



# Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular





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## NEW APPROVED LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT



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**Summary**  
 This circular lists the lifesaving equipment that has recently been endorsed by the National Board of Lifesaving.

Following the National Board of Lifesaving meeting held in July 2009, the equipment listed below has been approved for use by all lifesaving clubs and services.

Equipment Name:	Photo	Description
Sea Doo GTI SE 155 RWC		A 4 stroke sit down jet-ski, the Sea Doo is a leader in its field and a popular choice for other leading commercial rescue operators. Distributed by BRP; SLSA's preferred powercraft supplier.  NB: Only services approved by their respective state/territory centres may purchase this equipment
Yamaha FX HO RWC		The Yamaha FX HO supersedes the Yamaha F160. A 4-stroke, 4-cylinder model it has a 1.8L high output engine.  NB: Only services approved by their respective state/territory centres may purchase this equipment
Honda F-15X RWC		The AquaTrax® F-15X features a turbocharged 1470cc engine plus an all-new hull that delivers an improved ride, better feel on the water and more splash protection than previous models.  NB: Only services approved by their respective state/territory centres may purchase this equipment
Polaris 4x4 and 6x6 Ranger		The Polaris 4x4 and 6x6 Ranger boasts easy steering, great comfort, power and traction.



<p>Ferno MVP Manual Vacuum Unit</p>		<p>The Ferno Manual Vacuum Pump (MVP) is a robust, light, portable high vacuum with a manual vacuum pump used for the clearing of airway obstructions.</p> <p><b>NB:</b> Please refer to circular 19/09-10 'Transition to Advanced Resuscitation Techniques' for more information about the introduction of manual suction to lifesaving.</p>
<p>Res-Q-Vac Manual suction Pump</p>		<p>Easy to operate with the squeeze of a trigger, the Res-Q-Vac offers a compact, safe and effective suction system.</p> <p><b>NB:</b> Please refer to circular 19/09-10 'Transition to Advanced Resuscitation Techniques' for more information about the introduction of manual suction to lifesaving.</p>

Please note that the above equipment has been endorsed for lifesaving purposes only.

Supplier contact details for the above equipment can be found on the 'Approved Gear and Equipment List', located on the SLSA website; Admin and Resources – Gear and Equipment.

About the equipment trial process:

Lifesaving gear and equipment is one of the most important aspects in a successful surf rescue. For this reason, Surf Life Saving Australia undertakes extensive evaluation and trials of all equipment to ensure that lifeguards and lifesavers have access to equipment of the highest and safest standard.

The Gear and Equipment Committee is the national body responsible for the evaluation, trial and testing of rescue equipment that it used on our beaches. The committee is made up of a representative from each state/territory and each member has technical or product knowledge that enables a thorough evaluation to take place.

Following a successful trial and endorsement by the Gear and Equipment Committee, a report is prepared and presented to the National Board of Lifesaving for consideration. The National Board of Lifesaving, comprised of state and territory directors of lifesaving, make the final decision about the approval of equipment.

The 'Approved Gear and Equipment List' distributed by SLSA lists all equipment that is endorsed by the National Board of Lifesaving and meets our strict standards of quality and safety. Gear and equipment purchased by clubs and services **must** be from this approved list.

The equipment list complete with supplier contact details can be found on the 'Approved Gear and Equipment List', located on the SLSA website; Admin and Resources – Gear and Equipment.

Clubs and services should not participate in any equipment trial without permission from a state/territory gear and equipment representative. Failure to do so may leave services and individuals open to litigation or no medical cover if injury occurs.

For any further queries, please contact your state/territory centre.