



Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

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VOLUNTEER SURF LIFESAVERS PREPARE TO PUT AWAY 'THE FLAGS' FOR ANOTHER SEASON

Volunteer surf lifesavers around Victoria, including Point Lonsdale are preparing to conclude what has been a long and busy season for them.

Volunteer surf lifesavers commenced patrol duties on the 23rd November last year and patrols at Point Lonsdale and other locations will conclude on Easter Monday, 21st April, in a weeks time.

Media Release

The Media Liaison Officer, for the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club, Mr. Matthew Ponsford announced the approaching conclusion of patrols this weekend. "It is just over a week until surf life saving patrols at Point Lonsdale cease, on Easter Monday."

"The 2002 / 2003 season has been a very busy one for us, with **44** lives saved at the Point Lonsdale Surf Beach, by volunteer surf lifesavers as of today."

"In the last 10 years, volunteer surf lifesavers have averaged 40 rescues per year on the Point Lonsdale Surf Beach. A combination of a hot summer, together with some dangerous conditions and large beach attendances led to several days where multiple swimmers were rescued in a single day. We hope not to add to this total during the Easter long weekend."

This total of 44 brings to a total of over 1 450 lives saved by volunteers surf life savers at Point Lonsdale, since the club began in 1947."

"Especially now that patrols will soon cease we would remind all beach users to continue to Play it Safe by the Water. This includes never entering the water by yourself and if visiting a location that you are not familiar with checking with someone who knows the safest place to swim and where hazards are located."

"In the event of requiring assistance at a beach we would remind beach goers to telephone '000' and ask for the emergency service that they require"

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Serving the community since 1947

*Over 1 450 lives saved by volunteer surf lifesavers and professional lifeguards
Always swim between the red and yellow flags – no lives lost 'between the flags'*