

LIFE SAVING VICTORIA MEMBER RECOGNITION MANUAL 2026

A guide to celebrating the best in
Victorian lifesaving



Introduction

Our people are our most valuable asset here at Life Saving Victoria. Valuing and recognising their contributions sits at the very core of our values and culture.

A word from our President

Our organisation and the lifesaving movement are built on the skill, dedication and selflessness of those who give their time in service to the people of Victoria.

Here at LSV, we want to celebrate the achievements of our people, acknowledge their extraordinary capabilities, showcase our values and give thanks for the immense efforts of our volunteers, employees and partners.



LSV has adopted a range of awards to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by our people. These awards are designed to recognise those who have devoted their time, energy and expertise to LSV's objective to save lives and empower communities to safely enjoy water.

This manual identifies awards available to all LSV personnel including volunteer members, service members, LSV's associates, staff and supporters. It has been prepared by the Honours and Awards Committee as delegated by the LSV Board of Directors, as a subcommittee of the Board.

I'd like to thank those who helped develop this manual. It plays a vital role in driving recognition of our people, encouraging participation in our awards initiatives and lifting the profile of those who give so much to LSV and our community.

I encourage all members to use this manual and support our organisation and our movement in recognising the incredible contributions of our members, personnel and supporters.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Susan Wolff'.

Susan Wolff

President

Citation

Life Saving Victoria's purpose is to save lives and empower communities to enjoy the water safely.

Life Saving Victoria –is an initiative of the Royal Life Saving Society Australia Victoria Branch (est. 1904) and Surf Life Saving Victoria (est. 1947).

Operating as a social enterprise, we are an independent company that is limited by guarantee. Life Saving Victoria is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Taxation Office.

We employ more than 600 staff, and our lifesaving clubs have more than 43,000 members. To achieve our purpose, we work with communities, educational institutions, government agencies, businesses, and the broader aquatic industry.

Document prepared by: Honours and Awards Committee

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Life Saving Victoria respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and waterways in which we swim, explore, play, and meet—the Bunurong people of the South Eastern Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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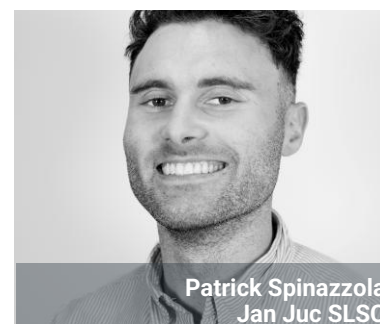
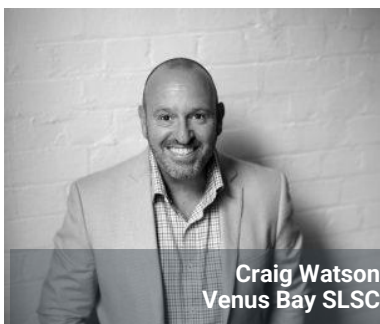
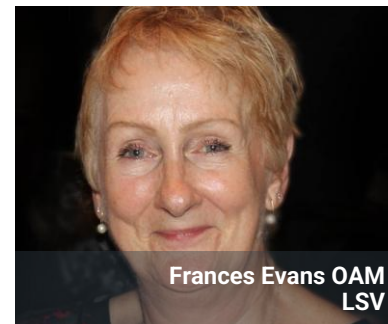
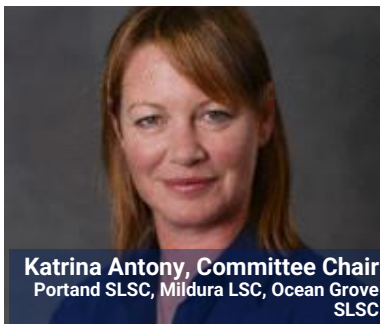
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2 The LSV Honours and Awards committee

The Honours and Awards Committee's role is to implement, promote and manage LSV's honours and awards programs, and to actively seek out and identify for recognition, members who support the lifesaving movement across Victoria.

The committee provides oversight of the recognition and reward framework for LSV and makes recommendations to the LSV Board. This includes the identification, recommendation, and promotion for new and existing awards, including LSV awards, SLSA and RLSSA honours and awards, international lifesaving honours and awards, state and national community honours and awards, and international community honours and awards.



The Honours and Awards Committee can be contacted via email at haac@lsv.com.au

Manual overview

The recognition manual is presented in sections and provides award information across both internal and external awards. The manual details the nomination processes and requirements for LSV state award categories and general information across state, national, commonwealth, international and external recognition awards.

The LSV recognition manual provides a clear and sound understanding of awards available to recognise our people.

Manual purpose

The awards recognition manual aims to:

- increase the awareness of available recognition awards.
- outline the requirements, criteria of awards, application processes and due dates.
- provide award information and presentation details.
- provide guidance on the nomination process.

Sections include:

1. Award Overview
2. Events and presentations
3. LSV State Outstanding Achievement State awards
4. LSV State and Club significant contribution awards
5. National and international awards
6. Commonwealth Awards
7. Other key awards

Local recognition

The awards contained within this manual do not include the many local and other awards that our people are awarded and eligible for over the year. We encourage our people to nominate and share their contribution and achievements to the LSV Honours and Awards committee via haac@lsv.com.au

Nominations

3 AOE Nominations

Nominations for the LSV Awards of Excellence are hosted on an online platform which manages the full lifecycle of the award nomination.

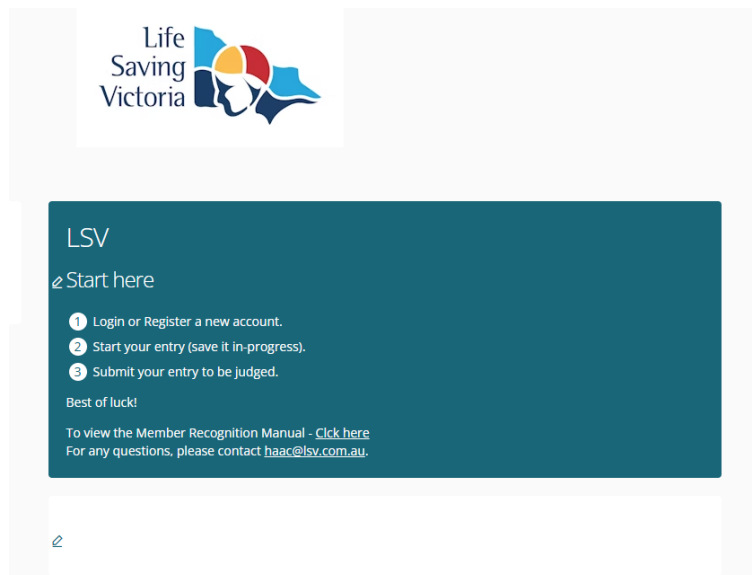
Nominations open 16 April 2026 and close 11.59pm, 24 May 2026

Should you have any questions, please contact the Honours and Awards Committee via email, haac@lsv.com.au

We encourage you to recognise the considerable achievements of your colleagues, teams, volunteer members and partners.

NOMINATE NOW

The nomination platform (AwardsForce) can be found at lsv.awardsplatform.com <https://lsv.awardsplatform.com/> or click the image below.



Notes: please note you must register when you enter the awards platform, once registered you can come back to each of your nominations as many times as you need prior to submitting.

You may consider having one login for the club that can be shared to review and provide additional information.

If you have trouble accessing the platform or your login details, please contact haac@lsv.com.au

Events and presentations

LSV annually conducts a range of events to recognise our volunteer members, staff, and partners who have made a significant and/or outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of lifesaving activities.

4 LSV Events

4.1 International Women's Day Breakfast

Each year Life Saving Victoria hosts a breakfast celebrating International Women's Day. This event brings together people across emergency services to celebrate the amazing women in our field. The International Women's Day awards are presented at this event.

International Women's Day awards

The International Women's Day Awards celebrate and recognise the incredible contribution and leadership of women who have made a significant impact on lifesaving across Victoria. These awards aim to highlight the breadth of achievements by women, past and present who inspire others and strengthen our lifesaving community.

Nominees are acknowledged and celebrated at the Life Saving Victoria International Women's Day Breakfast.

2026 Event

Wednesday, 04 March 2026

LSV State Centre

4.2 Valuing Volunteers Event

The Valuing Volunteers Event recognise and celebrate the efforts of grassroots volunteers across lifesaving. Valuing Volunteers Event, held during Volunteer Week are an opportunity to showcase the vital contributions of our members who have provided volunteer service to their club, area or state.

The awards presented at the event/s will be:

State service recognition.

Significant contribution

* Note awards presented at these events may change year on year. Information will be provided in advance of the event/s.

Awards not presented on either presentation events will be awarded at other appropriate forums.

2026 Event

Sunday, 24 May 2026

LSV State Centre

LSV Awards of Excellence

This event held annually recognises and acknowledges the outstanding achievements, contribution, and commitment that our people make to their clubs, communities and LSV.

These achievements reflect LSV's purpose as a vital rescue, emergency, and community service organisation and emphasises our people's actions position the movement as a valued and beloved organisation across the state of Victoria.

State award winners will be nominated by the Honours and Awards Committee to represent LSV and Victoria; for Surf Life Saving Australia national awards, VicSport State awards and other relevant awards.

This section outlines each award and provides a description of the award, the selection criteria, due dates, selection processes and presentation.

Note: awards presented at the Awards of Excellence Evening may change year on year information will be provided in advance of the event.

Recognition periods

The qualifying period is 1 May – 30 April annually, corresponding to the concluding patrolling season.

Due dates

The awards have a specific due date to align with internal due dates and to comply with both internal and external schedules. Due dates have been selected to ensure nominations are appropriately and fairly considered and processed prior to the Awards of Excellence evening. The specific due dates will be advised each year as part of the circulated information on each award. Nominations received after the advertised closing date will not be considered.

2026 Event

Saturday, 15 August 2026

Pullman Albert Park

Nominations

- For the annual State Awards of Excellence, nominations will be called for annually.
- LSV members will be notified via club mail, circular, social media and advertised on the LSV website and Club Gateway.
- Personal details within the nomination form will be kept confidential and comply with LSV's privacy policy.
- LSV may use the information from the nomination to promote the award and recognise the winner/s utilising various media.

Note: Club Presidents will be notified of received nominations.

Evaluation and scoring

Panels evaluating nominations will consist of at least 3 judges, where possible.

Notes and marking will be recorded via AwardForce by all panel members.

The judging panels adopt a scoring rubric, which can be applied to each of the criteria.

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Does not meet	Meets	Good	Exceptional
Does not answer or show any evidence of meeting criteria.	Does answer and show evidence of meeting some/all requirements or meets expected requirements of role/teams.	Does answer and show evidence of meeting all requirements and exceed expected requirements of role/teams.	Does answer and show evidence of meeting and exceeding all requirements, exceeds expected requirements of role/teams and shows innovation or consistent exceptional results.

Nomination Guidelines

The following section provides key information to consider and be aware of to assist you in your nominations.

- Each award has a set criterion, which must be addressed when completing the online nomination form.
- Please ensure you answer the specific questions within the nomination form.
- It is important to consider the criteria carefully when choosing a category to nominate for, noting nominators may seek advice from the Honours and Awards Committee or re prior to submitting.
- Please check the eligibility criteria prior to submitting.
- Online nomination forms must be submitted by the nominated due date:

Nominations may be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual staff or volunteer member of LSV.

- Ensure you provide a high-quality photo with your nomination.
- Supporting documents e.g. qualifications, awards and digital photos are included in the nomination submitted to LSV.

Nomination Guiding Principles

Nominees when compiling a nomination for the following Award Categories are encouraged to consider the following elements listed below which may assist in the nominations including completion of the nomination summary section.

Important considerations: when showcasing a member, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold?
- Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
- Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
- Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
- Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
- Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

Important considerations: when showcasing the achievements of programs or innovations, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination.

- What was the motivation or research which drove the program/innovation?
- What were the aims and objectives?
- What did it look like (location, duration, resources required etc.)?
- How was it evaluated to ensure it achieved its aims and objectives?
- Were there any challenges which needed to be overcome to achieve success?
- You may wish to attach photographs, include links to any promotional material created or media coverage received.

5 Major State Awards

5.1 LSV Life Membership

Life Saving Victoria Life membership recognises those individual members whose volunteering has rendered a distinguished, sustained, and conspicuous service to LSV over a period of at least fifteen (15) years.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominee must;

- Nominee must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club.
- Nominee must be an LSV member of good standing.
- To be considered for Life Membership, a nominee must have rendered distinguished voluntary contribution/s to LSV as an elected/appointed State Officer.
- The nomination may be supported by the inclusion of distinguished voluntary contributions to SLSV or RLSSAV as an elected/appointed State Officer.
- The point of distinction to this recognition is the nature of the nominee's State level contribution to **LSV over a period of at least 15 years** which need not be continuous and sets the nominee apart and ahead of other members.
- For service to be considered distinguished it must comprise both a sustained and distinct contribution to LSV in concurrent service in two or more positions may only be counted once in determining the total period of service.
- Contributions at state level that can be classified as unique and attributed to that person in an individual capacity may be considered for the purposes of considering a member's nomination for Life Membership.

Interpretive criteria

Note: Club service may be considered within the nomination, should the nature of such service be of innovation and leading best practice and was provided to assist in the development of objectives of LSV.

- Will have maintained a sustained, conspicuous voluntary service as a State elected/appointed officer at a level that brings distinction to LSV.
 - Will have made an individual contribution as a State elected/appointed officer that can be classified as unique, and which can be attributed to that person as opposed to being a member of a wider group of members over a period of at least 15 years which need not be continuous.
 - The unique and distinguished nature of the contribution can be at different levels of LSV provided that the nomination details the exemplary and distinguished service which can be seen as a unique contribution to the advancement of the objectives of LSV and lifesaving in Victoria.
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Selection Criteria

Consider and address the following selection criteria.

Service

What distinguishes this service beyond that of others?

Contribution

1. What makes this person's State service contribution(s) unique amongst LSV membership?
2. What State service contribution(s) are directly attributable to this person (apart from others)?
3. How has this State Service contribution(s) advanced LSV's purpose and lifesaving across Victoria?

Length of service

- Has this distinguished State service spanned at least 15 years (which may not be continuous).

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Nominations lodged with the Honours and Awards Committee will be verified for accuracy of the details provided.
- The Honours and Awards Committee will consider all nominations for LSV Life Membership.
- The Honours and Awards Committee will provide a recommendation for Life Membership to the LSV Board. Successful recommendations will be recorded in the minutes of the relevant Board meeting.
- Life Memberships are awarded annually and will be presented at the LSV Awards of Excellence evening.
- Following the appointment to Life Membership the successful nominee will be informed and invited to the Awards of Excellence evening.
- Proposers will be contacted regarding success or non-success of their nomination, unsuccessful nominees will not be promoted nor contacted.
- There will be no feedback from the Honours and Awards Committee on any nomination.
- Unsuccessful nominations for LSV Life Membership may be resubmitted for consideration after two (2) years.

Presentation of award

Life Member recipients will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

5.2 President's Certificate

Life Saving Victoria's purpose is to save lives and empower communities to safely enjoy water. United by our shared vision, Together preventing drowning. Together thriving around water. The President's Certificate honours exceptional service that exemplifies dedication to water safety, community wellbeing and the values of Life Saving Victoria.

The President's Certificate will recognise and celebrate outstanding and significant service, action or contribution to LSV, lifesaving and the community that support, enhance or promote LSV's purpose. One or more Certificates may be awarded annually.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominee may be;

- LSV members and employees of good standing
- Partner organisations
- Member of the public or an external organisation

Selection Criteria

Consider and address the following selection criteria.

1. Contribution or service to LSV that can be considered unique or innovative in nature and noteworthy.
2. Conspicuous lifesaving action/s which warrant recognition.
3. Program, project or event which is of benefit to LSV, lifesaving and/or the community.
4. Actions, contributions or service that supports, enhances or promotes the LSV purpose and vision.

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted during the calendar year by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online form.
- All nominations will be considered by the Honours and Awards Committee and recommended to the LSV President for absolute decision.
- Nominations requiring supplementary information will be referred to the proposer.
- Honours and Awards Committee may seek clarification from across LSV to verify all or some of the statements/claims contained in the nomination.

Presentation of award

President's Certificate recipients will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

5.3 John Wishart Memorial Medal - Victorian Lifesaver of the Year

The John Wishart Memorial Medal Award recognises the LSV member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery of frontline lifesaving services as a patrolling lifesaver and who can be presented as an identifiable ambassador for Life Saving Victoria.



JOHN WISHART

This award perpetuates the memory and the deeds of John

Wishart of the Sorrento-Portsea Surf Life Saving Club who was taken by a shark at Portsea Beach in March 1956.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from: 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Be an LSV member of good standing. • Hold a current SLSA Bronze Medallion • Have completed patrol hours for previous two seasons.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Patrolling Achievements – Key milestones and contributions during active patrols. • Leadership & Roles – Positions held at club and responsibilities related to patrolling. • Initiatives & Impact – Programs or improvements nominee introduced and their outcomes. • Skill Development & Recognition – Training, certifications, and awards gained in the past year. • Rescue & Community Engagement – Rescue experiences and involvement in lifesaving or water safety programs (including schools, CALD education, and emergency services).

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- The relevant Club President will be notified of received nomination/s.
- Nominations must include copies of
 - patrol hours achieved during the qualifying period and the previous two (2) season.
 - SLSA patrol qualifications and awards
 - a digital photo of the nominee.
- Honours and Awards Committee may seek clarification from across LSV to verify all or some of statements/claims contained in the nomination.
- All nominations received will be considered by the Honours and Awards Committee and a short list of nominees will be compiled for interview.
- A maximum of five (5) nominees will be shortlisted to finalist.

Finalist interview

- Nominees short listed as finalists will be notified by email
- Finalists are required to attend an interview with members of the Honours & Awards Committee.
- Finalists will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination and current/perceived challenges in their roles
- **Note:** There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview.

Presentation of award

Award winner will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of the John Wishart Medal Memorial Medal will be the Victorian representative to the SLSA National Recognition Awards

5.4 Graeme Long Memorial Medal - Volunteer of the Year

The Graeme Long Memorial Medal Award (Volunteer of the Year) recognises an individual's volunteer contribution which has significantly benefited their club or has enhanced the development of LSV's purpose and values throughout the past year.

GRAEME LONG

This award perpetuates the memory and volunteer contributions of Graeme Long of the Bancoora Surf Life Saving Club. Graeme was lost at sea whilst paddling back to Torquay after conducting an examination at Anglesea in 1998.



Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from: 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • This award focusses on volunteer contributions to areas of lifesaving within the club, at state, national or international levels. Note: Applications which focus singularly on achievements in one area will not be considered if this area is also covered by other Member Recognition Awards (e.g. Lifesaver, Coach, Trainer and Assessor).
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Leadership & Roles – Appointed positions and responsibilities within the club. • Commitment & Impact – How the nominee fulfilled these roles and contributed to club success. • Initiatives & Achievements – Key projects or actions that improved operations or culture. • Development & Recognition – Skills gained, training completed, and awards received in the past year. • Future Vision – Ambitions for continued involvement at club, state, national, and community levels.

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- The relevant Club President will be notified of received nomination/s.
- Nominations must include:
 - copies of SLISA qualifications and awards
 - a digital photo of the nominee
- Honours and Awards Committee may seek clarification from across LSV to verify all or some of statements/claims contained in the nomination.
- All nominations received will be considered by the Honours and Awards Committee and a short list of nominees will be compiled for interview.
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Presentation of award

Award winner will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of the Graeme Long Award Memorial Medal will be the Victorian representative to the SLISA National Recognition Awards

5.5 Young Volunteer of the Year

The Young Volunteer of the Year recognises an exceptional member aged 15–21 who has contributed meaningfully through their volunteering efforts. The award highlights emerging leaders who demonstrate reliability, initiative, and a strong commitment to supporting their club, fellow members, and the lifesaving movement.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from: 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Members age as of 30 September in the 2025/26 season • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • This award focusses on volunteer contributions to areas of lifesaving within the club or state. • Note: Applications which focus singularly on achievements in one area will not be considered if this area is also covered by other Member Recognition Awards (e.g. Lifesaver, Coach, Trainer and Assessor).
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Leadership & Roles – Demonstrates emerging or established youth leadership through formal positions, project involvement, or positive influence on peers and members. • Commitment & Impact – Shows strong reliability and enthusiasm, contributing in ways that improve club operations, culture, safety, or the overall member experience. • Initiatives & Achievements – Has taken part in or led youth-driven ideas, projects, or actions that created noticeable improvements within the club or community. • Development & Recognition – Actively builds skills through training, qualifications, and personal development, with any awards or recognition reflecting their growth over the past year. • Future Vision – Demonstrates ambition for continued involvement and leadership at club, state, national, or community levels, showing potential as a future lifesaving leader.

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- The relevant Club President will be notified of received nomination/s.
- Nominations must include:
 - copies of SLISA qualifications and awards
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Presentation of award

Award winner will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of the Young Volunteer of the Year will be the Victorian representative to the SLISA National Recognition Awards

5.6 Beaurepaire shield - Club of the Year

The Beaurepaire Shield - Club of the Year Award aims to encourage and recognise outstanding achievements in club development which results in LSV clubs providing safer beach and aquatic environments for the community. LSV acknowledges that clubs produce many outstanding achievements each season, and that many of these initiatives are inspirational and supportive of our core purpose.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a Life Saving Victoria affiliated lifesaving club and in good standing. • Must have provided required patrolling services during the qualifying period.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us the story of your club. 2. What has your club achieved over the last 12 months (2025/2026 season)? 3. Why have the achievements made a difference at your club, and to whom, and how did you bring the club members on the journey? 4. What are your plans for future development and continuous improvement at your club 5. What is ONE lesson that your club can share with other SLS clubs both here in Australia and internationally?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Club's major achievements over the past two years, including those aligned with the strategic plan. • Strategies and initiatives used to grow membership and retain members. • Approaches for developing patrolling skills and encouraging engagement with LSV programs, plus benefits to members and the club. • Implementation of LSV's patrolling obligations to ensure compliance and service quality. • Engagement with the local community and the resulting benefits for the club and its members.

Nominations process and information

- All nominations must be endorsed by the Club President, which will be verified by LSV.
- Nominations must include, a digital photo or representation of the club and relevant supporting documents.
- Honours and Awards Committee may seek clarification from across LSV to verify all or some of the statements/claims contained in the nomination.
- All nominations received will be considered by the Honours and Awards Committee and a short list of nominees will be compiled for interview.
- A maximum of five (5) nominees will be shortlisted to finalists.

Finalist interview

- Short listed finalists will be notified by email
- Finalists are requested to attend a face to face (where possible) interview with the Honours and Awards Committee panel.
- Each club presenting can have up to three representatives attend the interview.
- Club representatives will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination.

Note: There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview.

Presentation of award

Award winner will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of the Club of the Year will be the Victorian representative to the SLSA National Recognition Awards

5.7 Dr Nigel Taylor OAM ESM Innovative Achievement Award

This award is presented to the person or group in recognition of the development of an innovative achievement, program, lifesaving equipment or procedure that benefits/improves any facet of lifesaving across Victoria.

DR NIGEL TAYLOR OAM ESM

Named in honour of former CEO Dr Nigel Taylor OAM ESM, a champion of innovation in his more than 36 years of service to lifesaving in Victoria.

The Dr Nigel Taylor OAM ESM Innovative Achievement Award recognises the development of equipment, procedure or other innovation that will improve any facet of lifesaving across Victoria.



Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must	• The nominee must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club or an affiliated organisation of LSV • Individuals must be an LSV member/s of good standing. • The Innovative Achievement must be developed and delivered by current LSV financial member/s • The Innovative Achievement should be befitting of the image and ethos of Lifesaving. • The nominee must own the innovation and its components (e.g., you cannot claim to own an innovation that has been developed by another person/club).
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member/organisation/innovation being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria	• Why the project was identified, including its purpose and intended benefits. • The vision, values, goals, and planning steps, including consultation and development. • Resources required (people, materials, funding) and how implementation and delivery were managed. • Tangible outcomes achieved so far, evaluation results, and plans for future improvements or expansion.

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV by using the online nomination form.
- The relevant Club President will be notified of the received nomination/s
- Nominations must include, a digital photo or representation of the program or initiative developed and relevant supporting documents.
- Honours and Awards Committee may seek clarification from across LSV to verify all or some of statements/claims contained in the nomination.
- All nominations received will be considered by the Honours and Awards Committee and a short list of nominees will be compiled for interview.
- A maximum of five (5) nominees will be shortlisted to finalists.

Finalist interview

- Nominees short listed as finalists will be notified by email
- Finalists are required to attend an interview with members of the Honours & Awards Committee.
- Finalists will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination and current/perceived challenges in their roles

Note: There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview

Presentation of award

Award winner will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

5.8 Janet Jones OAM Inclusion Award

The Janet Jones Inclusion award recognises an individual, club, program or initiative developed and implemented which has made a significant contribution to a fair and inclusive lifesaving movement. Fostering greater inclusion and diversity across our membership and/ or the community.

JANET JONES OAM

Named in honour of the late Janet Jones OAM. Janet was a pioneer for inclusion in lifesaving and the community more broadly and had a strong desire to better the lives of those around her.

Her inspiration and passion as co-founder of Starfish Nippers in 2011 has made an immeasurable difference to so many individuals and their families, not only at her club Anglesea SLSC, but also across Victoria, Australia and overseas.

Sadly, in October 2021 Janet passed away. With this award we recognise her achievements, impact, and celebrate her immeasurable contribution to lifesaving and inclusion. She has made lifesaving better and her legacy will live on.



Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club, individual member, or allied organisation. • Must be an LSV member of good standing.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member/individual/program or club being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Consider how the individual, club, program or initiative aligns with the LSV's strategic objectives. • Consider outlining the planning, implementation, and/or overall achievements. • Provide evidence of how the nominated individual, club, program, or initiative supports diversity and inclusion. • Provide evidence of how the nominated individual, club, program or initiative has had a positive impact on the organisation, or the local community

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members, an individual member, or an allied organisation using the online form.
- Nominations must include, a digital photo or representation of the program or initiative developed and relevant supporting documents.
- Honours and Awards Committee may seek clarification from across LSV to verify all or some of statements/claims contained in the nomination.
- All nominations received will be considered by the Honours and Awards Committee and a short list of nominees will be compiled for interview.
- The short-listed finalists will be notified by email and requested to attend an online interview with the Honour and Awards Committee panel.
- A maximum of five (5) nominees will be shortlisted to finalists.

Finalist interview

- Nominees short listed as finalists will be notified by email
- Finalists are required to attend an interview with members of the Honours & Awards Committee.
- Finalists will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination and current/perceived challenges in their roles

Note: There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview

Presentation of award

Award winner will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

6 Lifesaving Operations Awards

6.1 Beach Lifeguard of the Year

The Beach Lifeguard of the Year Award recognises the Australian Lifeguard Service employee who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of a professional lifeguard services across Victoria.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Employment as a Lifeguard by the Australian Lifeguard Service • Must be an LSV member in good standing.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about this Lifeguard is being nominated. 2. What has this Lifeguard achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria	• One significant lifeguarding achievement during the qualifying period. • Roles and responsibilities held within the Australian Lifeguard Service. • Personal development milestones, including training and awards gained. • Contributions to the service, such as mentoring, assisting with programs, or public relations activities. • Commitment to public safety and involvement in lifesaving incidents, including rescues, preventative actions, and community recognition.

Nominations process and information	The selection of a nominee is based on the following: - Employment standing (position held and total years of service) - Valuable contribution - Commitment to public safety - Achievement - Work ethic • All nominations received will be considered by the Lifesaving Services Management representatives and a short list of nominees will be compiled for interview. • A maximum of five (5) nominees will be shortlisted to finalists. • Nominations can only be submitted by an area Chief Lifeguard or member of the Australian Lifeguard Service electronically using the online nomination form Nominations must include: - letter of endorsement from the area Chief Lifeguard and/or Lifesaving Operations Manager/s. - lifeguard hours (rostered and achieved) - copy of patrolling hours (rostered and achieved) for the current season. - copy of SLISA qualifications and awards - a digital photo of the nominee
Finalist interview	• Nominees short listed as finalists will be notified by email • Finalists are required to attend an interview with members Lifesaving Services • Finalists will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination and current/perceived challenges in their roles Note: There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview •
Presentation of award	Award winner will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence evening.
National Nomination	The winner of the Beach Lifeguard of the Year Award will be nominated as the Victorian representative in the SLISA National Recognition Awards

6.2 Ross and Andrew Powell Rescue Recognition Award

The Award honours an exceptional rescue performed in lifesaving and service delivery, evaluated against industry best practices and established operational standards.

ROSS and ANDREW POWELL

This award is named in honour of Ross and Andrew Powell, father and son, and members of the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club. In April 2019, Ross and Andrew, alongside fellow members, responded to a rescue near the Sherbrook River in extremely dangerous conditions.



Tragically, Ross and Andrew lost their lives during the rescue attempt.

The award recognises outstanding rescue efforts and serves as a lasting tribute to the courage, selflessness, and commitment to saving lives shown by Ross and Andrew, and by lifesavers across Victoria.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria	• Be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club, employees of the Australian Lifeguard Service or a lifesaving service.
Nominee must;	• Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Rescues, first aids (or other lifesaving actions) conducted during or outside of patrol hours, year-round, on or off the beach and should be considered above that of business as usual.
Selection Criteria	1. Brief summary of the incident 2. Application of Skills and Resource Utilisation. 3. Were standard operating procedures followed 4. Describe environmental conditions 5. What were the potential outcomes
Consider and address the following selection criteria.	
Nominations process and information	• The Life Saving Operations Council Executive will consider rescue/s performed by a club member, club patrol or Beach Lifeguard deemed worthy of the recognition. • Nominations must include: ○ Incident Report Log and the patrol log (where applicable) ○ Supporting statements (e.g. Police, Ambulance, Public Witness statements)

	○ Information or reports of rescues from media agencies ○ a digital photo of the nominee or group • Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form. • Nominations can be submitted for an individual or a group. • The relevant Club President will be notified of received nomination/s.
Presentation of award	Awarded rescues will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence
National Nomination	The recipients of the Ross and Andrew Powell Rescue Recognition Award will be submitted to SLISA for recognition for a Meritorious Medal.

6.3 Member Trainer of the Year

The Member Trainer of the Year Award recognises the Trainer who has made a significant contribution towards the training and education of LSV volunteers across Victoria.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must be an accredited LSV Member Training Trainer during the qualifying period
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria	• Most significant achievement during the qualifying period. • Training roles and sessions conducted at club, area, and/or state level. • Contributions to training development, including mentoring or supervising other trainers. • Professional development and future plans for training involvement at club, area, and state levels.
Nominations process and information	• Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV by using the online nomination for, • Nominations must include: - copies of SLISA trainer qualifications and awards - a digital photo of the nominee • All nominations will be considered by the Lifesaving Operations Council Executive in conjunction with the Member Training management representatives. • Nominees will be short listed as finalists and will be notified.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.
National Nomination	The winner of this category will be nominated as the Victorian representative to the SLISA National Recognition Awards

6.4 Member Assessor of the Year

The Member Assessor of the Year Award recognises the assessor who has made a significant contribution towards the assessment of lifesaving awards across Victoria.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must be an accredited LSV Member Training Assessor during the qualifying period
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria	• Most significant achievement during the qualifying period. • Assessing roles and sessions conducted at club, area, and/or state level. • Contributions to training development, including mentoring or supervising other trainers or assessors. • Professional development and future plans for training/assessing involvement at club, area, and state levels.
Nominations process and information	• Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form. Nominations must include: - copies of SLISA assessor qualifications and awards - a digital photo of the nominee • All nominations will be considered by the Lifesaving Operations Council Executive in conjunction with the Member Training management representatives. • Nominees will be short listed as finalists and will be notified
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.
National Nomination	The winner of this category will be nominated as the Victorian representative to the SLISA National Recognition Awards

7 Membership and Leadership Development Awards

7.1 Nipper Program Achievement of the Year

The Nipper Program Achievement of the Year Award recognises the individual or program excellence in the delivery and promotion of the club's Nipper Program across both Nippers and/or Starfish Nippers.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be a LSV member of good standing.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member or program being nominated 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Outline of the Club Nipper program. • Key achievements or individual impact during the qualifying period. • Initiatives, benefits, and outcomes delivered during the period. • Future plans for Nipper education and program development at all levels.
Nominations process and information	• Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form. • Nominations must include: - copies of SLISA Age Manager qualifications and awards where an individual is being nominated - a digital photo of the nominee or program • A maximum of five (5) nominees will be shortlisted to finalist, at the discretion of the panel.
Finalist interview	• The short-listed finalists will be notified by email • Finalists will be requested to attend an online interview with representatives of the MLDCE • Nominees will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination Note: There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

7.2 Community Education Achievement Award

This award recognises and rewards an activity and/or program which have significantly worked towards saving lives, creating great Australians, and building better communities.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• The nominee or club must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member/s of good standing.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the activity or program being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Motivation for the activity or program, including any research or evidence supporting its development. • Aims and objectives for participants, LSV, and the wider community. • Target market and rationale behind its selection. • Program details: location, duration, and activities involved. • Resources required to deliver the program or activity and how they were developed. • Roles and responsibilities for implementation and delivery. • Evaluation methods, community impact, and issues or barriers with strategies to overcome them. • Future plans for the program or activity, including promotional efforts and potential expansion.

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- The relevant Club President will be notified of received nomination/s
- Honours and Awards Committee may seek clarification from across LSV to verify all or some of statements/claims contained in the nomination.
- All nominations received will be considered by the Membership & Leadership Development Council Executive and a short list of nominees will be compiled for interview.
- A maximum of five (5) nominees will be shortlisted to finalist, as the discretion of the panel.

Finalist interview

- The short-listed finalists will be notified by email
- Finalists will be requested to attend an online interview with representatives of the MLDCE
- Finalists will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination

Note: There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

7.3 Junior Lifesaver of the Year (14 -17)

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award recognises and rewards a young member aged between 14 – 17 years, who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery of patrolling lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active a junior lifesaver undertaking lifesaving duties and who can be identified as an ambassador for Life Saving Victoria.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must hold a current Bronze Medallion. • Aged between 14 and 17 years old Note: Age is taken as of midnight on 30 September.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria	• Patrolling roles and responsibilities. • Key achievements related to patrolling. • Leadership roles within the club, lifesaving, and the community. • Personal development in lifesaving and roles/achievements outside of lifesaving. • Future ambitions within lifesaving at club and/or state level.

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- Nominations submitted by an individual MUST attach a letter of endorsement from the club President or member of the Club Committee.
- Nominations must include:
 - copy of SLISA qualifications and awards gained.
 - copy of patrol hours completed during the qualifying period.
 - a digital photo of the nominee.
 - letter of club endorsement.
- All nominations received will be considered by the MLDC in conjunction with the LSOCE and a short list of nominees will be compiled for online interview.
- A maximum of five (5) nominees will be short listed as finalists

Finalist interview

- Nominees short listed as finalists will be notified by email
- Finalists are required to attend an interview with members of the MLDC in conjunction with the LSOCE
- Nominees will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination and a challenge facing young patrolling lifesavers - now or in the future

Note: There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

7.4 Young Lifesaver of the Year (18 - 21)

The Young Lifesaver of the Year Award recognises and rewards a young member aged between 18 – 21 years, who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery of patrolling lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active a young lifesaver undertaking lifesaving duties and who can be identified as an ambassador for Life Saving Victoria.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must hold a current Bronze Medallion. • Aged between 18 and 21 years old Note: Age is taken as of midnight on 30 September.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member being nominated. 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Patrolling roles and responsibilities. • Key achievements related to patrolling. • Leadership roles within the club, lifesaving, and the community. • Personal development in lifesaving and roles/achievements outside of lifesaving. • Future ambitions within lifesaving at club and/or state level

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- Nominations submitted by an individual MUST attach a letter of endorsement from the club President or member of the Club Committee.
- Nominations must include:
 - copy of SLISA qualifications and awards gained
 - copy of patrol hours completed during the qualifying period
 - a digital photo of the nominee
 - letter of club endorsement
- All nominations received will be considered by the MLDCE in conjunction with the LSOCE and a short list of nominees will be compiled for online interview.
- A maximum of five (5) nominees will be short listed as finalists

Finalist interview

- Nominees short listed as finalists will be notified by email
- Nominees are required to attend an online interview with representatives of the MLDCE in conjunction with the LSOCE.
- Nominees will then be asked questions on the answers contained in the nomination and a challenge facing young patrolling lifesavers - now or in the future.

Note: There are to be no audio-visual aids used during the interview

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of the Young Lifesaver of the Year Award will be nominated as the Victorian representative in the SLISA National Recognition Awards

8 Aquatic Sport Awards

8.1 Coach of the Year

The Coach of the Year will recognise the volunteer coach who has made a significant contribution to the development of athletes and teams within lifesaving sport.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must hold a current Surf Sports coaching accreditation during the qualifying period. • Can be a coach of any discipline within the aquatic sports competition
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. What coaching qualification does the member currently hold, Foundation, Development or Performance Coach? 2. What coaching roles has the member fulfilled during the season at Club, State, National and International Level? 3. List the competition results attributed to the coach, where this member was the primary coach for the athlete and/or team, in the season. 4. Has the coach been involved in any mentoring and development of other coaches, creating of supporting documentation and/or programs. Please provide examples of where the coach has shown a positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the season? 5. Has the coach undertaken any personal development to improve themselves as a coach in the season? 6. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider these Nomination Guiding Principles to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold? • Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem? • Have they done something new or different to achieve results? • Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently? • Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference • Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- Nominations must include:
 - copies of current Surf Sports coaching accreditation
 - a digital photo of the nominee
- The Aquatic Sports Council Executive may seek clarification from across LSV to verify all or some of the statements/information contained in all nominations.
- The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider all received nominations information and recommend the Coach of the Year to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement.

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of this category will be nominated as the Victorian representative to the SLSA National Recognition Awards

8.2 Official of the Year

The Official of the Year will recognise the official who as an individual has made a significant commitment to the area of officiating within lifesaving sports.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Held a current Surf Sports Official accreditation during the qualifying period. • Demonstrated a commitment to officiating across lifesaving sport. • Presented a positive image as an official across lifesaving sport. • Demonstrated involvement within Official's education.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. What officiating qualification does the member currently hold, Core, Technical or Senior Official? 2. List the member's officiating roles they have fulfilled during the season at Club, State, National and International level (where applicable). 3. Describe the Officials achievements during the season, including examples, areas of achievement may be in mentoring, training, documentation and process, new programs, solving problems etc. 4. Please provide examples of how the official adheres to and is a role model of the values of LSV. 5. List any training or development the official has undertaken this season to improve themselves and their impact. 6. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider these Nomination Guiding Principles to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria	• What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold? • Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem? • Have they done something new or different to achieve results? • Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently? • Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success? • Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- Nominations must include:
 - copies of current Surf Sports accreditation
 - a digital photo of the nominee
- The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider all received nominations information and recommend the Coach of the Year to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of this category will be nominated as the LSV representative to the SLISA National Recognition Awards

8.3 Emerging Official of the Year

The Emerging Official of the Year will recognise the official who in their first three (3) years of officiating has shown commitment and made a significant contribution to the area of officiating across lifesaving sports.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing • Held a current Surf Sports Official accreditation during the qualifying period • Qualified as an Official (first 1st time) during the past (3) years • Demonstrated a commitment to officiating at state level • Presented a positive image as an official within lifesaving sports • Demonstrated involvement with official's education
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. What officiating qualification does the member currently hold, Core, Technical or Senior Official? 2. List the member's officiating roles they have fulfilled during the season at Club, State, National and International level (where applicable). 3. Describe the Officials achievements during the season, including examples, areas of achievement may be in mentoring, training, documentation and process, new programs, solving problems. 4. Please provide examples of how the official adheres to and is a role model of the values of LSV. 5. List any training or development the official has undertaken this season to improve themselves and their impact. 6. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider these Nomination Guiding Principles to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria	• What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold? • Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem? • Have they done something new or different to achieve results? • Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently? • Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success? • Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- Nominations must include:
 - copies of current Surf Sports accreditation
 - a digital photo of the nominee
- The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider all received nominations information and recommend the Coach of the Year to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

8.4 Athlete of the Year (U14- U15)

The Youth Athlete of the Year Award (U14 – U15) will recognise the individual athlete who has demonstrated excellence in the sport of lifesaving.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must have met the minimum required Patrol Hours (16 hours) during the qualifying period.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. List the competition results achieved by the athlete in the season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events? 2. Has the athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition) during the season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team? 3. In the season how was the athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors)? 4. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider these Nomination Guiding Principles to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Have they done something new or different to achieve results? • Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently? • Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success? • Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?
Nominations process and information	• Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form. • Nominations must include: - Copies of patrol hours for the qualifying period - a digital photo of the nominee • The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider nomination information and recommend the winners to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

8.5 Athlete of the Year (U17- U19)

The Youth Athlete of the Year Award (U17-U19) will recognise the individual athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen lifesaving sport discipline at state, national and/or international levels.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must have met the minimum required Patrol Hours (16 hours) during the qualifying period. • Youth Athletes are categorised as those eligible to compete in U17 – U19 events as per the Surf Sports Manual, i.e., aged 15-18 years old on 30 September of the year prior to commencement of the competition season. • Open age athletes are categorised as those eligible to compete in Open Events as per the Surf Sports Manual, i.e., aged 15 years old or above on 30 September of the year prior to commencement of the competition season.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. List the competition results achieved by the athlete in the season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events? 2. Has the athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition) during the season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team? 3. In the season how was the athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors or mentoring)? 4. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider these Nomination Guiding Principles to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Have they done something new or different to achieve results? • Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently? • Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success? Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- Nominations must include:
 - Copies of patrol hours for the qualifying period
 - a digital photo of the nominee
- The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider nomination information and recommend the winners to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement.

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of this category will be nominated as the Victorian representative to the SLISA National Recognition Awards

8.6 Athlete of the Year (Open)

The Open Athlete of the Year Award will recognise the individual athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen lifesaving sport discipline at state, national and/or international levels.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must have met the minimum required Patrol Hours (16 hours) during the qualifying period. Note: open age athletes are categorised as those eligible to compete in Open Events as per the Surf Sports Manual, i.e., aged 15 years old or above on 30 September of the year prior to commencement of the competition season.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. List the competition results achieved by the athlete in the season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events? 2. Has the athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition) during the season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team? 3. In the season how was the athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors or mentoring)? 4. Does the athlete hold any coaching and/or officiating qualifications? 5. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider these Nomination Guiding Principles to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Have they done something new or different to achieve results? • Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently? • Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success? Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- Nominations must include:
 - Copies of patrol hours for the qualifying period
 - a digital photo of the nominee
- The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider nomination information and recommend the winners to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement.

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

National Nomination

The winner of this category will be nominated as the Victorian representative to the SLSA National Recognition Awards

8.7 Athlete of the Year (Masters)

The Masters Athlete of the Year Award will recognise the individual athlete who has demonstrated excellence within lifesaving sport.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must have met the minimum required Patrol Hours (16 hours) Note: nominees in this category, who have also competed in senior carnivals as per the Surf Sports Manual can also nominate for the Athlete of the Year (Open).
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. List the competition results achieved by the athlete in the season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events? 2. In the season how is the athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? 3. Does the athlete hold any coaching and/or officiating qualifications? 4. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider these Nomination Guiding Principles to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Have they done something new or different to achieve results? • Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently? • Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success? • Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions
Nominations process and information	• Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form. • Nominations must include: - Copies of patrol hours for the qualifying period - a digital photo of the nominee • The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider nomination information and recommend the winners to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

8.8 Team of the Year (U14 - U15)

Awards will recognise outstanding team performance/s in lifesaving sport.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must; Note: A team is defined as per the Surf Sports Manual (Section 2.10.12 Team Events) . (Representative Teams will not be considered)	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • The team must consist of members from the same club. • Must compete as a registered team in team competitions. • Must have presented a positive image as a team within lifesaving sports. • All team members must have met the minimum required patrol hours during the qualifying period for competition. • Teams can only nominate to the age category in which they compete.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. List the competition results achieved by the Team in the season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events? 2. Has the Team competed as a State or National representative team during the season? If so, please list the events? 3. In the season how has the Team been positive role models and shown good sportsmanship and/or been good ambassadors for Surf Life Saving? Do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors)? 4. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nomination Guidance	Please ensure you have checked the Surf Sport Manual to confirm team eligibility
Nominations process and information	• Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form. • Nominations must include: - Copies of patrol hours for the qualifying period - a digital photo of the nominee • The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider nomination information and recommend the winners to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

8.9 Team of the Year (U17 - Open)

Awards will recognise outstanding team performance/s in lifesaving sport.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must; Note: A team is defined as per the Surf Sports Manual (Section 2.10.12 Team Events) . (Representative Teams will not be considered)	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • The team must consist of members from the same club. • Must compete as a registered team in team competitions. • Must have presented a positive image as a team within lifesaving sports. • All team members must have met the minimum required patrol hours (16 hours) during the qualifying period for competition. • Teams can only nominate to the age category in which they compete.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. List the competition results achieved by the Team in the season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events? 2. Has the Team competed as a State or National representative team during the season? If so, please list the events? 3. In the season how has the Team been positive role models and shown good sportsmanship and/or been good ambassadors for Surf Life Saving? 4. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nominations process and information	• Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form. • Nominations must include: - Copies of patrol hours for the qualifying period - a digital photo of the nominee • The ASCE representative panel will consider nomination information and recommend the winners to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.
National Nomination	The winner of this category will be nominated as the Victorian representative to the SLSA National Recognition Awards

8.10 Team of the Year (Masters)

Awards will recognise outstanding team performance/s in lifesaving sport.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must; Note: A team is defined as per the Surf Sports Manual (Section 2.10.12 Team Events) . (<i>Representative Teams will not be considered</i>)	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • The team must consist of members from the same club. • Must compete as a registered team in team competitions. • Must have presented a positive image as a team within lifesaving sports. • All team members must have met the minimum required patrol hours (16 hours) during the qualifying period for competition. • Teams can only nominate to the age category in which they compete.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. List the competition results achieved by the Team in the season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events? 2. Has the Team competed as a State or National representative team during the season? If so, please list the events? 3. In the season how has the Team been positive role models and shown good sportsmanship and/or been good ambassadors for Surf Life Saving 4. In addition, please describe how this/these achievement/s are remarkable or unique in the Aquatic Sports field?
Nominations process and information	• Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form. • Nominations must include: - Copies of patrol hours for the qualifying period - a digital photo of the nominee • The Aquatic Sports Council Executive representative panel will consider nomination information and recommend the winners to the Aquatic Sports Council Executive for endorsement.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

8.11 Victorian Championship Point Score Winner

The Victorian Champions Point Score Winner is awarded to the club with the most competition points scored across all lifesaving sports disciplines during the qualifying period.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Selection Criteria and process	Awarded to the overall point score winner of the Victorian Lifesaving Championships. Includes: • Junior State Championships (inc. R&R if separate) • Senior State Championships (inc. R&R, First Aid, Patrol, Champion Lifesaver if separate) • Masters State Championships (inc. First Aid, Patrol, Champion Lifesaver if separate) • Endurance State Championships • Pool State Championships - Junior* • Pool State Championships - Senior* • IRB State Championships* *If Pool or IRB starts prior to 30 April, then these are included in the following season/year Representatives from the Aquatic sports executive will confirm and advise results.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

9 Council of Life Saving Club Awards

9.1 Volunteer Administrator of the Year

The Volunteer Administrator of the Year award celebrates individuals in key administrative roles, such as volunteer administration officers, committee members, membership managers, Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, or similar positions, who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment management and administrative operations of a club.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club. • Must be an LSV member of good standing. • Must be volunteering in a Club Committee appointed role of Club Administrator (paid Administrators are excluded from applying)
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Tell us about the member being nominated 2. What has been achieved? 3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Nomination Guidance For assistance, consider the Nomination Guiding Principles (pg. 13) and these prompts to assist in boosting the quality of responses to selection criteria.	• Administrative Achievements – Summarise key milestones and contributions that improved communication, efficiency, planning, and coordination. • Leadership & Responsibilities – Outline current roles and responsibilities, including initiatives that strengthened club operations. • Systems & Development – Highlight contributions to improving administrative processes and participation in forums, meetings, and professional development. • Future Initiatives – Describe planned improvements or strategies to deliver ongoing benefits for the club.

Nominations process and information

- Nominations can be submitted by a Club Committee, Club Member, Council Executive members or by an individual member of LSV using the online nomination form.
- The relevant Club President will be notified of received nominations, if not directly related to the nomination already

Nominations must include:

- A digital photo of the nominee
- Any support documentation to support the nomination.
- Clarification from across LSV may be sought to verify statements/claims contained in the nomination.
- All the nominations will be considered by the Council of Life Saving Club Executive, in conjunction with Club Support management representatives.

Presentation of award

Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

10 Aquatic Capability

10.1 Life Saving Victoria Pool Lifeguard of the Year

This award recognises excellence and commitment to lifeguarding, including customer service, knowledge and skills relating to lifeguarding, interpersonal and leadership skills, commitment to safety and overall contribution to the facility.

Award overview	This is an Aquatic and Recreation Victoria Award (ARV), this will be awarded annually by ARV at their annual award event. LSV is a sponsor of this award.
Presentation	The awardee will be acknowledged at the LSV Awards of Excellence event.

10.2 Sir Frank Beaurepaire Award

The Sir Frank Beaurepaire Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Aquatic & Recreation Industry is the highest recognition provided by the industry. This award acknowledges the outstanding achievement and contribution made by an individual over their career to the Victorian Aquatic and Recreation Industry. This contribution can be made in either a paid or voluntary capacity.

Award overview	This is an Aquatic and Recreation Victoria Award (ARV), this will be awarded annually by ARV at their annual award event. LSV is a sponsor of this award.
Presentation	The awardee will be acknowledged at the Aquatics and Recreation Victoria Awards

10.3 Watch Around Water - Facility of the Year

This award recognises excellence in achieving the objectives of the Watch Around Water (WAW) program. WAW educates the public about active supervision and encourages parents and guardians to take responsibility while visiting aquatic facilities. Its goal is to reduce drowning incidents and related injuries in Victorian public aquatic facilities for children aged 0–14 years.

Award overview	This is an Aquatic and Recreation Victoria Award (ARV), this will be awarded annually by ARV at their annual award event. LSV is a sponsor of this award.
Presentation	The awardee will be acknowledged at the Aquatics and Recreation Victoria Awards

10.4 Education Instructor of the Year

LSV's Lifesaving Education Programs create 'Everyday Lifesavers' out of Victorian students, by teaching practical and engaging water safety, lifesaving and emergency response skills. These skills empower participant to make safe aquatic related decisions while enjoying their local waterways. These Programs are offered at the beach, river, lake or pool, as well as in the classroom. This award recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements and contribution of an LSV Education instructor.

Eligibility Criteria Nominee must;	• Must be an employee of the LSV Education department. • Must be an employee in good standing.
Selection Criteria Consider and address the following selection criteria.	1. Summarise how you/ the nominee has provided exceptional program delivery either as an instructor or team leader 2. Describe how you/the nominee has demonstrated inclusive practices within the team and with participants, including examples of how programs were modified or adapted to support diverse needs. 3. Describe how you/the nominee's leadership and teamwork have positively impacted programs during the qualifying period, including examples of going above and beyond expectations.
Nominations process and information	Nominations are made via the online form, and all nominations will be considered by Education Management representatives.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

10.5 Swim and Survive Partner of the Year

Swim and survive is a comprehensive swimming and water safety initiative of Royal Life Saving that seeks to increase the swimming and water safety skills of all Australian children in order to prevent drowning and increase participation in safe aquatic activity. This award recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements and contribution of a Swim and Survive Partner swim school.

Eligibility Criteria	Must be a licensee of Life Saving Victoria.
Nominee must;	Must be a licensee in good standing.
Selection Criteria	Innovation - List what sets your swim school apart from other Swim and Survive providers - List what planning to implement in swim school in the future. Program Delivery - List if swim school has changed to the new Swim and Survive curriculum. - List if swim school follows all aspects of the Swim and Survive curriculum. Business and strategic planning - Advise if have current subscription to the GSPO's? GSPO requirement - Minimum four training sessions per year covering all aspects of Swim Teaching - All classes within GSPO ratios - Staff appropriately qualified and copies of staff qualifications kept on file. - Infant and access classes are taught by appropriately qualified staff. - Processes have in place to receive regular feedback. Community Impact - List how swim school demonstrates diversity and inclusivity. Human Resources - List how retain and engage current teachers. - List opportunities provide for leadership and growth for staff. - List process for attracting new swim teachers.
Nominations process and information	Nominations are made via the online form, and all nominations will be considered by Education Management representatives.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

10.6 LSV Public Training Licensee of the Year

LSV licensees, partner with Life Saving Victoria (LSV), to deliver training and pool safety services and form part of an important network delivering critical water safety accredited training and education across the state. This award recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements and contribution of a Public Training licensee.

Eligibility Criteria	Must be an approved licensee of LSV.
Nominee must;	Must be in good standing.
Process and information	Award winners will be selected by an LSV Public Training Management Representative panel. No nomination process is applicable
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

10.7 LSV Public Training Service Member of the Year

Delivering LSV's Community Awards Program to the community and Aquatic Industry. Focussing on awareness, knowledge and skills associated with water safety, resuscitation, and emergency care. Catering for people of all ages and abilities. These non-accredited awards assist in creating better prepared and more resilient Victorian Communities and a better equipped Aquatic Industry workforce. This award recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements and contribution of a Public Training Service Member.

Eligibility Criteria	Must be an approved licensee of LSV.
Nominee must;	Must be a Service Member in good standing.
Process and information	Award winners will be selected by an LSV Public Training Management Representative panel. No nomination process is applicable.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

10.8 LSV Public Training Trainer of the Year

Training and Assessment Officers are responsible for the delivery of both short courses focusing predominantly on first aid, emergency response and water safety across the state both in metro Melbourne and regional Victoria, creating better prepared and more resilient Victorian Communities and a better equipped Aquatic Industry workforce.

This award recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements and contribution of a Public Trainer

Eligibility Criteria	Must be an approved employee of LSV.
Nominee must;	Must be a employee in good standing.
Process and information	Award winners will be selected by an LSV Public Training Management Representative panel. No nomination process is applicable.
Presentation of award	Award winners will be announced at the LSV Awards of Excellence Evening.

Significant Contribution awards

The significant service and contribution state and club awards recognise individuals above and beyond service and contribution to clubs and/or an area at state level.

11 Club and state significant contribution awards.

Qualifying Period	The award qualification period is from 1 July to end of the patrol season annually.
Significant service and contribution categories	The categories of recognition are listed below. • Club Service • Hours of Volunteer Service (patrol and Water Safety) • State Service (years of service) • Significant State Contribution.

11.1 Club Service Award

This award is to acknowledge the volunteer contributions of a member whose service to the club is deemed to be sustained and distinguished for the previous 12 months.

Eligibility criteria	Must be a financial member and in good standing of an affiliated lifesaving club
Information and process	• Clubs will be provided a club toolkit to acknowledge Club Services awards; this will include a certificate template. • Clubs are encouraged to acknowledge members across categories for their services e.g. (not limited to): Patrolling, Committee/Board, Nippers, Starfish Nipper Mentors, Age Managers and Age Manager Assistants, Coaching, Officials, Training, Assessment, Media/Publicity, Competition, General Service. • Club Service Awards should not be limited to Active Members to ensure all volunteer contributions are recognised, e.g. General Service can include roles such as club administration, catering.
Presentation	Club Service Recognition Certificates will be provided to Club Committees for presentation at a nominated Club function. A request for an LSV representative to present these certificates can be lodged with Club Support.

11.2 Volunteer Service Award - Patrol and Water Safety

This award will recognise the patrol service of club members who have contributed 100+ hours of volunteer patrol or water safety service annually.

Eligibility criteria Member must be:	• A financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club • An LSV member of good standing
Award conditions	Service Hours will be recognised in the following categories. • Gold Certificate • Silver Certificate • Bronze Certificate
Process	LSV will extract the required information on achieved patrol or water safety hours will be obtained as per listing on Surfguard at the end of the current patrol season.
Presentation	100+ hours will receive a certificate from LSV and Club and presented at a club event. Gold Certificate recipients will be acknowledged at the LSV Awards of Excellence. A request for an LSV representative to present these certificates can be lodged with Club Support.

11.3 State Service Award

The award acknowledges the contribution of a member who has held official positions in support of LSV efforts. This award will recognise those volunteers who have rendered service to Life Saving Victoria at a State level in the categories listed below for periods of 5/10/15/20/25+ years (5-year increments).

Eligibility criteria

Member must be:

- Be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club and/or appointed to an officially registered position with LSV
- Be in good standing with LSV or the relevant referring body.
- Be volunteering directly related to the area in which the role categories listed below:

State Officers

- Members who have held position/s as a State Officer on LSV Councils (Lifesaving Operations, Aquatic Sports, Membership & Leadership Development, Council of Life saving clubs, Community Education, and Industry Engagement).

State Committee Members

- Members who have held position/s on a State Committee under the auspice of the LSV Board and Councils.

Council Appointed Panel Members or Volunteers

- Panel Members and/or Volunteers who have been appointed to State positions/s e.g. State Coach/Manager/Program Leaders/Officials under the auspice of LSV Councils as listed above).

Nomination process and information

State Service Awards are nominated in two ways:

1. Submitted by an individual, LSV staff, council executive member/s or by an LSV State or Area Officer using an online nomination form, or
2. Automatically based on the LSV run reports, all records will be sent to the individual prior to awarding for verification.
3. All the nominations will be considered by the relevant Council Executive and respective LSV staff, along with HaAC for their submissions.

Selection criteria

The nominators must consider and address; the role category and length of time the person was in the role.

Presentation

All awards will be presented at the Valuing Volunteer Event for 5-, 10- and 15-year state service, with 20+ year recipients acknowledged at the LSV Awards of Excellence.

11.4 Significant Contribution

This award is to acknowledge the special contributions of individuals within the areas of Aquatic Sports, Lifesaving Operations, Membership and Leadership Development, Club Support, Council of Life Saving Clubs and Member Training.

Eligibility criteria

Member must be:

- Must be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club.
- Must be an LSV member of good standing.

Nomination process and information

The relevant LSV management representatives in conjunction with the council executives will nominate individuals to be acknowledged for an outstanding contribution to their field.

Selection criteria

- Must have shown a significant contribution which is recognised as going above and beyond the expectations of the role and has had impact on one or more of the areas.
- As part of the nomination, the nominators must consider and address; the role category and significant contribution.

Presentation

Awards will be presented at the annual Valuing Volunteers Event.

11.5 Mike Martin AM Champion Junior Lifesaver

This prestigious award recognises and celebrates the achievements and commitment of our youth members to their club and local community. Showcasing the important contribution of our youth members to lifesaving, and encouraging the development of strong, confident and committed members who will become the leaders of the lifesaving movement long into the future.

MIKE MARTIN AM

Mike Martin AM, Anglesea SLSC, LSV and SLSA Life Member, is the former President of LSV from 2006 - 2012 and was an integral in the merger of RLSSA-V and SLSV. Mike's awards, accolades and contribution list is long and distinguishes, including being awarded an Australian Commonwealth Honours for his outstanding service to lifesaving. Amongst many contributions, Mike is an incredible leader and supporter of youth in the lifesaving movement.



Eligibility Criteria	Be a financial member of an affiliated lifesaving club.
Nominee must;	Be an LSV member of good standing.
Note: Members that hold their bronze medallion are ineligible to be nominated.	Hold current SRC award (or working towards). Be 13 – 14 years old.
Selection Criteria	1. Provide valuable contribution to their club's activities.
Nominees are to be chosen with consideration to;	2. Lifesaving knowledge 3. Are seen as a role model and future leader amongst their peers.
Nominations process and information	• Nominees apply online outlining their contributions to lifesaving and community. • Nominees are endorsed by their club. • Participate in an interview with the Membership and Leadership Development Council Executive representatives. • Attend a development day, participate in scenarios and activities.
Presentation of award	Award winner will be announced at the Champion Junior Lifesaver Day and recognised at the Valuing Volunteer Event.

11.6 Maurie Rayner Scholarship

Maurie Rayner was a Torquay member, a champion athlete and, some of his feats included winning both State and Australian ski titles and placed 2nd in the first Victorian Ironman competition and was one of the early champions of the “surfathon” who went onto to hold State, National and World SLSA titles in various events.

The Maurie Rayner Scholarship was created in 2002 and has been awarded to outstanding athletes who are recognised by their sporting achievements throughout the season.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Selection Criteria and process	The award panel chair by sponsor representative from Goulding Air Conditioning and Heating will consider all athletes results and contribution and confirm winner.
Presentation of award	Winners will be announced at the Senior State Championships

11.7 Fred Westfield Medal

Fred Westfield was the first chairman of the Victorian Junior Activities Board, a position he held from 1981 – 1987. His strong leadership was an important factor in giving our Victorian juniors a firm stable base from which they have flourished. He believed in the young people in lifesaving and was determined to see that Junior Activities take its vital place in the overall picture of lifesaving.

The Fred Westfield medal is awarded to the most outstanding U13 competitor for that season.

Award qualifying period	The award qualification period is from 1 May – 30 April annually.
Selection Criteria and process	Selection is based upon the combined criteria (water and beach). Events include individual events, long run, sprint, flags, swim, board and iron. Representatives from the Aquatic Sports Council Executive s confirm and advise results.
Presentation of award	Winners will be announced at the Junior State Championships

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

12 Surf Life Saving Australia

The purpose of these awards is to recognise and reward members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving activities.

12.1 General notes

- All nominees must be SLSA financial members (or affiliated organisations).
- Nominations should focus on activities during the 2025/2026 Surf Life Saving season, from 1st July 2025 – 30th June 2026.
- Where ages are mentioned, this refers to the members age as of 30 September in the 2025/2026 season.
- Winners may be called upon to act as ambassadors of Surf Life Saving, both within the organisation and to external audiences.
- Paid employees at any level may nominate for the awards listed. However, paid service will only be counted if nominating for the Lifeguard of the Year and Coach of the Year award – all other awards recognise voluntary contributions only.
- Unless otherwise specified, these awards are in recognition of individual achievements, (team submissions will not be considered).
- SLSA will accept one award from each State/Territory, per category to ensure the process is streamlined and transparent.
- LSV will submit nomination on behalf of Victorian members, winners of corresponding award from the LSV Awards of Excellence.

12.2 Australian Surf Life Saving National Awards

All finalists for the national award will go through a selection panel which will involve a review of applications.

Finalists for the 'Surf Lifesaver of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year and Club of the Year will be required to participate in a face-to-face interview or presentation (Club of the Year only); details of which will be available following the close of nominations. The selection panel will determine a winner from both a review of the application and the interview.

Surf Lifesaver of the Year

An active patrolling member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

Young Surf Lifesaver of the Year

An active patrolling member (between the ages of 15-21, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2024/25 season) who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

Lifeguard of the Year

An Australian Lifeguard Service Lifeguard who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of lifeguard services.

Volunteer of the Year

An impressive member who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.

Club of the Year

An outstanding SLS-affiliated club that is committed to improving the experience of its members, providing a safer environment for the community, and improving club operations.

Athlete of the Year

An athlete aged 15 or older who has achieved sporting excellence in Open Aged Competition.

Youth Athlete of the Year

An athlete aged between 15-18 (this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2025/2026 season) who has achieved sporting excellence in Youth and/or Open Aged Competition.

Surf Sport Team of the Year

The 38th edition of Surf Sport Manual defines a team as an event that is contested by more than one competitor from the same club or lifesaving unit who may either complete an event or race together as a discrete unit (e.g., boat race, IRB race, surf teams, R&R etc.) or separately (e.g., relay events, board rescue etc.).

Coach of the Year

An accredited coach who has made a significant contribution to athlete performance at a state, national and/or international level, to the development of athletes in SLS activities outside of surf sports, and to the educational development of other coaches in SLS.

Official of the Year

An accredited surf sports official who has made a significant contribution to both officiating at a state, national and/international level, and to the educational development of other officials in SLS.

Trainer of the Year

An endorsed Trainer who is passionate about building the skills of others, consistently delivers a positive learning experience, and who encourages other members to engage in the delivery of training.

Assessor of the Year

An endorsed Assessor who is passionate about building the skills of others, consistently delivers a positive and supportive assessment experience, and who encourages other members to engage in training or assessment.

Young Volunteer of the Year

The Young Volunteer of the Year recognises an exceptional member aged 15–21 who has contributed meaningfully through their volunteering efforts

12.3 Hall of Fame

The SLSA Hall of Fame is an integral part of recognising the achievements and efforts of members in the SLS movement. Hall of Fame permanently displays, commemorates, and recognises members and teams who have achieved outstanding accomplishments and exceptional contributions to the development of SLS in Australia.

Eligibility Criteria

All nomination forms should be accompanied by the following supporting materials:

- a photograph of the nominee
- a conclusive history of the nominee (maximum of two pages)
- displayed exceptional service to surf lifesaving in the specific category.
- achieved outstanding individual or team accomplishments which sets the individual or team apart from other surf lifesavers or teams.
- displayed sustained excellence over a long period of time to the category for which they are nominated.
- endorsement by the club and sent to SLSA.

Selection Criteria

Each award is allocated under the following categories:

Surf Lifesaving - Lifesaving

This category recognises those who have been involved in all facets of surf lifesaving operations. Examples are active patrolling, training, assessment, rescue services and the general support activities involved in beach patrols, search and rescue and surveillance.

Surf Lifesaving – Administration

This category recognises those involved in the purely administrative aspects of surf lifesaving. Examples are, but not limited to, club secretaries and treasurers. This category also includes surf sports officials.

Surf Lifesaving – Sport

This category recognises those who have excelled in lifesaving sports and/or the coaching and training associated with lifesaving sports.

Nominations

- Only current or past individual members of SLSA are eligible for induction into the SLSA Hall of Fame (Note: that nominations may be for eligible individual members or for teams of eligible members).
- Nominations not endorsed may only be resubmitted for consideration after a period of two (2) years.
- Nominations being resubmitted should be enhanced to meet the standard of the award.
- Nominations may only be for one category, however, evidence supporting the nomination covering activities relevant to other categories should be provided and will be taken into consideration.
- It is important that the complete career of the nominee is put forward to allow for a total assessment.
- Nominees are to be in good standing with SLSA.

*For full criteria details and interpretative guidelines please refer to the SLSA Members Area, Document Library; Governance/Policies.

Award prize:

Certificate, Trophy, inducted into the SLSA Hall of Fame

Inducted into the SLSA Hall of Fame Award sponsor:

SLSA

Presentation of award:

SLSA Awards of Excellence

Date of circulation:

Ongoing

Closing date:

Ongoing

Judging panel:

SLSA Hall of Fame Committee

12.4 SLSA Meritorious Awards

Meritorious Awards are awarded to affiliated clubs and/or their members and/or the public for outstanding deeds of bravery performed during lifesaving operations of Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) (during and outside of designated patrol hours).

Nomination Submissions

All nominations for SLSA Meritorious Awards are to be submitted to the HaAC for consideration. Nomination approved by HaAC will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for endorsement.

Nomination Guidelines

Nomination guidelines are documented in the annual SLSA Circular.

Meritorious Awards, available for download from the [SLSA](#) Recognition Framework.

Nomination Forms

All nominations must be submitted using the SLSA Meritorious Awards Nomination form.

Categories

Meritorious Awards are established in two sections, Individual and Group or Club. Each category is divided into three grades, as follows:

Meritorious Awards - Individual

- **Silver Medallion**
 - Very high level of risk to rescuer combined with optimal application of skills and supporting systems. Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt = Definite fatality.
- **Bronze Medallion**
 - High level of risk to rescuer combined with very good application of skills and supporting systems. Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt = High chance of a fatality
- **Certificate of Merit**
 - Moderate level of risk to rescuer combined with good application of skills and supporting systems.
 - Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt = Serious injury/possibility of a fatality.

12.5 Meritorious Awards – Group or Club

The Group or Club Award is issued for rescues of exceptional merit, in which a group of members are involved and where no individuals can be singled out for an award.

- ***Certificate of Merit with Silver Medallion inset***
 - Very high level of risk to rescuer, combined with optimal application of skills and supporting systems. Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt would have resulted in definite fatality.
- ***Certificate of Merit with Bronze Medallion inset.***
 - High level of risk to rescuer, combined with very good application of skills and supporting systems. Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt would have resulted in a high chance of a fatality.
- ***Certificate of Merit***
 - Moderate level of risk to rescuer, combined with good application of skills and supporting systems. Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt would have resulted in serious injury or possible fatality.

12.6 National Long Service Award

SLSA has long service awards to recognise members for their sustained contribution to SLS.

Members can apply for Service Certificates via the Forms tab in the [Members Hub](#). These long service awards are awarded for:

- 25 years Long Service
- 30 years Long Service
- 40 years Long Service
- 50 years Long Service
- 60 years Long Service
- 70 years Long Service
- 75 years Long Service

Essential Criteria

- The award may be issued after the respective years' membership of SLSA
- Years of membership shall commence from the date of joining an affiliated club, or a ladies auxiliary or former junior surf lifesaving association, but not earlier than the age to become eligible to obtain SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate*, whichever shall be the later date.
- Where the years of membership are not continuous, they shall be aggregated.
- The details of the members qualifying for the award shall include their bronze medallion number or proof of date of joining an affiliated club, ladies auxiliary or former junior surf lifesaving association.

13 International Life Saving Association

13.1 International Lifesaving Citation of Merit

The International Lifesaving (ILS) the minimum criteria for the ILS citation are:

- Any person who has contributed to the furtherance of lifesaving and the goals of ILS and of a manner of enduring global importance.
- As a member nation is SLISA has the responsibility of nominating and issuing ILS citations to its individual members in order to ensure that the members who deserve these awards are being appropriately recognised. SLISA has developed the following criteria and nomination timeline.

Eligibility Criteria

Please supply evidence where appropriate via either a printout from surf guard or equivalent.

The particular SLISA awards shall be automatically nominated for ILS citations:

- The recipient of a meritorious award and slash or commendation for bravery
- National winners of Surf Lifesaver, Volunteer and Lifeguard of the Year
- SLISA Life Members
- Individual winners of an SLISA Innovation award.

In addition to these automatic nominations, the following individuals should also be eligible:

- Members who have contributed to significant international projects and/or events or to national projects with an international significance should also be nominated for ILS citations
- These could include the capacity building programmes with developing nations educational tours, the conduct of sporting events etc, Sponsors, Donors and Politicians who have made a significant contribution to the growth and sustainability of SLISA.

LSV Nomination Information

- Nominations for SLISA Citation of Merit will be called for annually.
- Nominations received will be considered for endorsement by the HaAC

Presentation of award

Certificates will be presented at the LSV Awards of Excellence evening

COMMONWEALTH AWARDS

14 Australian Commonwealth Honours

The Australian Honours and Awards system recognises the outstanding service and contributions of Australians. Recipients come from right across the country and from all walks of life. While some are well-known, the majority are unsung heroes.

Whilst typically they haven't sought thanks or recognition, they deserve both. The Honours and Awards system gives the nation a chance to celebrate and acknowledge those who work tirelessly to improve local communities and to make Australia a better place.

Nomination process

Any Australian can nominate someone for an award. Nominations are assessed by the Honours and Awards Secretariat, considered by the Council of the Order of Australia before recommendations are made to the Governor-General.

The Australian Honours and Awards system include:

- The Order of Australia
- Meritorious Awards
- Military Awards; and
- Bravery decorations.

Nominations may be made by the Honours and Awards Committee panel with endorsements of the LSV President and CEO for endorsement.

Presentation

Award winners will be notified by the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, to accept the nomination for an award or appointment within the Australian honours system.

You may also be invited to attend an investiture ceremony at the Government House

This honour will be acknowledged at the LSV Awards of Excellence

15 Emergency Services Medal

Emergency Management Victoria awarding the Emergency Services Medal (ESM) twice per year for Kings birthday honours and Australia Day honours.

The AFSM and ESM were created to recognise those people in occupations that are inherently more hazardous than most others. Nominations need to include details of frontline service that the nominee is active in now, and also past service (within two years) with exposure to hazard. The achievements the nominee has made should be framed within their frontline service.

Recognising diversity in Victoria's emergency services

Reflecting on national honour and award nominations, the Minister for Emergency Services continues to be an advocate for the commitment and the importance of increasing diversity and inclusion for women and members of diverse communities in Victoria's emergency services.

Emergency service organisations, with their strong ties to the community, have a unique opportunity to be the leaders in building a more diverse and inclusive Victoria.

The *Emergency Management Diversity and Inclusion Framework: Respect and Inclusion for All*, provides information on what diversity and inclusion means, why it is important and what needs to be done.

The framework can be viewed at: [here](#)

Nominators are strongly encouraged to consider the framework and diversity when making nominations for the AFSM and ESM, taking into consideration nominees that are a true representation of the community we serve.

Eligibility criteria

Members should meet the following:

- Be serving /sworn members within the associated state emergency services and voluntary emergency organisations as defined in the State Emergency Management Plan.
- Be in occupations that primarily provide services to the community, particularly in times of emergency or disaster (policy advice has been that these occupations are inherently more hazardous than most others and these awards were established for this reason). I.e. 'frontline', 'boots on ground'.
- Have recent frontline service – within the last two years and be no more than 12 months since retirement.
- Be currently involved in frontline service with exposure to hazard, or o Be eligible members who formerly worked (within the last two years) on the frontline with prolonged exposure to hazard in the service of the community, and who are now using their frontline experience to provide training or education in support others on the frontline.

Please find the [Guidance Notes](#) for nominating for the ESM and a link of the [nomination form](#).

The ESM recognises distinguished service by members of emergency service organisations across Australia, and people who are involved in emergency management, training or education.

Note: Management or administrative personnel who have not had exposure to hazards during their career are not eligible. Other forms of recognition, including the Public Service Medal or the Order of Australia Awards may be more appropriate.

Further information can be found [here](#)

LSV nomination process

Nominations will be called for via circular twice per year.

Nominations may be made by the Honours and Awards Committee panel.

Other recognition awards

16 Annual recognition awards

16.1 VicSport Awards

The Victorian Sport Awards (VSAs) is an event that recognises and celebrates the achievements of our home-grown sporting heroes and legends.

Each year, the Victorian Sport Awards honours those who have made an exceptional contribution to sport in Victoria as individual or team athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers, media and clubs as well as initiatives that have kept people active, from both metropolitan and regional areas in Victoria.

State winners will be nominated.

Information on the 2026 nominations and awards can be found [here](#)

16.2 Volunteering Victoria Awards

Volunteering Victoria proudly celebrated the 2024 Volunteering Awards held at RACV City Club on Tuesday 25 February 2025.

The Victorian Volunteering Awards formally recognise, celebrate and thank volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations for their extraordinary and selfless contributions to Victorian people, communities, culture and environment. Showing excellence by individuals, teams and organisations throughout the year, The Awards are run by Volunteering Victoria with the support of the Victorian State Government.

Information on the 2026 nominations and awards can be found [here](#)

16.3 Victorian Women's Honour Roll

The Victorian Honour Roll of Women recognises women who show remarkable leadership and excellence in their:

- Field of expertise, interest, or endeavour
- Commitment to the community

The Honour Roll elevates the incredible contributions of Victorian women.

Nomination categories include:

- Trailblazer
- Local champion
- Change agent
- Emerging leader

<https://www.vic.gov.au/honour-roll-women>

16.4 Rotary Emergency Services

The Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards are designed to recognise our emergency service personnel whom have gone above and beyond their call of duty and reflected the Rotary motto of 'Service' above 'Self'. RESCA is a community nominated Awards, therefore it is based on the reputation of the personnel from their local community's viewpoint.

Nominations open March 2, 2026

<https://www.vic.rescawards.org.au/>

16.5 Australian Sports Commission

The ASC Sport Volunteer of the Year award recognises a volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to a sporting organisation, club, team or program over the previous year. The nominee is inclusive, community-focused and helps to create a positive legacy. The volunteer gives their time selflessly and without financial gain.

Nominations Open October 2026

<https://www.ausport.gov.au/>



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