

50 YEARS



1958 - 2008

SORRENTO SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB (Inc)

Founded 1958

50 Year History Book

SORRENTO SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

FOUNDATION MEMBERS 1958

President George Geneff
Secretary E (Ted) J Richardson
Club Captain E (Ted) Shelton

L.B. Arbuckle	J.K. Geneff
T.J. Arbuckle	N.J. Harding
B.R. Arthurs	R. Leever
C.J. Arthurs	P.J. McDonald
D.C. Austin	V.E. Pollock
J.A. Austin	E.J. Richardson
C.F. Brockman	E. Richardson
W.F. Brockman	E.B. Robson
D.T. Evans	J.H. Robson

The Foundation plaque is located above the entrance to the hall.

FORWARD

It is a proud coincidence for me and my wife Edith that we moved into our home in Trigg Island as it was then called, following our marriage in August 1958, in the same year as the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club was established. So this year, we will celebrate two very important Golden Anniversaries!

In 1958, West coast Highway terminated virtually at the entrance of the site of the new Sorrento Surf Club. On the opposite (eastern) side of the highway was a sole corner store: called the Dome and owned and operated by Mr. George Geneff, who was one of the Club's founders and the Foundation President – probably our most distinguished member. It was here, as the rear of the Dome, where our original members stored their equipment as the end of the day's beach patrol, before we had a club house.

The early years of the Club must have been the most difficult ones for the small group of pioneer members, who struggled to obtain a Club house, with the support of the Shire of Wanneroo, as well as acquiring equipment, a surf boat, and all the items essential for a newborn Club, whilst also working hard to encourage others to join as members.

Being a member of a surf club – man or woman- boy or girl- fundamentally is about serving the community or “saving a life” for just a “thank you!” It is also about sun sea sand and especially, I repeat, “service”. It can be enjoyable, tiring, uncomfortable or rewarding. It's certainly essential in Australia, the world's largest island, with its thousands of beautiful and often dangerous beaches. We were the first country in the world to establish a National Surf life saving movement; which we have now introduced to the rest of the world.

I'm very proud to have been a surf life saving patrol – first with the Trigg Island Surf Club, then conjointly, a State Surf Life Saving Vice Patron. In 1972 I was also appointed the Patron of Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club and so I held these 3 positions concurrently. For a long time, now, I have been solely the Patron for Sorrento, with great pride!

Patrons undertake various tasks: they generally are present at all the major functions of the Club. They have the privilege of making numerous speeches to the members at the Club meetings and usually have the opportunity of being the first person to shake the hand of each newly elected Club President and to thank outgoing office bearers, when they complete their terms of duty. They regularly present trophies to Club winners at the annual prize nights. They also help with Club house fund raising and entertain the special visitors, e.g. Mayors and Councilors, State Surf leaders, sponsors and key guests who visit the Club. They often have the great honour of presenting to our very best club members, our highest award of all, Life Membership – this makes me very, very proud to acknowledge their incredible contributions.

When I look back over the 36 years since I first became Patron of Sorrento, my greatest memory is the wonderful friendships I have formed with so many key members of our Club!

In considering what was the most significant and rewarding issue that I was involved in with the Club, I believe it was in gaining the considerable finances, that, Bernie Duncan,

the then President of the Club, and I received following our intensive lobbying of the Wanneroo Council and the Lotteries Commission, to pay for our new Clubrooms, which were opened in September 1978.

Finally I acknowledge the input of each and every Club member, for their contributions to creating the marvelous Club we have today. I wish it every success in the future.

I hope all the readers of our history gain a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from considering the outstanding efforts of our outstanding predecessors


The Honourable James G Clarko AM AE JP
Patron of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club
28th January 2008.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

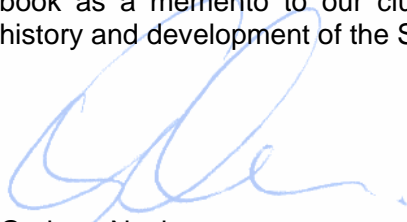
This year Sorrento SLSC celebrates 50 years of service to the community. In this year we must acknowledge the effort by all members, from the hard work of the foundation members led by the Foundation President George Geneff through to our current members. While our club premises have improved considerably from a room at the back of the small shop called the Dome located at the end of West Coast Drive, we recognise the hard work from all members over the past whether it be from hard physical labour to fund raising to create the clubrooms which we enjoy today. The beach has changed considerably over the years, with the installation of the three groynes through to the development of the Hillarys Marina and more recently upgrading of the foreshore to parklands now enjoyed by many members and visitors.

My early knowledge of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club dates back to some 35 years ago with visits with family friends from the country who would holiday at the adjacent caravan park. The clubrooms then were extremely humble to what they are now however while the club is recognised by our premises, it is our members who have made it the great club that it is. Many have volunteered their time from every aspect from patrolling our beaches to cooking sausages on the barbeque on a Sunday morning. All are drawn to the common interest being to give up our time and create a safe beach environment for others to enjoy.

We are recognised for our achievements in the competition arena. We have managed a number of medals both at state and national level and are recognised nationally for our strong performance on the beach.

The protection of the beach outer reef provides a safe beach environment, making it a safe family beach. It is understood that the foundation of the club was part of the dream of George Geneff being to have a family club called Sorrento SLSC. Now with record membership of over 1,100 members including over 280 patrolling members with a further 400 juniors we are safe in the knowledge that the dream of George Geneff lives on.

We take the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Steve Rogers in preparing this book as a memento to our club and allow members to understand more about our history and development of the Sorrento SLSC in our 50th year.



Graham Nash
President
Sorrento Surf Life Saving 2007-08

SORRENTO SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB (Inc) Founded 1958

History in The Making.

The Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club was founded in 1958 from a group of guys who were disgruntled by the management of the then North Beach Surf Life Saving Club (based at the bottom of James Street, North Beach. The club folded in 1960 and the club house has now been demolished).

These foundation members held their first meeting at the "Dome" for what became the basis of Sorrento's first Management Committee or what is now known as the "Board of Management". Local Sorrento business man and the Clubs first Life Member, George Geneff was called upon to become the Foundation President, with Ern Richardson as his Vice President, Neville Harding as Secretary, Late Life Member, Ted Shelton as the Clubs first Club Captain (now Director of Life Saving Services), John Robson - Chief Instructor (Life Saving Services), Lyle Arbuckle – Gear Officer, Hec Robson – First Aid Officer, with Graham Arthurs and Bill Woodhams as Committee Members.



Construction of Sorrento SLSC 1960

Things were tough. They had a club but no club rooms, they had members who were keen, but life saving resources were limited. In the first year patrol gear was stored at members' homes. The area flags and hand held siren were transported each weekend (usually in Lyles Fiat 600) to Graham Arthurs parents' house in Trigg as they had a large garage. In the clubs second year George Geneff, being the inventive one, stored rescue equipment in his old horse stable which had to have a door put on it for security. To compliment the "new clubrooms" an old water tank from the rear of the Dome was to become the club's first tower. Effective but offered the lookout very little protection from the elements!!

Sorrento's first Bronze team consisted of Neville Harding, Lyle Arbuckle, Ted Richards, Jack Van-der-zwan, Des Austin and Des Gordon with Instructors Graham Arthurs and John Robson. They successfully passed their exam on 1st February 1959. A second team passed their Bronze on February 19th. The club was therefore able to compete at its first State Championships in Geraldton over the Easter weekend.

The Committee's first major task was to secure clubrooms. There wasn't a government committee to apply to for the money as later Board of Managements have done for funding. Their only option was to go to the then "Commissioner of the Wanneroo Roads Board". The committee wrote a letter in 14th October 1959 requesting urgent funding for the amount of £1259(\$ 2500) for the building program! The actual cost to the WRB would be far less as £500 would be a grant from the Lotteries Commission, the club would donate £250 and £180 would be provided in the form of free labour and supervision. The actual cost to the WRB would be £329 (\$660)!



Sorrento SLSC 1960

In 1960, the first of Sorrento SLSC clubrooms was built in front of the intersection of West Coast Drive and Padbury Circle to the south of the present clubrooms. Mother Nature entered the fray in 1962 by attempting to remove the entire beach in front of the club rooms and then the building. Countless sand bags and hundreds of hours of volunteer labour ensured that the club rooms survived (in the winter when the erosion by the sea is particularly bad, the original foundations of this building can be exposed). With the widening of West Coast Highway, it became apparent to everyone concerned that the location was unsuitable so an alternative site was canvassed.

Sorrento SLSC received its first surfboat when the North Beach Surf Life Saving Club folded in the 1961/62 season. The boat, "Jantzen", was a heavy plank boat originally from the North Curl Curl Surf Club in Sydney (believed to been built around 1940's then moved to WA in 1950). The Club's second surf boat came later, when North Cottesloe won a surf boat at the State Titles (the gentlemanly thing to do at the time was to give a piece of equipment to a struggling club). The "BP Progress" was moulded ply and much

lighter than the "Jantzen". It would be some 10 years before Sorrento would purchase it's very first brand new boat.

In 1964, George Geneff and Ted Shelton became the Clubs first Life Members: a tribute to their tireless efforts to get the club up and running in the early days.

Russell Wright(later to be made a Life Member in 1973) was asked to swim the Surf Race and Belt Race in the "Cadet" division (now Under 15's) at the State Titles in 1963/64 at Leighton Beach. He got the Silver in the Surf Race and the Bronze in the Belt Swim, the clubs first medals at a Senior State Title. Russell thought it was just another carnival, no one had told him it was the State Titles and there were medals up for grabs!

On 16 July 1969, a new set of clubrooms was built on the existing site. The southern wing of our current building (where the Tower, First Aid room and Boat Storage area) still form the original exterior walls of this stage.

In 1973 a young Paul Toncich became the clubs first Gold Medalist. A win to Sorrento in the Junior division Under 11's Pillow Fight (an event no longer continued) at the Junior State Titles at Trigg Beach.

The 1974/75 season saw the introduction of the Surf Rescue Radio Control Centre, VN6SA radio network and with the Club obtaining it's first Inshore Rescue Boat (IRB), an "Avon - 550" in 1976. Sorrento had entered the modern era. With the radios and IRB came the Club's first Mobile Patrol vehicle (another first, an unlicensed 1960 short wheel based Land Rover in 1975 fitted with aircraft tyres and Armstrong steering.

The Club's first brand new surf boat sponsored by "Estate Development" was christened "Laurina" by Gaena Duncan in December 1974. It is a Roger Ninham made fibreglass over plywood (12 months prior to becoming legal!). The "Laurina is a native plant endemic to the Sorrento area and the name of the first subdivision in the Seacrest Estate (near St Hellier Drive). Later, the "Miss Apex" christened in 1979, would be the first foam sandwich fibreglass surf boat in WA. Sorrento leads the way!



Gaena Duncan christens Surf Boat "Laurina" in 1974

The 1974/75 season saw the Senior division gain its first Gold medal at the State Titles held in Geraldton. The "Junior" (now Under 18's) Beach Relay team comprising of Life Member Steve Blackwood, Lou Toncich, John Logan and Mark Duncan won by 3 metres. The team celebrated late into the night and some how Brad Lock's Volkswagen Beetle ended up in the doorway (sideways of course) of the then Myers Department store entrance! The first individual Gold medal came later in the 1979/80 season to Ron Clarke in the Surf Long Board event.

Peter Duncan (son of Bernie) was the first Sorrento member to win the Junior (Under 18) Gold medal for the "Champion Life Saver" event in 1978, a feat which has never been repeated.

With the northern suburbs expanding at a great rate, Sorrento's membership also expanded which in turn led to larger clubrooms being required. With much campaigning by Life Member Bernie Duncan and long time Club Patron Jim Clarko, the new building was officially opened on 30th September 1978.

The clubrooms now comprised of the old and the new building next to each other. Special thanks must go to the Directors of "Estates Development" for their financial assistance.

In 1979, female members were first admitted to Surf Life Saving. As a result, the clubs membership continued to grow with the Junior membership peaking at 350. Senior membership was also at an all time high. The first all female Bronze squad was trained and passed their exam in 1980.

It was around this time that the grassed area, BBQs and wall near the ramp to the beach were completed (1978/79). A significant step forward as it meant the end of an era. No more wood fired BBQ's!

During the 1980/81 season, the Sorrento SLSC became an incorporated body.

Life Member Dennis Rose was the Senior State Team coach between 1979-1981. He was also WA State Centre Superintendent 1980/81. Dennis was the first Sorrento member installed as a Life Member of the WA State Centre in 1987. At the same time Ron Clarke was the first Sorrento member to make a senior state team, representing WA in the Surf Long Board (a craft that is no longer paddled), March Past and R & R events at the National Titles in 1980 at Maroochydore Beach in Queensland where the state finished a creditable 3rd.

At the 1984 Australian Surf Life Saving Titles at Kurrawa Queensland, Graham Dietrich and Neil O'Leary became the clubs first Gold Medalists at an Australian Titles level in the First Aid event. An event that was to have "Sorrento" stamped on it several more times.

Patrol Captain and Examiner, Gae-anne Duncan was the female WA representative to officiate at the Australian Titles, the 1985 titles at Point Leo, Victoria.

The State Titles in 1985/86 saw Alan Clarke win the "Ray O'Connor Medal" for the best overall performance on the day. He won the Long Board, Junior Malibu Board, as well as minor placings in other events which earned him a place in the WA State Team.

A set of plans for clubroom extensions incorporating the joining of the two buildings was drafted by the Board of Directors in the early 1990's. President Ken Jenner with the assistance of Patron Jim Clarko and Vice Patron Fluer Freame (Deputy Mayor) ensured that the \$500,000 needed to unite the two buildings became a reality. These clubrooms were officially opened on 23rd January 1993. Shortly afterwards, the courtyard to the north was completed in 1995.

The Premier event of any surf carnival is the "6 Man R&R". Sorrento first held the title in 1985 where the team comprising of Life Member Russell Wright, Peter Thompson, Mike Gill, Ron Clarke, Alan Clarke, Darryl O'Donnell and coached by Ken Jenner.

In 2000, members David Clarke and John Griffiths were awarded the "Australian Sports Medal" for services to Surf Life Saving and were made life members of the SLSA Australian National Council in October 2005.

With the pressure of the modern world upon the club, the decision for a part time paid Administrator was made, and at the start of the 2002/03 season, Louise Dean commenced working in a small office next to the Board Room.

The Board of Directors over the years have continued to administer and organize the club in the appropriate manner as we have come to expect of them. They have faced many hurdles and overcome them all. Issues such as "Public Liability", the introduction of IRB's and competition, hall utilization by other community groups and the constant need to raise funds through sponsorship and grants for surf rescue equipment are just a few. Being part of the Board is often a thankless task, but every year we get someone new to take on the various roles. For this we thank each and everyone of you for your efforts and hope you continue next year.

So, from these humble beginnings, Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club has evolved to what it is today.

THE PRESIDENTS



George Geneff
1958 - 1963



Jack Geneff
1963 - 1972



Jim McAtee/ Bernie Buncan
1972-1973



Bernie Duncan
1973 - 1979



Gary Williams
1979 - 1980



John Hayes
1980 - 1983



John Griffiths
1983 - 1984



Dennis Rose
1984 - 1987



Grant Gannon
1987 - 1988



Ken Jenner



Earl Cook



Dave Russell

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1988 – 1991



Steve Berry
1996 – 1998

1991 – 1994



Darryl O'Donnell
1998 – 1999

1994-1996



Des Choake
1999 - 2001



Neil Rowse
2001 – 2003



Garry Duijckers
2003 – 2005



Ron Morris
2005 – 2007

THE LIFE MEMBERS



George Geneff
1964



Ted Shelton
1964



Jack Geneff
1969



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Russel Wright
1973



Bernie Duncan
1983



Steve Blackwood
1992



Kingsley Smith
2001

Dennis Rose
1980



Gary Williams
1986



Steve Rogers
1994



Terry Colby
2004

Ken Jenner
1980



John Hayes
1989



Gwen Jenner
2001



Earl Cook
2005

SORRENTO SLSC CLUB EMBLEMS



1958 Original



Current Logo



25th Year

50 YEARS



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50th Year Celebration

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TITLES

GOLD

Year	Event	Medalists
1984	First Aid	Graham Dietrich Neil O'Leary
1987	First Aid	John Mead Graham Dietrich
1987	Cadet R& R Coach Denis Smith	Paul Cook Paul Warner Shane Warner Allan Marshall Stuart Spicer
1988	First Aid	John Mead Graham Dietrich
1991	Masters Double Ski	Doug Lacklison Russell Wright
2002	Single Ski Female 40+	Gail Hall
2004	U/16 Beach Sprint	Karla Slater
2007	U/19 Women's 2km Run	Kadie-Rose Wright
2007	40-44 Women's Beach Sprint	Diane Broad

SILVER

Year	Event	Medalists
1985	First Aid	Neil O'Leary Peter Thompson
1997	Open Women's Beach Relay	Sonja Belle Amy Forrest Annette Fuller, Erin Palmer
1998	Open Women's Beach Relay	Sonja Belle Amy Forrest Chelsea Frost Kristy Vella
1998	u/16 Women's Beach Relay	Kelly Cura Carly James Lauren Nimmo Stefanie Plint
2000	Open Female Beach Relay	Sonja Belle Kristy Vella Annette Margaret Amy Forrest
2001	Open IRB Surf Rescue	C Rapley C Ray JS Moar
2001	Open IRB Team Recue	C Quinn SJ Spicer GD Fry C Rapley RG Oakley
2005	Open 2km Beach Run	Kylie Broad
2006	U/17 Women's Beach Sprint	Karla Slater

BRONZE

Year	Event	Medalists
1989	U/15 Beach Flags	C Martin
1989	u/15 5 man R & R	M Dyson A Gadsen N Wilson A Butters M Maloney
1991	First Aid	Paul Brierley Greg Spicer
1986	First Aid	G Dietrich John Mead
1995	30-34 year Surf Race	Craig Moar
1998	U/18 men's Beach Relay	Aaron Bell Jeremy Plint Clint Ray Peter Reynolds
1998	35-39 years Men's Beach Sprint	Peter Duncan
1999	Open Women's Beach Relay	Sonja Belle Amy Forrest Chelsea Frost Annette Margaret
1999	u/16 Men's Beach Relay	Josh Dobel Sam Miller Jay Sloper Damian Woods
2001	Open IRB Tube Rescue	C Quinn SJ Spicer D Berry
2001	Open IRB Mass Rescue	C Quinn SJ Spicer NF O'Leary J Richardson C Arcus
2008	U15 Men's 2 Km Beach Run	Jack Neary
2008	U19 Women's Beach Sprint	Karla Slater
2008	40-44 Women's Beach Sprint	Diane Broad
2008	Open Men's Beach Relay	Aaron Bell Jeremy Plint Paul Kappeler Adam Duffy

SORRENTO SLSC BRONZE MEDALION LIST

1958/59 Season

Arbuckle	Lyle	Harding	Neville
Austin	Desmond	Leevers	R C
Austin	J A	Richards	Edward
1959/60			
Gordon	Desmond Barry	Parlerleit	Walter Jacobs
Kelly	Christopher William	Ruigrok	Jacobus Charles
Meyer	John Alfred	Woodhams	William Clarence
O'Rouke	Brian Joseph		
1960/61			
1961/62			
Castiglioni	Raymond Lenard	Harding	Barry Ronald
Evans	Alan Michael	Smith	Neville Ernest
1962/63			
Arbuckle	Beresford Ross	McDonald	Ronald James
Baldock	Ross Duncan	Richards	Peter Henry
Barradeen	Michael Laurence	Wright	Ross Lindsay
1963/64			
Angwin	Gary Phillip	Paterson	Robert Clarke
Hardinge	Colin Manvile	Pursell	Richard Anthony
McDaid	Desmond Paul	Vingerhoets	Anthony John
1964/65			
Williams	Gary Milton		
1965/66			
1966/67			
Goldman	Alex	Wright	Russell Barry
Honeysett	Philip		
1967/68			
Baldock	Scott Jeffrey	Rayner	Robert Charles
Barrandeen	Leslie James	Shelton	Desmond Edward
Pursell	Peter Frederick		
1968/69			
Caporn	Garry Eli	Rayner	Stephen William
Legersteg	Martin Cornelis	Vaughan	Arthur George
1969/70			
1970/71			
Bolt	Michael John	Jenner	Kenneth Clifton
Byatt	John Arthur	Pendergrast	Harold Ernest
Byatt	Robert Michael	Reynolds	Ian
Facey	James Raymond		
1971/72			
Beaton	Geoffrey Ronald	McWillie	Donald Ian
Ferguson	Cliff	Warnes	Kevin Robert
McAtee	Robert Charles	Wilson	Kevin Eric

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1972/73

Beaton	Douglas Malcolm	Locke	Bradley Guy
Carpenter	Paul	Reynolds	Shane Keith
Duncan	Mark Carlton	Scott	Malcolm Sameul
Duncan	Bernard Carlton	Spies	Michael
Harwood	Nigel	Spies	Christopher

1973/74

Axe	Eric Michael	Freeman	Paul Ronald
Bird	Gary David	Gill	Michael Daniel
Blackwood	Stephen	Grieve	Mark Bernard
Butterly	Gary James	Hanney	Peter
Cayless	Mark Russell	Logan	John
Coole	Timothy Phillip	McWhirter	Gavin John
Dietrich	Graham	Oldfield	Bradley Wayne
Freeman	Stephen	Jamieson	Jeffrey David

1974/75

Blackwood	Wade Allan	Meakins	Stephen Robert
Clarke	Ronald James	Rose	Kevin Neil
Duncan	Richard Bernard	Rose	Michael Lance
Finucane	Martin	Skipp	Robin Gelby
Mack	Gary Norman	Tonich	Luis John

1975/76

Carew	Shane Keith	Wintergreen	Kevin J.
Mawsley	Ian R.		

1976/77

Brown	Gary	Hefferon	Shane
Duncan	Peter	Rogers	Steven James
Foster	Mark Robert	Strauch	Jeffery

1977/78

Forlonge	B. A.	Hayes	Stephen
Clancy-Lowe	Martin	Nicholson	Peter
Fillingham	Tony	Slater	R. J.
Hayes	John. W.	Smith	Kingsley Stirling

1978/79

Cork	Craig W.	Holman	Noel E.
Fisher	Stephen V	Lawrence	Ian M
Greene	Steward W.	Strange	Michael E.
Harris	Rod	Waddell	Steven M.

1979/80

Ayres	S. J.	McWhillie	G. I.
Clee	S. G.	O'Leary	N. F.
Durnbridge	M. R.	Richards	A.
Ellis	M. B.	Rogers	K. J.
Fraser	B. R.	Sheehan	G. J.
Gannon	M. E.	Weidyk	J. W.
Hayes	D. F.	Wigby	N.
Irving	M. J.	Wood	P. F.

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Jennings	A. V.		
1980/81			
Allen	G. A.	Hood	Ross L.
Allen	J. R.	Kerr	Carol A.
Anderson	Rosalynne A.	Lehre	Renate S.
Chambers	Rosalynne A.	McCartan	Neil E.
Duncan	Gae-anne C.	Muir	Tamara S.
Gannon	Grant N.	Randall	Nicholas. J.
Gay	Iam Malcom	Waddell	J. S.
Greene	Kim J.	Wytenburg	Yolante M.
1981/82			
Boelen	Bruce	McLeod	Ross D.
Boelen	Eric J.	Newman	W. D.
Burton	K. J.	Pitcher	John C.
Clark	Paul A.	Roberts	B. H.
Laden	Helen S.	Spiers	Phil H.
McCartan	Kevin F.		
1982/83			
Albinson	L.	Pinch	N.
Ayres	S. J.	Pond	Michael G.
Blacker	R. L.	Proudfoot	Ross E.
Clark	Allan G.	Richins	B. S.
Court	G. A. N.	Rowden	C. C.
Dowling	Edward T.	Sadler	Shane
Duixbury	John F.	Siney	S.
Geneff	Murray	Siney	C.
Gillespie	K. L.	Skene	T. K.
Harlock	Natalie J.	Smith	D.
Harrop	A.	Uyen	Warren T.
Itzstein	Sonja M.	Walker	L.
Kuhlmann	K. M.	Wilson	E. J.
McKilbride	D.		
1983/84			
Anderson	I. R.	Massam	B. J.
Bowden	J. J.	Miller	N. B.
Colliss	T.	Miller	V. K.
Craigie	L. J.	Moffat	B.
English	K. A.	Parnell	V. J.
Finn	W. J.	Parnell	T. M.
Geneff	P. J.	Scot	K.
Goodliffe	N.	Smith	C.
Holdijk	C.	Tarr	S. G.
Howe	R. W.	Wenddaap	P.
James	A. B.	Wigby	T.
Kanther	N.	Wilson	B.
Kerr	S. R.		

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1984/85

Adams	S.	Marchesani	Helen A.
Bullivant	T.	McKinley	P. R.
Bunter	N.	McKinley	G. J.
Buytels	T.	Proudfoot	Neil+B280
Buytels	M.	Richins	D. L.
Claffey	Nanette E.	Smith	K. J.
Clarke	L. M.	Spicer	Greg
Conelly	D.	Stockden	J. E.
Cummings	K.	Turner	M.
Ernshaw	D.	Twomey	S.
Fienberg	D.	Valeriani	G.
Gaynor	S.	Waterford	D.
Gledhill	T.	Wells	P. L.
Hawker	P. J.	Williams	J. M.
Hyde	R. R.	Witherow	L.
Klump	D.	Witherow	D.
Lawson	R.		

1985/86

Anderton	Paul	Marshall	Julie
Blackwood	Miranda	McCawley	Robet
Bowden	M.	McMillan	Colin
Bradshaw	Chris	O'Mara	David
Bullivant	Nathan	Prendergast	Darlene
Clarko	Julie	Proudfoot	Mark
Cordery	Dannette	Richins	Ashley
Dowling	Richard	Rintol	Chris
Dunn	Wayne	Rolls	Sean
Earnshaw	Bettina	Rose	Brenton
Edwards	Karen	Smith	Adam
Farrar	Mathew	Spivey	David
Gabrielson	Lisa	Taster	Eric
Gamble	S.	Turner	Jodi
Gurney	Mark	Walsh	D.
Hill	Russell	Warren	Elisa
Hollick	Rohan	Woodbridge	Daniel
Lindsay	Robert	Woodbridge	Joanne

1986/87

Abbott	James	Mullene	Philip
Addiscott	Richard	O'Reilly	Lawrence
Cook	Paul	Quirk	Tricia
Cutten	Rohan	Saunders	Kylie
Geddes	David	Spicer	Stuart
Gibson	Donna	Thomas	Gaynor
Lyons	Kevin	Warner	Paul
Marshall	Alan	Warner	Shane
McGuirk	Geoffrey	Williamson	Cleon

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1987/88

Bairstow	Richard	Kelleher	Maryann
Bloomer	Paul	Lindsay	Scott
Brierley	Paul	McDonald	Christopher
Choake	Desmond	McLeod	Ian
Earle	Shane	Miller	Norman
Forman	Aric	Newman	Mark
Gibson	Craig	Walker	Grant
Gluck	Vicotr	Walsh	Amanda
Higgins	John	Warren	Leee

1988/89

Anderton	Paige	Maloney	Michelle
Bamford	Nathan	Martin	Christian
Butters	Andrea	Moy	Peter
Byrne	John	Muller	Michelle
Cann	Simon	Pye	Kirsten
Dawson	John	Ralston	Justin
Dyson	Matthew	Rose	Natalie
Epding	Ron	Starcevich	Andrew
Gibson	Tamara	Toy	Kathryn
Helgason	Helgi		

1989/90

Avey	Keiran	Lockahrt	Darryl
Back	Kylie	Martin	Gavin
Berry	Stephen	McKinnon	Grant
Bisdee	Renea	Mosley	Martin
Connelly	Michelle	O'Callaghan	Patrick
Darhody	Nerida	Parker	Damien
Deeks	Christopher	Pillage	Troy
Earle	Jason	Radalj	Eva
Elliot	Darren	Richards	Christopher
Farrar	Caroline	Saunders	Mike
Fogg	Paul	Scott	Steven
Gadson	Annelie	Slaback	Brian
Glew	Brad	Smith	Damien
Hammond	Barry	Smith	Kelli
Horbury	Murray	Sprigg	Lisa
Innes	Mark	Timms	Justin
Jackson	Justin	Tulloch	Andy
Kirkness	Todd	Wilson	Nadine
Lane	Richard		

1990/91

Avey	Michael	Lacklison	Kylie
Blackshaw	Andrew	Laws	John
Cochran	Zac	Lockhart	Adam
Cutler	Bradley	McDonald	Glen
Gartner	Bianca	Payne	James

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Hardy	Patrick	Pye	Davina
Harvie	Scott	Rule	Aaron
Horbury	Rick	Seymour	Brooke
Jansen	Andre	Swindells	Margret
Johnson	Genevieve		
1991/92			
Balson	Anthony	Johnson	Greg
Barclay	Dan	Kelly	Damien
Bickle	Ryan	Kensit	Denise
Bisdee	Jenelle	King	David
Blackshaw	Belinda	Kingsley	Natasha
Colton	Craig	Lowry	Mark
Cross	Ian	Lucas	Simon
Dalgliesh	Andrew	McMillan	James
Dawe	Gail	Miller	Adam
Deeks	Michael	Nash	Paul
Dillon	Gregory	Plint	Gay
Dyson	Caitlan	Plummer	Narelle
Gartner	Adam	Plummer	John
Growd	John	Ruck	Michael
Harrison	Andrew	Ruck	Alison
Harrison	Stewart	Siney	Samantha
Haynes	Kevin	Smith	Elizabeth
Herbert	Craig	Smith	Daniel
Hocart	Damien	Thompson	David
Hocart	Travis	Thorburn	Gary
Horbury	Mark	Watson	Robert
Jeynes	Mark		
1992/93			
Avey	Brendon	Macri	Brett
Brown	Lyn	McCall	Michael
Calabrese	Rob	McDonald	John
Dohnt	Christopher	Morgan	Ken
Elliot	Gary	Morgan	Kim
Epding	Stephanie	Morgan	Russell
Everest	Tom	Naughton	Phil
Flockton	Jon	O'Connell	Debra
Froud	Jason	Porter	Kim
Gaffney	John	Retallack	Dean
Gallie	Robena	Reudavey	Karen
Gallie	Sean	Rewell	Cameron
Glew	Ryan	Richards	Glen
Greive	Brendan	Ross	John
Hagenson	Christopher	Russell	Belinda
Harlond	Leo	Stachowicz	Christine
Harlow	Angela	Stevenson	Michele
Horbury	Gemma	Stumpers	Glenn
Kennedy	Amanda	Taylor	Brendan

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Lacklison	Joanne	Taylor	Andrew
Langford	Justin	Teede	Russell
Lindsay	Paul	Thomson	Michelle
Lowe	Somers	Thorp	Tarni
Lyons	Glenda	Toth	Stephen
Lyons	Rebecca		
1993/94			
Atkinson	Tony	Hamilton	Shane
Benic	Maria	Hodgetts	Steve
Blatchford	Phillipa	Hubbard	Andrew
Colyer	Jennifer	Hutchinson	Roxanne
Dawson	Ryan	Johnston	Rex
Dekuyer	Tony	Keene	John
Donkin	Anne	Kepplinger	Mark
Donnelly	Stuart	Leard	Darren
Dunning	Alan	Meade	Brian
Dwyer	Aaron	Nicky	Clarke
Edwards	Craig	Russell	Ted
Eves	Geoff	Stevenson	Leanne
Gerreyn	Steve	Vansanten	Rochelle
Gooden	Steve	Vella	Melissa
Gordon	Alistair	Woods	Julian
1994/95			
Bentink	Lynanne	O'Brien	Bev
Blatchford	Elizabeth	Owen	Kasey
Consadine	Boyd	Plint	Jeremy
Duguid	Kevin	Porter	Aaron
Edwards	Fiona	Prior	Clint
Evans	Garry	Reynolds	Allan
Freiderich	Ulrike	Richarson	Terri
Greenhalgh	Nicola	Rickerby	Allan
Hardy	Paul	Salisbury	Wayne
Heller	Martin	Simpson	Robert
Humphreys	Sonja	Taylor	Janelle
Jeffrey	Robert	Tout	David
Leard	Darren	Van Santen	Troy
Lillico	Guy	Walker	Daniel
Marie	John	Wellstead	Len
Martenson	Jerrica	Whitetaker	Bryony
McDonnell	Shane	Woodward	Clint
1995/96			
Barton	Chris	Main	Lexie
Barton	Christopher	McDonald	Angela
Bell	Karen	McNamara	John
Bell	Aaron	Moar	Jodie
Clarke	Michael	Povey	Ben
Dekuyer	Janet	Quinn	Troy

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Doherty	Robert	Reynolds	Peter
Donnelly	Mark	Reynolds	Peter
Foster	Natasha	Reynolds	Danielle
Glover	Breanna	Russell	Taryn
Kitts	Daniel	Scott	Carie-Jane
Kitts	Michael	Smithyman	Tara
Kitts	Daniel	Vanson	Luke
Kitts	Michael	White	Brea
MacNeil	Ailie	White	Amy
1996/97			
Alder	Jackie	Hogg	Kevin
Allen	Christine	James	Nyree
Anderson	Michelle	James	Carly
Anderson	Brad	Kent	Philippa
Arcus	Chenda	Krause	Fran
Bentink	Samantha	Leonard	Matthew
Berry	David	Mason	Jonathon
Bluett	Carolyn	McCallum	Paul
Brooks	Eddy	McNeil	Marie
Chapman	Nicholas	Mitchell	Greg
Counsel	Geoff	Mortimer	Lisa
Doherty	Amanda	Palmer	Erin
Duffy	Adam	Philippe	Grant
Duijckers	Garry	Rapley	Cameron
Eastwood	Glen	Tapley	Brant
Fisher	David	Teede	Mathew
Geddes	Iuan	Tonkins	Joel
Geraghty	Kim	Vella	Kristy
Hayes	Renee	Wright	Jaye
1997/98			
Aikman	Ryan	Moar	Craig
Bateman	Peter	Quinn	Chris
Bevan	Sarah	Richardson	Jedda
Bisland	Ashleigh	Ridley	Glenn
Brown	Melissa	Ridley	Andrew
David	Irwin	Robins	Tegan
Denning	Amy	Russell	Daniel
Di Paolo	Bruno	Sheldrick	Brett
Fouracres	Tracey	Smith	Kate
Frood	Jim	Smithyman	Peter
Goodliffe	Sarah	Taylor	Dean
Graham	Sue	Woods	Anthony
Jernakoff	Greg	Woods	Damian
Loughlin	David		
1998/99			
Bavin	Kate	Jackson	Rachael
Blatchford	Susie	Johnson	Glen

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Clapman	Catherine	Kappler	Jeffery
Clausen	Daniel	Kemp	Lauren
Cura	Kelly-Anne	McNamara	Julian
Dekuyer	Jarrad	Morris	Richelle
Eisenhammer	Debbie	Nimmo	Lauren
Farmer	Peter	Oakley	Ross
Ferrier	Simon	Orifici	Grace
Fowles	Luke	Plint	Stef
Gooden	Carlie	Poole	Brett
Greenhalgh	Julie	Richards	Ben
Gullan	Melissa	Rogers	Michael
Hall	Dustin	Wickramasinghe	Wayne
Hartley	Ian	Williams	Rebecca
1999/2000			
Bennetts	Peter	Morris	Ronald
Bennetts	Roger	Nimmo	Lauren
Berman	Erez	Pugh	Russell
Brimson	Matthew	Quartermaine	Jarrad
Broad	Graeme	Ridley	Benjamin
Clapman	John	Rogers	Glen
Clark	Faye	Sullivan	Jason
Dolbel	Joshua	Walls	Andrew
Ellington	Claire	Watson	Jenny
Lloyd	Joy		
2000/01			
Barbour	Collette Anne	Merry	Alexander
Baxter	Sarah	Nash	Graham
Bell	Carly	O'Leary	Natalie
Brown	Ryan	O'Leary	Monique
Cochran	Sophie	Parrot	Scott
Doherty	Rachael	Rapley	Andrew
Dominican	Jade	Rowe	Melissa
Dominican	John	Rowse	Neil
Edwick	Dale	Rowse	Penny
Evans	Gareth	Simpson	Ashley
Ford	Kelly	Staples	Melissa
Heal	Jessica	Taylor	Jonathon
Henry	John	Tennant	Mary
Martin	Paul	Van Zanten	Paul
Merry	Alan	Watkins	Jessica
2001/02			
Allen	Kirsty	McIntyre	Andrew
Barnes	Bronwyn	Miltrup	Tania
Brooker	Ashlee	Narlond-Kenny	Jessica
Cameron-Brown	Chris	Neary	Tricia
Cougan	Paul	Preiato	Don
Di Camillo	Anna	Rowe	Brendon

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Dielesen	Arie	Russell	Skye
Duczynski	Rachael	Russell	Yul
Farrell	Jessica	Slattery	Sarah
Finlay	Warrick	Slattery	Kate
Finn	Richard	Sliman	Stuart
Fyson	Dominique	Squibb	Brian
Hayes	Alexander	Thomas	Roydon
Laver	Paul	Turner	Laurie
Lucas	Travis	Tutt	Sharn
Mack	Vanessa	Van Der Ploeg	Yvonne
MacNeil	Sam	Watts	Hannah
Main	Stuart	Watts	Mason
Marshall	Jeffery	Wells	Murray
McInnes	Ian	White	Peter
McInnes	Joanna		
2002/03			
Ackland	Sarah	Lane	Elizabeth
Alexander	Emily	Latsky	Mike
Barclay	Jessica	Latsky	Belinda
Beatty	Elly	Main	Steven
Bennetts	Sophie	Markus	Jessica
Blackwood	Adam	Porter	Nicola
Bowker	David	Rattay	Anita
Bowker	Maddie	Richards	David
Elson	Bradley	Richardson	Jim
Emery	Kevin	Robinson	Paul
Franklin	David	Rowse	Janie
Frichot	Charlotte	Ryan	Eamon
Georgel	Brett	Smith	Barry
Gibson	Scott	Trevor	Martin
Griffiths	Hugh	Turner	Glenn
Hamilton	Ian	Turner	Jenny
Hardie	Erin	Woolcott	Darren
Hodson	Timothy	Wright	Mahli
2003/04			
Angove	Elana	Meling	Karen
Atkin	Liz	Miler	Karina
Barnes	Stuart	Mott	Laurie
Berry	Christine	Pearsall	Tom
Broard	Tamerin	Pentland	Lauren
Clark	Kim	Perris	Ken
Cougan	Chistine	Price	Steven
Elliott	Mitchell	Roxby	Christine
Fleming	Sarah	Saxby	Josephine
Hackett	John	Seaton	Phil
Hughes	Bill	Simpson	Todd
Johnson	Todd	Sliman	Karen

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Kanakis	Simon	Smithyman	Callan
Kappeler	Paul	Walsh	Laura
Krause	Benjamin	Wan-Bildon	Christine
Lawrence	Wendy	Watkins	Jessica
Lees	Caitlin	Wheeler	Dennis
Lemmon	Sue	Young	Aaron
Mackey	Tyler	Zorawski	Maya
2004/05			
Ackland	Gary	Keed	Tyson
Bateman	Sarah	Laycock	Paul
Black	Nicholas	Marshall	Julie
Bowker	Ellie	Miles	Scott
Boyle	Grace	Miltrup	Alysha
Broard	Diane	Morgan	Paul
Broard	Kylie	Morgan	Troy
Caley	David	Murray	Lynda
Clapman	Jessica	Neilsen	Steven
Cougan	Teneeka	Neville	Margaret
De Klerk	Melissa	Nicol	Samantha
Dielesen	Gabrielle	Power	Mat
Dielesen	Samantha	Quicke	Wendy
Dielesen	Jillman	Sampson	Lionel
Duffy	Yhana	Slater	Karla
Ferreri	Luke	Van Rudyen	Nicole
Goswell	Michael	Walsh	Christine
Hancock	Alice	Watkins	Peter
Harris	Nick	Wood	Greg
Ison	Matthew	Wright	Kadie
2005/06			
Berry	Rita	Morris	Belinda
Crane	Michael	Nash	Leigh
Cronin	Richard	Pearce	Amanda
Cunningham	Carla	Quartermaine	Michael
Farmer	Duncan	Russell	Jordan
Graffin	Georgia	Shooter	Roger
Henderson	Lauren	Shooter	Tracey
Hill	Anna	Staples	Lauren
Hinrichsen	Leif	Thomas	Luke
Keed	Allira	Vincent	Jonathon
Koch	Mark	Watson	Christopher
Lucas	Kirsty	Wilson	Alexis
Matsinger	Simone		
2006/07			
Emery	Christopher	Nevile-Earnshaw	Janine
Faulkner	Anthony	Newman	Wayne
Grant	Roy	Reeve	Chrissy

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Grant	Cheryl-Jane	Reeve	Adam
Haverkort	Frank	Sands	Dylan
Humphreys	Skye	Sands	Craig
Jones	Glenn	Saupin	Marc
Kanakis	Matthew	Selwood	Carroll
King	Simon	Slater	Darrell
Lambe	Steven	Stubbs	Peter
Lazarus	Teri	Taylor	Daryl
Lewis	Shanae	Tomkins	Alecia
Marshall	Brooke	Turner	Robert
Moffat	Megan	White	Courtney
Murray	Richard	Wright	Zakary
Nash	Courtney	Zehnder	Susan
2007/08			
Alam-Tanner	Berly	Krause	Heidi
Allan	Brett	Lewis	Leanne
Andrzejaczek	Samantha	Lithgow	Sarah
Atkinson	Wendy	Marr	Ryan
Barker	Kelly	Matsinger	Amanda
Berry	Madeline	McIntosh	Gregory
Borraccino	Fabian	McLean	Sophie
Byfield	Sophie	Miltrup	Brittany
Catanach	Ella	Mitchell	Cheyne
Clune	Ashley	Mott	Heather
Clune	Sally	Newton	Robert
Crump	Paul	Osan	Jessica
Cutler	Michael	Palmer	Brett
Daws	Jacqueline	Parish	Luke
Dempsey	Christopher	Pitt	David
Fleming	Lisa	Preiato	Callan
Fraser-Gillard	Tiffany	Rawlings	Ashleigh
Furness	Brittany	Russell	Victoria
Furness	David	Ryan	Liam
Griffiths	Darrin	Seaton	Luke
Grundy	Gregory	Steele	Kerrod
Hackett	Kristian	Strutt	Steve
Hancock	Michelle	Sweeny	Benjamin
Hemphill	Ian	Sweet	Rod
Herbert	Sandra	Toner	David
Hingston	Teagan	Turner	Luke
Ingram	Lisa	Uglow	Jacqui
Jones	Christopher	Walsh	Ryan
Kirkham	Peter	Zavgra	David
Koch	Ryan		

50 YEARS AT SORRENTO

In 1958 at a beach in Perth's far north
Surf Life Saving members began to step forth
We want things to change and for us to have a go
But the committee were strong and flatly said "NO"
So they duly marched away to that new suburb, Sorrento

With the backing of "General Jack" and his shed the "Dome"
The new members no longer had to roam
It was October 1958 and time for the first surf patrol
The newly formed Sorrento SLSC was on a roll

The committee comprised of Jack, Ted, Ned and a few others
Whilst in the lower ranks there were the "Arbuckle" brothers
They needed a clubhouse, a place to put up their feet
Eventually in '61 the first building was complete

From the very beginning right through to today
His name's not on the foundation plaque, he wasn't to say
But one person has been here, he knew it was right
That person is none other than Life Member Russell Wright

West Coast Drive and the ocean too big
It was a time to move on or stay and dig
In '64 with sand bags and volunteers too
They saved the club house but everyone knew

They had to move there was no time
Sorrento got new clubrooms in sixty nine
They are still there today at the base of the tower
They were with 1 toilet and a triple shower

Cadet Russell Wright won the club's first medal
For in the water he could certainly pedal
A Silver in the Surf Race and a Bronze in the Belt
By day's end, on top of the world he felt

The modern era of Surf Life Saving came to the fore
Living in the dark ages was no more
Radio's, IRB's and Mobile vehicles too
Sorrento SLSC would have a few

The state's first patrol vehicle was donated for free
A bright yellow Jeep with the green of "BP"
Skirting behind it was such fun
For on the board was the President's son
The club's first Gold was in '73
Paul Toncich in the U/11's Pillow Fight, sat on a log from a tree
The Senior first Gold was 12 months away
Sorrento blitzed the field in the Junior Beach Relay

In the '78 Long Board final, Ron Clarke was so lean
He took the Gold and made the WA State Team

The club was growing at an enormous rate
The clubrooms were too small and out of date
No real gymnasium, not a lot of space
Up stepped Bernie Duncan and into the race

He pulled a few strings and made the odd call
For the Sorrento SLSC he would give it his all
In '79 the new clubrooms were complete
There was even a hall and a place to meet

As the years have gone by we have lost some of our best
George Geneff, Ted Shelton and Earl Cook are at rest
Out in the court yard we've lost one too
No more of our good friend, the wood Bar-Be-Que

Sorrento has had it's supporters over the past 50 years
Many people have given so much, like many of their peers
For behind the scenes, keeping the building plans "Game On"
We thank you very much Jim Clarko, our long time Patron

Behind every Life Saver there is a partner, a husband or a wife
Who permit us to attend Sorrento and stay out of strife
We thank them all, whole heartily we do
For without them & their support, Sorrento would be few

The club has changed and grown some more
But there will always be a smile when you enter the door
The Board of Management will give it their best
For the greater good of Sorrento is the ultimate test

When you go to the beach and safety is the go
You go to that lovely beach, at Sorrento
Where it's full of history and the people are nifty
Congratulations Sorrento, for today you are fifty

Steve Rogers
August 2007

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Steve Rogers
50th Celebration Committee

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