



# Inverloch's first silverware

INVERLOCH Surf Life Saving Club created history on the Queen's Birthday weekend, winning its first ever trophy in Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Racing, competing in the Southern States Challenge at Warrnambool.

Whilst most people are avoiding the beach during winter, Inverloch lifesavers are still practising their surf rescue

skills so they are ready for the coming summer season.

In only its second season of racing, the female team joined forces with Ocean Grove to fly the club and Victorian flags in the Teams Rescue event.

Racing against the best from South Australia and Victoria, in less than ideal conditions, the women powered home for a very

convincing third place in the final.

The females performed brilliantly in the first race, positioning the team in the top four and looking to be a serious contender for a place.

Then in the second race Dana Debondt (driver), Candice Richardson (crew) and Bec Morris (patient) raised the bar a notch bringing the boat home in

a stellar finish that could have been second had the course been a bit longer.

In a race normally dominated by the bigger clubs the combined female team did a fantastic job to take home the club's first ever piece of silverware in IRB Racing.

The club thanks the Ocean Grove team for helping Inverloch make this little piece of IRB Racing history.



The team that finished third included, from left, Dana de Bondt (Inverloch), Genevieve Wild (Ocean Grove), Candice Richardson (Inverloch), Jayde Firms (Ocean Grove), Bec Morris (Inverloch) and Paige Kilfoyle (Ocean Grove).