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Summary:	This circular outlines all SLSQ Service Awards and major SLSQ Recognition Awards for the 2024/2025 season including: Award Categories, Selection Criteria and Application Processes. Major SLSQ Recognition Awards will be recognised at the 2025 Awards of Excellence Dinner in August 2025.
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Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is pleased to present the recognition awards for this season, aimed at recognising and rewarding members for their valued contribution throughout the 2024/25 season. **Please note this circular contains the nomination procedure for both Service Awards and Surf Life Saving Queensland major recognition awards. All Branch award nominations are to be submitted using the relevant Branch nomination form located on the SLSQ website.** As we rely heavily upon the efforts and enthusiasm displayed by all of our members, we encourage all Clubs and services to take this opportunity to celebrate the outstanding efforts that our members demonstrate - a nomination in itself will see their efforts appreciated!

[Section 1 - General Conditions](#) Outlines relevant notes, guidelines for submission and the selection process of awards.

[Section 2 - Recognition Award Matrix](#) outlines a full list of SLSA and SLSQ Awards, descriptions, links to Award criteria and the new and improved nomination process. Please note: the SLSQ Website will be updated in the coming weeks to reflect the 2024/25 awards process.

[Section 3 – Nomination Process for 2024/2025](#)

All interviews will be conducted virtually on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025. A breakdown of the times that these interviews will take place will be circulated to successful nominees (finalists).

**NOMINATION CLOSING DATES**

It is important that clubs take note of the closing dates for each of the awards and ensure that they give themselves plenty of time to complete the nomination process and provide the necessary endorsements.

The closing dates for the **major recognition awards** at each Branch are listed below:

Branch	Closing Date
North Queensland	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 (5:00pm)
North Barrier	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Wide Bay Capricorn	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Sunshine Coast	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
South Coast	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 (5:00pm)
Point Danger	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 (midday 12pm)

**Surf Life Saving Queensland nominations will close:**

**Service Awards** – 8:00am Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Major Recognition Awards** – 8:00am Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 (these are for Branch Submissions – clubs must adhere to the above dates for submission to the Branches)

\*\*Please note - due to the extensive requirements relating to the checking, processing and printing of the service awards, there will be NO allowance for late submissions.

The major SLSQ Recognition Awards will be presented at the 2025 Awards of Excellence Dinner on Saturday 23rd August 2025 at The Star Brisbane. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the achievements of the 2024/2025 season. Should you have any further queries regarding any of the awards please do not hesitate to contact SLSQ Membership Development Officer, Sarah Fettell, on 0417 323 357 or [sfettell@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:sfettell@lifesaving.com.au)

## Section 1 – General Conditions

### General notes

- All nominees must be SLSA financial members (or affiliated organisations). Nominations should focus on activities during the 2024/25 Surf Life Saving season, from 1st July 2024 – 30th June 2025.
- Where ages are specified, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2024/25 season.
- Winners may be called upon to act as ambassadors of Surf Life Saving, both within the organisation and to external audiences.
- Paid employees at any level may nominate for the awards listed. However, paid service will only be counted if nominating for the Lifeguard of the Year and Coach of the Year award. Unless otherwise specified, these awards are in recognition of individual achievements, team submissions will not be considered. Employees eligibility for awards will be subject to approval of the CEO.
- SLSQ will accept one nominee for each award from each Branch.
- If you require further support, enquiries should be directed to Membership Development Officer, Sarah Fettell, on 0417 323 357 or [sfettell@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:sfettell@lifesaving.com.au)

### Guidelines for submission

- Clubs are to submit completed online nomination forms by their Branch closing date as specified in this circular. All Branch award nominations are to be submitted using the relevant Branch nomination form located on the SLSQ Website.
- Nominations will not be accepted via email or post.
- All Branches must follow the nomination process for the relevant award.
- Nominations are to include a high quality digital profile image of the nominee (for individual awards) or logo (for 'Club of the Year' and 'Community Education Program of the Year') via the online nomination form. **Please ensure all nominee photographs are from the shoulders up and of a high-resolution quality. Please wear a club shirt or patrol uniform, no 'selfies'.**
- SLSQ winners will be submitted online to SLSA as finalists for consideration for national awards. Please refer to recognition award matrix outlining whether it is an SLSA Award.

### Selection Process

- Finalists for the 'U14, U18, Youth and Surf Lifesaver of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Club of the Year' and 'Andy Frizzell OAM OBE Award for Services to Junior Activities' will be required to participate in an interview by electronic means, with presentation (Club of the Year only); details of which will be available following the close of nominations, all will be conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025. The selection panel will determine a winner from both a review of the application and the interview (and presentation where applicable).
- All finalists for national awards will go through a selection panel which will involve a review of applications.

## Section 2 - Recognition Award Matrix

Award Name	SLSQ Award	SLSA Award	Interview	Award Description	Nomination Process
<b>Membership Development</b>					
U14 Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Yes	No	Yes	The nominee should be able to demonstrate their involvement and achievements in a number of areas including lifesaving activities, surf sports, attendance and participation in training, extra-curricular activities, and leadership roles. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have strong leadership qualities, an overall positive attitude and that they are capable of being a role model for the state's junior activity members and an ambassador for the organisation.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
U18 Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Yes	No	Yes	The nominee should be able to demonstrate their involvement and achievements in a number of areas including lifesaving activities, surf sports, attendance and participation in training, extra-curricular activities, and leadership roles. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have strong leadership qualities, an overall positive attitude and that they are capable of being a role model for the state's youth members and an ambassador for the organisation.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Yes	Yes	Yes	An active patrolling member (between the ages of 15-21, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2024/25 season) who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have strong leadership qualities, an overall positive attitude and that they are capable of being a role model for the state's youth members and an ambassador for the organization.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Clive Hammond OAM Medal	Yes	No	No	The Clive Hammond Medal recognises individuals who have made an outstanding and special contribution to the development and/or well-being of his/her Club or Branch.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Andy Frizzell OAM, OBE Award	Yes	No	Yes	This award is designed to recognize a member who has provided outstanding service and commitment to Junior Activities throughout the season. The nominee should demonstrate their involvement in Junior Activities specifically and clearly demonstrate their efforts as being above and beyond the expectations of a normal member.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Volunteer of the Year	Yes	Yes	Yes	This award recognises a member who has made significant voluntary contributions to any one area, or multiple facets of lifesaving. The demonstrated achievements may be in a range of areas in a club or surf life saving service organisation, or someone who has shown outstanding service to the organisation at large.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
<b>SLSA Circular Referral Below: *</b>					
<b>Club, Community &amp; Innovation</b>					
Club of the Year	Yes	Yes	Yes	This award recognises an outstanding club that is committed to improving the experience of its members, providing a safer environment for the community, and improving club operations. SLSQ acknowledges that clubs achieve many outstanding achievements through their members during each season, and that many of these initiatives are inspirational and beyond our core business.	<a href="#">Club of the Year</a>
Junior and Youth Development Club of the Year	Yes	No	No	This award is designed to recognize the Club that is most pro-active in delivering and supporting programs to engage with juniors (nippers) and youth from green caps to 18-year old at all levels of the organisation (club, branch, state and national). To be successful, nominees must address the selection criteria by giving examples of achievements, policies, and activities that demonstrate how the Club supports and delivers programs that engage juniors and youth within all levels of the organisation (Club, Branch, State and National).	<a href="#">Junior and Youth Development Club of the Year</a>

Award Name	SLSQ Award	SLSA Award	Interview	Award Description	Nomination Process
Community Education Program of the Year	Yes	Yes	No	A non-commercial activity or program that is targeted to non-members who are an identified at-risk group within the community. The purpose should contribute significantly to the organisation's mission of saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Innovation Award	Yes	Yes	No	This award is given to a well-researched concept, piece of equipment, program or event which is/has been implemented to improve any facet of Surf Life Saving.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
<b>SLSA Circular Referral Below: ****</b>					
<b>Lifesaving Services</b>					
Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Yes	Yes	Yes	An active patrolling member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf life saving frontline services. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have strong leadership qualities, an overall positive attitude and that they are capable of being a role model for the State's members and an ambassador for the organisation.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Lifeguard of the Year	Yes	Yes	No	This award recognises an Australian Lifeguard Service Lifeguard who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of lifeguard services	As appointed by the Australian Lifeguard Service
Trainer of the Year	Yes	Yes	No	This award recognises an endorsed Trainer who is passionate about building the skills of others, consistently delivers a positive learning experience, and who encourages other members to engage in the delivery of training.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Assessor of the Year	Yes	Yes	No	This award recognises an endorsed Assessor who is passionate about building the skills of others, consistently delivers a positive and supportive assessment experience, and who encourages other members to engage in training or assessment.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Lifesaving Excellence Awards	Yes	No	No	Lifesaving Excellence Awards reward Clubs/Branches, groups of members, individuals, members of the community and external organisation for particular excellence within the Surf Life Saving movement. They are designed to encourage and recognise people or a group of people who through their efforts have assisted SLSQ to save lives or improve systems and methods to assist SLSQ in saving lives.	
Operations Support Person of the Year	Yes	No	No	This award is designed to recognise our Operational Support Service members, who have not only demonstrated outstanding commitment through their service, but leadership within their chosen operational field. The nominee must be able to demonstrate they have improved and progressed their chosen service in a number of ways including but not limited to, participation in developing training resources, instrumental in the development of standard operating procedures and identifying, mentoring and developing future operational support services personnel. Nominees must also be able to demonstrate they have completed patrols regularly to a high standard, assisted in call outs where possible and demonstrate all the SLSQ values. The nominee must clearly demonstrate that they possess strong leadership qualities, a well-rounded lifesaving knowledge and a positive attitude towards change and improvement of this service for future members and be seen as an ambassador for the organisation at large.	As appointed by the SLSQ Operations Support Panel

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Brisbane Lifesaving Service Member of the Year	Yes	No	No	The Brisbane Lifesaving Service member of year is a dedicated member who has assisted with patrolling, special events and water safety through the season. The BLS member of the year award aims at acknowledging someone who is an active patrolling member, someone who takes initiative to ask where they can help & has shown their priorities are community focused. They take a proactive role within the service and are always willing to assist and help. The nominee must be able to demonstrate strong leadership skills, confidence in building relationships with their peers & enthusiasm to all aspects of the broader organisation.	As appointed by the SLSQ Lifesaving Services Committee.
<b>SLSQ Honours</b>					
Significant Service Award (President's Medal)	Yes	No	No	Surf Life Saving Queensland's (SLSQ) President's Medal is awarded to members or club/group who have rendered significant and outstanding service. The significant nature of service is a key feature. It requires clear evidence of the impact of the service beyond longevity. This is awarded at the discretion of the President.	
SLSQ Life Member	Yes	No	No	Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed on a member who is considered to have rendered special service to Surf Life Saving Queensland. This award is presented by the State Council subject to the current SLSQ Regulations and Constitution (e.g. "SLSQ Constitution Clause 13c of the SLSQ Constitution and Clause 3.7 of the SLSQ Regulations").	
<b>Surf Sports</b>					
Junior Athlete of the Year	Yes	No	No	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward junior athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within Surf Life Saving. Junior athletes are categorized as those 11-14 years.	<a href="#">Athlete Awards</a>
Youth Athlete of the Year	Yes	Yes	No	An athlete aged between 15-18 (this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2024/25 season) who has achieved sporting excellence in Youth and/or Open Aged Competition.  <b>SLSA Circular Referral Below: **</b>	<a href="#">Athlete Awards</a>
Athlete of the Year	Yes	Yes	No	An athlete aged 15 or older who has achieved sporting excellence in Open Aged Competition.  <b>SLSA Circular Referral Below: **</b>	<a href="#">Athlete Awards</a>
Masters Athlete of the Year	Yes	No	No	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward master athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within Surf Life Saving. Masters athletes are categorized as 30 years and over.	<a href="#">Athlete Awards</a>
Sports Team of the Year	Yes	Yes	No	The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward teams who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within Surf Life Saving.  <b>SLSA Circular Referral Below: ***</b>	<a href="#">Sports Team of the Year</a>
Official of the Year	Yes	Yes	No	This award recognises and rewards an accredited surf sports official who has made a significant contribution to both officiating at a state, national and/or international level, and to the educational development of other officials in SLS.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>

Award Name	SLSQ Award	SLSA Award	Interview	Award Description	Nomination Process
Professional Coach of the Year*	Yes	Yes*	No	An accredited coach who has made a significant contribution to athlete performance at a state, national and/or international level, to the development of athletes in SLS activities outside of surf sports, and to the educational development of other coaches in SLS. This award recognises paid coaches.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Volunteer Coach of the Year*	Yes	Yes*	No	An accredited coach who has made a significant contribution to athlete performance at a state, national and/or international level, to the development of athletes in SLS activities outside of surf sports, and to the educational development of other coaches in SLS. This award recognises unpaid coaches.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Sports Team Manager of the Year	Yes	No	No	The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward members who have held the position of Team Manager during the season and have demonstrated their ability in ensuring the successful management of their team and in particular the welfare of the athletes in their care.	<a href="#">Section 3 – Nomination Process</a>
Presidents Cup	Yes	No	No	The “Presidents Cup” be awarded on an annual basis to the Club which scores the highest points from the State Championship event/s.	

\*The Meritorious Awards Selection Panel for Professional Coach of the Year and Volunteer Coach of the Year will review both awards to select the Finalist who will represent SLSQ as the Coach of the Year at the SLSA Awards of Excellence.

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<b>National Long Service Certificates</b>						
Coaching Service Certificate	Yes	No	Club/Branch	SLSA has established service certificates, which are available to members of affiliated Clubs in recognition of their long service as Coaches.	12 May 2025	Via Surfguard
Officiating Service Certificate	Yes	No	Club/Branch	SLSA has established service certificates, which are available to members of affiliated Clubs in recognition of their long service as Officials.	12 May 2025	Via Surfguard
Assessing Service Certificate	Yes	No	Club/Branch	SLSA has established service certificates, which are available to members of affiliated Clubs in recognition of their long service as Assessors.	12 May 2025	Via Surfguard
Training Service Certificate	Yes	No	Club/Branch	SLSA has established Service Certificates, which are available to members of affiliated clubs in recognition of their long service as Trainers.	12 May 2025	Via Surfguard
Facilitating Service Certificate	Yes	No	Club/Branch	SLSA has established Service Certificates, which are available to members of affiliated clubs in recognition of their long service as Facilitators.	12 May 2025	Via Surfguard
Age Managers Service Certificate	Yes	No	Club/Branch	SLSA has established service certificates, which are available to members of affiliated Clubs in recognition of their long service as Age Managers.	12 May 2025	Via Surfguard
<b>Service Awards</b>						
Frontline Leadership Service Awards	Yes	No	Club/Branch	This award recognises the efforts of those leaders who dedicate their time off (and on) the beach. The Frontline Leadership Awards provide an opportunity to Clubs/Branches to recognise those people who contribute through leadership and put in the time to help Clubs function effectively through service on a Club or Branch Committee.	12 May 2025	<a href="#">Application form</a>



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Lifesaving Service Awards	Yes	No	Club/Branch	These awards recognize the efforts of our surf lifesavers on the beach. Clubs/Branches are to identify members who have achieved outstanding service.	12 May 2025	<a href="#">Application form</a>
Administration Service Awards	Yes	No	Club/Branch	Administration Service Awards recognize the efforts of the paid Surf Life Saving Club/Branch administrators who contribute time and effort to the running of Club/Branch duties.	12 May 2025	<a href="#">Application form</a>
National Long Service Award	No	Yes	Club	These awards are designed to recognize those members for their sustained membership of Surf Life Saving.	Ongoing	<a href="#">National Long Service Award</a>
National Patrol Service Award	No	Yes	Club	SLSA has established these awards which are available to members of affiliated Clubs in recognition of their long service to lifesaving patrols.	Ongoing	<a href="#">National Patrol Service Award</a>
SLSA Honours (Life Membership)	No	Yes	National	To be considered for Life Membership of SLSA, members must have rendered distinguished voluntary service to SLSA that is both sustained and a conspicuous contribution. The distinguished nature of this service is a key feature and needs to evidence both sustained service and conspicuous contribution to SLSA by identifying the nominee's contribution towards the development of Surf Lifesaving in Australia.	Ongoing	
Significant Service Award (President's Medal)	No	Yes	National	Surf Life Saving Australia's (SLSA) President's Medal is awarded to members or club/group who have rendered significant and outstanding service. The significant nature of service is a key feature. It requires clear evidence of the impact of the service beyond longevity.	Ongoing	
Rescue of the Month	No	Yes	National	<a href="#">SLSQ App - National Rescue of the Month</a>	Ongoing	
Meritorious Award	No	Yes	National	Meritorious Awards are awarded to affiliated clubs and/or their members and/or the public for outstanding deeds of bravery performed during lifesaving operations of SLSA (during and outside of designated patrol hours).	Ongoing	
National Medal	No	Yes	Club	The National Medal was established by the Commonwealth Government of Australia in 1975 as one of the original elements of the distinctive Australian system of honours and awards. The medal recognises long service in organisation's that protect life and property at some risk to their members. The National Medal is available to Surf Life Saving Australia volunteers and employees who have eligible and proficient service with a minimum of 30 hours each year for a minimum period of 15 years.	25 March & 23 August each year	<a href="#">National Medal</a>
The Order of Surf Life Saving	No	Yes	National	An award in the Order of Surf Life Saving is available to individuals or corporations in recognition of their contributions as benefactors.	Ongoing	
Certificate of Appreciation	No	Yes	Club	This certificate recognizes outstanding service or support that is beyond that which is to be expected of a member, non-member, company or group.	Ongoing	
SLSA Hall of Fame	No	Yes	National	The SLSA Hall of Fame is an integral part of recognising the achievements and efforts of members in the SLS movement. The Hall of Fame permanently displays, commemorates and recognises members and teams who have achieved outstanding accomplishments and exceptional contributions to the development of SLS in Australia.	Ongoing	

Award Name	SLSQ Award	SLSA Award	Presented By	Award Description	Closing Dates	Nomination Process
International Life Saving Citation	No	Yes	State	<p>According to International Life Saving (ILS) the minimum criteria for the ILS Citation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any person who has contributed to the furtherance of lifesaving and the goals of ILS in a manner of enduring, global importance</li> <li>• As a member nation, SLSA has the responsibility of nominating and issuing ILS citations to its individual members. In order to ensure that the members who deserve these awards are being appropriately recognized, SLSA has developed the following criteria and nomination timeline.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	
<p><b><u>CRITERIA REFERRAL AS PER 2025 SLSA CIRCULAR (Circular 48/2024-2025)</u></b></p> <p>*Applications that focus on significant achievements in one particular area may not be considered if this area is also covered by other awards (e.g. Lifesaver, Coach, Official, Trainer and Assessor of the Year</p> <p>**A youth aged competitor (i.e. aged 15 to 18 years as at 30 September in a season) may be nominated for both the Athlete of the Year and Youth Athlete of the Year. However, only results achieved in Open Age Events and Open Age Team representation are considered for Athlete of the Year Award.</p> <p>*** The 37th edition of Surf Sport Manual defines a team as an event that is contested by more than one competitor from the same club or lifesaving unit who may either complete an event or race together as a discrete unit (e.g., boat race, IRB race, surf teams, R&amp;R, double surf ski team etc.) or separately (e.g., relay events, board rescue etc.).</p> <p>**** The innovation may have been developed in conjunction with an external body/sponsor but must be owned by a member or group of members of an affiliated SLS club.</p>						



## Section 3 – Nomination Process

Below we have listed the questions that are required to be answered as part of the nomination process and any required attachments. This is to ensure that you are best prepared to complete the nomination before opening the link. Please note that each response has a word limit of 400 max. Each individual award category requires a photo of the nominee to be submitted.

**Saving forms:** For a 'How to Guide' on Saving your online nomination form, [Click here](#) or download the SLSQ Website. A template document listing the questions asked for each award can be found on the SLSQ App.

### Membership Development, Club, Community & Innovation, Lifesaving Services & Surf Sports

1. Tell us about the member/individual or program/innovation being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the member, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold?
- Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
- Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
- Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
- Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
- Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

When showcasing the achievements of member, programs or innovations, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- What was the motivation or research which drove the program/innovation?
- What were the aims and objectives?
- What did it look like (location, duration, resources required etc.)?
- How was it evaluated to ensure it achieved its aims and objectives?
- Were there any challenges which needed to be overcome to achieve success?
- You may wish to attach photographs, include links to any promotional material created or media coverage received.

**NOTE:** Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year must be between the ages of 15-21, this refers to the members age as at 30 September 2023.

**Attachments:** Lifesaving Awards – Surfguard report including Patrol Hours for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 (as applicable).

### Junior U14 Surf Lifesaver of the Year

1. What activities has the nominee been involved in within their club, where have they excelled, and how has their involvement been recognised?
2. What are the nominee's key achievements and successes that underpin their nomination for this award? Please highlight the nominee's lifesaving achievements and also include leadership roles outside the organisation such as school, other sporting or community organisations?
3. What qualities has the nominee demonstrated that differentiate them from other club members that support their nomination for this award, and as a future young ambassador for the organisation.

## Club of the Year

1. Tell us about the club.
2. What has been achieved?
3. Why have the achievements made a difference at your club, and to whom, and how did you bring the club members on the journey?
4. What are your plans for future development and continuous improvement?
5. What is the ONE lesson that your club can teach and share with all other SLS clubs both here in Australia and internationally?

When showcasing club achievements, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- How does your club support the SLS 2025 Strategic Plan?
- What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implemented in the last 12 months (season 2024/2025) that furthered your strategic objectives? How did you identify the need for this?
- How does your club deliver a range of sustainability and improvement measures across areas of governance, leadership, development, community engagement (or community support initiatives), and delivery of lifesaving services?
- What, if any, challenges did the club had to overcome to achieve success?
- How does your club management team model positive and supportive cultures, behaviours and actions?
- You may wish to attach any photographs, reference letters or media coverage to your nomination.

**Note:** If your club has been a successful Club of the Year at a Branch, State or National level in the past five (5) years, please note this on your nomination.

Please attach the Club's Strategic Plan and 2024/2025 season membership statistics.

**Attachments/Supporting Documents:** Please upload any photographs, promotional material, reference letters or photographs to support your nomination (Collated into one file). Along with the club strategic plan and or operational plan. You may also wish to attach reference letters or media coverage to your nomination.

**Club of the Year presentation:** To assist the panel in their selection, finalists for Club of the Year will be required to prepare a presentation on the Clubs successes as related to the criteria of the award. Finalists will be required to present to the selection panel prior to the Awards of Excellence event. Each presentation will be given 20 minutes to present, followed by 10 minutes of question and answer time. All questions will be in relation to the submission and the presentation. Each club presenting on the day can have a maximum of two (2) people presenting, SLSQ does not specify who should present, however we recommend using club member/s that will best represent your club. Arrangements will be made to share the presentation digitally prior to the virtual interview.

## Junior and Youth Development Club of the Year

1. Tell us about the club's Junior and Youth membership.
2. What has been achieved in supporting Juniors and Youth?
3. Why, and how it has made a difference, and to whom?
4. What are your plans for future development and continuous improvement?

When showcasing club achievements, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- How does your club support the junior and youth members (5-18 years old)?
- What, if any, challenges did the club have to overcome to achieve success?
- What is the profile of the junior and youth membership within your club?
- What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implement last season? How did you identify the need for this?

## Surf Sports: Junior & Master's Athlete Awards

1. How have they achieved sporting excellence?
2. How have they been a positive role model, a good sportsman and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving?

When showcasing the achievements of member, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- What were their results at major competitions (e.g. state, national, international)?
- Have they been part of a representative team and if so, how did they contribute to the success of that team?
- How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors)?

## Surf Sports: Athlete Award

1. Has the athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition) during the 24/25 season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team?
2. List the competition results achieved by the athlete in the 24/25 season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events?
3. In the 24/25 season how is the athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors or mentoring)?
4. Does the athlete hold any coaching and/or officiating qualifications?

## Surf Sports: Youth Athlete Award

1. List the competition results achieved by the Youth Athlete in the 24/25 season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events?
2. Has the Youth Athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition, if relevant) during the 24/25 season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team?
3. In the 24/25 season how is the youth athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? Do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors, mentoring, coaching or officiating)?

**Note:** A youth aged competitor (i.e. aged 15 to 18 years as at 30 September in a season) may be nominated for both the Athlete of the Year and Youth Athlete of the Year. However, only results achieved in Open Age Events and Open Age Team representation are considered for Athlete of the Year Award.

## Surf Sports: Sports Team of the Year

1. List the competition results achieved by the Team in the 24/25 season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events?
2. Has the Team competed as a Branch/State or National representative team during the 24/25 season? If so, please list the events?
3. In the 24/25 season how has the Team been positive role models and shown good sportsmanship and/or been good ambassadors for Surf Life Saving? Do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors)?

### Surf Sports: Official of the Year

1. What officiating qualification does the member currently hold, Core, Technical or Senior Official?
2. List the member's officiating roles they have fulfilled during the season at Club, Branch, State, National and International level (where applicable).
3. Describe the Officials achievements during the 24/25 season, including examples, areas of achievement may be in mentoring, training, documentation and process, new programs, solving problems etc.
4. Please provide examples of how the official adheres to and is a role model of the values of SLSA, Surf Sports and the SLSA Match Fixing Policy.
5. List any training or development the official has undertaken this season to improve themselves and their impact.

### Surf Sports: Paid and Volunteer Coach of the Year

1. What coaching qualification does the member currently hold, Foundation, Development or Performance Coach?
2. What coaching roles has the member fulfilled during the 24/25 season at Club, Branch (where applicable), State, National and International Level?
3. List the competition results attributed to the coach, where this member was the primary coach for the athlete and/or team, in the 24/25 season.
4. Has the coach been involved in any mentoring and development of other coaches, creating of supporting documentation and/or programs. Please provide examples of where the coach has shown a positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the 24/25 season?
5. Has the coach undertaken any personal development to improve themselves as a coach in the 24/25 season?

### National Long Service Award, National Patrol Service Award & National Medal

This application may be lodged by either the member, or the member's current club/service. All details must be checked and endorsed by a designated senior club officer.

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