

# LNC Board of Education

## Newsletter 1 – October 2009

### Proficiency – Numbers and Process

We are struggling to have sufficient nominations from accredited assessors for the nominated proficiencies. This branch initially nominated 2 proficiencies for each club; however the lack of assessor nominations shows that this is too many. Unless things radically change we are likely to only see 1 occur for each club. This is not an unusual situation where other branches are already in the position of running only one proficiency per club. If no further assessors nominate for this coming Saturday's (Forster) Sunday's (Pacific Palms) proficiency by 12pm Wednesday, to a point where we have 4 assessors, the proficiencies will need to be cancelled. Nominations can be phoned to me on (04)2724-1285.

The current nominations are:

Date	Club/Location	Assessors	Numbers
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Forster</b>	<b>Julie Fowler, Jim Wills</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Pacific Palms</b>	<b>Phil Spicer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Taree Old Bar</b>	<b>Laurie Joplin, Julie Fowler,</b>	<b>2</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Blackhead	Phil Spicer, Stuart Small, Noelene Young, John Wilson	4
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Cape Hawke	Judy Spicer, John Mansour (IRB), Brian Wilcox	3
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Crowdy Head</b>	<b>John Mansour, Brian Wilcox</b>	<b>2</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Pacific Palms	Judy Spicer, <i>Phil Spicer?</i> , Noelene Young, Kerrie Simmons	3+1
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Taree Old Bar</b>	<b>Phil Spicer, Laurie Joplin</b>	<b>2</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Cape Hawke	Judy Spicer, Steve Bartley, <i>Phil Spicer?</i> , Julie Wilcox, Kerrie Simmons	4+1
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Forster	Julie Fowler, John Quinn, Cathy Quinn, Phil Whitaker	4
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Blackhead	Judy Spicer, <i>Noelene Young?</i> , John Wilson, Kerrie Simmons, Annette Sanders	4+1
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Crowdy Head</b>	<b>Phil Spicer, Judy Spicer?</b> ,	<b>1+1</b>

We will be conducting a defibrillation awareness upgrade for bronze medallion award holders who do not have the defibrillation award. This will be conducted during the proficiency.

The Club Education Officer will be running/coordinating the proficiency. They also will be arranging food and drinks for assessors helping on the day. It would be appreciated if you could arrive a little early on the day to be briefed by the Club Education Officer. Any other questions before hand please contact me.

No club assessments will be undertaken until after the completion of the proficiency program to enable assessors to focus on assisting with the proficiencies.

## **New Bronze Award – 33<sup>rd</sup> Edition Manual**

We have a new manual that is to be utilised for all Bronze and SRC awards that are currently under way and this will see a new assessment process undertaken. I will be arranging for a key team of assessors to conduct the first assessment, these assessors will then be head assessors for the following assessments to allow the dissemination of the new processes to the remainder of the assessors.

### ***Review Sheets – Provided by SLSA***

You will note that there are only 7 available at this time with more apparently to come in the near future. For now you will see that they have put them in the "Admin & Resources" area of the SLSA website; however it is expected that they be moved to the secure resource area, as this is where the membership expect to find all the resources. Here is the link to make it easier for you:

[http://www.slsa.com.au/default.aspx?s=\\_adminresources&id=820](http://www.slsa.com.au/default.aspx?s=_adminresources&id=820)

If you do not have access to the secure resource area of the website please contact your club education officer.

It should be noted these sheets are "Review Sheets" that are not compulsory and are just a tool to assist in gauging the candidate's knowledge. They replace the old Blue Book.

## **ARTC Induction & Course**

Please see Circular number 3141 from SLS NSW (dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009) regarding what the transitional arrangements in regards to the old ARC and defibrillation awards to the new ARTC award will be. The ARTC award will replace the defibrillation and ARC awards and the core components of the new award are:

- Oxygen airbag,
- Oropharyngeal (OP) Airway,
- Defibrillation, and
- Use of suction.

This season is the last season that proficiencies will be run for the ARC and defibrillation awards; and after the induction it is expected that no more ARC and defibrillation awards will be run.

SLS NSW is running the inductions into this new award across the State for our trainers/assessors/facilitators and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm at Blackhead SLSC has been booked for our induction.

RSVP by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7pm, RSVP is needed for provision of resources, every person attending will be provided with a hard copy of the resources as well as a disk. Non RSVP will see you miss out on the resources on the night.

If you are unable to attend the induction you will need to be mentored successfully once by an accredited trainer as a trainer to receive your ARTC Trainer award, and similar for assessors and the ARTC assessor award.

To assist in the training of the ARTC course SLS NSW has purchased Three Res-Q-Vac suction units for each Branch.

## **TAF Inductions**

Two TAF inductions have been conducted to date and two more will be conducted. These are programmed for 8am Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> at Blackhead SLSC and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30pm at Blackhead SLSC.

## **SRC Learners & Assessment Guide**

The guide was made available on the State website in early September.

## **Participants Joining Instructions**

During a recent audit conducted by SLS NSW it was determined that the current Participant Joining Instructions letter/poster could be improved upon by including reference to support services. By including these updates in the joining instructions we can better communicate to learners that support services are available if they have any special learning needs or require additional assistance.

These updates have been included on the SLSNSW website under Academy/Resources and on the [Academy Alerts](#) page.