



## Circular 128:10:08

**To:**           Regional Officers                               District Officers  
                  Club Captains                                Chief Instructors  
                  Assessors                                       Trainers  
                  State Officers

**Cc:**           Presidents   Secretaries

**From:**       Scott Yeomans – State Training Supervisor  
                  Stuart Wall – State Assessment Supervisor

**Date:**       23 October 2008

**Subject:**    Expression of Interest – Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

**Action:**     Register interest with Alex Sheppard by 10 November, 2008

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The aim of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) is to “*Investigate and provide recommendations for amendments and improvements to training, assessment and operations.*”

This concept follows on from the Assessment Resources Development Sessions (ARDS) and Training Resource Development Sessions (TRDS) which will help to develop resources in a number of key areas. The SIGs will be standing panels/groups that will work towards improving training, assessment and operational policies and procedure using the most up-to-date skills and knowledge available. SIGs will also work to assist in the ongoing improvements to lifesaving operations through the Life Saving Operations Council.

These groups will provide a platform for the giving and receiving of invaluable feedback, with participants bringing forward exciting ideas for further development of Life Saving Victoria. These groups are about working with you, for you.

### Who should apply?

Any member that has an interest in a particular area can apply. You do not need to be an expert. We are looking for people from a wide variety of backgrounds and experience such as content experts, trainers, assessors, chief instructors, qualified award holders, members with an RTO background/experience, members with a technical background/experience, members with IT skills, members with a resource development background/experience or anyone that has any operational knowledge or experience in a given area.

### What input/effort is required?

The collaboration process will be largely electronic (phone or email), so you can have as much or as little involvement as you like. The groups may also meet face to face as required.

The following is a list of the SIGs available:

- Aquatic Rescue SIG
  - Surf Rescue Certificate
  - Bronze Medallion/Certificate II – Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
  - Silver Medallion Advanced Aquatic Rescue
  - Gold Medallion
  
- Emergency Care SIG
  - Advanced Resuscitation Certificate
  - Defibrillation Certificate
  - Senior First Aid Certificate
  - Spinal Management Certificate
  - Pain Management Certificate
  - Silver Medallion Advanced Emergency Care
  
- Powercraft SIG
  - IRB Crew Certificate
  - Silver Medallion IRB Drivers Certificate
  - Rescue Water Craft (RWC/Jetski) Operator Certificate
  
- Communications SIG
  - Radio Operators Certificate
  - Silver Medallion Radio Controller
  
- Beach Management SIG
  - Module 1 – Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management
  - Module 2 – Beach Team Management
  - Module 3 – Beach Safety and Risk Management
  - Module 4 – Community Relations
  - Module 5 – Beach Operations Management
  
- Training & Assessment SIG
  - Training Officer Certificate
  - Assessor Certificate
  - Certificate IV – Training & Assessment
  
- Vehicles SIG
  - ATV Induction Course
  - Patrol Motor Vehicles

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