



# Fairhaven SLSC: Membership Policy

27<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Purpose

To provide information in relation to the club membership categories, eligibility, entitlements & obligations.

## Scope

This policy applies to all Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club (FSLSC) members.

## Policy

FSLSC has proudly provided a community service since 1957.

With over 1500 members covering a range of membership types including active (patrolling) and non-patrolling members – the club is thriving. FSLSC operates on funds raised by sponsorships, grants, donations and of course membership fees. The club relies on membership to continue to provide these lifesaving community services.

Your membership does not only cover insurance for the individual member (or members listed within a family) but also gives access to a range of club areas depending on the membership category.

This policy allows members to find out more about which membership category is suitable for their purpose and needs within the club.

## Member Protection

- a) The Club is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all members, and shall use its best endeavours to ensure a safe environment exists for all members participating in Club activities.
- b) The Club shall not condone any form of discrimination, harassment or abuse of, or by, members.
- c) All members shall abide by the relevant LSV and SLSC policies with respect to Member Protection and the Code of Conduct as determined from time to time.
- d) FSLSC acknowledges the LSV Member Protection - Working with Children Checks and as amended from time to time. <http://lsv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Working-with-Children-Check-Policy-HRM-PO-0102.pdf>
- e) Every Fairhaven Member 18 years or over must have a current WWCC card with Fairhaven SLSC named on their WWCC
- f) All members shall immediately report any suspected breaches of the club constitution or policies to the Club Committee. The Committee shall, in accordance with FSLSC policies and procedures, determine the most appropriate method of dealing with such reports

## Membership Categories

The Fairhaven SLSC membership categories include:

Active Members (Qualified to Patrol/Assist with Water Safety):

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| 1. Senior Active | 4. Award Member   |
| 2. Junior Active | 5. Reserve Active |
| 3. Cadet Active  | 6. Long Service   |

Members (Other) - Non-Patrolling Members

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| 7. Associate (General/Social) Members | 9. Life Members |
| 8. Junior Members                     |                 |



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1. **SENIOR ACTIVE** - aged not less than EIGHTEEN (18) years at 30th September of membership year, must hold the Award of the Surf Bronze Medallion of the SLSA. The award must be current (New or requalified). Active members are required to do a minimum of 16 hours of rostered patrol. The bronze medallion must be requalified (at a Skills Maintenance session) every 12 months.
2. **JUNIOR ACTIVE** – aged 15-17 years, and must be holders of the Surf Bronze Medallion (Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue). The award must be current (New or requalified). Active members are required to do a minimum of 16 hours of rostered patrol. The Bronze must be requalified (at a Skills Maintenance session) every 12 months).
3. **CADET ACTIVE** – aged 13-14 years and must be holders of the Surf Life Saving Certificates (SRC). The award must be current (New or requalified). The SRC must be requalified (at a Skills Maintenance session) every 12 months or until the holder has acquired the Bronze Medallion Award (which is also requalified annually).
4. **AWARD MEMBER** - aged 18 years and over, and being a holder of SLSA certificates or Certificates accepted by LSV. Certificates may include: Surf Rescue Certificate, Radio award/s, Resuscitation Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate or First Aid Certificate (or equivalent). This award may also include current bronze medallion holders who do not wish to be rostered on patrols but are able to help on occasion and/or with water safety. Award Members may be called upon to perform patrol and/or other club obligations within the ability of their qualifications from time to time.
5. **RESERVE ACTIVE** - may be appointed by the Committee from Active Members who have completed 7 or more years of satisfactory patrol service as Club Members. Reserve Active Members shall be required to perform Patrol duties as specified by LSV. Reserve Active members must hold the Surf Bronze Medallion (Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue) Award of SLSA. The award must be current (requalified). The bronze medallion must be requalified (at a Skills Maintenance session) every 12 months. The Qualifying period of all satisfactory service may be varied under special circumstances or for any special reasons deemed satisfactory by the Committee at its sole discretion in each case. Written applications for Reserve Service membership will be considered by the Committee for recommendation.
6. **LONG SERVICE** - may be appointed by the Committee from Active Members or Reserve Active Members and shall have completed 10 or more years of satisfactory service as Club members. Long Service Members shall be exempt from Patrol duties at the sole pleasure of the Committee. Long Service members must hold the Surf Bronze Medallion (Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue) Award of SLSA. The award must be current (requalified). The bronze medallion must be requalified (at a Skills Maintenance session) every 12 months. The Qualifying period of all satisfactory service may be varied under special circumstances or for any special reasons deemed satisfactory by the Committee at its sole discretion in each case. Written applications for Long Service membership will be considered by the Committee for recommendation.
7. **ASSOCIATE (GENERAL/SOCIAL)** - aged not less than EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS at 30th September of membership year.
8. **JUNIOR MEMBERS (Nippers)** – aged 5 (by 30 September leading into the season) to 12 years. The prime function of these members is to learn the “do’s and don’ts” of the water and to familiarise themselves with the workings of the surf lifesaving movement. Membership is within the family/general category. The member must be associated to one or two guardians via a family group and these guardians must be also current (paid) members for the season.
9. **LIFE MEMBERS** – may be appointed by the Committee from among such persons as shall have rendered distinguished and long services to the Club and its Members in accordance with the Life Member By-Law.

## Family Membership Group

A family membership fee option is available - This is restricted to TWO adult members, Active or Associate (Social/General) Members and their children aged between 5 and 17 years (by 30 September leading into the season). Anyone purchasing a family membership please note that this does not guarantee Nippers enrolment. You must enrol for Nippers during the Nippers Registration Month (October) using your membership receipt number showing appropriate fee payment. Family Membership does not include U14 SRC course fee



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## Restriction on Membership

In relation to membership restriction the following shall apply: -

- a) A suspended or expelled member of FSLSC shall not knowingly apply to join another Life Saving Club or Associate Member nor shall FSLSC knowingly admit, accept or retain in membership any past or present member of any other club who is indebted to in any way, or is currently suspended or expelled from any club.
- b) FSLSC shall immediately provide LSV with the names and addresses of members who have been expelled or had their membership suspended (for a minimum of 3 months) and such information, including the period of suspension shall be set out in a register provided for that purpose.
- c) Should a member of more than one Life Saving Club be suspended or expelled by any club they shall not be allowed to compete in FSLSC competition for any other club of which they are a member or in any other LSV or SLSA competition under FSLSC competition rights, while under suspension or expulsion.
- d) Any dispute/s shall be referred to Life Saving Victoria.

