

Circular 054:05:09

To: Club Captains Chief Instructors
Club Presidents Club Secretaries

Cc: Regional Officers District Officers
Assessors

From: Paula Butler – General Manager, Lifesaving Club Development

Date: 14 May 2009

Subject: Advance Notice – 2009/2010 Patrol Requirements

Action: Plan for new requirements in 2009/2010

Please be reminded that the SLSA requirement for a member of each patrol to hold a Basic Beach Management will come into effect in Victoria for the 2009/2010 patrol season. A blanket exemption was granted for the immediate past season to allow for a more extensive roll out of the qualification.

Additionally, in recognition of best practice resuscitation techniques and the need to manage spinal injuries with the highest level of care, a holder of the Spinal Management Certificate and of the Defibrillation Certificate will be required on each patrol also.

(Refer SLSA Circular <http://www.slsa.com.au/site/content/resource/00002633-docsource.pdf>)

Clubs that do not currently have a defibrillator as part of their patrol gear should consider using the currently open Telstra Grant to apply for that piece of equipment.

For 2009/2010 a club's patrol strength shall consist of at least four (4) "Core" members comprising:

- Three (3) patrolling members holding the Lifesaving Bronze; and
- One (1) other patrolling award holder (awards allowed are Radio Officers, Senior First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation, Oxygen Resuscitation, Surf Rescue Certificate or Basic Beach Management or Defibrillation award);

Awards to be included in the minimum four (4) present are:

- IRB Driver and separate holder of IRB crew
- Advanced Resuscitation Certificate
- Basic Beach Management
- Spinal Management
- Defibrillation

To assist in the broader roll out of these qualifications Life Saving Victoria ran a series of Basic Beach Management Workshops in 2008 for facilitators of this award and new candidates.

A series of workshops in ARC and Defib for Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators has been planned and advertised. For more information on this refer to the following LSV circular:
http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/resources/documents/Circular_047.04.09_ARC_and_Defib_Assessor_and_Facilitator_and_Trainer_Workshops.pdf

A series of Spinal Management workshops is also being planned with more information to follow at a later date.

For additional detail on this Circular contact: Paula Butler – General Manager, Lifesaving Club Development

Email paula.butler@lifesavingvictoria.com.au or by phone: (03) 9676 6910

Circulars are also available at www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au

Address: PO Box 353 South Melbourne DC 3205