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POINT LONSDALE'S SURF LIFESAVERS CROSS THEIR FINGERS WITH AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Point Lonsdale's Surf Life Savers are hoping to hear positive news in the next month or two after submitting a Community Safety Emergency Support Program (CSESP) Grant in late June, reports Club Secretary, Mr. Matthew Ponsford.

"The CSESP provides Life Saving Victoria affiliated Clubs (together with CFA, SES and the Australian Volunteer Coastguard) with the opportunity to apply for funding (on a \$ 2 for \$ 1 up to \$ 50 000, then \$ 1 for \$ 1 from \$ 50 000 to \$ 70 00 for rescue equipment and resources."

"With Life Saving Victoria moving into the State Government's Department of Justice and now offering an enhanced public safety role, the need for improved lifesaving gear and equipment is a high priority."

"The Club requires a new purpose built lifesaving gear and equipment facility at our Clubrooms site. Our Beach Bases are at full capacity and we desperately need increased storage space to keep our expensive equipment out of the extremes of weather and to enable us to improve and develop the types of services that we provide to the community."

"The proposed project has a budget of just over \$ 99 500. We're hoping to obtain just over \$ 58 000 via the CSESP, with the remaining \$ 41 000 to come from Club fundraising activities and initiatives."

"We have heard rumours that in this Round – Round 4, the number of applications from Life Saving Victoria affiliated Clubs and Services may exceed the amount of available funds being allocated by the State Government. We have asked for support from Lisa Neville MP, who offered to take our case to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. We hope that the State Government will ensure that Lifesavers are not left high and dry and that this essential funding program continues, no matter which Government is elected in November."

For further information please contact the Secretary / Media Liaison Officer - Matthew Ponsford on 0419 52 52 58

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