

How to Join Point Leo SLSC Inc

Please read this information carefully.

Anyone can become a member of Surf Life Saving! Surf Life Saving is Australia's number one community based frontline rescue service and welcomes membership of not only skilled male and female surf life savers, but also administrators, coaches, officials, athletes, supporters and **children aged 6 - 13 years.**

The Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club caters for all ages beyond that of **6 years** of age (as at 30th September 2008). The club basically has two sections: Seniors and Juniors. Information on the Junior section can be found on the Junior page of our website. Senior club members are aged from 14 years onwards and support the primary function of the club: beach patrols. All membership categories are based on a member's age and are calculated as at 30th September each year. Please note we **do not** accept 5 year olds into our program.

Although the club has many activities, including social functions and competition, all of these activities contribute in some way or another to supporting the Club's primary role of providing a safe beach for the public. It is for that reason that all active members aged 14 and over must train, qualify and attend beach patrols. All senior club members who wish to compete must attend a minimum of 16 hours patrol per season and hold the association's Life Saving Star if 14 years old or the Bronze Medallion if 15 years and over. This is a national association rule.

The Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club prides itself on being a family club with a strong commitment to its junior ranks. The club has an active formal and informal social calendar catering for all membership categories.

Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club offers a range of different membership categories to suit the needs of all members. Read the categories below to find which membership is the right one for you.

Joining Fee

A \$20 Joining Fee is payable for each new member on joining the club.

Junior Activities Member (Nipper) – Cost \$70

This category is for younger people aged **6-13 years as at 30th September 2008**, who want to have fun and learn basic surf safety skills. Commonly known as "Nippers", it is designed to provide an educational experience in a wide range of skills within an aquatic environment. **Payment of the \$70 membership fee automatically enrolls children as a nipper into the Junior Holiday Programme.**

Active Cadet Member – Cost \$50

An Active Cadet member must be **14 or 15 years of age at 30th September 2008**. Cadets begin with the introduction of the Life Saving Star Certificate. This award is the minimum requirement to become a surf life saver.

Active Junior Member – Cost \$50

Active Junior members are aged **16 and 17 years old as at 30th September 2008** and hold the Bronze Medallion award. They are involved in all areas of Surf Life Saving, including full patrol duties.

Active Senior Member – Cost \$60

Active Seniors are **aged 18 and over as at 30th September 2008** and hold the minimum requirement of a Bronze Medallion award. This category can progress to more advanced levels of SLSA awards.

Associate Member – Cost \$75

This category is open to anyone 18 years and over who does not hold a Surf Life Saving award. It is a chance to become involved in the club socially, ideal for supporters and parents.

If you want to join all members of your family you can do so at a reduced cost. \$200 covers 2 adult family members for Associate membership and 2 dependent children (aged 6 years up to students U25 living at home). Additional dependent children can be added at a cost of \$20 each. **An Application for Membership form must be completed for each member of the family (parents included).** Parents who join as part of a family must complete an Application for Membership form and tick the membership category of **Associate in Section 3.**

Please note: It is strongly recommended that any parent who is planning to assist in activities or as an Age Group Manager become a financial member of the club so that they are covered by insurance. If parent helpers are not members and are injured while assisting with the programme they are not covered by SLSA insurance.

Annual competition fees of \$120 for Seniors and \$60 for Juniors (Nippers) are payable at the time of joining for any members wishing to compete.

What are the benefits of joining Point Leo SLSC?

Surf Life Saving offers its members many benefits. As a member you can expect to:

- ❖ Have a great deal of fun
- ❖ Meet many new friends
- ❖ Gain satisfaction from performing a vital community service
- ❖ Learn to work in a team
- ❖ Get physically fit
- ❖ Become competitive
- ❖ Become involved in a club environment that promotes teamwork, community service and most of all an enjoyable social experience.

What skills can you gain?

Surf Life Saving also offers its members a range of skills that will provide an advantage in all aspects of life.

- ❖ Surf safety
- ❖ Basic operation of radios
- ❖ First Aid
- ❖ Rescue techniques
- ❖ Resuscitation techniques
- ❖ Leadership and teamwork
- ❖ Competition

Guidelines for completion of Membership Forms

Membership Application Form: This form is required by SLSA for all members. Categories are allocated according to member's age as at the 30th September 2008 (refer above and Membership Fee Schedule for details of categories).

Email Address: The club requires an email address for each member to enable efficient and current communication. These details are not used for any other purpose. Please print clearly.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC): ALL members (including Nipper parents and Associates) over the age of 18 must provide the club with a WWCC. Please refer to the 'Working With Children Check' information at the end of this document. Any membership forms received without either a copy of a WWCC or a copy of proof of lodgement will be returned, and only accepted when this information is provided to the club.

Membership Declaration: This declaration is on the back of your membership forms. It requires member's signature (and parents signature if under 18) as indicated at the bottom of the page.

Membership Fee Schedule: This form lists membership types and their fees and must be returned with payment and your signed membership forms. If you are unsure of the amount you need to pay please ring Kim Williams on 59761219 or 0403165171 only between 7pm and 8pm or email admin@pointleoslsc.com.au

What to do next...

1. Download and complete the Application for Membership form (one for every member) and Membership Fee Schedule (one per family) from the download section of the Point Leo SLSC website.
2. Ensure an email address is recorded on your form.
3. Sign item 8 on the front and the SLSA Membership Application and Declaration on back of the Membership form in the relevant spaces. Parent or Legal guardian must also sign item 9 on the front and declaration on the back for members under 18. Forms submitted without two signatures will be returned to members for signing. **Please note places will NOT be held for nippers if forms are submitted unsigned.**
4. Attach photocopy of WWCC card or lodgement application to relevant membership forms if over 18yrs.
5. Mail membership forms, WWCC photocopy, fee schedule and payment (no cash please) immediately to: **Point Leo SLSC, C/- Kim Williams, 3 Coimadai Crt, Mornington, 3931.**

Membership cards will be posted to members on acceptance of membership. Please do not ring to check if your membership has been accepted. You will receive a phone call or email if there is a problem with your membership application.

Senior Competition Fee: \$120 – Payable with membership fee

- Payable in advance by senior members (U15 and above) who will be competing in LSV carnivals during season 2008 / 2009.
- This fee covers all Victorian carnivals and Victorian State Titles fees. It **does not** cover entry to interstate carnivals or the National Titles.
- Any late entry fees received from LSV are to be paid by the competitor.
- Includes the cost of a Point Leo Senior Competition Team Hoodie.
 - Please record the size you require on the Membership Fee Schedule
 - Please Note: Only members who pay the senior competition fee by 1st November 2008 will receive a competition hoodie

Junior Competition Fee: \$60 – Payable with membership fee

- Payable in advance by all Junior (U/14) members who will be competing in Junior LSV carnivals during season 2008 / 2009.
- This covers 3 carnivals and the State Titles.
- Any late entry fees received from LSV are to be paid by the competitor.

Working with Children Check

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a State Government initiative which was introduced several years ago. It is a current check and ongoing cross-checking of criminal records for sex, drug or violence offences, with notification to our Club and LSV.

The following information is provided by Life Saving Victoria.

Why is Keeping Children Safe Important?

Keeping children safe is not just a moral obligation for Life Saving Victoria and its members as the state of Victoria has now legislated a process aimed at formally protecting children (U18) from physical and sexual harm. Therefore to ensure our members are operating within the legal framework, it is imperative that all members over 18 years obtain the WWCC.

To obtain a WWCC:

1. Obtain an application form from Australian Post or by contacting Life Saving Victoria
2. Read and complete the required information using black pen (except the signature component)
3. To complete Page 13 of the application use Code number 10 and Code number 42
4. In the 'Details of Organisation/s', please enter Life Saving Victoria's details to ensure privacy of confidential information
Nigel Taylor
Chief Executive Officer
Life Saving Victoria
PO Box 353
SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC 3205
Phone: 9676 6901
5. Organise 100 point identification from the three different columns (refer to application form)
6. Provide a passport size photo (must be regulated size and within the last 12 months)
7. Lodge at Post Office and receive an 'Application Receipt' (back page of application form), as evidence of submitting your form. The application receipt has a number in the top right hand corner. This is your WWCC number. The 'Application Receipt Number' acts as a temporary WWCC until your application is processed. Once you have lodged your application and obtained a receipt, you can partake in activities involving members under 18 years whilst waiting for your application to be processed.
8. In the 'Other Organisation please enter: Point Leo SLSC, Western Pde, Point Leo. 3916. Phone 59898104

When you receive your official WWCC, club's must sight your card so they have an updated record of club members with the WWCC. Many clubs are photocopying the WWCC of all members to ensure they have completed the various liability requirements of the WWCC. **(At Point Leo we ask that all members over 18 supply a copy of their WWCC card or proof of lodgement of a WWCC with their membership applications. Without proof of a WWCC membership applications cannot be accepted.)**

The WWCC is valid for five (5) years.

What happens if you don't receive a Card?

The WWCC looks for criminal activity relevant to the physical and sexual safety of children under 18 years of age. If a member has their application denied, they are issued with a Negative Notice by the Victorian Department of Justice. The member (applicant) and Life Saving Victoria's CEO will be informed. It is important to understand that Life Saving Victoria maintains strict adherence to privacy legislation which regulates such personal information being broadcast to a wider audience.

If a member does have their application denied, they cannot be a member of Life Saving Victoria.