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## Rescue Services Training Opportunities

### Marine Rescue, Flood and Swift Water Rescue & Advanced Emergency Care

- Attention:** Presidents, Commanders, Secretaries, Lifesaving Managers, Club Training Officers, Emergency Response (ERT), Flood & Swift Water Rescue and Volunteer Marine Rescue members
- Actioned by:** VMR and SLSC members wishing to attend Marine Rescue and/or Swift Water & Flood Water Rescue Technician training
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<b>Summary</b>	SLST are calling for expressions of interest from VMR and SLSC members, who wish to attend upcoming Rescue Services Training Opportunities. This circular details the process for expressing your interest and registering for upcoming courses.
<b>Strategic Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide quality lifesaving services across Tasmania to advance drowning prevention and lifesaving activities</li><li>• Develop viable and sustainable SLSC's and VMR's</li><li>• Value members by providing them with recognition, direction and support to enable them to build capacity</li><li>• Optimise our resources and maximise the movement's capacity to deliver our future goals</li><li>• Provide high quality education and accredited training to our members and the community</li><li>• Develop a culture where innovation thrives and is shared</li></ul>
<b>Key Strategies</b>	1.5 Educate and train great lifesavers by ensuring they are kept apprised on best practices and procedures 2.1 Provide members with a broad range of opportunities and pathways within the SLS organisation 2.4 Provide enabler programs and resources for SLSCs and VMRs and their services 2.5 Encourage and promote recognition of volunteer's efforts to the wider community and external stakeholders 3.6 Resources are sustainable to match operational delivery 7.2 Provide clear educational and developmental pathways for members 7.4 Provide lifelong opportunities for our members to be employable and develop valuable skills 9.2 Provide our members with opportunities to connect with each other and share innovative ideas
<b>Action</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. VMR Units and SLSC's to promote Rescue Services Training Opportunities to suitable members</li><li>2. VMR and SLSC members to submit online registrations and/ expression of interest form by the closing dates stated below and clicking on the link below;  <a href="https://slst.wufoo.com/forms/rescue-services-training/">https://slst.wufoo.com/forms/rescue-services-training/</a></li></ol>

### *Do you have an interest in expanding your knowledge and skills 'beyond the flags'?*

For many years, surf life saving members have been providing services beyond the flags. Historically, this has been with after hour callouts outside of patrol hours and patrolled beaches. Some surf life saving clubs operated offshore rescue vessels, later rescue water craft and jet rescue boats were introduced as support services and volunteer marine rescue groups affiliated with SLST to complement and enhance services to provide a holistic inland, inshore and offshore rescue service to support the Tasmanian Police. SLST is aware of the need to provide ongoing training

and pathways for volunteer members who may want to pursue emergency service careers or want the challenge of expanding their rescue skills to other aquatic environments that also strengthens patrolling capacity back at their respective clubs/units. Following an in-depth review of our current growing capacity and members training status with regards to Marine Rescue, Flood and Swift Water Rescue and other Advanced Lifesaving Skills, SLST are calling for registrations and expressions of interest from VMR and SLSC members, who wish to attend upcoming training. There will be further information coming out shortly about some positive developments in the Rescue Services space, however so not to delay being able to deliver this training we have scheduled the following;

Date	Course	Venue	Cost	Registration or EOI due by
22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Marine Rescue Restricted Coxswain	Tamar Sea Rescue (TBC)	Fully subsidised (RRP \$1,310pp)	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Swift Water & Flood Water Rescue Technician	The Arm River Forestry Camp, Mersey	\$200pp (Partially subsidised by SLST/ RRP \$450pp)	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
July (Date TBC)	Marine Rescue Crew (Shipboard Safety Skillset)	Tamar Sea Rescue (TBC)	Fully subsidised (RRP \$485pp)	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
July (Date TBC)	Marine Rescue Crew (Shipboard Safety Skillset)	Dodges Ferry VMR	Fully subsidised (RRP \$485pp)	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Once a month	Marine Rescue Crew (Shipboard Safety Skillset) – without MARF005 unit	Seafood Training – Hobart Aquatic Centre Battery Point	Fully subsidised (RRP \$485pp)	N/A – See. Enrolment instructions below
July (Date TBC)	Advanced First Aid (HLTAID006) or Wilderness First Aid (HLTAID005)	Venue TBC – based on registrations	TBC - Partially subsidised by SLST	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019

## MARINE RESCUE

VMR and SLSC members have access to nationally recognised competencies and 'best practice' training through AMSA endorsed Registered Training Organisation Volunteer Marine Rescue Queensland (VMRAQ). These qualifications can lead to a pathway to a commercial Certificate II Coxswain Grade 1 (Near Coastal) and are mandatory across Australia for emergency services members to crew or skipper vessels up to 12 metres in length.

For VMR members, an integral part of this qualification and training is completed “on-the-job”. Members will be issued with an AMSA Task Book of which skills and competencies will be signed off by qualified skippers. This should be complimented by members accessing presentations and assignments via the VMRAQ Portal. Instructions and login details will be provided to yourself and your unit with more information shortly.

### Marine Rescue Crew Training (Shipboard Safety Skillset) – July 2019 Dodges Ferry VMR (South) and Tamar Sea Rescue (North)

The audience for this training is new VMR and Emergency Response Team members. There are no formal prerequisites for this course. It is expected that people who enrol and participate in this course are confident working in water and can swim. Assessment will take place in the classroom, in a pool and at a fire ground. The course provides theoretical and practical training across personal safety, the safety of the vessel and of the crew as a whole.

SLST will both be offering internally facilitated course options through AMSA endorsed Registered Training Organisation Volunteer Marine Rescue Queensland (VMRAQ), as well as encouraging members who are unable to attend SLST courses to go to our preferred external training provider Seafood Training Tasmania. Candidates will experience a different delivery style between each provider. Also, please be mindful that VMRAQ training is contextualised to the Marine Rescue environment and therefore as a recommendation of a national advisory committee, SLST have decided to provide additional content (MARF005) as part of the Marine Rescue Crew training.

#### Process for enrolling in external training

Members who wish to attend one of the courses externally facilitated by Seafood Training are required to go to their website to find out dates and venues, then complete the ‘Seafood and Maritime Training Application for Enrolment’

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and return to Leanne at SLST for endorsement. Members must be currently registered in Surfguard. This enrolment will then be forwarded onto Seafood Training for processing. Fees will be directly charged to SLST. This only applies to enrolments that have been endorsed by SLST. At this stage, full subsidy only applies to completion of Elements of Shipboard Safety course types. However, this may change in the future.

<https://www.seafoodtrainingtas.com.au/training-courses/default-programme-type/elements-of-shipboard-safety.cfm>

## **Marine Rescue Restricted Coxswain Training – 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Tamar Sea Rescue (North)**

SLST will be facilitating Marine Rescue Restricted Coxswain Training. This training is for members who are already engaged in the Marine Rescue Training Pathway (completed Shipboard Safety Skillset, and/ currently recognised as Marine Rescue Crew or Senior Crew) and have been identified themselves, or by their unit of club, that they wish to complete further training towards obtaining the full Cert II in Maritime Operations.

Accommodation and food (breakfast, lunch and dinner) is provided. Please advise of any special dietary requirements when registering.

## **FLOOD & SWIFT WATER RESCUE**

### **Swift Water & Flood Water Rescue Technician – 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019, The Arm River Forestry Camp, Mersey**

Registrations are now open for surf lifesavers, 18 years and over who hold a current Bronze Medallion, who wish to attend upcoming Flood and Swift Water Rescue Training facilitated by Dan Manzano (Director of Rescue 3 Australia & NZ) and Nate Welch from Rescue 3 International. The audience for this training is Emergency Response Team (ERT) members, members keen to be part of their club or regional ERTs and in a position to assist in callouts from the Tasmanian Police out of hours for incidents they are qualified for. For those who complete this training and are interested, there will be Flood Boat operator training offered later in the year. Spaces are limited; therefore, each nomination will be assessed accordingly.

#### *Aim of the training*

The program is designed to introduce white-water rescue skills, knowledge and industry techniques to surf lifesavers. The program has been previously delivered to and suits a varying range of candidates from outdoor professionals such as guides and instructors, to anyone who comes into contact with a moving water environment. SLST will be partnering with Rescue 3 International to provide this training. The 3 days are pretty full. You will be pushed to the limits and will be very tired by the end of it. You'll be required to manage yourself carefully and be ready to get wet and cold! We will be mixing classroom theory with some dry land practice, as well as water-based activities as we apply the theory on the river. Dry suits, life jackets, helmets, boots and required personal protection equipment will be provided for candidates.

Bunk-style accommodation with hot shower is provided in your course fees. The cost of the camp includes food – breakfast, lunch and dinner. Please advise of any special dietary requirements when registering.

## **ADVANCED EMERGENCY CARE**

### **Advanced First Aid (HLTAID007) or Wilderness First Aid (HLTAID005) – More info coming soon!**

Taking on board the feedback we have received from members who have previously completed a development program with us and also scoping out our 'beyond the flags' services SLST provide, SLST will be offering either an Advanced First Aid or Wilderness First Aid course during the winter months. In the meantime, please express your interest if this is something you would like more information about.