

MEMO

TO	Active Members, inc Award, LS, Life Members
FROM	Management Committee
DATE	19 November 21
SUBJECT	RECOGNITION OF WATER SAFETY HOURS TOWARDS TOTAL LIFESAVING VOLUNTEER HOURS – NEW POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT, STARTS SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 21

SUMMARY

The Management Committee have been discussing a way to acknowledge and reward members who give up their valuable time to assist in and around the club including with Water Safety. This is primarily around Nipper Sundays, but also Club Endorsed training, Age Managing and some events. As a Club our primary focus is patrolling the beach, however, many of you go over and above to volunteer in other areas.

As a result, effective Saturday 4 December 21, the following applies for members assisting with Water Safety duties, allowing for your water safety hours to be calculated towards your **total Lifesaving Volunteering Hours**.

The new recognition applies to Members when performing the following volunteer duties:

- Age Managers - at Nipper Sundays
- Volunteer Coaches - at Club Endorsed Training Sessions
- Water Safety - at Nipper Sundays
- Water Safety - at Club Endorsed Training Sessions
- Water Safety- at Club approved Community Events (eg; 70.3, non-paid schools events)

POLICY A: NON-COMPETITION MEMBERS RECOGNITION

- 60 hours of “combined” volunteering hours achieved for the 2021/22 season; Will receive your next year’s membership for free (\$85).

These hours can now be calculated as Patrol Hours and/or Water Safety hours in any combination eg: 50 patrol hours + 10 water safety hours OR 30 patrol hours + 30 water safety hours.

POLICY B: COMPETITION MEMBERS REQUIRING 25 HOURS FOR COMPETITION RIGHTS

- 25 hours are still required for competition rights, but can be now be calculated as a combination of Patrol Hours and/or Water Safety Hours. 20 of these hours must still be achieved from Patrol Hours.

NEXT STEPS: REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MEMBERS INTENDING TO BE RECOGNISED FOR YOUR WATER SAFETY HOURS:

- Members must complete the Water Safety form on the Members Page of the Club’s website. This is a one-off requirement – to ensure your name is pre-registered as a Water Safety member for this season. *To be completed by COB on Thurs 2 December 21.* [LINK HERE TO MEMBERS PAGE OF MSLSC WEBSITE](#)
- QR Codes will be provided at relevant activities for members to scan and record their hours. **NO SCAN = NO RECORDED HOURS.** There will be no option for manual recorded of hours, or no ability to record hours after the fact.
- A member must hold a relevant award to perform Water Safety such as Surf Rescue Certificate or above.
- Hours will be captured by the Operations Office monthly, in the first week of each month.