



Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

Title:	36th Edition PSAR Curriculum Development Working Group - Expressions of Interest
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Audience:	State Education, Lifesaving and Education Directors, Lifesaving and Education Managers, Active Members, Youth Members, Trainers, Assessors, Facilitators
From:	Pamela Simon, Learning & Development Manager
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Summary:	Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is now seeking expressions of interest for the PSAR36 Curriculum Development Working Group. The objective of this working group is to identify and define the current and future requirements for Surf Lifesavers in Australia, ensuring alignment with international best practices and evidence-based research. This will support the development of a nationally consistent standard that ensures all Surf Lifesavers are rescue-ready, regardless of their geographic location.

Overview

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is seeking Expressions of Interest for the 36th Edition PSAR Curriculum Review Working Group.

This group will develop the framework for the PSAR36, guiding the creation of updated learning resources. Members will consider emerging trends, future organisational needs, and best practices to propose an inclusive pathway for all members.

The PSAR resources demonstrate SLSA's commitment to advancing surf lifesaving training techniques, grounded in public safety best practices to prevent drowning. Content undergoes continuous evaluation and updates to meet evolving lifesaving demands, incorporate new technology, and integrate the latest medical and scientific knowledge. These efforts ensure SLSA remains at the forefront of global water safety.

The inaugural meeting of the Working Group is expected to take place in late July 2025.

Terms of Reference

Please refer to Appendix 1 for a copy of the Working Group's Terms of Reference (TOR).

Online Expression of Interest Form

An online expression of interest form has been created for members wishing to nominate for the PSAR36 Curriculum Review Working Group. Expressions of interest received will go to your SLS state/territory centre for endorsement. The personal details of nominees collected by Surf Life Saving Australia are for selecting working group members only. They will be disclosed to the SLSA board, committee chairs and Surf Life Saving Australia staff.

The Working Group will consist of current financial, and active patrolling members and reflect the diversity of our membership. SLSA is seeking a minimum of four (4) member representatives who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Active, proficient Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate Trainer, Assessor and/or Facilitator
- Active youth member (15 - 24 years of age)
- Active, proficient Patrol Captain
- Active, proficient patrolling Bronze Medallion holder

By submitting an Expression of Interest, you confirm that you have read and understood the Terms of Reference for the Working Group. You are also confirming your commitment to the project and your availability to attend the required meetings.

Submit your [Expression of Interest here](#).

Selection Process

1. Expressions of Interest must be submitted by **COB Monday 7th July 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
2. All submissions will be reviewed in accordance with the Working Group Terms of Reference.
3. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their nomination by Wednesday 16th July 2025.

Further information

For any questions about the process or assistance with completing the online Expression of Interest form, please contact:

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Appendix 1

Terms of Reference	
Working Group	
Name	PSAR36 Curriculum Development Working Group
Authorised	May 2025
Authorised by	SLSA Chair of Education
End date	January 2026
Context	
Objective	To identify and define the current and future requirements for surf lifesavers in Australia, ensuring alignment with international best practices and evidence-based research. This will support the development of a nationally consistent standard that ensures all surf lifesavers are rescue-ready, regardless of their geographic location.
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing current Surf Life Saving competencies, training and operational standards.• Benchmarking against international lifesaving organisations and best practices.• Identifying emerging trends, risks and technologies relevant to surf lifesaving.• The development of an inclusive and accessible pathway for members with a disability, ensuring equitable participation and progression within the Surf Life Saving movement.• Recommending a clear, evidence-based framework for future capability development.
Roles and Responsibilities	
Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a structure for the PSAR36 taking into consideration emerging trends, future organisational needs, and best practice.• Propose a framework for an inclusive member pathway.

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Responsibilities of the working group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Literature Review</u>: Analysis of national and international research, guidelines and standards. • <u>Stakeholder Consultation</u>: Engagement with membership and external bodies where necessary. • <u>Comparative Analysis</u>: Benchmarking against international organisations and best practice. • <u>Gap Analysis</u>: Identification of gaps between current capabilities and future requirements. • <u>Recommendations for Change</u>: Formulation of practical, inclusive and scalable recommendations for endorsement.
Responsibilities of individual members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attend Meetings</u>: Participate in scheduled face-to-face and teleconference meetings as required to support the progress of the working groups objectives • <u>Engage Actively</u>: Contribute meaningfully to discussions, activities and the overall work. Ensure project deliverables are provided by the agreed date. • <u>Maintain Communication</u>: Provide timely updates, including draft documents to ensure transparency and collaboration. • <u>Uphold Confidentiality</u>: Respect the privacy and confidentiality of all information accessed and shared. • <u>Consult Broadly</u>: Engage in wide consultation with relevant stakeholders, ensuring that input is gathered in the best interests of Surf Life Saving and free from personal bias. • <u>Promote Outcomes</u>: Act as an advocate for the working group's recommendations and outcomes.
Authorities and limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can make recommendations for improving the PSAR36 including edits to current content, adding new content and any additional requirements. • The working group has no delegation for approval of expenditure. • The working group is not intended to replace the decision-making authority of SLSA or stakeholders or replace the associated accountabilities of their respective boards or staff.
Composition	<p>The Working Group shall be comprised of current financial active patrolling members and be representative of the diversity of our membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA Learning and Development Coordinator (Chair) • Lifesaving Committee representative • Education Committee representative • Four Member representatives (1 Youth, 1 TAF, 1 Patrol Captain, and 1 Bronze Medallion holder) <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors and/or observers may attend meetings by prior consent of the Chair. • In the absence of the Chair, the Chair shall appoint one of its members to act during such absence. • The composition of the Working Group should reflect the diversity of our membership. • Quorum will be half the normal membership plus one.
Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters will generally be resolved through discussion and consensus view. • On voting, a majority must be achieved either for or against the motion for it to stand. • SLSA staff will not participate in voting.
Meeting Schedule	<p>The working group shall meet face to face on at least 2 occasions in addition to electronically fortnightly or as required to progress the review within the project timeframes. Engagement outside of agreed meetings may also be required.</p>