

Minutes – Lifesaving Operations Council Meeting

VENUE: Ian Potter Room
Life Saving Victoria State Centre
200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne

DATE: **Saturday, 9 September 2018**
9:00am – 11:00am

Delegates

Dominic Santullo (Altona LSC), Ross Mariner (Apollo Bay), Katrina Antony (Barwon Heads 13th Beach SLSC), Margaret Hewett (Beaumaris LSC), Catherine Paulsen (Carrum SLSC), Peter Burnley (Chelsea Longbeach SLSC), Cater Hodson (Dromana Bay SLSC), Angela Montebello (Elwood LSC), Rachel Fraser (Inverloch SLSC), James Carew (Lorne SLSC), David Mowat (Mount Martha LSC), Hamish McKendrick (Portsea SLSC), James Grieg (Portland SLSC), Hamish McKendrick (Portsea SLSC), Justin Taylor (Seaford LSC), Simon Lewis (St Kilda LSC), Alex Walton (Williamstown S&LSC), Mark Scott (Wonthaggi LSC), Max Eldridge (Woolamai Beach SLSC)

Proxies

Yvette Costello (Hampton LSC), Geoff Thompstone (Jan Juc SLSC), Shayan Gunawardena (St Kilda LSC)

Remote Access

Davina Jackson (Jan Juc SLSC), Michael Barbarino (Mordialloc LSC), Sally Porta (Rosebud LSC), Alex Aloschi-Hopfner (St Kilda LSC), David Rylance (Director – Training & Assessment), Alex Buckley (Fairhaven SLSC)

Executive

Simon Wilson (Council Representative/ Chair), Darren McLeod (Director Lifesaving Services), Kane Treloar (Lifesaving Services Representative), Hugh Day (Lifesaving Services Representative), Alison Porter (State Resource Research & Dev Officer), Katrina Antony (State Training and Assessment Supervisor), Mark Scott (State Emergency Management Officer), Katrina Antony (State Training and Assessment Supervisor)

State Officers/ Training & Assessment Officers

Jenna-Rose Sheehan (State Training Membership Development Officer), Hugh Day (State Lifesaving Communications Officer), Kane Treloar (State Gear and Equipment Officer), Helen Quinn (Bayside T&A Officer), Catherine Paulsen (Kingston T&A Officer), Barrie Smith (Gippsland Lifesaving Operations Officer), Jenna-Rose Sheehan (Otway Lifesaving Operations Officer), Cohen Doyle (Peninsula Lifesaving Operations Officer), James Quine (Port Phillip Lifesaving Operations Officer)

Others

Greg Malone (Gunnamatta SLSC), Bec Gould (Portsea SLSC), Daniel Holman (Mordialloc LSC), David Morris (Inverloch SLSC), Adam Lipszyc (Point Leo SLSC), Peter Bellion (Port Melbourne SLSC), Vince Sheehan (Sandridge LSC & LSV Director), Rebecca Bulluss (Wye River SLSC), Greg Scott (Manager, Lifesaving Operations), David Potter (VSO), Jayden Raab (VSO), Andrew Foran (GM-LCD), Dean Hemburrow (Manager – Volunteer Member Training), Sam Richard (Point Leo SLSC), Ashleigh Baker (Barwon Heads 13th Beach SLSC), Cola Williams (Mentone LSC), Nick Vook (South Melbourne LSC), Tayla Scott (Wonthaggi LSC), Ben Wain (St Kilda LSC), Patrick Spinazzola (Torquay SLSC), Toby Dobell (Gunnamatta SLSC)



Apologies

Aidan Moriarty (Waratah Beach SLSC), Andy Lawrence (Hampton LSC), Shane Ryan (Half Moon Bay SLSC)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Thursday, 03 May 2018

Mover: G. Thompstone

Seconder: T. Dobell

Carried.

2. Executive Updates

a. Darren McLeod – Director, Lifesaving Services

i. Welcomed everyone to the first item on the Lifesaving Operations Preseason Forum.

ii. Wished to advise everyone that the protocols were incorrect when circulated. The Australia Day – Public holiday on the 28th of January was not included. This date is still a required patrol day.

iii. A reminder was provided on Circular 059:08:18 – IRBs Approved for Use. All clubs are to note information.

b. David Rylance – Director, Training and Assessment

i. Thank you to all those Trainers and Assessors who attended the Training and Assessment Preseason Forum yesterday.

3. General Business

a. **Patrol Efficiency Competition Review Update – K. Antony**

i. A background on the Patrol Efficiency Competition and the reason for running the competition was provided. K. Antony advised that following the May council meeting the LSOC Executive decided to convene a working group to review the competition and associated documents. Although the working group has met relatively recently, there are 6 recommendations provided:

1. Proceed with the 'Patrol Competition' this year, which will be known as the Patrol Service Efficiency and Standards Competition.

2. Clubs may 'opt' out of the competition at the start of the season

3. Patrol Captains may 'opt' out on the day of inspection with a valid reason*

4. LSV will train a group (6-8) of Competition Inspectors in the process of the competition. These Inspectors will have a minimum of a current Bronze Medallion Assessor and IRB Drivers Awards.

5. Inspectors will give immediate feedback to the Patrol Captain and further in-depth feedback will be provided to the club via Club President and Club Captain, while cc'ing Club Secretary and Area Lifesaving Operations Officer

6. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Prizes will also be awarded to the winner of each area. Prizes will be to value of (\$ amount) with a list of options.

ii. It was also agreed that the Patrol Competition Handbook should be reviewed, and redesigned incorporating feedback requested from working group and LSOC Executive

iii. Education of the inspectors will be major focal point for this year's program, ensuring the personnel know how to give feedback to the clubs and to ensure consistency in the marking.

iv. Moving forward we will be working closely with the Lifesaving Operations Officers from the areas and Clubs to ensure that the inspectors do not turn up at inappropriate times.

v. Expressions of interests to become inspectors will be released soon.



b. Ratification of LSOC Positions – S. Wilson

- i. In accordance with the LSV By Laws following the LSOC Annual Council Meeting on the 11th of August 2018, the below positions remained vacant and referred to the LSOC Executive for appointment. Through the expressions of interest form that the following persons have registered interest in the respective vacant positions. The following appointments have been made:
- Rhiannon McCorriston - Area Training & Assessment Officer: Bass
 - Darrel Gill - Area Training & Assessment Officer: Port Phillip
 - Catherine Paulsen - Area Training & Assessment Officer: Kingston
 - Jenna-Rose Sheehan - State Training Membership Development Officer.

c. Patrol Captains Review – K. Treloar

- i. An outline of why the Patrol Captains Needs and Capability Review was outlined to the council, detailing that the course is currently 10 years old and entirely developed by SLSA. With our increasing capability and its changing needs within EMV's Structure, LSV needs to ensure that our training is in line with other emergency services today and moving into the future. Throughout the process, there was engagement from a range of clubs and levels of experience throughout the state with a focus on Area Officers and Club Captains/Senior Patrolling Members.
- ii. The following short comings were identified as a part of the review:
1. Official prerequisites don't exist;
 2. Currently no requirement for a practical component or demonstration that the members are competent in the skills required;
 3. Facilitator quality and differing methods of delivery can lead to very different outcomes on a course; or
 4. No requirement for an ongoing skills maintenance or ability to conduct change management.
- iii. It is important to realise that this will take some time to review, change and implement. In the first instance there will be some further consultation with clubs, members and external partners before progressing further. The report will be tabled at the next LSOC executive for review and then the next steps will be decided. The full rollout would be aimed for the 2020 conference. In the meantime, keep progressing forward with the current course.
1. V. Sheehan (Sandridge LSC) – Given retention of members can be an issue within some clubs was this considered during this review as well.
 2. K. Treloar – This review focused on the needs of patrol captains and basically focused on the need to have better skills in this role, which will eventually have flow on effects.
 3. P. Bellion (Port Melbourne LSC) – The sergeants course from VicPol may encompass some of these key areas. Can they be contacted for comment?
 4. K. Treloar – VicPol along with other services have been identified as key stakeholders in this review.
 5. M. Scott (Wonthaggi LSC) – Would be great to have those members who attended the weekend also play a part in the review moving forward.
 6. K. Treloar – Agreed, the plan is to have these people involved moving forward.

4. Feedback / Questions / Open Forum

a. Marine licence fee exemption – H. McKendrick (Portsea SLSC)

- i. Is LSV still exploring the reimbursement on the LSV marine licences?
1. D. McLeod – Unfortunately there is no avenue for reimbursement at this stage, however LSV are currently exploring the delivery of licence training to minimise the potential cost.



5. Ideas Exchange – Lifesaving Operations Grant Priorities

A workshop then proceeded with those in the room with the following Brief circulated prior to the meeting: *Life Saving Victoria regularly has opportunities to apply for government grants for the purchase of assets, training of members and or delivery of programs. The LSOC Executive is currently developing a list of five projects for future grant applications as they arise. The purpose of this is to have them prepared, ready for when opportunities arise for particular grants.*

At the meeting the attendees were asked to give their feedback on the below questions with the aim of developing some of these points further, with the aim of preparing a plan for future grant applications.

What could LSV do at a state level to further our life-saving services through:

- *New pooled or shared assets?*
- *Training and/or development opportunities for active lifesavers?*
- *Development of new tools, procedures or guides to assist our lifesavers?*
- *Improvement to existing processes that effect lifesaving?*

6. Meeting Close @ 10:30am

Next Meeting

The next Lifesaving Operations Council meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, 1 November 2018.

