

To: Presidents All Members
Secretaries

From: Honours and Awards Committee

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Action: **Reminder** - nominations for the Awards of Excellence 2024 are now open!

Recognise your best! It's time to acknowledge our outstanding members and volunteers!

Nominations for the Awards of Excellence 2024 are now open until 11.59pm Sunday, 26 May 2024.

Please be advised that the LSV Honours and Awards Committee (HAAC) are now calling for nominations for the Awards of Excellence 2024, which will be held on **Saturday, 10 August 2024** at Sofitel Melbourne on Collins.

Celebrate the amazing contributions of your volunteers and members by highlighting outstanding achievements from the past season by nominating them for a prestigious Award of Excellence!

The recognition manual has been updated and is now available with all the criteria you need to inspire your nominations and includes a link to access nomination forms.

We look forward to seeing your nominations come through!

Member Recognition Manual

Please see the 2024 [Member Recognition Manual](#).

Promotion and additional information

You can promote the nominations through social media, newsletters, and other communications with members.

LSV has set up a dedicated page on the Club Gateway with a [promotional toolkit](#) for you to use.

Please email haac@lsv.com.au if you have further queries.

How to nominate

Once again we will be using the platform, Awards Force – <https://lsv.awardsplatform.com/>

This platform will allow you to submit, track and update single or multiple applications in real time through until the nomination closing date.

Here you will find all nomination forms, follow these simple steps to get started:

Step 1 – Either log in or if new to the site please register an account using first name, last name, email and create a password.

Step 2 – Confirm account by clicking the link emailed to you

Step 3 – Start your nomination/s (you have the option to save it in-progress – *see below)

Step 4 – Submit your nomination.

- * You can begin a nomination form and save it if you need to come back to it after sourcing further information. You will be able to see all your entries submitted and refer back to them at any point.
- If you can't remember your password, there is a 'forgot password' link for assistance.

We hope you enjoy using the platform, best of luck.

Any issues accessing the platform please email haac@lsv.com.au.

Nominations are open for the following awards:

LSV State Outstanding Recognition Awards:

Life Saving Victoria Life Membership

President's Certificate

John Wishart Memorial Medal – Lifesaver of the Year

Graeme Long Memorial Medal - Volunteer of the Year

Outstanding Achievement of the Year

Beaurepaire - Club of the Year

Dr Nigel Taylor ESM Innovation Award

Janet Jones OAM Inclusion Award

Lifesaving Operations Recognition Awards:

Beach Lifeguard of the Year

Rescue of the Year

Volunteer Trainer of the Year

Volunteer Assessor of the Year

Council of Lifesaving Club Award:

Administrator of the Year

Membership & Leadership Development Outstanding Recognition Awards:

Club Nipper Program of the Year Award (inc. Starfish Nipper Programs)

Nipper Program Volunteer of the Year

Community Education Award

Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Youth Lifesaver of the Year

Aquatic Sport Outstanding Recognition Awards:

Coach of the Year

Official of the Year

Emerging Official of the Year

Athlete U14 + U15 of the Year

Youth Athlete of the Year (U17- U19)

Open Athlete of the Year

Masters Athlete of the Year

Team of the Year (U14/U15)

Team of the Year (U17 to Open)

Masters Team of the Year

Education Awards:

Education Instructor of the Year

Swim and Survive Partner of the Year

When nominating




Some tips and things to remember:

- Many of the forms ask for a photo to be uploaded. Please be prepared and have this ready; you will not be able to submit the entry without a photo.
- You may wish to attach photographs and include links to any promotional material created or media coverage received, video footage will not be accepted.
- When answering questions for Major State Awards, the newly introduced format of capturing answers in bullet point statements. The nominee can then elaborate on the answers when being interviewed. See example below:

When answering please give up to 10 bullet point statements, listing examples. You can use the numbered list feature when answering the questions, your answers can be elaborated on in your interview.

If you require additional space for your answers, please include further comments as a note and attach on the following page

1. Key achievements relating to active patrolling:

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For additional details on this circular please contact:
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