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Cc: Regional Officers

From: Darren McLeod – Director, Lifesaving Services

Date: 14 May 2014

Subject: AMSAR Group Delegate Nomination and Meeting Notice

Action: Reconfirm or notify LSV of Delegate to AMSAR Group by June
Note Next Meeting to occur in June – date TBC

For additional details on this Circular please contact:
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Life Saving Victoria would like to advise AMSAR Clubs and Delegates of the upcoming AMSAR group meeting in June (Date TBC) and invites the Marine Rescue Service Clubs to either nominate their delegate or reconfirm them via the form below.

With a number of recent changes impacting our Marine Rescue Services, we are keen to convene in June and continue to have the group meet regularly. Initially, it is only the Marine Rescue Services that are being included, with other relevant groups to be included in the future.

An agenda will be sent prior noting the items for discussion. Each Marine Rescue Service is encouraged to be represented and is able to nominate one delegate.

When nominating your delegate, note the intended role of the AMSAR Group includes:

- Develop consistent operational and training standards for AMSAR activities
- Recommend, develop and maintain AMSAR SOPs and policies
- Investigate and provide recommendations on AMSAR craft and operational equipment and standards
- Develop 24 hour, 7 days per week rapid response capabilities and teams
- Develop state and regional call out systems and methodology for Affiliates and Lifesaving Emergency Response Teams (“ALERT”)
- Be a conduit for the processing of information and resources from state and regional; aerial and marine; search and rescue committees
- Provide advice and recommendations to LSOC Executive, LSOC Panels and LSOC Officers on AMSAR matters
- Maintain a level of communication and liaison in emergency services and allied organisations
- Identify, investigate and recommend responses to opportunities or identified needs that may arise for AMSAR services along the Victorian coast and waterways

Please complete the delegate nomination form to re-confirm or notify LSV by June:
https://lifesavingvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/amsar-group/