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To: Presidents, Secretaries, M&LD Council Delegates, M&LD Council Executive, Chief Instructors, Club captains, Junior coordinators, Junior team managers, Club Committee Members, Ready to Lead Alumni

From: Membership and Leadership Development

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Action: Support the next generation of lifesaving leaders and encourage them to apply by 1 March 2026.

Ready to Lead and Ready to Lead + 2026 - registrations now open!

Life Saving Victoria (LSV) is excited to announce that registrations are now open for the 2026 Ready to Lead and Ready to Lead + program. Ready to Lead will commence on March 25 through to May 30.

Program Overview

The 2026 Ready to Lead and Ready to Lead + programs have been crafted to deliver targeted and practical learning experiences, tailored to participants' previous leadership journeys. Whether you're stepping into your first leadership role or bringing years of experience to the table, these programs are structured to meet you where you are, helping you to build on your strengths and advance your leadership skills.

Participants can select from two distinct program streams according to their leadership experience:

Emerging

This stream is ideal for individuals at the beginning of their leadership journey, those stepping into their first leadership role or looking to strengthen foundational leadership skills. It suits new team leader, early-career professionals, and volunteers moving into leadership responsibilities, with a focus on building capability across the core leadership responsibilities. Topics for this stream include:

- Self-awareness and self-care
- Personalised MBTI strengths and development strategy profile
- Personal brand
- Presenting for impact
- Time management and prioritisation
- Proactively managing your career

Elevating

This stream is designed for experienced leaders who have established team leadership experience and exposure to prior professional development. It provides advanced content and opportunities to network with likeminded peers and will help participants deepen their capability across all core leadership pillars.

Topics for this stream include:

- Self-awareness and self-care
- Personalised MBTI strengths and development strategy profile
- Personal board of directors
- Tough discussions
- Strategic prioritisation
- Influencing outcomes at the government level

Key program information

Program cost is \$500 (inc. GST) for lifesaving club members. Invoices will be sent directly to clubs, so we suggest discussing with your club your interest in the program, and if they will cover the cost for your participation, wholly or partly.

The program will run on the following dates:

Wednesday 25 March	Online @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 1 April	Online @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 8 April	Online @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 22 April	Online @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 29 April	Online @ 6:30pm
Saturday 2 May	In - person (LSV, Port Melbourne)
Wednesday 13 May	Online @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 20 May	Online @ 6.30pm
Wednesday 27 May	Online @ 6.30pm
Saturday 30 May	In – person graduation (LSV, Port Melbourne)

Program outcomes

Our aim is to empower participants to recognise and maximise their impact as leaders. The program delivers a blend of practical skills, structured learning sessions, and a personalised approach to foster ongoing professional growth.

Participants in both streams will gain comprehensive skills across the following leadership pillars: understanding self, impacting and leading, and getting things done. Throughout the experience, participants will be mentored and inspired by accomplished industry leaders, who will share valuable insights, knowledge, and real-world lessons to support each participant's leadership journey.

How to register today!

Please complete the registration form corresponding to your chosen stream.

Ready to Lead (Emerging leaders)	<u>Click here to register</u>
Ready to Lead + (Established leaders)	<u>Click here to register</u>

Registrations close on Sunday 1 March 2026.

For additional details on this circular, please contact:

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