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### DATE FOR THE FIRST OF THE 'BIG THREE' OPEN WATER SWIMS ANNOUNCED

The date for the next **Stockland Rip View Swim Classic**, has now been confirmed as **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2005**.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December is a public holiday in lieu of Christmas Day falling on a Sunday this year and the swim will be just over a week prior to the biggest open water swim – the Lorne Pier to Pub, giving swimmers and ideal warm up and training opportunity.

## Media Release

Event Director, Mr. David Ponsford was pleased to announce that the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club has now secured and confirmed a date for the 18<sup>th</sup> swim.

“It is a very challenging task to schedule such a major event, with factors such as tidal influences, the scheduling of other open water swims and public holidays to contend with.”

“The Club’s first priority is always the safety of our swimmers and members and tidal influences play a large role in determining the most suitable date for our event. Some people may not realise that it is impossible for us to schedule the event on the same weekend each year as to run the swim against the powerful tides that exist at the nearby Port Phillip Heads would be a recipe for disaster.”

“We are anticipating a 2:00pm start which makes it an ideal start time for those that may have to travel some distance to participate in the biggest single event each year at Point Lonsdale, attracting over 1 300 swimmers and approximately 5 000 spectators.”

On-Line Entries will open later in the year at [www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au](http://www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au) and entry forms will be posted out to last years competitor’s towards the end of the year.

For further information please contact the Event Director – David Ponsford on 0438 580 257.

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*Serving the community since 1947*

*1 511 lives saved by volunteer surf lifesavers and professional lifeguards*

*Always swim between the red and yellow flags – no lives lost ‘between the flags’*