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**ALSC Fundraising BBQ
Bunnings Altona North
8th September
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President's Update

Hello all,

It is that time again, winter is drawing to a close and the smell of spring will soon be in the air. This is always a busy time for the committee as we ramp up for all that needs to be prepared for the season. At our recent AGM, the committee of 2018/19 was appointed with the only change this year being our Treasurer Ashley Wolff stepping down and Matt Dunn taking on the role. I would like to thank Ashley for all that he has done for the club. Ashley did more than was asked of in his role and continues to support the club in the background with some of the administrative jobs that need to be completed. Welcome to Matt, we all look forward to working with you to ensure we meet the requirements to facilitate the operational running of ALSC. Thankyou as well, to all the committee and those who have taken on roles within the club. There is so much to communicate, so please take the time to read through our new look newsletter that Jemma has so kindly revamped with the assistance of Kristyn from www.helpmeformat.com.au.

Look forward to seeing you at the Open Day or Bunnings BBQ!

Lisa Curran, President ALSC

Open Day

Come down to Altona Life Saving Club for our annual Open Day on **Saturday 1st September from 11.00am-1.00pm**. Talk to our fantastic team of volunteers about Nippers, Patrol, Bronze Medallion, Competition, Surf Boat, R&R and more. It is also a chance to purchase uniforms, become a member and enjoy a sausage sizzle. There will be a demonstration of some Nippers and Competition events on the beach from 12pm.

OPEN DAY
Saturday, 1st September
11.00am-1.00pm
ALSC Clubrooms – 127
The Esplanade, Altona

Nippers

The new season of Nippers is not far away and there are some changes for 2018/19. As the Life Saving Victoria State Championships being moved forward to February, we will be starting our Nippers season earlier on **Sunday, 21st October at 9.45am**. We have also decided that the time slots that we used on our Sunday program need extending a little, so Nippers will now run until 12pm (let's be honest it usually does anyway!) giving 3 x 45min time slots for our activities. See Upcoming Events and Key Dates for further information.



We are very lucky to have so many fantastic volunteers who are happy to help out week in and week out. But the truth is, as the number of Nippers increases each season, the numbers behind this are still relatively small. Wow, did I just hear you all say, "What can I do to help Big Nipper?"! Well there is a lot you can do to help. Below is a list of different roles that are available and that we need to fill to make sure your child has another amazing Nippers season, because in the end, we are here as parents making sure our children learn to be safe on the beach and can one-day help patrol and keep others safe as well.

If you can help with the following please email me at bignipper@altonalsc.com.au.

- **Age Managers** – running the sessions for a particular age group.
- **Parent Helpers** – assisting the AMs with the running of the sessions.
- **Nippers Water Safety (Bronze Medallion)** – keeping the children safe in the water at Nippers. We are especially low on Water Safety and we ask that parents of U8s upward seriously consider if they can do their Bronze this season to help us with this vital role.
- **Set up** - Enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the beach before the Nippers arrive!
- **Pack up** – Coordinate the packing up of Nippers equipment after the session.
- **BBQ** – feed the Nippers, raise vital funds and I can promise a free sausage!

Follow us on Facebook to keep updated with news and events:
[facebook.com/altonalifesavingclub](https://www.facebook.com/altonalifesavingclub)

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Open Day on the 1st September and receiving the many, many, many emails of interested parents that are keen to volunteer to help keep our amazing Nippers program running smoothly.

See you on the beach!

Big Nipper (AKA Travis Theodore)

Macquarie Sports Radio 1278AM Little Legends



We are delighted to announce that ALSC has won a \$2000 prize from the Macquarie Sports Radio 1278AM Little Legends competition. ALSC was nominated for the competition by a member of the Club and then members of the public voted online. There were over 250 clubs nominated and ALSC is one of five winning teams from Victoria. President Lisa Curran is delighted that the public got behind the club and voted. Lisa said, 'Winning this competition

shows that the wider community really value the role that Altona Life Saving Club plays'. The Committee will now meet to decide how best to spend the money. We will keep you posted as to how the funds were spent later in the season. A huge thanks to everyone who voted and shared details of how to vote with family and friends!

2018-2019 Membership Renewals Now Open

By now, existing members should have received a membership renewal email from Jo Wicks our wonderful Membership Coordinator. Please read this email carefully and follow the steps to navigate the process and the Surf Life Saving Australia Member Portal. You will need to have a current Working With Children Check before renewing. You can apply or check your check status by visiting www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. If you have not received an email, please contact Jo by emailing membership@altonalsc.com.au.

Membership registration for new members commences 1st September 2018. Contact membership@altonalsc.com.au

Vacant Roles for 2018-2019

ALSC is run for the benefit of the community entirely by volunteers. We have the following vacancies for the upcoming season. Please email Lisa Curran at president@altonalsc.com.au for more information or to volunteer. You won't regret it, ALSC is a great club to be involved with!

- **Lifesaving Gear Manager**
- **Radio Manager**
- **Powercraft Manager**
- **Water Safety Manager**
- **Nippers Equipment Manager**
- **Social and Fundraisers**
 - Committee role/s to work alongside existing members
- **Special Events Manager**
- **Senior Boat Team Manager**
- **Grant Manager**



Competition



In addition to Beach Patrol and Nippers, ALSC also competes in the Life Saving Victoria carnival program and also at LSV winter pool carnivals. Altona was recently crowned LSV Junior State Pool Champions after a hugely successful pool campaign by our junior pool athletes. Altona's swim program has enhanced our athlete's capabilities in the sport. I'd like to thank everyone that has been involved in the program especially Peter Henry, Jo Wicks, coaches, parents and athletes.

The competition training program at ALSC is open to any members from U8s to Masters. Training for existing Competition Team members takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Training U8s and anyone new to comps will be on Saturdays from 3-4pm. Please ensure that you are signed up to the correct groups on [Team App](#) so that you receive all the relevant updates.

For more information about joining the Competition Teams please speak to me, Paul Puhar, at the Open Day or by emailing competition@altonalsc.com.au.

Paul Puhar, Head Coach ALSC

Upcoming Events and Key Dates

- **ALSC Calendar:** Can be viewed and downloaded via tinyurl.com/ALSC1819Calendar
- **Team App:** Check out our Team App for more information - altonalifesavingclub.teamapp.com
- **Saturday 1st September, 11.00am-1.00pm:** Open Day at ALSC Club Rooms
- **Saturday 8th September, 8.30am-4.00pm** – Bunnings BBQ, Altona North
 - Volunteer your time - book your shift here trybooking.com/WIFJ
- **Saturday 15th September, time TBC:** Age Manager / Parent Helper Training (Club Rooms)
- **Saturday 15th September, 2.00pm-4.00pm:** Bronze Medallion Pre-requisite Swim
- **Saturday 27th September, time TBC:** Age Manager / Parent Helper Training (Club Rooms)
- **Friday 12th October to Sunday 14th October:** Wye River Competition Training Camp
- **Tuesday 16th October, time TBC:** First Competition Training Session
 - For existing Competition Team members
- **Tuesday 18th October, time TBC:** Introduction to Bronze Medallion Session
- **Sunday 21st October, 9.45am-12.00pm:** Nippers Session One
- **Saturday 10th November:** Patrol Season Starts
 - Patrol notifications will be sent via Team App
- **Sunday 25th November, time TBC:** Junior Carnival at Altona Beach

Special Thanks

Last but not least, thanks to Kristyn from Help Me Format for donating her time and expertise to help me to format our wonderful new-look newsletter. Kristyn is a wizard and we wouldn't have such a professional looking document without her help and ongoing support!

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See you on the beach,

Jemma Robson, Communications Officer ALSC

