

Minutes – Lifesaving Operations Council Meeting

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

DATE: Thursday, 11 May 2017

Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Delegates

Dominic Santullo (Altona LSC), Chris Ward (Apollo Bay SLSC), Neill Blake (Aspendale LSC), Margaret Hewett (Beaumaris LSC), Kate Hine (Black Rock LSC), Angela Montebello (Elwood LSC), Shane Ryan (Half Moon Bay SLSC), Nick Wooton (Mount Martha LSC), Katrina Antony (Portland SLSC), Robert O'Brien (Waratah Beach SLSC), Ryan Towers (Wye River SLSC), Mark Scott (Wonthaggi LSC)

Proxies

Geoff Thompstone (Jan Juc SLSC), Katrina Antony (Portland SLSC), Sally Porta (Roebud & McCrae LSC), Darren McLeod (Seaford LSC), Alison Porter (South Melbourne LSC), Mark Scott (Wonthaggi LSC)

Remotely Accessing

Catherine Paulsen (Carrum SLSC), Sandra Vander Pal (Dromana Bay LSC), Andrew Lawrence (Hampton LSC), Michael Barbarino (Mordialloc LSC)

Executive

Darren McLeod (Director – Lifesaving Services), David Rylance (Director – Training & Assessment), Justin Burton (Council Representative), Kane Treloar (Lifesaving Services Representative), Katrina Antony (State Training & Assessment Supervisor), Alison Porter (State Resource Research & Development Officer) Mark Scott (State Emergency Management Officer)

State Officers/ District Officers/ Regional Officers

Justin Burton (State Powercraft Officer), Kane Treloar (State Gear & Equipment Officer), Phillip Hughes (Geelong Training & Assessment Officer), Simon Wilson (Peninsula Training &



Assessment Officer), Katrina Antony (Western Training & Assessment Officer), Toby Dobell (Peninsula Lifesaving Operations Officer)

Staff

Andrew Foran (General Manager, Lifesaving Club Development), David Potter (Volunteer Support Officer), Jayden Raab (Volunteer Support Officer)

Others

Hamish Mckendrick (Portsea SLSC), Stuart Mckenzie (Mornington LSC)

Apologies

Greg Scott, Darcy Manks, Tony Hodder, Dean Hemburrow, Darcy Cummins, Candice Down, Geraldine Wallace, Rebecca Gould, Simon Lewis, Bill Johnson, Julian Meagher, Helen Quinn

1) Welcome – Darren McLeod, Director Lifesaving Services (Acting Chair)

- i. Darren provided a welcome to the Life Saving Operations Council Meeting. Noted that there are a few people attending the meeting online, called for any further apologies and asked those in attendance to ensure they sign in.
- ii. Confirmation of the minutes from the last Council meeting held on the 9th February 2017
 - a. Accepted as read.
 - i. Action item 2.ix (Feb 2017): D. McLeod to review and respond [regarding the use of hats other than the colour red.
Outcome to be communicated out with the minutes.

2) Reports

Directors Report Darren McLeod – Director, Lifesaving Services

- i. Provided a thank you to each and every volunteers and staff member who has contributed over the 2016/17 season. Request was for clubs to also pass thanks to their members.
- ii. Update was provided on the statistics [volunteer only] for the 2016/17 season:
 - Attendance – 1,543,505
 - Rescue – 282
 - First Aid – 1024
 - PAs – 48178
- iii. Recent Communications:
 - a. **Circular 193.04.17** – Lifesaving Conference and Regional Workshops. Requested for clubs to submit any suggested topics for the conference this year.
 - b. **Circular 206.05.17** – VESEP Grants announcement. Clubs ensure that you get your applications in on time.
 - c. **Circular 207.05.17** – Emergency Response Contacts. Reminders to all clubs to ensure your emergency contacts are up to date with LSV, especially around this time of year.
 - i. K. Treloar – Clubs can list up to 10 people on their list who will receive a text message in an emergency.

Directors Report David Rylance – Director, Training & Assessment

- i. Provided a thank you to all the trainers, assessors and state officers for their hard work over the 2016/17 season. With constant changes occurring in the Training and Assessment world, it was great to see so many helping maintain our position as an RTO.



- ii. The Staff are currently just finishing off all the processing for the season and commencing the tidy up processes. Working co-currently is the forward planning for next season in terms of skills maintenance and awards upskilling.
- iii. It applications are also being trialled at the moment to minimise the burden on our volunteers. These will continue to be trialled with different courses throughout the state before the season to ensure the seamless transition.

3) General Business

Kane Treloar – Lifesaving Services Representative & State Gear and Equipment Officer

- i. ATV and Trailer Registrations
 - a. Over the last two years, there have been some significant changes in the ATV specifications from SLSA. Following some pushing back to SLSA from the States, this has been rectified.
 - b. Under the Road Safety Act, ATVs must be registered with VicRoads. Circular 180.03.17 has been released outlining the issues and the new process that has been agreed upon with VicRoads. Further to this, boat trailers also specifically require a registration. LSV is currently working with VicRoads to have a blanket exemption put into place, however this will require the exemption paperwork to be carried in the vehicle towing at all times.
 - i. R. O'Brien – This should be checked with each Gear Inspection.
 - ii. K. Treloar – This will likely be included and continue thereafter.
 - iii. G. Thompstone – Given that Red P-Platers are unable to tow trailers, what is our position on this issue?
 - iv. K. Treloar – The correct interpretation is that as soon as that vehicle is being used on a public road/carpark they must abide by this law. The 'work' clause specifically mentions paid employment.
 - v. P. Hughes – VicRoads should have any processes placed into their 'workplan' thereby it will appear each time a club presents at an office with the documentation.

S. McKenzie (Mornington LSC)

- i. 2017/18 Patrol Dates
 - a. Outlining that at the end of the season, Mornington specifically struggle getting members onto the beach to cover the observational patrols. Concern was also raised about a Christmas Day patrol.
 - i. D. McLeod – acknowledged that there may not be many people on the beach during these periods, but it is not always the busy days when people get into trouble. Any changes in our current protocols should be supported by the statistical evidence. This year some variable protocols, allowing clubs to reduce patrol requirements have been trialled and seemed to be successful. D. McLeod was happy to discuss with any club with relations to their individual requirements.
 - ii. D. McLeod – Christmas day requirement is still open of discussion. If anyone has concerns, please send them through.
 - iii. S. Ryan – raised Half Moon Bay's concern as well with the end of the season and the struggle of meeting the patrol requirements.
 - iv. M. Scott – preference would be to keep Christmas Day optional for all clubs.
 - v. K. Hine – Black Rock would also not be support of a compulsory patrol.

Extract from February Council minutes:

2017 Port Phillip Bay will commence on the 11th of November 2017, with Coastal to commence on the 2nd of December 2017. All clubs will finish the season on the 15th of April 2018.

Volunteer Training Update (David Rylance – Director, Training & Assessment)

- i. **Circular 192.04.17** – 2017 Assessor Award Physical Component Exemption, has been released and outlines the process for exemptions from maintaining currency those with illness or injuries preventing them from completing the physical components. This allows members to continue



assessing skills maintenance; however they would be unable to do full awards. Acknowledging that this is not ideal given some of the experience our trainers and assessors have, this is still allows us to meet our requirements.

- a. R. O'Brien – Did LSV work to apply for exemptions for this component of the RTO all together?
- b. D. Rylance – LSV is continually advocating to minimise the requirements for our volunteers. Unfortunately with this case, it was not possible as it wasn't with many other emergency services.
- c. M. Scott – LSV should explore the possibility of removing competency requirement for those awards that may not require it e.g. IRB units of competency.
- d. D. Rylance – This is being looked at; however we need to be assured that it will not affect anything we do as an organisation.
- e. S. McKenize – Agree with M. Scott. It is infuriating that some members can no train or assess because they don't hold the trainer or assessor qualifications.

4) Feedback / Questions / Open Forum

T. Dobell (Peninsula Lifesaving Operations Officer)

- i. Concern raised that there is currently some communication going out regarding a black spot study occurring the Mornington Peninsula Area, however the club and Lifesaving Operations Officers are not aware.
 - a. A. Foran – Apologies if LSV have not communicated this prior, however this project is being run from Risk and Research in conjunction with the local shire. It is currently only in the initiation phase and is all about data collection. The next phase is engagement with key stakeholders e.g. SLSCs.

G. Thompstone (Jan Juc SLSC)

- i. Requested an update on any further information on the new radio network.
 - a. D. McLeod – The program is progressing and will continue into the 2017/18 season. The staged roll out will likely commence in September/October 2017.
 - b. G. Thompstone – Does that indicate we will be transitioning during the season?
 - c. D. McLeod – LSV will be working with the current system for the upcoming season.
 - d. M. Scott – does the budget for next season include the reimbursement costs for radio again, as many clubs are now requiring these.
 - e. D. McLeod – Yes this will continue for next season.

M. Scott (Wonthaggi LSC)

- i. Requested results of patrol defaults for each club and results from each of the inspections be sent to clubs.

Action: Patrol inspection sheets to be sent to clubs.

- ii. Can LSV re-raise the patrol 'quartered' cap use on Victorian Beaches? Unless in the water, it should be able to be worn around the neck.

Motion: That on Victorian beaches patrolling members be able to wear their patrol caps around the neck, while wearing a peaked or broad brimmed hat, but in the water they must be wearing the quartered cap on their head.

Moved: M. Scott, **Seconded:** Stuart McKenize **Council passed.**

S. Ryan (Half Moon Bay SLSC)

- i. Regarding the currency of Trainers and Assessor awards, how long is it before they become obsolete. If a member was overseas, how long is it before they would need to redo the course.
 - a. D. Rylance – If it is any longer that 1 year, the member should contact the volunteer Training Department to ensure they still current.

Meeting Close at 8:45 pm
Next Meeting





The next Lifesaving Operations Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 12 August 2017.
Please Note: this is the Council Annual General Meeting.

