

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

From: Membership & Leadership Development department

Date: 17 December 2025

Action: Submit nominations by Sunday 1 February 2026

2026 Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day – Nominations Now Open

Life Saving Victoria (LSV) is pleased to advise that nominations are now open for the 2026 Champion Junior Lifesaver (CJL) Development Day, which incorporates the Mike Martin Champion Junior Lifesaver Award.

2026 Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day

Age: 13 and 15 years at the time of program
Date: Saturday, 28 February 2026
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 scenarios 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 - 15 years** at the time of the program. Nominees should represent the best of lifesaving, and must:

- Hold or be actively working towards their **SRC award** (Bronze Medallion holders are ineligible).
- Make a significant contribution to their club's activities.
- Possess strong lifesaving knowledge.
- Be 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 will be invited to attend the **2026 LSV Valuing Volunteers Event (VVE)**, where they will be formally recognised.

Award Selection Process

The 2026 Mike Martin Champion Junior Lifesaver Award, will be selected on the following criteria:

1. **Nominees' application form** to the Champion Junior Lifesaver Development Day
2. **Online recorded interview**, submitted as part of the application form
3. **On-day participation**; demonstration of leadership and teamwork attributes, as well as lifesaving knowledge and skills
4. **Endorsement support letter** provided by the club.

Selection for the Development Day: Nominees will be notified by Monday 16 February 2026 regarding their success of gaining a place in the 2026 program.

Cost

The cost to attend is \$75 (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 2026 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?

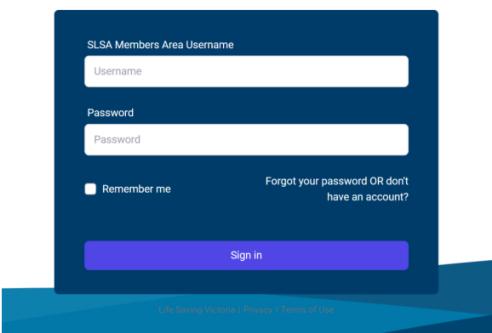
To access the Club Gateway:

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 LSV Club Gateway, home of all club and member information including applications, resources and administration.



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, 1 February 2026

For additional details on this Circular please contact:

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