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To: Club Presidents
Club Captains
Club Secretaries

Cc: District Officers
Regional Officers

From: LSV Honours and Awards Committee

Date: 5 December 2008

Subject: 2009 Awards of Excellence

Action: Closing date for applications is Thursday, 28 May, 2009

Please be advised that the LSV Honours and Awards Committee are now seeking nominations for Awards of Excellence. The Awards listed below aim to recognise innovation and exceptional achievement across the areas of lifesaving in Victoria.

- Club of the Year
- Beach Lifeguard
- Outstanding Achievement

Nominating for any of the above awards provides a unique opportunity for you and/or your club to take stock of your hard work and achievements over the past 12 months during the period of 1 January 2008 – 31 December 2008 and to be recognised for your efforts.

The awards will be presented at the 2009 Gala Evening to be held by the Awards of Excellence Committee

All nominations must be in writing, include the Nomination form and returned to:

Mail: Frances Evans
Life Saving Victoria,
200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne 3207

Direct Line: (03) 9676 6947

Note: Candidates will be notified of interview times by mail or phone call.

Key Dates:

Nominations Close

Thursday 28 May 2009

Interview Date

Thursday 25 June 2009



2009 Life Saving Victoria Awards of Excellence

Nomination Form

Please provide the following information to nominate for the 2009 Awards of Excellence Awards.

All criteria relevant to the Award must be addressed appropriately.

Your contact details:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organisation Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb/Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Please address the criteria for your chosen Award as listed and attach your submission for consideration.

Which Award of Excellence do you wish to apply for: _____

Certification: (***the nomination must be signed by the Club President***)

(Applicable to Life Saving Club nominations only)

I certify that the information provided in support of this nomination is true and accurate:

Name (please print) _____

Signed _____

Please send your completed nomination by **Thursday 28 May 2009** to:

Frances Evans
Life Saving Victoria
PO Box 353
South Melbourne 3205

(03) 96766948 Direct

Club of the Year Award

This award recognises innovative and effective patrolling and management practices, strategic planning and inclusive participant involvement.

Criteria:

- Volunteer management
- Strategic planning initiatives
- Improved financial viability or independence
- Inclusive participation programs, eg: programs targeting local community involvement or cultural linguistically diverse groups

The table below includes the criteria that **must** be addressed. The percentage column shows the approximate value the judges will allocate to each of the criteria – this gives you an indication of the importance of each.

Please provide answers to each criterion on no more than two (2) pages of information.

Provision of other documentation to support the application is encouraged

<p>1 Describe how the club has contributed to lifesaving in Victoria. Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any significant achievements - how new/revised management practices have improved the club operations and the impact of these changes on club members - what barriers have club committees/members overcome to achieve the club goals
<p>2 Describe how the club has been innovative in its volunteer management style. Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what creative strategies have been developed to attract new members (including targeted members of the local or specific communities) - how the club has ensured existing club members and associates remain satisfied with their membership and services they receive - the actions and programs put in place to achieve future success in maintaining and developing members
<p>3 Describe how the club encourages the local community and people of all backgrounds and abilities to be involved in lifesaving. Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how the club caters for people from different levels of ability and backgrounds - ways the club ensures a fun, safe and inviting environment is provided - how the club has improved their training and program delivery to cater for people from different abilities/backgrounds.
<p>4 Describe how the Club goals have changed since introducing new/revised management processes. Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strategic planning, governance, financial management, use of technology and management of members - how the changes will be effective into the future in terms of financial viability, development of members and the involvement in and delivery of LSV programs.

- **To assist the Committee in their selection, applicants will be required to prepare an electronic presentation on the club's achievements as related to the award criteria.**
- **Please include any other relevant information you believe may strengthen this nomination. (eg: media reports, documents of new programs and policies).**

Beach Lifeguard of the Year Award

This award recognises the professional lifeguard who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of lifeguarding services during the 2007/2008 season.

Criteria:

- Lifeguarding duties
- Personal career development
- Rescue related activities
- Activities specific to the further enhancement and development of the professional lifeguard service
- Contribution to the workplace
- Community involvement in surf related activities (eg: surf education)

The table below includes the criteria that **must** be addressed. The percentage column shows the approximate value the judges will allocate to each of the criteria – this gives you an indication of the importance of each.

Please provide answers to each criterion on no more than two (2) pages of information.

Provision of other documentation to support the application is encouraged

<p>1 Describe the nominee's level of involvement as a professional lifeguard. Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how was the nominee involved in the professional lifeguarding service during this current season - how long has the nominee been involved with the professional lifeguarding service - what qualifications does the nominee hold to support this position within the lifeguard service
<p>2 Describe the contributions the nominee has made to the professional lifeguard service. Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what significant achievements/milestones the nominee has achieved - what obstacles, personal barriers or difficult issues has the nominee overcome to achieve the professional lifeguard objectives set by LSV - how has the nominee contributed to the future growth of professional lifeguarding in Victoria
<p>3 Describe how the nominee's actions have impacted on other lifeguards. Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how the nominee has utilised their leadership skills - how the nominee has facilitated training of other lifeguards - how the nominee has had a positive influence on members of the lifeguard service - how has the nominee shown encouragement and support to other lifeguards
<p>4 Describe any rescue related activities pertinent to the current period of the nominee's employment</p>

- **Please include any other relevant information you believe may strengthen this nomination. (eg: media reports, documents of new programs and policies).**

Outstanding Achievement Award

This award recognises outstanding achievements or contribution by a person, team or club in any sector of lifesaving at State, National and/or International level.

Criteria:

- Improving, changing or achieving development or personal achievement in a specific sector of lifesaving Including but not limited to:
 - club development
 - development of lifesaving programs or activities
 - lifesaving education delivery
 - club sponsorship
 - community involvement development

The table below includes the criteria that **must** be addressed. The percentage column shows the approximate value the judges will allocate to each of the criteria – this gives you an indication of the importance of each.

Please provide answers to each criterion on no more than two (2) pages of information. Provision of other documentation to support the application is encouraged

1 What was the achievement or contribution made by the nominee
2 Describe the effect of the achievement or contribution on lifesaving, the broader community, life saving club/s or club members. Please consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- what are the outcomes as a result of the achievement or contribution- what new opportunities have been created for lifesaving- how has the profile of lifesaving in Victoria or lifesaving club/s been increased- how has the participation level in lifesaving been increased
3 Describe how the nominee has contributed to lifesaving in Victoria Please consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- how long the nominee has been involved in lifesaving- what was their level of involvement- how the nominee has demonstrated their level of involvement
4 Describe how the nominee has overcome obstacles, barriers and/or dealt with difficult issues to achieve the stated outcomes/achievements. Please consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- how the nominee has addressed difficult issues and barriers- what challenges the nominee faced and how the outcome/s were achieved

- **Please include any other relevant information you believe may strengthen this nomination. (eg: media reports, documents of new programs and policies).**
- **Power Point presentations are more than welcome for the interview presentation.**