

Craig Farmer was six years old when he first joined the Frankston Lifesaving club in 1997 after his family came from Mordialloc. Craig is a fourth generation lifesaver furthering Farmer family name in the lifesaving community.

Craig quickly took a passion into the world of lifesaving from a very young age after watching his siblings take part before he could even walk. After joining Frankston, he quickly felt right at home amongst the nipper program and started to compete at local carnivals almost straight away. Craig had made it from the youngest to the oldest age group in nippers until the opportunity arose to obtain his Surf Rescue Certificate. From there, there was no stopping him.

Craig quickly joined the ranks of our fraternity of patrolling lifesavers under the careful guidance of the club's great mentors. Some of these include the club's greats of Craig Stoodley, Roy Ricca, Linda and Kevin Milton, Michael Bell, Steve Collins and the late John Waters. Coupled with the greats of the Frankton Lifesaving Club and his grandfather, and of course his father, he was set up to do great things not only for the club, but for the community as well.

Once Craig had the taste to do something more, there was no stopping him. At the age of fifteen, he had become the Clubs boat captain. At the age of 17, he had become the youngest patrol captain of the club. Many responsibilities had befallen Craig at such a young age, but he had taken the ground running and grabbed every opportunity as they arose. Craig was awarded patroller of the year for seasons 06/07, 07/08 and 08/09. He has served Life Saving Victoria not only locally, but nationally and internationally as well. Assisting in the efforts of the world lifesaving championships in Melbourne in 2006 and serving as an ambassador for LSV at the world lifesaving championships in the Netherlands in 2016. Then the time came when he was ready to serve on the committee of the club.

In the recent years Craig has taken on many roles including: General Committee Member, Vice President, Administration Director and Aquatic Sport Director. He has also been the Power Craft Officer from 2008 to present day and you would usually find him fixing something in the club. His passion for the sport of lifesaving has extended into the creation of the Frankston Inflatable Rescue Boat team. Coupled along with Seaford members the IRB team has gone from a couple members to having a wide engagement from many members from each club. With many new fresh young faces the team has a bright future with a great culture of sport for the club. With many more opportunities in the club for sport development this is only the start of what the club can achieve.

In summary you can see Craig hard at work providing water safety to the kids every Friday night for nippers. Being a mentor for the young and upcoming generations of lifesavers on almost every weekend of the season there is. And lastly providing everlasting passion and service to our club.