast of income and expenditure to ensure good financial management and they are to be congratulated on their achievements in this area.
 - The Federal Government is currently considering a pledge of funding.
 - **Other**
 - The Club's Official Photographer, Janie Boyd's photos of our Life Savers in action, featured in a Country Song by the band O'Shea called "Thank You Angels" which entered the Australian Country Charts and debuted at #24 climbing to #3 behind Taylor Swift and Keith Urban. See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWbuq46qtM8> (2:12 to 2:17)
 - The Club launched a new website at www.bridportslsc.org.au with thanks to all contributors.
 - Member's silicone Wrist Bands again a successful way to identify paid up members and raise community awareness of how many people were involved in the club.
 - Club Members entered the Derby River Derby Event in October 2012, while others did water safety.

- Christmas Parade - As way of including the general members and to give exposure to the club, we were approached by the Dorset Xmas Parade Committee to enter a float and to showcase the Jetboat and ATV which was purchased with the help of the local Harcourts and Lions Club. The Surfboat was decorated and the Nippers enjoyed themselves waving to the crowds. The club had an information stand which produced a lot of interest for the summer nipper season. The club won Best Sporting Club
- Club Dinner - Club Dinner was well attended by 80 general members. A video was produced by Janie Boyd to showcase the season and Nippers were proud to see their efforts showcased on the big screen.
- A Raffle Donation of a Double Surf Ski from a local resident helped to raise valuable funds which was put towards Nipper equipment.
- The club purchased additional equipment and had some donated boards refurbished for our bigger Nippers/SRC to use for training and competition.
- The club did not attend the Pool Rescue Championships in Hobart as most of our 20 odd Nippers Training Pool Rescue were too young to compete.
- Use of Social Media (Facebook) has increased the ability to maintain contact members particularly with items of interest during off season, and has created social interaction between members off-season.

Our club is extremely lucky to have a committed group of operational and administrative volunteers, and a wonderful support from various areas of the local community. All of the above accomplishments, and the very professional level that the Club achieves in these accomplishments would not be possible without the amazing people that continue support and nurture our Club.

Committee Members		Operational Positions	
President	General Member Jaculyn Williams	Equipment Officer Andrew Arnold	Event Manager Paul Smith
Vice President 1 Paul Hawkins	General Member Kath Hawkins	Craft Officer Danny Crichton	Surf Sports Manager Paul Smith
Vice President 2 Brett Williams	General Member Kellie Arnold	Boat Captain Ross Smith	Junior Activity Officer Amanda Mayes Anne Maree Combes
Secretary Janet Wooden	General Member Andrew Arnold	Lifesaving Manager Paul Hawkins	Chief Instructor/s Amanda Mayes Paul Hawkins
Treasurer Kellie Arnold	General Member Derek Arnold	Patrol Officer Brian Grant	
Registrar Janet Wooden		First Aid Officer Janie Boyd	

Financial Members (total)	Juniors Nippers 5yrs>12yr	Cadets 13-15yrs	Adults 15yrs+	Volunteers non-patrol	Silver Medallion	Bronze Medallion Patrolling	Surf Rescue Certificate	Award Members Eg:1st Aid Comm'ns	Rescues & Incidents
145	75	8	41	11	6	31 Probation=1	5 (4underway)	9	9 Rescues First Aid 5 Incidents

Membership	North East Members (64), Launceston and Surrounds (76), Intrastate/Interstate (5)
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Rescue Overview	<p>Rescues / Incidents included: A resuscitation of a young child by an off duty patrol member, lady injured by a tent-pole, a Board rescue – 200mtrs out, 3 rescues on one very windy day of children blow out to sea on inflatable's by off-duty member and son, a number of swimmers in difficulty were assisted during events, treatment of 3 separate stinger bites over summer. The club also assisted Dorset Council to do an awareness raising campaign around treatment for Stingers. Regional Rescue Service Deployment was deployed as follows: 10 July 2012: Bridport SLSC Off Shore Rescue Service deployed by Tasmania Police when two recreational fishermen got into difficulty off East Sandy Cape. The fisherman called for help, when their 14ft fibreglass boat suffered mechanical problems, as they were concerned that they were being blown further out to sea, and the wind had changed direction unfavourably.. 24 November 2012 Bridport Jet Rescue Boat crew rescued and towed a 5.2m recreational fishing vessel to safety during an evening training patrol. The fishing vessel ran out of fuel and the crew member was found attempting to walk the craft back along the beach to Bridport in Andersons Bay. After the boat and crew were returned safely to Bridport the Jetboat returned to Anderson Bay to pick up the skipper of the vessel who had left some hours before to get help, he was picked up 1km east of the river. All personnel were unharmed and returned safely to shore. Other: The Bridport SPLASH was run the same day at the Bridport Gold Multi-Sport Event with inclement weather affecting participation. 29 October to 04 November 2012: Members of Bridport SLSC represented SLST to provide support for the filming of the US reality adventure TV Show "72 Hours" which was filmed on Flinders Island 18th and 19th May, 2013: Around a dozen Bridport SLSC Life Savers attended the Marine Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) will be conducted in the Coles Bay/Swansea areas with other SLSC and VRM groups, in conjunction with Tasmania Police. The Club's Official Photographer, Janie Boyd's photos of our Life Savers in action, featured in a Country Song by the band O'Shea called "Thank You Angels" which entered the Australian Country Charts and debuted at #24 climbing to #3 behind Taylor Swift and Keith Urban. The Club launched a new website at www.bridportslsc.org.au which superseded the old website.</p>
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Kath Hawkins & Janet Wooden

On behalf of

President: Geoff Lyons (at 31 March 2013)

Vice President/s: Paul Hawkins & Brett Williams

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Nippers Instructors & Assistants	Most of our Patrolling Member instructed or helped out at Nippers this year, with some attending every week. A number of volunteers are stepping into more operational roles								
Courses Attended by members	Bronze Medallion Course Trainers Course: Cert IV Trainer/Assessor Upgrade Course: Silver Medallion: Surf Coach Surf Officials Advanced Resus:								