

To: Club Secretaries
Club Captains
M&LD Council Delegates
Junior Coordinators
Junior Team Managers
Chief Instructors

From: Membership & Leadership Development

Date: 4 December 2024

Action: Submit nominations by Sunday 19 January 2025

2025 Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day – Nominations Now Open!

Life Saving Victoria (LSV) is pleased to advise that nominations are now open for the 2025 Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day, which incorporates the Mike Martin Champion Junior Lifesaver Award.

2025 Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day

Age: 13 and 14 years at the time of program
Date: Saturday, 8 February 2025
Location: Life Saving Victoria, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne, 3207
Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm



This program is more than a celebration of youth achievements—it's a platform for fostering readiness for rescue and instilling a growth mindset in the next generation of lifesavers. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with peers, enhance their lifesaving expertise, and explore pathways within the lifesaving movement. Through hands-on scenario and interactive development activities, participants will be inspired and equipped to take their skills and leadership to the next level.

Nominated members will also be in the running for the Mike Martin Champion Junior Lifesaver Award, which honours the exceptional commitment and contributions of young lifesavers to their clubs and the broader community.

The Development Day will be facilitated by a team of experienced LSV volunteer leaders, ensuring a supportive and enriching environment for all participants.

Champion Junior Lifesaver Objectives

- **Recognise Youth Leaders:** Highlight the valuable contributions of youth members to the lifesaving movement.
- **Cultivate Growth and Resilience:** Foster a growth mindset and readiness for rescue in all participants.
- **Enhance Lifesaving Excellence:** Build on fundamental lifesaving skills through engaging, scenario-based training.
- **Inspire the Next Phase:** Provide confidence and support as youth members transition to new opportunities in their lifesaving journey.

Champion Junior Lifesaver Nomination Criteria

All clubs are encouraged to nominate one female and one male candidate aged **13 or 14 years** at the time of the program. Nominees should represent the best of lifesaving, demonstrating:

- Holding or actively working towards their **SRC award** (Bronze Medallion holders are ineligible).
- Making a significant contribution to their club's activities.
- Possessing strong lifesaving knowledge.
- Being recognised as a role model and emerging leader among peers.

Mike Martin Champion Junior Lifesaver Award

As part of LSV's Member Recognition Awards, this prestigious honour celebrates youth who embody dedication, leadership, and excellence in lifesaving.

The winner will be announced during the Development Day's end-of-day celebrations and invited to attend the **2025 LSV Awards of Excellence (AOE)**, where they will be formally recognised.

Award Selection Process

The 2025 Mike Martin Champion Junior Lifesaver Award, will be selected on the following criteria:

- Nominees' application form to the Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day
- Online recorded interview, submitted as part of the application form
- On-day participation; demonstration of leadership and teamwork attributes, as well as lifesaving knowledge and skills
- Endorsement support letter provided by the club. Suggestions to include:
 - Contributions and involvement to club and wider lifesaving movement
 - How they are a role model to their peers
 - Lifesaving achievements

Selection for the Development Day: Nominees will be notified by Monday 27 January 2025 regarding their success of gaining a place in the 2025 program.

Cost

The cost to attend is \$60 (inc. GST) per participant for the Development Day. LSV will invoice clubs for the cost of the program. It is up to each club and participant to agree on how much each party will contribute.

Nominate Today

Take the opportunity to spotlight your club's standout youth members! This is a chance to celebrate their achievements, support their development, and inspire them to continue making a difference.

To be considered for the 2025 Mike Martin Champion Junior Lifesaver Award, candidates' final scores will be based on the following nomination process, along with on-the-day participation.

Online nominations must be completed in one go. To prepare, please visit [Club Gateway](#) where you can pre-read through the video interview questions prior to completing your online nomination.

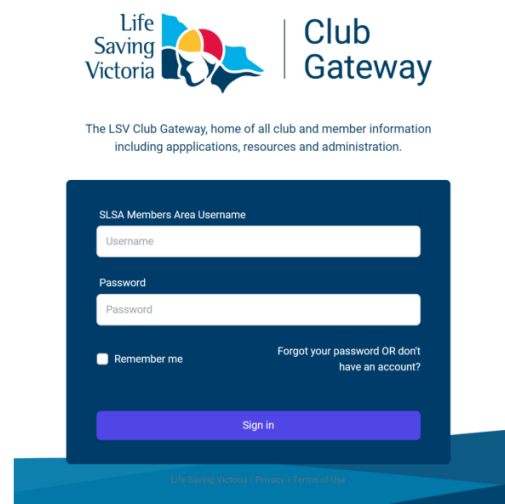
[Club Gateway](#) is our exclusive member only platform – if you aren't currently signed up, please following the steps on the next page.

How do I access it?

To access the Club Gateway:

1. Head to clubs.lsv.com.au
2. Sign in using your SLSA members area account details (created when you signed up as a member)
3. Depending on club role, different systems and pages will appear for you.

Contact club support team for assistance
clubsupport@lsv.com.au

The image shows a screenshot of the Club Gateway login interface. At the top left is the Life Saving Victoria logo, and to its right is the text "Club Gateway". Below this is a sub-header: "The LSV Club Gateway, home of all club and member information including applications, resources and administration." The main content is a dark blue login box with white text and input fields. It contains the following elements: "SLSA Members Area Username" label above a "Username" input field; "Password" label above a "Password" input field; a "Remember me" checkbox; a link "Forgot your password OR don't have an account?"; and a purple "Sign in" button. At the bottom of the box, there is a small link for "Life Saving Victoria | Privacy | Terms of Use".

Nomination Process

Part 1: Applicants must complete four (4) questions by typing answering into provided response boxes in the online application.

Part 2: With the support of a parent or guardian, applicants then must upload a short, recorded video interview, no longer than 10 minutes, responding in their own words to the provided questions. Note, the video can simply be recorded on an iPhone or similar.

Once you have visited Club Gateway to prepare, nominations can then be [MADE HERE](#).

Applications close Sunday, 19 January 2025

Draft Champion Junior Lifesaver Program

Time	Activity
0845-0900	Arrivals and Sign-in
0900-0930	Welcome and Introductions
0930-1000	Team Ice-Breaker Activity
1000-1130	Lifesaving Pathways Fair including Morning Tea;
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Meet and greet Lifesaving Leaders . Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Visit . LSVComms Tour . RPAS (Drones) Demonstration
1130-1230	SRC Practical Skill Development Scenario Rotations
1230-1300	Lunch
1300-1400	SRC Practical Skill Development Scenario Rotations
1400-1500	Afternoon Tea / Showers
1500-1600	Team Debriefs and Goal-Setting Workshop
1600-1700	Program Presentations, Networking & Conclusion of Program

For additional details on this Circular please contact:

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