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To: Club Presidents
Radio Officers
Competition Managers

Cc: Regional Officers

From: Chris Stevens – State Lifesaving Communications Officer

Date: 13 May 2010

Subject: State-Wide Radio Reprogramming

Action: Complete the [registration form](#) and return to Greg Scott by 5:00 pm on Friday, 2 July 2010

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Life Saving Victoria will be undertaking significant communications network upgrades during the lifesaving off season. This will include the installation of seven new repeaters as well as frequency changes of current repeater infrastructure. Additional features will improve member safety when undertaking their lifesaving duties.

Additionally, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has just released a reform statement for our frequency band. Effectively, the ACMA has run out of frequency in Melbourne and Sydney so they have changed the spacing standards, to allow for extra channels. This will require a reprogramming of the entire LSV radio network, including our repeaters.

As a result all lifesaving radios in the state (including bases, offshore boats and 4WD's) will require reprogramming. Any radio that is not reprogrammed will not be compatible with the new channel structure, and therefore become redundant as all existing channels will change. Additionally, certain older model radios will not be compatible with the new ACMA or our network requirements, and this will require that they be retired.

Clubs who do not have sufficient compatible handsets are strongly encouraged to make application for new units under the presently open Telstra Assistance Fund. For radio applications this is a 100% funded grant, and applications for radios by such clubs will be given highest priority.

The following list indicates what radio models can be reprogrammed.

Handheld/Portable:

- Icom F60
- Motorola GP629
- Vertex VX824

Mobile/Base:

- Icom IC-400 pro

For other mobile/base models, please complete the designated area on the registration form as listed below so your unit can be assessed for compatibility:

http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/resources/documents/Statewide_Radio_Reprogramming_Registration_Form.pdf

Radios must have had their serial numbers entered into SurfGuard prior to being presented for reprogramming.



As a part of the change process of the network upgrade, an information session will be presented at the 2010 Lifesaving Operations Conference, as well as a comprehensive briefing at respective pre- season regional meetings. All clubs will be provided with laminated channel selection and information resources.

The state-wide reprogram will take place during the 2010 Life Saving Victoria conference (Saturday, 18 September 2010). LSV is contracting our radio communications provider to undertake this at no expense to the clubs. Clubs will be obligated to ensure that their radios are delivered to LSV State Centre prior to 8:30 am on Saturday, 18 September 2010 (but not prior to Wednesday, 15 September 2010). Radios will be available for collection after 4:00 pm on this day. Any radios not collected by Wednesday, 22 September 2010 will be freighted back to the respective club at cost to the club.

We strongly encourage all clubs to present their radios for reprogramming at this time. If your club is unable to do so, please contact Greg Scott on 03 9676 6935 to discuss alternative arrangements and costs involved.

