



# Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

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## THOUSANDS PREPARE TO SWIM “THE RIP”

An estimated 1 500 swimmers will take part in the first of the “three big open water swims” this coming weekend (**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**), as the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club prepares to hold the 15<sup>th</sup> annual FILA Rip View Swim Classic.

Point Lonsdale’s Rip View Swim Classic is now widely regarded as a compulsory warm up for many swimmers who take part in the Pier to Pub Swim at Lorne the following weekend, including the majority of the elite swimmers.

Swimmers are divided into a total of 22 categories from Juniors (12 – 16 years) to the Grandmasters (70 + years) and the first group of swimmers commence at **12:00 Midday**, with the elite Open Swimmers commencing at 1:50pm.

Event Director Mr. David Ponsford reports that, “Last year we had a record number of entries – 1 236 and I’m confident that this number will be exceeded this year”. “With warm weather predicted for this weekend, combined with the beautiful surrounds of Point Lonsdale the entire main street of Point Lonsdale will be turned into a carnival like atmosphere. Many thousands of spectators are predicted to view and participate in the street party atmosphere, with the main street of Point Lonsdale closed to traffic during the day, which is one of the busiest trading day for many of the Point Lonsdale traders each year.”

Mr. Ponsford states that, "The swim is a major event for the Club and people should feel happy that their entry fee is helping the Club provide a voluntary service to the community, through Surf Rescue patrols at Point Lonsdale and now Queenscliff. This event is a major fundraiser for the Club and without these types of events, the Club could not continue to operate."

Full results will be available from the Club website [www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au](http://www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au) or from the official event timers website - Finish Line Timing [www.racetiming.com.au](http://www.racetiming.com.au) from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December.

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

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Over 1 406 lives saved by volunteer surf lifesavers and professional lifeguards  
Always swim between the red and yellow flags – no lives lost ‘between the flags’*

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