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To: Junior Coordinators
YLD Council Representatives
Club Presidents
Club Secretaries

Cc: YLD Executive

From: Kate Comer – Manager, Youth and Leadership Development

Date: 23 June 2010

Subject: **Victorian Nippers Capping Forum – Sunday, 4 July 2010**

Action: Return attendance form to Kate Comer by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 30 June 2010.

For additional details on this Circular please contact:
Kate Comer on 03 9676 6945 or kate.comer@lifesavingvictoria.com.au
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Overview

In July 2009 the Youth and Leadership Development Executive of Life Saving Victoria researched the incidence of “capping” of Nippers Programs (Surf Education) across the state. The following recommendations were made:

- LSV to develop position statement on the process of capping within Victorian Nipper Programs in order to guide these practises. This statement should include a guideline/process for referral of potential nippers to other clubs when club capacity is reached.
- LSV to develop strategy to assist clubs in increasing specialist knowledge (e.g. Level 1 Coaches) and general lifesaving skills (i.e. Age Managers) within the membership of each club.
- LSV to develop tool to aid smaller clubs identify strategies to use within their current Nipper Program to increase capacity

In accordance with the last two recommendations we are holding a ***Nippers Capping Forum***.

Details are as follows:

Date: Sunday, 4 July 2010

Venue: LSV State Centre, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tea and Coffee will be provided

Program

Outcomes

This Forum will go a long way to addressing the issues raised by Victorian Clubs surrounding recommendations put forward in the Position Statement released in August 2009.

This forum is focused around capturing current good practice within Victorian clubs that continue to develop their Nippers programs. As a result the Forum has two main outcomes:

1. To provide an opportunity for members involved in the facilitation of Surf Education programs to share their experiences.
2. To explore and develop best practice models for Nippers programs within Victorian Clubs so that we may continue to be an open and inclusive organisation.



Participants

This Forum will be open to all Y&LD Council members, and Junior Coordinators at all clubs affiliated with Life Saving Victoria.

You must register for the Forum by completing the attached attendance form, and forwarding to the Manager of Youth & Leadership Development, Kate Comer via fax or email.

Forum Program

The following topics will be explored during the Forum:

- Structure of Nippers Programs
- Recruitment of Parent helpers
- Age Managers
- Water Safety

Instructions to attendees

Timeline

24 June 2010 Summary Information provided through this circular. Attendees to complete the registration form and forward to the Manager of Youth & Leadership Development, Kate Comer via fax or email

- Fax: 03 9676 6932
- Email: kate.comer@lifesavingvictoria.com.au

30 June 2010 Clubs to provide completed registration forms for Forum attendees to Kate Comer by 5:00 pm

4 July 2010 Participants to attend the Forum

Registration form

www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/resources/documents/Nipper_Capping_Forum_Registation_Form.pdf