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Members of Woolamai Beach SLSC,

Please find below an update from the Board of Woolamai Beach SLSC following our meeting on 14th January 2021. Please remember that it is **not** possible to provide all notes and information due to the sensitive nature of some discussions. This document provides a snapshot.

It is noted that the Director of Member Development (Brendan Smart) is on leave. Terry Aslanidis (Vice Chief Instructor) provided the Director's report on his behalf and attended the Board Meeting.

Board Reports presented by Board Members:

President (Mark Bain):

- COVID update
 - Discussions with Ron Nicholson re Bass Coast Summer Series. Decision taken to cancel 2020 event
 - Communicated latest changes re requirements of face masks as per DHHS/LSV guidance
 - Will continue to monitor throughout the season
- PINP relationship and update
 - Discussions with John Thomson and Stafford Smith have continued
 - First stage of sand remediation works have been delivered
 - Discussions moving to longer term planning
 - Looking for volunteers to assist with strategic planning of clubhouse as part of Nature Parks strategic plan
- Emergency Services Fund
 - Danni has been engaged as Project Manager and beginning early planning activities. Still finalising list of deliverables.



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Vice Presidents (Stafford Smith and Max Eldridge):

Stafford:

- PINP
 - Pre-Christmas sand removal was completed (\$20,000) allowing 360 degree access around the club. More sand will be removed Feb / March. Our contribution will be \$5,000. I have requested an invoice for this from PINP. They are grateful for the contribution.
 - Still waiting on works to direct water away from clubhouse (Swale drains and road humps)
 - Some Fence construction has begun but it's a work in progress. Hoping the more permanent fencing in front the carpark viewing area will be completed next week.
 - Removal of sand has revealed an urgent need to do some maintenance to the veranda and the access ramp vertical poles.
 - NW Corner ATV access is proving difficult with the very steep dune already starting to slide
 - Meeting with our Sand Management team is scheduled for early Feb to look at the Carpark Master plan as PINP will seek a Grant to have this work completed. It remains a priority from them. They will be submitting an application specifically for this work. We will need to be ready with an updated plan.
- Sustainability
 - Lots of things in progress.
 - Still having discussions about waste collection. I spoke to PINP and they have a planned meeting with Bass Council to discuss this very issue and will bring up our concerns and needs in the hope of resolving collections of all types of waste.
- Upwey Partnership
 - Despite very challenging weather and surf conditions All 19 Upwey students gained Bronze and having spoken to a couple of patrol captains they have been enjoying patrols.

Max:

- Judicial Committee
 - Working on response framework for Board
 - Proving to take longer than thought, but this is progressing
 - Want to get this right the first time
- Long Service Awards
 - Awards are ordered, but taking a long time
 - Already tried to work with several companies, but delivering the awards at a decent time is causing issues
- RWC update
 - Patrols running well, they are proving their worth very well
 - Many rescues already carried out and completed successfully
 - We have not missed a day in our 7 day a week service
- Special Events



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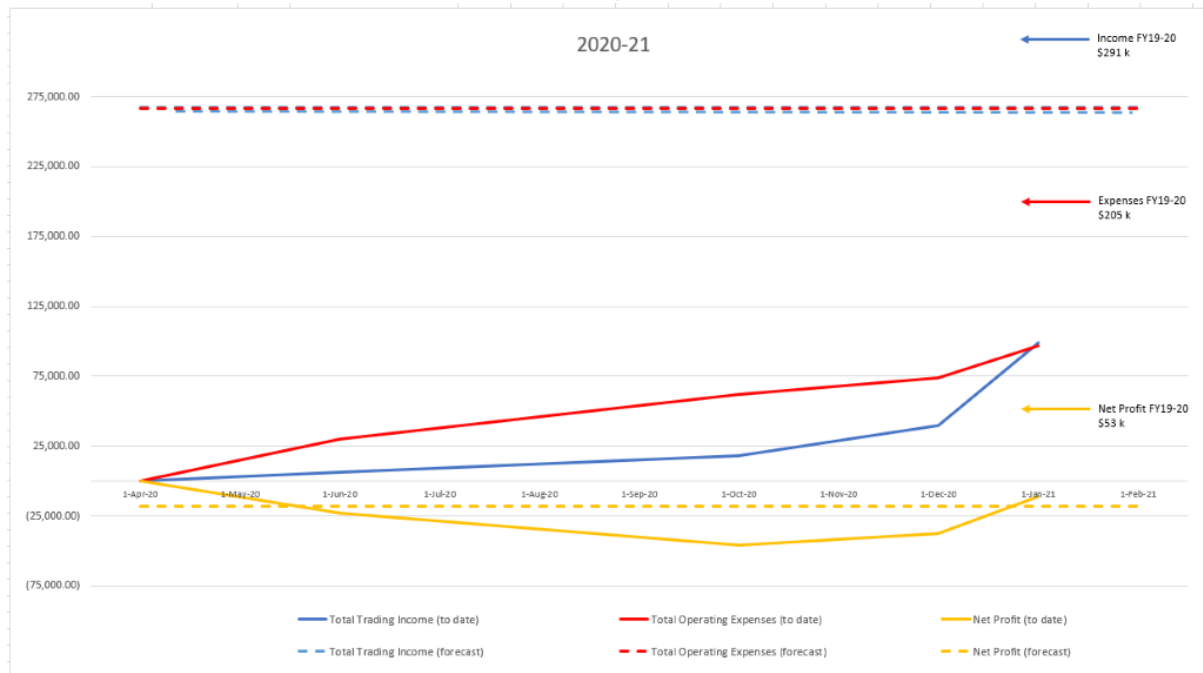


- Channel Challenge cancelled- A good decision made after trying to keep the event going for a long time
- Better for public safety- We will be back bigger and better for 2022
- This has been communicated to the rest of the club already
- Ron Nicholson, Alan McLean, John Thomson, Mick Sullivan and all other interested party have done a fantastic job and the Board of Directors thanks them very much for their hard and dedicated work

Director of Finance and Administration/Secretary (Adrian Koller):

The Director of Finance and Administration/Secretary was unable to attend the meeting due to a work related matter and asked the Vice President (Max Eldridge) to present his report.

- Major Account Activity (past 30 days)
 - Merchandise - \$8800
 - Waste disposal - \$1200
 - New mattress - \$8500
 - Current total in main account \$299,400



Director of Life Saving Services/Club Captain (Josh Cottier):

- Patrols:
 - Off to a strong start, great vibe around patrolling and excellent patrol attendance.



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- Small handful of rescues so far for volunteers, Lifeguards have been flat out
- No call out incident involvement, appears to be some communication/ process breakdowns which is seeing us not involved in incidents where we would be able to assist. Known issue to LSV who are working through this issue.
- **Gear & Equipment:**
 - ATV likely to be ready for pick up in next week.
 - Gear trailer had issues with the wheel rubbing on the guard, thanks Declan Andreola for temp repairs done in style.
 - New IRB motor ready for pick up from TRE
- **Lifesaving Services Social Event & Captains Patrol**
 - Lawn bowls @ Phillip Island Bowls Club (Cowes) was a hit, 25 members of lifesaving services team & board members got down for a roll. Great night, massive thanks to the PI bowls club – absolute legends down there, highly recommend to clubbies get down for a barefoot bowls one weekend
 - Captains Patrol – 10 veteran’s hustling the flags with style and class.

Director of Facilities/Assets (Darrell Clark):

Due to an emergency personal circumstance the Director of Facilities/Assets was unable to attend or provide a report to the Board. However, most issues going on in the assets area were covered by other Directors

Director of Member Development (Brendan Smart):

The Director of Member Development is on Australian Defence Force leave at this time. As a result the Vice Chief Instructor (Terry Aslanidis) provided the Director’s report to the Board of Directors.

- Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)
 - The Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) was completed on the 5th January. This saw 31 candidates gain their SRC qualification. I would like to thank Hannah Wallis and her amazing team for co-ordinating the course this year especially during COVID restrictions.
- Adult Bronze Course
 - The Adult Bronze was completed on the 6th December and saw 5 new candidates join the surf club. The Adult Bronze course was established 5 years ago for any members over the age of 18 who wanted to complete the Bronze Medallion. The program is great for Age Group Managers, Nipper parents etc.
- Upwey High School Bronze Camp
 - The Upwey High School Bronze Camp (UHS) was competed on the 11th December and saw 20 year 10 students obtain the Bronze Medallion Award. The Upwey High School Bronze Program has been a vital course run for more than 15 years at



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- Requalification/Skills Maintenance
 - The Annual Requalification/Skills Maintenance sessions have now been completed. Due to the restrictions, we ran a number of days/sessions where members could requalify their skills
- New Courses/Awards
 - Previously the training team decided to not run any New Courses/Awards at Woolamai during season 2020/21. After a review and the easing of restrictions, this has allowed us to open up some opportunities for training before the end of the season. Members wishing to complete New Courses/Awards at other clubs, should register for New Courses/Awards at the following link: <https://mt.lsv.com.au/login/>

Director of Competition (Jeremy Goodger):

- Upcoming carnival program issued. Only for seniors and U12/U13. No younger age groups
- Aiming for U12/U13 Mordialloc (31 Jan) and Ocean Grove (14 Feb) Carnivals
- Potentially Jan Juc for youth / Seniors on 28 Feb
- State Champs for U12 / U13 Labour Day weekend in Warrnambool
- Suze Fawaz to assist with training / co-ordination in upcoming weeks
- Approximately 10 fiberglass boards damaged, Jeremy to repair in the next 2 weekends minor damage. Island Surf (or other) to repair heavily damaged boards (2#)
- Decision taken to go ahead with Club Championships for 2021. Late February timing. Working with Stafford Smith and Patrol Captains to organise

Director of Communications (Riley Fyffe):

- Wednesday Woolimite on Jason Close published.
- COVID tracing booking system for the clubhouse modified and been working well.
- Communications sent out for Bass Coast Series cancellation
- Website updated for Bass Coast Series cancellation
- Set up online store with help of Fi Blackmore – Thank you Fi!
- Merchandise sales going strong considering COVID-19 meant no F2F sales.
- Best items sold were the grey hoodies, clubbie tracksuit pants, womens bathers
- Updated Nippers dates for 21/22 season.
- Emailed club wide alert about potential Mark Bain imposter via email that is trying to get people to buy gift vouchers and supply them to the individual

Director of Nippers (Charles Tuchtan):

- A successful Woolamai Beach SLSC Nippers program ran from December 28 to January 5 (excluding January 1) with 278 Nippers participating over two beaches - Cleeland Bight and Smiths Beach.



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- The program was delivered according to our program information plan which was presented at the December 2020 board meeting.
- The program was run with instruction from 17 age managers and supported by 31 assistant age managers.
- Approximately 30 water safety personnel primarily sourced from the 2019-20 SRC graduates, and 10 water safety sourced from parents of Nippers who hold Bronze Medallions and have extensive lifesaving experience supported Cleeland Bight and Smiths Beach respectively.
- It is expected that the program will meet both its income and expense budgets. A full report will be provided to the board at the March Board meeting.
- 2021-2022 Dates:
 - Registrations Open: August 2021
 - Nippers program dates: Wednesday 29 December 2021 to Wednesday 5 January 2022 inclusive (rest day on New Year's Day)

Director of Leadership Development (Hannah Tzimokas):

- Locked in April Bronze Camp – Have sent out communications to families. Will begin to start planning.
- Locked in plan for lifeguard accommodation at the residence with LSV
- Commencement of lifeguard preseason and main season, going well but very busy!
- Confirmation of lifeguard post season with extended dates – 26th Jan – 20th Feb
 - Smiths Beach and Woolamai Beach covered by Guards past the normal season until 20th Feb. 3 guards at each beach, in addition to volunteer services. Meaning each beach is covered 7 days a week

Decision Papers presented to the Board:

- Nil

Urgent/General business presented to the Board:

- Josh Cottier- VESEP Grant- LSV contacted asking us to spread the load amongst all clubs across the state. Club made the decision to allow other clubs to receive funding when it was not needed straight away for the club
 - Therefore, hopefully we will receive funding for ATV, but wait for 4WD
- Max Eldridge- WBSLSC extends our sympathies to friends and relatives of those members of the public who drowned on the Mornington Peninsula and Venus Bay on 13th Jan 2021. We extend our thoughts and offer of support for members who were involved in all rescues \
 - Have been in contact with Venus Bay SLSC directly and extended our thoughts and offer of support. This was appreciated



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- Terry Aslanidis- Waratah Beach SLSC are coordinating a swim out for Rob O'Brien, former President of Waratah Beach SLSC, to commemorate his passing- Labour Day Weekend
- Terry Aslanidis- Working with different emergency agencies and Bass Coast about emergency response in the Bass Area

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday 3rd February 2021



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