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Please be advised a Heat Health Alert has been issued by the Chief Health Officer for Saturday, 8 February 2014, as below or can be viewed at: http://health.vic.gov.au/chiefhealthofficer/. With further high temperatures predicted for the weekend, LSV is encouraging lifesaving clubs to continue to communicate heat health safety messages to club members and the local community. This is additional and ongoing key information around state systems to ensure safe practices for all members is met.

The Department of Health is issuing this alert in order to allow you to make any preparations necessary to respond to heatwave conditions given the many impacts hot weather can have on human health, normal operations and essential services.

The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast temperatures above heat health thresholds for Saturday 8 February 2014 in the following weather forecast districts:

**Central District** (based on forecasts for Melbourne, Ballarat & Geelong)
**North Central District** (based on forecasts for Seymour)
**South West District** (based on forecasts for Hamilton)
**West & South Gippsland District** (based on forecasts for Sale)
**Northern Country District** (based on forecasts for Bendigo)
**Mallee District** (based on forecasts for Mildura)
**Wimmera District** (based on forecasts for Horsham)

Note that the predicted mean temperatures for these districts are expected to meet the heat health temperature threshold due to high overnight minimum temperatures.

The weather forecast districts and associated heat health thresholds are detailed in the attached guidance note.


You and your organisation are encouraged to continue monitoring local conditions and to respond accordingly through your existing service continuity, heatwave or other relevant action plans. All forecasts and current temperatures are available from the Bureau of Meteorology website at [http://www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au).


Specific queries may be directed to Environmental Health, Department of Health on 1300 761 874 or Environmental.healthunit@health.vic.gov.au.

*Heat Health Alert System 2013-2014 Information and guidance*