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From: Membership & Leadership Development Department

Date: 12 March 2014

Subject: Female Leadership Network: Session 6 Preview

Action: Registrations are due by Friday, 28 March 2014

For additional details on this Circular please contact:
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The 6th session of the Life Saving Victoria (LSV) Female Leadership Network (FLN) will be held as a Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, 3 April 2014 from 7:15am at Life Saving Victoria - 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne.

Duration: 7:30am – 9:00am (approximately)

This exciting Breakfast Session of the LSV FLN will be open to all network members and their guests and females representing other Emergency Services and likeminded agencies.

The session promises to be engaging, inspiring and thought provoking as we hear from Kate Riddell; Co-Founder of Firefoxes Australia. Those in attendance will be enlightened by Kate’s stories as she introduces us to “Ordinary women achieving extraordinary things”.

About the LSV Female Leadership Network
The Life Saving Victoria Female Leadership Network is open to all Females over 18 year old within the movement including staff and volunteer members from all roles and facets, that have a genuine interest in networking, personal growth and professional development.

The objectives of the network are:
- to enhance the development of our female leaders and our future leaders
- create an environment that encourages socialisation and positive relationships between female participants
- encourage further involvement and opportunities for females in the lifesaving movement
- develop leadership skills through a variety of activities, keynote speakers and networking events
- provide the opportunity to develop new networks within lifesaving
- provide the opportunity to develop broader professional networks that extend beyond lifesaving and into professional industries and everyday life
- partner with other areas of lifesaving to encourage collaboration across all areas of the movement
- provide mentoring opportunities to female leaders within lifesaving

Networking, mentoring and workshop events are planned to take place throughout the year.
**Session 6 Thursday, 3 April 2014 – Life Saving Victoria**

“Ordinary women achieving extraordinary things” - Keynote Speaker – Kate Riddell

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- Creating a resilient community
- Overcoming a crisis situation
- Dealing with adversity

The cost to attend this special event will be $15 per FLN member and $25 for guests and non FLN network members.

**Presenter: Kate Riddell**  
Educator  
Author  
Co-Founder [Firefoxes Australia](#)

Kate is the co-founder of the not-for-profit Firefoxes Australia, a grassroots organisation that has worked with over 5000 people in disaster effected communities across Australia.

In her own business, 'Creating a New Normal' she works with flood, cyclone and fire effected communities in Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria empowering them to prepare for and recover from disasters and develop resilient communities with strong leaders.

Kate has worked in the field of Education for 19 years, is a Mental Health First Aid instructor, full-time mum to 2 active children and an emergency services volunteer.

Kate was awarded the Pride of Australia medal (community section), the Minister for Health Volunteer Award (Group Section), an Ambulance Victoria Leadership Excellence Award, an Emergency Services Foundation Scholarship (3 weeks travel to USA to investigate best practice in Mental Health First Aid training for emergency services volunteers) and was a finalist in Minister for Health Volunteer Awards (individual section). Last year, Firefoxes was named the Victorian Community Group of the Year, won the Resilient Australia Awards and the Fire Awareness Awards. Never underestimate what ordinary people can do!

Already a member of the network? Please click here to register for session 6:  

Please click here to join the Female Leadership Network:  

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE NETWORK AND SESSION 6 CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2014