



Sheffield Lifesaving Club

Wednesday 1st February 2023

We are moving the Club

To everybody at the club members, instructors, coaches, admin, parents, and our sponsors.....

Please excuse this tome. We want to share this to the club and wider supporting community about the club's recent challenges and therefore the new club chapter and its transition.

There's been an immense amount of thinking, then even more thinking (!), reviewing, and seeking feedback from club members and their parents about the two key issues - (1) viability of the club, and (2) continuing to deliver excellent teaching and learning to the RLSS syllabus (Rookie & New Lifesaving Academy)

The first issue is by far **the** major issue and one where the club management team have really done a lot of soul searching, deliberation and thought about the direction of the club for a while now. By a significant margin the foremost aspect in our minds is the continuity and sustainability of the club.

The satisfaction that the instructors, coaches and mentors get from the club is seeing the members learning new skills, making friends and gaining confidence with the skills they are learning. And in many cases using or applying those skills in their personal and future professional lives.

The club has been going for well over 30 years and has gone through a lot of highs, and there's been a few "bumps in the road". You will have seen comments on our Facebook page and GoFundMe site from past members and people whose past efforts and work as instructors/coaches/admin has been invaluable to where the club is today. The club will always be indebted to those people.

To keep this aspect brief - suffice to say against the current economic climate we understand the financial challenges SCT has to maintain their sites and ensure their revenue/income stream is maintained through venue and resource hire. However this put serious viability pressures on the club against the recent two instances of increasing costs. Therefore we were obliged to explore discussions with several alternative venues so we could keep the club going.

The club has taken the decision to move to GRAVES LEISURE CENTRE (Places For People Leisure) on the same evening at the same time.

The club management team have as an integral part of this decision visited the site, and met & discussed our objectives with the Management Team (+ Duty Managers) and we believe this venue, the facilities and support of PFP (Places For People) will put us in an improved position to take the club onwards and upwards.

As quite a few people have rightly noted this is a move away from one of the club's key objectives (for many years) and that is to provide close city centre access to the club. However given this backdrop we have had overwhelming parents & members support in making a hard choice on the viability and continuity of teaching / learning.

Please feel free to reach out to any of the club instructors/management team if you want to discuss anything with us. We want to hear from you.

Thanks and Regards,
Sheffield Lifesaving Club

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