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District 21 – Central Coast

Freemasons donate over \$13,000 to Soldiers Beach SLSC



Following an invitation from Soldiers Beach SLSC President Simon Falconer, Freemasons on the Central Coast (FotCC) directors Leigh Pollard, David Levesque and Ben Falconer attended the SLSC's colourful Christmas Event held on 15 December 2024, which was also the final Nippers event for the calendar year.

The local Fire Brigade attended, bringing one of their units; there were jelly wrestling pools, fun games, a sausage sizzle and, of course, Santa came along! He was delighted to hear of our ongoing support for the Club and is pictured with one of the Club's Nippers proudly wearing his Pink Safety Vest (provided via funding from FotCC).

Promoting Freemasonry on the Central Coast through community action, charitable relief and the advancement of education.

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2024 Donations to Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Total Donations

\$13,303

The total donations in 2024 to Soldiers Beach SLSC were to purchase the following items.

Medical/Resuscitation Equipment

\$4,905

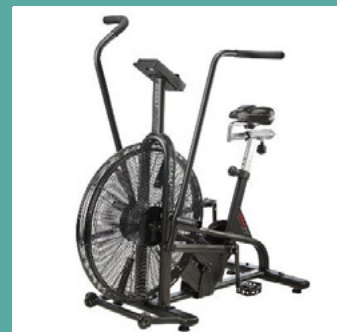
- Oxygen Resuscitation Kit – Oxy Viva (Surf Life Saving Australia approved)
- Zoll Defibrillator (Surf Life Saving Australia approved)
- Zoll Trainer Kit (Surf Life Saving Australia approved)



Training/Fitness Equipment

\$8,398

- Assault Fitness Bikes
- Rogue Model D Rowing Machines



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FotCC have this year donated a total of \$13,303 to Soldiers Beach SLSC with \$4,905 being used to purchase medical/resuscitation equipment: an Oxygen Resuscitation Kit; Zoll Defibrillator and Zoll Trainer Kit, all Surf Life Saving Australia approved, and are vital for the work they do. An additional \$8,398 was spent on Assault Fitness Bikes and Rogue Model D Rowing Machines – used for training and ongoing fitness maintenance during the winter months. The various gym equipment offers a safe space for members to work out, socialise and grow the Club's culture of fitness, support and wellbeing.

President Simon gave us a guided tour of the Club facilities which are being refurbished with the help of working bees and local business support.



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Later that day, we received an email advising that the donated equipment had been used that very afternoon in the rescue of a 13-year-old girl who had got into difficulties in the water.

Below is the email we received:

Hi Leigh

I'd just like to say it was my pleasure to meet with yourself, David, Chris and Ben on Sunday morning.

As Patrol Captain on Sunday, I wanted to share an incident that highlights the significant impact of the Oxy Viva kit generously donated by the Freemasons.

Around 3:00pm, we responded to a medical emergency involving a 13-year-old girl who suffered an anaphylactic reaction to a bluebottle sting. The patient drifted in and out of consciousness while waiting for the ambulance. Fortunately, our Chief Training Officer, Emma Griffiths, was on hand to administer high-flow oxygen and provide airway support, with valuable assistance from our Junior Activity Coordinator, Matt White.

This incident underscores how vital the Oxy Viva kit is in emergency situations. Your donation has already played a key role in saving a life, and I am confident it will continue to be an invaluable resource during the upcoming school holidays and well into the future.

Thank you again for your generous support—it truly makes a difference.

Best regards

Matt Keys

Vice President & Marketing & Sponsorship Director

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Our ongoing financial support of the Club is greatly appreciated and obviously of immeasurable value to the club and local community. We are extremely proud to be associated with them.

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