

Life Saving Victoria – Aquatic Sports Council Powercraft Committee

Terms of Reference

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1. Purpose

The Powercraft Committee is a committee of the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC), established to provide specialist advice, coordination and capability leadership relating to Powercraft operations across Victorian lifesaving sport.

The Committee supports the safe, consistent and sustainable delivery of aquatic sport by strengthening Powercraft capability, operational practices, workforce development and planning across Summer and Winter sport.

2. Scope and responsibilities

The Committee will:

- Provide specialist advice on Powercraft safety, capability and operational requirements.
- Support consistent Powercraft practices across aquatic sport carnivals and championships.
- Review and recommend improvements to Powercraft procedures, protocols and operational guidance.
- Identify Powercraft equipment, logistics and resourcing requirements.
- Support Powercraft workforce recruitment, retention, development and succession planning.
- Support planning for Powercraft capability across Summer and Winter sport.
- Identify opportunities to improve carnival course set-up and water safety support.
- Capture feedback and lessons from carnivals and recommend improvements.
- Promote knowledge sharing and consistent practices across clubs and Powercraft personnel.
- Undertake projects or reviews referred to the Committee by the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Council Leadership Team (CLT).

3. Authority and delegation

The Powercraft Committee operates under the Risk & Safety portfolio of the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Council Leadership Team (CLT).

The Committee Chair is accountable to the Risk & Safety Lead and provides advice, recommendations and progress updates to the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Council Leadership Team (CLT) through the Risk & Safety Lead.

The Committee will:

- Operate in accordance with the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Terms of Reference, LSV By-Laws, policies and relevant safety requirements.
- Work within priorities and projects endorsed by the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Council Leadership Team (CLT).
- Develop and maintain an annual work program aligned with ASC priorities and the LSV Sport Strategy.
- Escalate significant safety, operational or governance matters through the Risk & Safety Lead.
- Work collaboratively with relevant Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Committees, LSV employees and event leadership.

The Committee is advisory, coordination and capability-focused. It does not replace the authority or responsibilities of appointed Carnival Referees, Safety Officers, Water Safety Coordinators, Event Coordinators or other event-day operational roles.

4. Committee roles

The Committee will comprise no more than five (6) members, including the Chair.

Following appointment, the Powercraft Committee Chair will recommend up to five (5) members for appointment to the Committee.

The Chair's recommended membership will be considered by the:

- Risk & Safety Lead
- Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Chair
- CEO Delegate

The recommended Committee composition will then be presented to the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Council Leadership Team (CLT) for endorsement.

In recommending members, the Chair should seek an appropriate mix of operational experience, technical knowledge and capability relevant to the Committee's responsibilities.

Membership may be established through an Expression of Interest, targeted invitation, specialist appointment or a combination of these approaches.

6. Meetings

The Committee will meet as required to deliver its annual work program.

Meetings will be chaired by the Powercraft Committee Chair.

Additional meetings may be called where required to address significant operational, safety or planning matters.

Relevant LSV employees, Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) representatives or subject matter experts may attend meetings by invitation.

7. Decision-Making and Recommendations

The Chair will:

- Provide updates to the Risk & Safety Lead on Committee activities and priorities.
- Report progress against the Committee's annual work program.
- Submit recommendations requiring endorsement or broader action to the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Council Leadership Team (CLT) through the Risk & Safety Lead.
- Escalate significant safety or operational matters as required.

8. Review and evaluation

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed periodically by the Aquatic Sports Council (ASC) Council Leadership Team (CLT) to ensure the Committee remains aligned with the needs and priorities of Victorian aquatic sport.