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APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2025 @ MIDNIGHT

Surf Life Saving Queensland are delivering the Lifesaving Development Program (LDP) for our youth Members again next year and Participant applications are now open. In 2025 we will be delivering one program and will return to a NQ and SEQ program in 2026. As a result we will be accepting 30 participants this year and reserving several positions for NQB, NBB and WBC members.

LDP will be located in Twin Waters, Sunshine Coast from 7th – 13th of April 2025.

Participant applications are now open with the program aimed at upskilling YOUTH Members in a fun learning environment helping them to become more qualified lifesavers.

What is it all about?

The Lifesaving Development Program is an education program that allows Members to gain a number of lifesaving awards in a short space of time. Program participants will gain a number of awards including First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and IRB Crewperson OR Silver Medallion IRB Driver. Participants will also be exposed to additional skills and development opportunities including pathways, teamwork, leadership and lifesaving operations.

The Lifesaving Development Program training method uses the Experiential Learning Theory (ELT) education model. ELT uses scenario-based training to give candidates the opportunity to experience realistic emergency scenes to practice their lifesaving skills.

Scenarios are designed and conducted under the guidance of specially trained facilitators and safety officers. While evaluations of the past programs highlight the value of scenario-based training for development of candidate skills, some participants may feel some emotional stress participating in such realistic training.

Please note; the program involves a variety of realistic emergency situations.

Scenarios may include, but are not limited to: heart attack, asthma attack, anaphylaxis, mass casualty incident, burns, fractures, breaks, cuts and abrasions, or missing persons. If you have concerns about your ability to

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participate in these scenarios, please contact the Program Coordinator or an SLSQ Staff Member to discuss your concerns.

Note: Even if Members hold one or more of these awards, they can still nominate for the program as re-doing this training especially in a scenario-based approach will reinforce their skills.

Who Can Apply:

Proficient Bronze Medallion members who are aged 16 years to 20 years old (as of 7th April 2025) and are registered Members of a Queensland Surf Life Saving Club are invited to apply.

It is **MANDATORY** that participants hold a current *Bronze Medallion* prior to completing this program. Participants wishing to complete the IRB Drivers qualification must also hold a current *Queensland Marine Licence (this must be registered with your Club and showing in Surfguard)*.

Members over the age of 18 must also hold a current *Working with Children Blue Card* and complete all the prerequisites for the Blue Card.

The organising committee reserves the right to seek applications or speak directly to Members whom they feel may benefit from the program.

Where:

Apex Camps Sunshine Coast (Twin Waters) – 171 Nojoor Rd, Twin Waters QLD 4564

How do I Apply?

Applications can be completed online at:

[2025 Lifesaving Development Program - Participant Application](#)

Please complete the form linked above by **Sunday 26th January 2025 at Midnight**.

Cost?

\$350 +GST - this program runs for multiple days and nights and costs include all training resources, food, accommodation, and program merchandise.

Clubs will be invoiced for the total cost of all Participants from that Club, who are accepted to attend.

Please note, completing the application does not confirm acceptance to the Development Program. Members are encouraged to discuss attendance at the program with your Club's Executive committee as all nominations will be sent to Clubs for endorsement. In addition, payment for attendance will be the



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responsibility of the participant via the Club unless other arrangements are in place within your Club to fund Member attendance.

Any applicant that withdraws from the camp after being selected will not receive a refund; however, the Club may be able to nominate an alternative leader up until Monday 31st March 2025.

Transport:

All participants are responsible for their own transport to and from the Lifesaving Development Program. Members travelling from North Queensland, North Barrier or Wide Bay Capricorn Branches will have their flights covered by SLSQ for 2025 due to the inability to deliver a Northern Program.

If you require flights or have any questions about your transport, please contact Sarra Hodson on the details found below.

If you require any additional information or have any questions then please contact SLSQ Membership Development Officer, Sarra Hodson on 0417 323 356 or shodson@lifesaving.com.au