



# FAIRHAVEN SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

## BY LAWS

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### By Law 3.1 – Membership

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#### 3.1.1 Authority

This By Law is made in accordance with section 11 & 12 of the Fairhaven SLSC Constitution. It is subject to and should be interpreted in accordance with the Fairhaven SLSC Constitution. If there is any inconsistency between this By Law and the Fairhaven SLSC Constitution, the Fairhaven SLSC Constitution prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

#### 3.1.2 Purpose

This By Law provides information in relation to the club membership categories, eligibility, entitlements & obligations. This By Law allows members to identify which membership category is suitable for their purpose and needs within the club.

#### 3.1.3 Scope

This By Law applies to all Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club members.

#### 3.1.4 Background

Fairhaven SLSC and its members have proudly provided a community service since 1957. Fairhaven SLSC operates on funds raised by sponsorships, grants, donations and membership fees. The club relies on membership to continue to provide these lifesaving community services. Membership does not only cover insurance for the individual member but also gives access to a range of club areas depending on the membership category.

#### 3.1.5 Admittance

**Acceptance or Rejection** of any membership request is at the Committee's discretion, refer to Fairhaven SLSC constitution clauses 25 and 26

#### 3.1.6 Membership Categories

The club membership categories are:

- Honorary Service (Life Member)
- Reserve Active
- Long Service
- Senior
- General
- Student
- Junior
- Nipper



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#### Honorary Service (Life Member)

Life Members are appointed by the Committee from such persons as shall have rendered distinguished and long service to the Club and its members. *Refer Life By Law 3.2 Life Membership.*

<b>Current WWCC Required:</b>	✓ Yes for members aged 18+
<b>Patrol/Competition/Water Safety:</b>	✓ Able – with current Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue certificate or First Aid Certificate.
<b>Club Facility Access:</b>	✓ All Areas and Equipment including Gym

#### Long Service and Reserve Active

Long Service and Reserve Active membership may be appointed by the Committee from Senior Members who have completed a requisite number of satisfactory patrol service as Club Members. The Qualifying period is 7 years for Reserve Active and 10 years for Long Service. The periods of 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. Reserve Active Members shall be required to perform Patrol duties as specified by LSV. Long Service Members shall be exempt from Patrol duties at the sole pleasure of the Committee.

<b>Current WWCC Required:</b>	✓ Yes
<b>Patrol/Competition/Water Safety:</b>	✓ Able – with current Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue certificate or First Aid Certificate.
<b>Club Facility Access:</b>	✓ All Areas and Equipment including Gym

#### Senior

Senior Members must be aged not less than 18 years at the club's annual registration date. Senior members must maintain current lifesaving award(s) or current SLSA/LSV accredited awards and are expected to contribute to patrols, watersafety, lifesaving operations activities, delivery of training and nipper program or any other club service as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the committee.

<b>Current WWCC Required:</b>	✓ Yes
<b>Patrol/Competition/Water Safety:</b>	✓ Able – with current Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue certificate or First Aid Certificate.
<b>Club Facility Access:</b>	✓ All Areas and Equipment including Gym

#### General

General members must be aged not less than 18 years at the club's annual registration date.

<b>Current WWCC Required:</b>	✓ Yes
<b>Patrol/Competition/Water Safety:</b>	✗ Not able
<b>Club Facility Access:</b>	✓ Access to Bar, Bistro and Gym ✗ No access to operational areas or equipment

#### Student

Student Members are those studying full time and may be aged between 15 and 21 years at the club's annual registration date.

<b>Current WWCC Required:</b>	✓ Yes, for members aged 18+
<b>Patrol/Competition/Water Safety:</b>	✓ Only able with current Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue Certificate or First Aid Certificate
<b>Club Facility Access:</b>	✓ Access to Bar, Bistro and Gym ✓/✗ Access to operational areas or equipment with current lifesaving awards only ✓/✗ Access to gym for students aged 16+ years only or with adult supervision as per Gym Access Policy



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#### Junior

Junior Members are those studying full time and may be aged between 13 and 14 years at the club's annual registration date.

<b>Current WWCC Required:</b>	No
<b>Patrol/Competition/Water Safety:</b>	✓ Only able with current Surf Rescue Certificate
<b>Club Facility Access:</b>	✓ Access to Clubhouse, Bar and Bistro ✓/✗ Access to operational areas or equipment with current lifesaving awards only ✗ No access to Gym as per Gym Access Policy

#### Nipper

Nipper Members must be aged 5 to 13 years at the club's annual registration date and will be able to attend and participate in the Nipper program. Nipper Members must have a least one parent/guardian join as a current member.

<b>Current WWCC Required:</b>	No
<b>Patrol/Competition/Water Safety:</b>	✗ Not able to patrol/provide water safety    ✓ Able to compete
<b>Club Facility Access:</b>	✓ Access to Clubhouse and Nipper Equipment ✗ No access to operational areas, equipment or gym

#### 3.1.7 Member Protection & Expectations

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.

The Club shall not condone any form of discrimination, harassment or abuse of, or by, members.

All members shall abide by the relevant club, LSV and SLSC policies with respect to Member Protection and the Code of Conduct as determined from time to time.

FSLSC acknowledges the LSV Member Protection - Working with Children Checks Policy and as amended from time to time.

Every Fairhaven Member 18 years or over must have a current WWCC card with Fairhaven SLSC named on their WWCC.

All members shall immediately report any suspected breaches of the club constitution or policies to the Club Committee. The Committee shall, in accordance with Fairhaven SLSC policies and procedures, determine the most appropriate method of dealing with such reports.

#### 3.1.8 Restriction on Membership

In relation to membership restriction the following shall apply:

- i. A suspended or expelled member of Fairhaven SLSC shall not knowingly apply to join another Life Saving Club nor shall Fairhaven SLSC 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.
- ii. Fairhaven SLSC 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



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information, including the period of suspension shall be set out in a register provided for that purpose.

- iii. 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 Fairhaven SLSC 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.
- iv. Any dispute/s shall be referred to Life Saving Victoria.

### 3.1.9 Membership Entitlements & Obligations Summary Table

	Honorary Service (Life Member)	Reserve Active	Long Service	Senior	General	Student	Junior	Nipper
<b>General Entitlements &amp; Obligations</b>								
WWCC Required	●	●	●	●	●	● (18+)		
<b>Access Entitlements</b>								
Clubhouse, Bar & Bistro Access	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lower Ground Operations Area Access	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Gym (16 years +) Access	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Bunkhouse Facilities Access	●	●	●	●		●		
<b>Lifesaving Entitlements &amp; Obligations</b>								
Patrol (including FALCON)	●	●	●	●		●	●	
Water safety	●	●	●	●		●	●	
<b>Training Entitlements &amp; Obligations</b>								
Training Program Access	●	●	●	●		●	●	
Training Camps	●	●	●	●		●	●	
<b>Sports Entitlements &amp; Obligations</b>								
Competition Rights & Carnival Entry	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Sports Training Sessions	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
<b>M&amp;LD Entitlements &amp; Obligations</b>								
Youth & Leadership Programs				●		●	●	
Nipper Program								●



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### 3.1.10 By Law Approval

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**By Law Approved at:** September 2022 Committee Meeting

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**Minutes Extract:** Motion

*That the committee approve and adopt the tabled **By Law 3.1 – Membership**, subject to agreed amendments:*

- *Senior Membership Category to be expanded beyond the proposed criteria to include members:*
  - *holding any SLISA/LSV accredited award, or*
  - *whose current club service is deemed appropriate at the discretion of the committee.*

**Moved**  
Alex Buckley

**Seconded**  
Tanya Singleton

The committee voted on the motion. The ayes have it with one abstain.

CARRIED

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**Due for Revision:** June 2024

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**Version:** 22.0 – By Law updated with new membership categories and format

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