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### **SURF LIFESAVERS ACKNOWLEDGED AT POINT LONSDALE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT**

Members of the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club, together with their family and friends and a number of official guests celebrated the end of another successful Season at the Club's Presentation Night, held at the Ripview Restaurant Queenscliff on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

During the evening a number of important awards were presented and significant awards included :

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James Coutie was awarded the 'Patrol Service Award' for completing the most voluntary patrol hours during the Season.

Eliza Houghton, Emma Carland, Perri Burns, Penelope Van Veenendaal, Ellie Webb and Charlie Robinson were awarded 'Most Efficient Patrol Person' for their outstanding efforts in their individual patrols.

George Robinson was awarded the 'Bronzie of the Year Award' for outstanding efforts during their recent Bronze Medallion training.

Alana Cross, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Emma Carland, James Coutie, Chelsea Burns and Sam Webb were awarded 'Best Club Championships Competitor' in their respective age groups.

Alana Cross, Tom Shiels and the 140 years minimum surf boat crew of Peter Grant, Leigh Hall-Sullivan, Brett Mazouris, Graeme Smith and Murray Smith were awarded with the 'Best Competitor' in their respective age groups.

James Coutie, Rowan Cross, Andrew Fitzpatrick and Andrew Minty were awarded 'Encouragement Awards' for their contribution during the Season.

Elizabeth Collins and Alex Loder were awarded the 'Club Captain's Award' and Matthew Ponsford was awarded the 'President's Award'.

Geoff Speed was awarded the 'Distinguished Service Award' for his exceptional contribution to the Club over 20 years.

For the first time since 2000 a Life Membership presentation was made. Matthew Ponsford who is the Club's current Secretary was awarded Life membership for his services to the Club, since joining the Club in 1987.

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Jim Curtis was awarded the distinguished award of 'Club Person of the Year'.

A major highlight of the night was when Cr. John Bugg helped award a number of members with Surf Life Saving Australia Long Service Awards.

These awards recognise long service to Surf Life Saving and recognise 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 and 75 years of service.

David Gordon and Bill Pearson were presented with 50 year service medals.

Attached to this Media Release are a number of digital images as below :

"Life Membership Matthew Ponsford"

Club President Rick Aitchison together with Life Members present – David Gordon, Alan Joyce, Eric McGee, Bill Pearson and Betty Young present Matthew Ponsford with Life Membership.

"David Gordon 50 years"

Club Life Member David Gordon receiving his SLSA Long Service Award for 50 years of continuous membership.

"Bill Pearson 50 years"

Club Life Member Bill Pearson receiving his SLSA Long Service Award for 50 years of continuous membership.

"Patrol recognition"

3 members ( Dave, Rachel and Jack ) of one of the Club's patrols that achieved a near perfect score during a patrol efficiency assessment receive recognition of their efforts.

L to R –

Dave Hume, Rachel Golightly, Lisa Neville (MLA), Jack Hume and Blake Pilgrim (Club Captain)

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