

**To:** Presidents  
Secretaries  
Environment and sustainability Officers  
Junior coordinators  
Starfish nipper coordinators  
Club captains

**From:** People department

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**Action:** Register your club's Green Patrol and review available resources

## Green Patrol – Environment and Sustainability, 3 March 2024



**Life Saving Victoria is encouraging clubs to participate in the 2024 Environment and Sustainability Green Patrol, which will be held on Saturday 3 March 2024. Below is information about Green Patrol and registering your event.**

Green Patrol Day is designed to highlight the strong connection between the waterways we patrol as lifesavers and the importance of looking after the environment for future generations. It's about educating, cleaning up, connecting with local partners, raising environmental awareness around sustainability, understanding, and protecting the ecosystem we live, work and play.

**Register your Green Patrol [here](#)**

### Where to start

Each Green Patrol will be unique to the club and should be reflective of its membership and the surrounding community. We know patrols will be delivered by a variety of clubs in several different ways.

For example:

- Clubs may partner with local community groups
- Associate with other large events
- Host a clean up the beach day
- Host a celebratory lunch
- Keynote speakers

There isn't a right or wrong way to do this - the main objective is to undertake a patrol, educate members and the community about being green, and start one initiative that will build connections. It is an opportunity to showcase initiatives and start a conversation with our members and community.

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## Integrating nipper education programs into Green Patrol

The nipper's team has developed a range of environmental and sustainable activities for clubs to incorporate into their Green Patrol nipper programs. For more information on nipper activities that could be included in your program please review the resources and initiatives:

### Resources to assist with Green Patrol nipper session plans:

- [Green Patrol Day Nipper Lesson Plans](#)
- [Marine Mammal Society - Beach Litter Audit](#)

### Sign up to Take 3 for the Sea initiative:

- [Take 3 for the Sea – Program Guide](#)

## Important patrol requirements

It is critical that your patrol is delivered like any other patrol, meeting all the required standards, roles, and responsibilities.

See LSV's [Standard Operating Procedures](#) on Club Gateway for more details about patrol requirements.

## Green Patrol activity ideas and resources

### Connections and networks

- Register your patrol with [Clean Up Australia](#).
- Connect with your [local community environmental](#) groups and [local government association](#).
- [Marine Mammal Foundation](#) is a great resource. With the opportunity to partner, the team can provide resources and education opportunities.

### Activities

- Undertake a snorkel patrol and challenge members to find rubbish in the water and surrounding areas.
- Clean up the beach challenge and award prizes for most rubbish collected.
- [Trivia challenge](#) - with an environmental theme.
- [Recycle challenge](#) – provide items where people must decide what can be recycled and not.
- Education session - engage an organisation or speaker to educate members, such as Marine Mammals foundation.

- Event and keynote speakers - host an event a breakfast, morning tea, lunch etc, use all sustainable materials and bring in a keynote speaker to inspire.
- Use social media, educate with key stats, promote and run competitions. Ask members to clean up in their local communities and document online.
- Use sustainable products such as chalk on footpaths to promote the event.
- Tell the local stories, acknowledge and embrace traditional owners, use LSV acknowledgement of country and undertake education initiatives.
- Dress in sustainable green, use green zinc and other references.

### Resources

- [Clean up Australia](#) posters and resources and [Clean up Australia](#) Waste Challenge resources.
- [Clean up Australia](#) website, apps, information and resources
- [Traditional owner](#) resources

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