

Mornington Peninsula Local Area Commander Div 4 Southern Metro Region

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Coroner Ms Rosemary E Carlin 65 Kavanagh Street Southbank 3006

Dear Coroner Carlin,

Reference COR 2016 000350 Investigation into the death of James Lin

I write on behalf of Superintendent Adrian White, the Police Divisional Commander for the Southern Metropolitan Region, Division four. I write in response to the recommendations made by you within the Finding into the death of James Lim.

We note your recommendations as follows:

- 1. That Victoria Police liaise with Life Saving Victoria, local lifesavings clubs and other stakeholders, for the purpose of establishing a Mornington Peninsula surf safety working group.
- 2. That the surf safety working group give specific consideration to the changes suggested by the President of the Gunnamatta Surf Life-saving Club set out above in paragraph [24] of the Finding.

Your recommendations have been considered and as the local area commander for Mornington Peninsula Police Service Area I can advise you that recommendation one and two will be implemented.

Specifically, Victoria Police have already been in discussion with management of Life Saving Victoria and the President of the Gunnamatta surf life-saving club. Planning is underway to establish a surf safety working group with relevant stakeholders and it is anticipated this will commence in March 2018.

Once established, the surf safety working group will give specific consideration to the suggestions offered by the president of the Gunnamatta Surf Life-saving Club being;

- changes to signage to indicate more clearly the location of the patrolled section of the beach
- the erection of a large flagpole, indicating when the beach patrol is in operation; and
- redesigning traffic flow in the Gunnamatta Beach car parks so that drivers are forced to pass through the car park for the patrolled section of the beach before they can proceed on to the car park for the unpatrolled section of the beach.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

Janene Denton

Inspector

Victoria Police