

Wye River Surf Life Saving Club Newsletter- December '20 Edition



[From the President's Desk](#)

The season that we all feared might not happen is well and truly up and running. Congrats to all of those who contributed to making this occur and continue to manage LSV, government, confusion, shifting sands and shifting goal posts!

Some key club points;

- Requals are continuing prior to patrols - please enrol.
- Keep an eye on the club calendar for additional accreditation opportunities
- QR code's are in place at the club and must be used - no exceptions.
- The Ramp to the beach is still very dodgy, we are doing our best to sort, please take care.
- Nippers kicks off on the 28th - complete with daily Nippers BBQ (COVID controlled of course) - bloody brilliant!
- Please arrange for your kids to swim some laps at the local pool for sign-off.
- All of sponsors and supporters have been amazing, thanks heaps!

A truly great season lies ahead for all of us down at Wye this year and I can't wait.

Have a great Christmas everyone, hug each and every one of those closest to you and drive safely.

Go well!
Marty

[From the Chief Instructors](#)

Hi all! It's nearly at the start of the season! We hope you're as excited as we are! Please read these important notes regarding training and assessment carefully.

SKILLS MAINTENANCE (REQUAL):

We've had 2 sessions, and we have 3 more to go. Before attending one, please make sure you are a financial member, and complete online modules for each award you are updating. This can be done through: https://mt.lsv.com.au/skill_maintenance/

Then please click step 02 - Book Practical and sign into a session you can make. This step is essential so we can limit sessions to 25 participants in accordance with LSV's COVID-19 policies. Future sessions are taking place on: - Saturday December 19th @ 11am - Saturday December 27th @ 1pm - Saturday January 2nd @11am If wishing to drive the ATV/SSV and/or the IRB, you must bring your Driver's License and Marine License.

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES (ART) & FIRST AID AWARDS:

Wye is running our Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) and First Aid awards on Saturday Dec 19th and Sunday Dec 20th respectively. These speciality awards will give you more prestige and responsibility to our patrols and we think they're a great fit for you to get up-skilled before the season! We encourage you to be involved in both (but if you can only make it to one that's fine!) Please let us know if you're keen, it would be a huge help to our patrol team to have a more qualified base that's better able to respond to situations we're faced with. They are great for emerging Patrol and Club leaders, and so the club and you would greatly benefit from you doing these when our member base is more skilled and qualified to handle emergencies. Both of these awards are also prerequisites for Silver and Gold Medallion Awards necessary for Patrol Captaincy and Paid Beach/Pool Lifeguard roles if you're interested in those pathways too.

Due to LSV requirements, both of these awards must be repeated every 3 years (in addition to re-qual), and this means that time may have crept up on some senior clubbies who will need to re-do the assessment to keep their award current. For all Lifesavers at all clubs, this is your responsibility as the Lifesaver to check on the SLSA Members' Portal - we can't chase up individual people as there's too many different people's schedules! If you're interested, or have any questions please let us know Enrolment links will be sent out to interested people.

BRONZE & SRC UPDATE:

We're also halfway through our Bronze & SRC online theory sessions. These will continue on Tuesday Dec 15th and Tuesday Dec 22nd. We appreciate your energy in continuing to make these successful and can't wait to start practical elements at Wye from Jan 4th! Continue to keep doing the weekly activities and reflection questions so we're ready to get into the good stuff straight away and it's not a cram! And finally, best wishes to all of our IRB DRIVER candidates undertaking their assessments this weekend! Thanks for bearing with us - there's a lot going on! If you have any questions about any of it, please let us know 😊 Thank you, Ethan Lawrence & Mia Allanson Co-Chief Instructors
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[Did someone say party?](#)

As is typical of this year, the social aspects of the club will look very different from the usual Flings, Trivia's and iPod shuffle nights we all enjoy. However, as the COVID situation becomes clearer, planning for events will be much easier.

So, over the coming weeks assessments will be made and organisation will begin, to tentatively outline a calendar of COVID-Safe social events.

In other words, have no fear, because we will be finding alternative ways to have a boogie, and keep the party rolling!

Cheers! 😊

[Merchandise Update!](#)

All Nippers will be getting new rashies and hats this year which will feature the logo of our new sponsor, Great Ocean Road Real Estate.

These will be bagged up and ready to be collected from the clubhouse between 5 and 6pm on the 27th December. If you need to collect outside of this time, please call Helen on 0438 385 230. If there is anything else from the merchandise catalogue that you'd like, please place an order via the club portal (see information below) and we can arrange for that to be collected at the same time.

We will have the merchandise shop open (with COVID compliant measures) during the Nippers Season from 10am till 11am. This will hopefully be enough time to get through the purchases. We have limited stock available at the clubhouse this year, and if you can wait for your purchase we strongly encourage you to order on line and have delivered through Fashion Club Warehouse. If you are able to help out at the shop, I'd love to hear from you. A separate email will come out with the links for FCW's on line shop shortly.

We are strongly encouraging pre-ordering and or pre-purchase of merchandise items this year so we can reduce the amount of time people spend standing in a (socially distanced!) line.

In order to pay for your merchandise online:

1. login here: https://members.sls.com.au/SLSA_Online/modules/login/index.php
2. Click on the \$ in the top right hand corner
3. Select Wye River SLSC in the dropdown menu then click the red pay online button and complete as follows

Transaction Type - select Merchandise

Payment details - your last name and merch

enter amount and select next then enter your card details

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