

Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated



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SANTA CASA PROJECT GETS GO-AHEAD - AT LAST!

The Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club has received approval to build a new Life Saving Facility at Santa Casa Beach.

The Borough of Queenscliffe has been keen to commence regular life saving patrols in Queenscliff. In conjunction with Surf Life Saving - Victoria, the State Government Water Safety Initiative Program and the Borough of Queenscliffe, the Club facilitated a beach patrol service at Santa Casa for the first time during the summer of 1999-2000, when an estimated 25,530 people visited the patrolled beach during the 4 week period between December 26 and January 26 2000.

This confirmed the perceived volume of visitors to this beach and reinforced the resolve of the Borough of Queenscliffe and the Club to provide regular beach patrols in Queenscliff. The Club has continued to provide rescue equipment, signage and a storage container to support Life-Guard patrols during this 4 week period every year since.

The reality of providing regular beach patrols at Santa Casa however is that it requires trained lifesavers, regulation rescue equipment, suitable storage, first aid, radio and communication facilities.

The life-savers cannot be supplied from the existing Club membership alone. The increased demands to provide more patrol days and extended patrol times at Point Lonsdale are already seriously stretching the people resources of the Club. The equipment cannot be supplied from the Club's stocks for the same reasons.

So funds from the "Life Saving into the 21st Century" funding grant received by the Club are being deployed to establish a permanent life saving facility in Queenscliff which will provide the physical base required to store essential equipment, train new lifesavers, house essential communication and first aid equipment, and enable regular lifesaving patrols to commence at Santa Casa.

It will also provide the opportunity for the young people of Queenscliff to engage in the full spectrum of life saving activities from a base in their own community.

The budget for the project is \$160,000. Under the \$ for \$ conditions of the "Life Saving into the 21st Century" funding grant, the Government pays half and the Club has to find the balance, in this case \$80,000.

Donations (fully tax deductible) are desperately needed. Cheques should be made payable to the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club Building Fund, and sent to the Club at PO Box 120, Point Lonsdale, Vic. 3225. Donations can also be made by credit card.

For further information about this, or to arrange photo opportunities, please contact Bruce Smith (Vice President Marketing) on 0412 596 883.

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