

**FRIDAY 22 August 2025 - AUDITORIUM**

**03:00pm**

**Registration Desk Open**

**05:30pm**

**Official Conference Opening**

**05:30pm**

**Sam Thaiday - NRL Legend**

**6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Delegate Welcome Function and Networking Event**



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## SATURDAY 23 August 2025 - AUDITORIUM

### Stream: Membership & Development

07:00am - 08:00am	Registration Desk Open		
08:00am - 09:00am	Session 1	Volunteering: State of Play	Kirstin Phillips - State Membership Officer
09:10am - 10:00am	Session 2	Built to Serve: Redefining Resilience in Volunteer Leadership	Dr Kellie Pritchard-Peschek
10:00am - 10:30am	Morning Tea		
10:30am - 11:15am	Session 3	From Volunteers to Valued Customers: A New Lens on Member Recruitment and Retention	Aaron Beckman and Zoe Bickerstaffe, SLSQ Membership Team
11:20am - 12:00pm	Session 4	Stronger Together: Building Peer Support and Mental Resilience into Everyday Practice	Stuart Le Marsemy, Disaster Response Network
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch		
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Session 5	Case Study: Volunteer Engagement in Action	Andy Gourley - CEO and Founder - Red Frogs
1:50pm - 2:30pm	Session 6	PANEL Great Clubs, Great Ideas: Lessons from Across the State	TBC
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Afternoon Tea		
2:45pm-3:45pm	Session 7	The Youth Voice	Youth Forum Participants

## SATURDAY 23 August 2025 - BREAK OUT 1

Stream: Lifesaving, Emergency & Operations Support

07:00am - 08:00am	Registration Desk Open		
08:00am - 09:00am	Session 1	Breath of Life: Evaluating Surf Lifesaving Resuscitation Outcomes in Queensland Waterways	Elissa Hooper
09:10am - 10:00am	Session 2	Why Lifesaving Research Matters More Than Ever	TBC
10:00am - 10:30am	Morning Tea		
10:30am - 11:15am	Session 3	Breaking Down Barriers on Patrol	TBC
11:20am - 12:00pm	Session 4	Thinking differently: Growing active patrolling membership	TBC
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch		
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Session 5	Future Focus: Strengthening SLSQ's Operational Capabilities, The Next Phase of Operations Support	TBC
1:50pm - 2:30pm	Session 6	Post Traumatic Growth - Learning from critical incidents Sea World Case Study.	TBC
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Afternoon Tea		
2:45pm-3:45pm	Session 7	Beyond the Beach: Strengthening SLSQ Contribution to Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements. Including Cyclone Jasper Case Study	TBC

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## SATURDAY 23 August 2025 - BREAK OUT 2

### Stream: Education

07:00am - 08:00am	Registration Desk Open		
08:00am - 09:00am	Session 1	Waves of Change: The future of SLSQ Education and Training	Laura Bowart, Head of Education Tonya Pade, Member Training Manager L&D Manager - TBA
09:10am - 10:00am	Session 2	aXcelerate MasterClass   Operational System Mastery	aX champion rep TBA + Dean Burge SLSQ
10:00am - 10:30am	Morning Tea		
10:30am - 11:15am	Session 3	Life Saving - CPR   MasterClass	SLSA + SLSQ
11:20am - 12:00pm	Session 4	Life Saving - CPR   MasterClass [Repeat]	SLSA + SLSQ
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch		
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Session 5	Masterclass in Learner Engagement Session 1: The 'Y.E.S' theory [Part 1]	Tony Kirton, Engage Learning and Development
1:50pm - 2:30pm	Session 6	Masterclass in Learner Engagement Session 2: The 'Y.E.S' theory [Part 2]	Tony Kirton, Engage Learning and Development
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Afternoon Tea		
2:45pm-3:45pm	Session 7	Next in Education: Insights from the Frontline	Q&A with the Education Panel members

## SATURDAY 23 August 2025 - BREAK OUT 3

Stream: Funding, Sport. Governance

07:00am - 08:00am	Registration Desk Open		
08:00am - 09:00am	Session 1	Pathway to Inclusion: Sharing best practices	Panel Session
09:10am - 10:00am	Session 2	What is Good Governance	Ian Fullagar - SLSQ Legal Counsel
10:00am - 10:30am	Morning Tea		
10:30am - 11:15am	Session 3	Surf Sports Best Practice	Stuart Hogben & Nigel Ward
11:20am - 12:00pm	Session 4	Pathways	Mel Jackson & Stuart Hogben
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch		
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Session 5	Sports Coaching	TBC
1:50pm - 2:30pm	Session 6	Productivity hacks for busy people	Shane Harris - About Time Coaching
2:30pm - 2: 45pm	Afternoon Tea		
2:45pm-3:45pm	Session 7	PANEL Admin Masterclass: Learning from Each Other, Growing Together	TBC

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## SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025 - AUDITORIUM

8:30am - 9:30am	Are the kids in your care really safe? How can we create safe organisational cultures?		Jenny Walker, General Manager, DM Foundation
9:30am - 10am	Morning Tea & Mingle		
10:00am - 10:45am	Session 1	Maximising media and storytelling	Grant Baldock, Beyond the Break
10:45am - 11:30am	Session 2	Beyond the Flags: A Guide to Social Media for Surf Life Saving Clubs	Francine Fracalossi, Digital Performance Manager, Chilli Group
11:30am - 12:15pm	Session 3	Facilities	Mark Wyer, SLSQ Project Manager
12:15pm - 13:30pm	Session 4 - FINAL SESSION	Ask the SLSQ Board	SLSQ Board
01:30pm	Lunch		



## SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025 - BREAK OUT 1

10:00am - 10:45am	Session 1	Insurance	Brent Jaenke   Head of Placement, Affinity
10:45am - 11:30am	Session 2	Budget management & Strategies for supporters clubs	Ian Barfoot - SLSQ Finance Audit & Risk Management Committee Member/ Director & Register Company Auditor - CAAS
11:30am - 12:15pm	Session 3	Strategic Planning	Melissa Cowlshaw - SLSQ Board Director
01:30pm	Lunch		

## SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025 - BREAK OUT 2

10:00am - 10:45am

Session 1

SLS Foundation

John Devaney, Lottery Manager, SLS  
Foundation

10:45am - 11:30am

Session 2

Grant Seeking Unit

Susan Ahmelman, Grant Seeking  
Unit Manager, SLSA

11:30am - 12:15pm

Session 3

Why It Matters: First Nations  
Engagement in Surf Life Saving

Rachael Wynberg, First Wave  
Training

1:30pm

Lunch