

Circular 380:07:20



To: Club Presidents
Club Secretaries
2019/20 Lifeguards
Club Captains

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Date: 1 July 2020

Subject: **Rescue Water Craft Operators Certificate: Expression of Interest**

Action: Expressions of interest close on Sunday 19 July 2020.

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Life Saving Victoria (LSV) is now inviting Expressions of Interest from members who wish to attain the Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Certificate.

Due to the current situation with coronavirus (COVID-19), we will be modifying the delivery of the training for this award to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members involved.

As a result of the expansion of the RWC service over the past 24 months, the transition into a State-managed service and introduction of State volunteer patrols, LSV has identified a business requirement to conduct more regular State RWC training, creating a larger pool of trained and award holding RWC operators.

LSV would like to acknowledge that we are currently living through a pandemic and this will bring challenges and changes to the coming season. While we are still planning exactly how lifesaving operations will look across the State for the 2020/21 season, what we know for certain now is we will require rescue ready and operationally capable members across the entire State. Therefore, we are currently reviewing the gaps in service delivery from last season and planning for the season ahead. This Expression of Interest forms a part of the planning.

Outcome

In order to address the identified business requirement for a larger pool of trained and award holding RWC operators, to successfully deliver all state-wide services including: Paid Lifeguard Service, Volunteer RWC Service and water safety for the Event Lifeguard Service and LSV Aquatic Sport Carnivals, LSV is reviewing all current RWC award holders and seeking Expressions of Interest from the membership in this space.

The Lifeguard Services team will review interest of members and put together a training plan in the RWC space for the coming months. The award requires a minimum of 5 – 7 days of commitment as a volunteer. To align with current advice from DHHS, RWC training courses will not be camp style this year. It is envisaged that the training will be achieved through small groups at a time, with training taking place at different areas across the State.

Course dates and locations will be decided and communicated to confirmed participants, we will work with successful members in how the course will be best delivered at the time.



Expression of Interest Process

Members are invited to express interest by clicking on the below link between 01/07/2020 – 19/07/2020. Following the closing date, all applications will be reviewed and there may be an interview process to decide on successful members for the award prior to the coming season. Positions are limited and the decision on successful applicants will be primarily based around meeting the business requirement of all services in all areas.

Applications close Sunday, 19 July: <https://lifesavingvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/z15tfez41s6tn97/>

Pre-Requisites

All applicants must meet the below criteria by the end of July in order to be eligible to be put on an upcoming course for the award.

| RWC |
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| Current Financial Member of a Victorian Life Saving Club |
| Bronze Medallion (BM) / Certificate II in Public Safety |
| Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation - (HLTAID001) |
| Provide First Aid (FA) – (HLTAID003) |
| Provide Advanced Resuscitation Technique (ART) – (HLTAID007) |
| Silver Medallion Beach Management (SMBM) |
| ATV Operator (ATV) |
| IRB Crew (IRBC) IRB Driver (IRBD) |
| Current Victorian Driver's License Current Victorian Marine License with PWC endorsement |

