

# Lifesaver Leman athlete of the year

NICK Leman from Inverloch SLSC was named one of Life Saving Victoria's champion athletes, winning Male Athlete of the Year at the 11th Annual Life Saving Victoria Awards of Excellence Evening, held on Saturday, July 26.

The award for Male Athlete of the Year recognises the junior male athlete who has demonstrated sporting excellence at state, national and/or international levels.

LSV Director of Aquatic Sport Allan Holmes said Leman is an outstanding member of Inverloch SLSC, being one of the leading forces behind their recent rise in Victorian competition teams.

"Nick's Gold in the Open Men's 2km Run at the 2014 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships was not only Victoria's only individual Gold in the Open competition, but also Inverloch SLSC's first Aussies Gold medal," he said.

"He was also successful in regaining the Victorian 2km Title from Inverloch team mate and friend Luke Foster."

Leman is not only an outstanding performer on the beach, but also takes on additional roles at his club as a coach and committee member, further demonstrating his commitment to strengthening Inverloch SLSC and lifesaving as a whole.

Inverloch's Teagan Thom was also successful at the awards evening, recognised for her work in Membership and Leadership Development.

Membership and Leadership Development Director Cath McCraith said Teagan is an asset to her club and a very competent leader.

"Teagan has been in-

involved in the Inverloch Nippers Program since 2010 and her ability to develop others and lead by example was quickly identified, being made the Junior Coordinator and Vice President of Youth and Leadership Development the following season, both of which roles

she still holds."

Dramatic rescues, hundreds of patrol hours, champion athletes and outstanding achievements were recognised at LSV's 'night of nights'; the Awards of Excellence is held annually to celebrate and recognise the many achievements and contri-

butions of LSV's 30,000 volunteer members, staff and the greater aquatic industry.

Over 30 awards were presented to recognise significant contributions, achievements and performances in lifesaving and water safety throughout the 2013/2014 season.

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