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### SWIMMERS RATE RIP VIEW SWIM CLASSIC AS A GREAT START TO THE FIRST MAJOR OPEN WATER SWIM FOR THE VICTORIAN SEASON

Yesterday 1 210 swimmers participated in the first of the 'big three open water swims' when the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club conducted the **Penfold Holden Rip View Swim Classic 2003**.

The race was held in near perfect conditions and the field were cheered on by an estimated 6 000 spectators who enjoyed the carnival like atmosphere at the finish, at the Point Lonsdale Front Beach.

## Media Release

Race organisers were very pleased with how the day went. Event Director Mr. David Ponsford was delighted with how the event ran. "We have had so many swimmers come up and tell us how much they enjoyed this years event. From a Club perspective we are pleased that the day ran smoothly and that there were no major incidents. This is a safe event, thanks to much planning and preparation and that's the way we want to keep it – friendly, fun and overall a safe event". "The Club is especially thankful to the businesses and organisations that assist with prizes, donations and other forms of assistance for this big day, which is the Club's biggest fundraising effort and helps to keep lifesavers on the beaches of Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff each year."

The **Penfold Holden Rip View Swim Classic 2003** (in its 16<sup>th</sup> year) is now widely regarded as a compulsory warm up for many swimmers who take part in the Pier to Pub Swim at Lorne, to be held in two weeks time. Main place getters in 'overall male & female' were:

Overall Place	Race Number	First Name	Surname	Category Name	Cat Place	Overall Time	Speed min/100m
1	1010	Nick	Cordner	Mens 17-29	1	13:39.4	00:59
2	1030	Patrick	Murphy	Mens 17-29	2	13:49.4	00:59
3	3025	Sam	Van Deuren	Mens 12-16	1	13:54.8	01:00
17	1431	Marisa	Oppedisano	Womens 17-29	1	14:42.8	01:03
19	1405	Ebony	Currell	Womens 17-29	2	14:46.5	01:03
20	1460	Hannah	Tuohey	Womens 17-29	3	14:46.7	01:03

For further information about the swim and for the full results, visit the Club's website - [www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au](http://www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au)

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

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