



Surfcoast Longboard Club

Founded 1985



Affiliated Surfing Victoria

INFORMATION HANDBOOK

**INCLUDING THE
CODE OF CONDUCT**

SEASON 2025

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1. WHY WE EXIST

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a brief overview of the Surfcoast Longboard Club's Vision, Values, Objectives and Club Administration for our Surfers, Officials, Members, Sponsors and Supporters.

1.2 Overview

We are a club of fun loving longboarders who get together at Point Impossible on Victoria's Surfcoast on the first Saturday of every month between February and November to have some friendly competition and laughs together.

We pride ourselves on our welcoming spirit and family friendly environment. We have some awesome surfers in our midst, including several National and State champs, as well as lots of weekend warriors who do their best to keep the champs honest and have some fun.

We have run two speciality competitions each year too. We ran Wild Women on Water annually in March up until 2023 to encourage more women to surf more regularly. Since then, Surfing Victoria has conducted a Women's Surfing Festival, and we initiated the West Coast Wax Up in its place. We also run the Winter Classic each July, just before the National Titles. It attracts a big field from across the State and is run as a charity events to put something back into our local community. In 2024, we ran it just prior to the WSL event at Bells Beach and managed to attract a large field of international and interstate surfers. Most importantly, we raised \$10,000 to help support a local family in crisis.

Apart from competitions and charity events, we also regularly run coaching clinics and judging courses in conjunction with Surfing Victoria.

1.3 Our Vision

To be recognised as 'a leading Longboard Club in Victoria'

1.4 We Value

- Promoting enjoyment, friendship and participation for all surfers and their families
- Open communication between surfers, parents and club officials
- Ongoing development of our surfers, coaches, judges, volunteers and support staff
- New ideas that will contribute to greater success for our club
- Our sponsors and supporters contribution in the promotion of our club

1.5 Our Objectives

- To provide a safe, flexible and respectful environment for all volunteers, members, relatives of members, and spectators free from all forms of discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment
- To provide the opportunity for all surfers to develop and improve their skills, competitiveness, confidence, self-esteem, respect for each other and surfing enjoyment
- To maximise participation for all surfers regardless of ability
- To have fun and enjoy each other's company and the camaraderie of surfing together

1.6 Affiliation

The Surfcoast Longboard Club is affiliated with Surfing Victoria.

2. OUR HISTORY

2.1 Our origins

Surfcoast Longboard Club morphed out of the original Westcoast Longboard club in the early 1990's. It's vision is to be recognised as the leading longboard club in Victoria. Its patron is the well-known 1960s surfboard manufacturer George Rice.

Westcoast Longboard Club was formed during the re-emergence of longboarding in the early/mid eighties. Some early, prominent members were Doug Warbrick, Al Reid, Kel and Noel Shanhun, Joe and Jeff Sweeney, Ted and Tim Richmond, Long John and Janaka Peterson, Andy Robertson and Peter Wilson. The club successfully ran the first modern Australian Longboard Titles in the Torquay-Bells area in 1985.

Many members commit yearly to representing the club at longboard events around Australia including the Noosa Festival of Surfing, Malfunction, Australian Open, Crescent Head, Snowy McAllister, Evans Head, Noosa Wrecks and Relics with wins and finals placings in many.

2.2 Life Members

Life membership is granted by the Committee to members on the basis of:

- 10 Years continuous membership
- An outstanding contribution to the Club in the area/s of surfing and/or administration

Life members in order of their nomination are:

1. John Lane, Liz and Lew Nettleton
2. Noel Shanhun & Scott Wintle
3. Emma Webb & Bob Smith
4. Bud White, Brett Lalor and Boo Lalor
5. Brian Kuit

2.3 Past Club Champions

Past Club Champions include:

- Ted Richmond
- Graham Slade
- John Lane
- Tom Strang
- Rob Emslie
- Noel Shanhun
- Michael Pinney
- Jordie Brown
- Jordan Noble
- Adam Lynch
- Liam Griggs-Kennelly
- Brian Kuit
- Mat Robertson

2.5 Honour Board

The Committee is currently collating a full record of all past club champions in all divisions, past office bearers, past Winter Classic champions and all members who have won an Australian Longboard Title.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please check your trophy cabinet and/or your memory and help us complete the appendices to this handbook. It is our intention to keep this document live and update in annually, so we will have a living record of our club history.

PASS ON ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE TO surfcoastlongboardclub@westnet.com.au

3. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

3.1 The Winter Classic

Surf Coast Longboarders' Winter Classic has developed as a major local charity event for the club over a 20 year period. Originally the event was organised for club members, their families and friends and other Victorian surfing clubs to get together for a weekend in the middle of winter and enjoy a time of surfing, fun, competition and friendship. Ten years ago, the committee identified a need within the Surf Coast community to 'make a difference' for a group or family.

Since that time, we have raised between \$4,000 and \$12,000 annually for local service groups, local families in financial and/or medical crisis and community minded family assistance organisations.

Other examples include:

- Trevor Barker Foundation – Torquay Respite House for families of children terminally ill with cancer - 2 years (painted the residence & helped with installation of stair lift)
- Torquay CFA – Assisted with purchase of new Fire Truck
- Torquay SES
- Torquay Food Aid
- Torquay Marine Rescue
- Family #1 – Family of local surfing identity – road accident victim
- Family #2 – Local surfing family – serious cancer diagnosis
- Family #3 – Local family – toddler diagnosed with leukaemia
- Family #4 – Local family – loss of father to cancer
- Family #5 – Local family – young child diagnosed with cancer
- Great Ocean Road Coast Committee, specifically for revegetation, redevelopment, environment maintenance projects at Point Impossible

The funds are made available to the various recipients without conditions and no acquittal is required.

3.2 Wild Women on Water

The Surfcoast Longboarders' Wild Women on Water (WWOW) event was developed to promote and encourage female participation in surfing. It is run in early March to coincide with International Women's Day.

WWOW is an event that encourages women to spend time in the water and to participate in competitive surfing in a friendly and welcoming way. The event has run using many different formats to get women involved. With the popularity of the day increasing, the organizers have had to develop heats that encourage participation, whilst giving those with competition on their mind an outlet as well. Heats include age group categories, a grom session and an expressions session/tag team surf event.

Whilst the WWOW event is primarily about celebrating and promoting women's surfing it has also raised funds for charities such as Bethany and, more recently, interpretive signage at Point Impossible.

3.3 Fund Raising

All club members are encouraged to source out sponsorship and suggest fund raising activities. Our major annual fund raising activity is the annual Board Draw. The Board Draw involves the sale of 50 tickets at \$50 each with the opportunity to win a custom made Greg Brown longboard. The Draw is run at the Club's annual presentation night with numbered balls draw from a hat. The winner is the last number drawn on the night.

4. SURFCOAST LONGBOARD CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Office Bearers, representatives, coaches, judges and all members

- Understand and abide by the laws and rules of the club.
- Develop respect for others and club equipment.
- Ensure surfers enjoy their surfing
- Are encouraged to attain coaching and judging accreditation.

4.2 Surfers

- Respect the environment.
- Respect other surfers.
- Be safety conscious.
- Don't surf alone and watch out for other surfers
- Surf by the rules
- Control your temper.
- Be a team surfer.
- Be a good sport.
- Treat all surfers fairly.
- Cooperate with your club members and surfing mates
- Enjoy your involvement.
- Aim to improve your surfing.
- Avoid ugly remarks about race and gender, religion (This is unlawful conduct).

4.3 Parents, Officials and Members

- Encourage participation but do not force it.
- Encourage playing by the rules
- Never ridicule mistakes.
- Remember involvement is for the surfers, not the parents.
- Remember surfers learn best by example.
- Recognise positively the contribution of voluntary officials.
- Never publicly disagree with officials, raise issues privately.
- Support the efforts to foster high standards of behaviour for our club and Surfing Victoria.
- Support efforts to remove verbal, racial and physical abuse.

4.4 General

The Surfcoast Longboard Club committee will not tolerate:

- undesirable behaviour
- any forms discrimination, abuse, harassment, ridicule or embarrass anyone covered by this Code of Conduct
- anyone not treating all people with respect, dignity and proper regard for their rights and obligations
- anyone not respecting the privacy of other persons, and
- any form of victimisation towards others.

Surfers, coaches, judges, parents or officials who do not follow the Code of Conduct may face disciplinary action.

4.5 Discrimination and harassment policy

In addition to the Code of Conduct Surfcoast Longboard Club members are to comply with our Harassment and Bullying policy and procedures. Please refer to our www.surfcoastlongboardclub.com for a copy of this policy.

5. Club Administration

5.1 Volunteers

Your Club is run by volunteers and we are always looking for new helpers and members. Please contact a Committee member to obtain more details.

5.2 Our Committee

The Committee is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Representatives are required to report all relevant issues to the Committee monthly, or as required. It is a policy of the Club that all Committee members have a current Working with Children Check and that the Food Stewards have a current Food Handling Certificate. The cost of obtaining these checks and certificates will be met by the club. A volunteer Working with Children Check is currently free, whilst a Food Handling Certificate costs approximately \$20.

In addition, all club members record their first aid and surf lifesaving qualifications on their membership form so as it may be recorded in our risk management plan and referenced in case of an emergency.

The 2025 Committee consists of the following members.

5.3 Executive Committee:

President	Penelope Andrews
Vice Presidents	Mat Robertson and Glenn Barry
Contest Director	John Lane
Assistant Contest Director	Glen Hunwick
Secretary	Adrian Kennelly
Assistant Secretary	Caroline Griffin
Treasurer	Tim Edwards

5.4 General Committee:

Safety Officers	Ken Vincent, Catherine Crowe and Matt Crowe
Women's Rep	Boo Lalor and Rita Lahtinen
Young person's Rep	vacant
Property Stewards	Brian Kuit, John Lane and Gary Pond
Media Facebook	Brett Lalor
Web/newsletter	Ted Clark
News media	Nathan Rivalland
Instagram	Penelope Andrews
Video	Glen Hunwick and Glenn Barry
General	Peter Binns, Noel Shanahun, Bud White, Bob Smith, Brandon Poulter

5.5 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is held at the end of the competition year. At this meeting, the current committee reports on the season's activities and the new committee is elected.

5.6 Presentation Day

The awards for the season are presented on Presentation day. All surfers, families, sponsors friends and supporters are invited to attend. Day time and venue to be announced in advance.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Categories of membership

Membership consists of the following categories:-

- (a) Full financial member, is a person who has attained the age of 18 years
- (b) Life members
- (c) Junior members
- (d) Family members

All financial and life members have voting entitlements at a General Meeting of the club.

Memberships are available through the Surfing Australia portal at:

<https://surfingaustralia.justgo.com/Account.mvc/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

All members have voting rights at the AGM and will also have their names identified on the Club's Membership Register.

6.2 Member Details

The Club will retain a full list of surfers' names, contact details (address, email, mobile) and other information it deems necessary for the operation of the club (e.g. health status, first aid qualifications, Working with Children Checks). Members, Parents / Guardians will be requested to provide this information at the start of each season.

6.3 Annual Subscriptions

Club registration fees are set annually by the Committee. The fees are to be paid by all members except life members **and must be paid in full prior to their 2nd competition. No results will be recorded for any non-financial surfers.**

The fees for 2025 are as follows:

- Single surfer \$65.00
- Family \$90.00
- Junior \$45.00

The Club will consider cases of financial hardship. Any family or individual requiring this consideration should forward a 'written request' for consideration to the President, Secretary or the Treasurer.

Competition Day fees are \$5 per surfer for one or two divisions.

6.4 Competition divisions

Under and over age groups as per Surfing Victoria rules, i.e. under age group by 31st Dec and over age group by 1st Jan in year of competition.

The competition divisions in 2024 are:

Men	Women
Junior (U/18)	Junior (U/18)
Open	Open
Logger	Logger
O/40	O/40
O/45	O/50
O/50	O/60
O/55	
O/60	
O/65	
O/70	
O/75	
O/80	

6.5 Team Membership

Where the Club has nominated a team in an event, teams will be determined on the basis of ability, availability, surf conditions and gender consideration. The Club requires that teams in these events are committed, reliable and competitive in their event. Team Rep Surfers are to be considered by event coaches and committee members in conjunction with and consultation with other club members available at the time.

6.6 Medical Records, Responsibilities and Insurance

The club will request details of your medical history on the registration form. This information will be kept on file and available on competition day, so that we will be aware of any irregularities or special requirements that you may have.

The club has insurance cover through Surfing Victoria affiliation. This does not replace your own private health cover or ambulance cover. The club also has Public Liability insurance to the value of \$\$\$, as part of this insurance policy.

An injury/incident report form is available on competition days.

For claims to be made, surfers must notify the club's secretary or treasurer.

7. CONTACTS

7.1 Email and mail contacts

- Email surfcoastlongboardclub@westnet.com.au
- Mail PO Box 378 Aireys Inlet VIC 3231

7.2 Executive Committee members

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| • President | Penelope Andrews | 0408 337 002 |
| • Vice President | Mat Robertson | 0423 656 088 |
| • Vice President | Glenn Barry | 0417 504 277 |
| • Contest Director | John Lane | 0400 052 523 |
| • Assistant Contest Director | Glenn Hunwick | 0418 100 050 |
| • Secretary | Adrian Kennelly | 0427 679 041 |
| • Assistant Secretary | Caroline Griffin | 0409 474 609 |
| • Treasurer | Tim Edwards | 0408 444 582 |
| • Property Manager | Brian Kuit | 0418 521 083 |

7.3 Media

- Website <http://www.surfcoastlongboardclub.com/index.html>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Surfcoast-Longboarders-Club-323735467756590>
- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/surfcoastlongboarders3228/>
- Live Heats <https://www.liveheats.com/sclb>

WELCOME TO SURFCOAST LONGBOARD CLUB – WE VALUE YOU AS A MEMBER!

APPENDIX 1: - OFFICE BEARERS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	COMPETITION DIRECTOR	TREASURER	SECRETARY	
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2016	Brian Kuit	Shane Castleman	John Lane	Noel Pittaway	Adrian Kennelly	
2017	Brian Kuit	Shane Castleman / Freddie Moutray	John Lane	Noel Pittaway	Adrian Kennelly	
2018	Brian Kuit	Freddie Moutray	John Lane	Noel Pittaway	Adrian Kennelly	
2019	Brian Kuit	Bud White	John Lane	Noel Pittaway	Adrian Kennelly	
2020	Bud White	Brian Kuit	John Lane	Noel Pittaway	Adrian Kennelly	
2021	Penny Andrews	Bud White	John Lane	Noel Pittaway	Adrian Kennelly	
2022	Penny Andrews	Bud White / Garry Pond	John Lane / Glen Hunwick	Noel Pittaway	Adrian Kennelly	
2023	Penny Andrews	Bud White / Garry Pond	John Lane / Glen Hunwick	Tim Edwards	Adrian Kennelly	
2024	Penny Andrews	Mat Robertson / Glenn Barry	John Lane / Glen Hunwick	Tim Edwards	Adrian Kennelly	
2025	Penny Andrews	Mat Robertson / Glenn Barry	John Lane / Glen Hunwick	Tim Edwards	Adrian Kennelly	

APPENDIX 2: - CLUB CHAMPIONS

YEAR	OPEN WOMEN	JUNIOR WOMEN	LOGGER WOMEN	0/35 to 2018 0/40 2018 -	O/50 WOMEN	O/60 WOMEN	
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2016	Angela King	n.a.	n.a.	Anne Stephenson	n.a.	n.a.	
2017	Mel Renton-Wright	n.a.	n.a.	Anita Stewart-Toi	n.a.	n.a.	
2018	Angelique Kefalas	Angelique Kefalas	n.a.	Lissie Doyle O/35 Anita Stewart-Toi O/40	n.a.	n.a.	
2019	April Williams	Isabel Hooley	Catherine Crowe	Penelope Andrews	Anne Stephenson	n.a.	
2020	No awards due to COVID-19 pandemic						
2021	Katie Rau	Anna Thompson	Izzi Rudland	Penny Andrews	Boo Lalor	n.a.	
2022	Natasha Meynink	Natasha Meynink	Penny Andrews	Penny Andrews	Boo Lalor	n.a.	
2023	Rita Lahtinen	Rory Reyntjes	Rita Lahtinen	Caroline Griffin	Penny Andrews	n.a.	
2024	Courtney Raynor	n.a.	n.a.	Mel Renton	Boo Lalor	Jenene Nelson	

APPENDIX 2: - CLUB CHAMPIONS (continued)

YEAR	OPEN MEN	JUNIOR MEN	LOGGER MEN	O/40 MEN	O/45 MEN
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2016	Liam Griggs-Kennelly	Billy Whitton	Liam Griggs-Kennelly	Michael Pinney	Yestin Griffiths
2017	John Lane	Hugh Taylor	Billy Whitton	Adrian Rudov	Paul Sgouromallis
2018	Brian Kuit	Hugh Taylor	Hugh Taylor	Adrian Rudov	Paul Sgouromallis
2019	Mat Robertson	James McKellar	Matt Crowe	Adrian Rudov	Paul Sgouromallis
2020	No awards due to COVID-19 pandemic				
2021	Mat Robertson	Ted Conroy	Chad McLauchlan	Chris McSween	Tim Kerrison
2022	John Lane	Ted Conroy	Tim Edwards	Adrian Rudov	Chris McSween
2023	Michael Pinney	Josh De Vries	Tim Edwards	Adrian Rudov	Michael Pinney
2024	Ethan Harbinson	n.a.	n.a.	Matt Crowe	Matt Wright

APPENDIX 2: - CLUB CHAMPIONS (continued)

YEAR	O/50 MEN	O/55 MEN	O/60 MEN	O/65 MEN	O/70 MEN	O/80 MEN	
1985						n.a.	
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2015						n.a.	
2016	Brett Lalor	John Lane	Al Spence	Bob Smith	n.a.	n.a.	
2017	Brett Lalor	John Lane	Bud White	Bob Smith	n.a.	n.a.	
2018	Brett Lalor	John Lane	Bud White	Al Spence	Bob Smith	n.a.	
2019	Brett Lalor	Bud White	John Lane	Al Spence	Bob Smith	n.a.	
2020	No awards due to COVID-19 pandemic						
2021	Yestin Griffiths	Brett Lalor	John Lane	Ted Clark	Bob Smith	n.a.	
2022	Luke Edwards	Grant Hutchins	John Lane	Freddie Moutray	Bob Smith	n.a.	
2023	Luke Edwards	Yestin Griffiths	John Lane	Ted Clark	Bob Smith	n.a.	
2024	Luke Edwards	Brett Lalor	Glen Hunwock	John Lane	Bob Smith	Wayne Yates	

APPENDIX 3: - WINTER CLASSIC CHAMPIONS

YEAR	OPEN WOMEN	LOGGER WOMEN	OPEN MEN	LOGGER MEN	MIXED LOGGER
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2018	Sam Suendermann	n.a.	Liam Kennelly	n.a.	Liam Kennelly
2019	Angela King	Angela King	Ben Considine	Ben Considine	n.a.
2020	No awards due to COVID-19 pandemic				
2021	Bea Conroy	Bea Conroy	John Lane	Matthew Lumley	n.a.
2022	Asha Reeves	Bea Conroy	Ben Considine	Ben Considine	n.a.
2023	Bea Conroy	Asha Reeves	Matthew Shay	Matthew Lumley	n.a.
2024	Sakura Inoue (Japan)	Mia Waite (QLD)	Rogelio Jr Esquivel (Philippines)	Matthew Shay (VIC)	n.a.

APPENDIX 4: - AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

YEAR	NAME	DIVISION
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