



4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

To the South Gippsland Shire Council.

In follow up to our presentation to council from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the Venus Bay SLSC would like to formally request an extension to the conditions set in the \$150,000 grant for the extension of existing Club House facility.

We have been in constant negotiation with Life Saving Victoria, Parks Victoria, State & Federal Government and Private businesses to secure the funds required for the project.

Life Saving Victoria manage a pool of State Government money (approx. \$6million annually) specifically for build projects within Lifesaving clubs. These funds are awarded annually in May. The VBSLSC has submitted our business case and we believe we are in a position to secure funds in the 2020 release.

As a club we continue to grow yearly and take a leading role in the community on issues that benefit all – this is in addition to our core responsibility of providing a safe water environment at Beach number one.

These include:

- Holding a beach focussed 'White Ribbon Event' to raise awareness to prevent domestic violence against women.
- Our annual Tarwin River Marathon event to raise awareness for river safety.
- An increase in our Starfish program and a partnership with Interchange Gippsland to work with children with a disability.

We would ask that the Council extend the deadline imposed on the funding opportunity be extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

If there are any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Lifesaving

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Watson", is written over a white background.

Craig Watson

President – Venus Bay SLSC