

To: Operational members

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Action: Register your interest via the link below.

State Emergency Service Search & Rescue Lecture Series

This is an invitation to all members who may be interested in attending a 2-part lecture series on Search & Rescue presented by Dr Paul Luckin with insights from a Victorian Water Police SAR Mission Controller. This invitation comes from the Victorian State Emergency Service (SES).

SES Western Region Learning & Development is proud to invite lifesaving members to an exclusive two-part online lecture programme led by renowned expert **Dr. Paul Luckin**, with special insights from a **Search and Rescue Mission Controller (SARMC)** from the **Victoria Water Police**. These sessions are designed to deepen your understanding of **water-related and land-based emergency incidents**, enhance your operational readiness, and ultimately help save lives.

Why Attend?

- Gain **critical insights** into SAR operations from seasoned professionals.
- Understand **survivability factors** that shape search strategies.
- Participate in **interactive discussions** with emergency service peers from other agencies to enhance your learning.
- Improve your **response capabilities** in both aquatic and terrestrial emergencies.

Program Overview

Session 1: Water-Related Incidents

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM AEST

Platform: Microsoft Teams or Zoom

Key Topics:

- **Initial Information Gathering**
Learn the structured SAR template used across Australia and the South Pacific.

- **Effects of Immersion in Cold Water**
Understand physiological responses critical to rescue and recovery.
- **Hypothermia**
Recognise, manage, and prevent low body core temperature in aquatic environments.
- **Interactive Discussion Forum**
Engage with experts and peers to share insights and ask questions.

Session 2: Land-Related Incidents

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM AEDT

Platform: Microsoft Teams or Zoom

Key Topics:

- **Review of Information Gathering**
Reinforce the importance of accurate data collection in SAR operations.
- **Determinants of Survival on Land**
Explore environmental and physiological factors affecting survivability.
- **Hyperthermia**
Address risks and management of heat-related illnesses.
- **Case Study: William Callaghan**
Learn from the real-world search for the 14-year-old boy missing in 2020.
- **Open Discussion Segment**
Deepen your understanding through collaborative dialogue.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST in attending either one or both sessions via the following link:
<https://forms.monday.com/forms/672c52a8e4a054d12ea47cf141f4b9b8?r=use1>

Access instructions and related materials will be sent to you prior to the commencement of the first session.

If you have any questions relating to the above series, or any other opportunities to collaborate with other emergency service agencies, please contact Sam Dwyer, Coordinator Member Development Pathways: sam.dwyer@lsv.com.au or sam.dwyer@psychsolutions.com.au

Sincere thanks to SES Acting Operations Manager Justin Navas for making this opportunity available to the lifesaving community. Let's continue building a safer, more prepared community together.

If you have any further questions, you can also email membertraining@lsv.com.au.