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## 2021 Surf Life Saving Central Coast Awards of Excellence Nomination Process

**Audience:** Club Presidents, Directors of Administration and Members

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<b>Summary</b>	This circular has been created to outline the online nomination process and links for the 2021 SLSCC Awards of Excellence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section 1 – General Conditions</li><li>• Section 2 – Award Nominations</li><li>• Section 3 – Recognition Awards</li><li>• Section 4 – Surf Life Saving Award of Excellence</li></ul>
<b>Objective</b>	The Awards of Excellence recognises outstanding achievements and contributions from members and clubs from the 2020-2021 season.
<b>Action</b>	Clubs are to endorse and submit one nomination per category using the electronic nomination forms <b>by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021</b> . Click here for <a href="#">Nomination form</a>

We all know them – members who care, give up their time and want to make a difference in the organisation. The Surf Life Saving Central Coast Awards of Excellence celebrate the incredible people in our organisation and the impact they have on their clubs, its members and their local communities.

This year's awards will be presented at the Surf Life Saving Central Coast Awards of Excellence evening which will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at Mingara Recreation Club.

It is important to note, **only one application is allowed per club for each award category**. All nominations are to be endorsed by the respective club executive before submitting with the online form by the **closing date of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**.

### Changes for the 2020/21 Awards

1. SLSCC has introduced a new award aligning with NSW awards – Support Operations Member of the Year. This replaces the previous RWC award.
2. Youth Volunteer and Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year awards are open to members aged between 15-21.
3. Surf Sports Team of the Year has to represent a Surf Life Saving sporting discipline as defined in the Surf Sports Manual.
4. SLSCC Patrol Competition winners will not progress to the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence because the award category has been removed from NSW award categories.

Regards  
Jon Harkness  
SLSCC Chief Executive Officer



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## Section 1 – General Conditions

### General notes

- All nominees must be SLSA financial members affiliated with an SLSCC affiliated organisation. Nominations should focus on activities during the 2020/21 Surf Life Saving season, from 1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021.
- Where ages are mentioned, this refers to the members' age as at 30 September in the 2020/21 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 apply for the awards listed. However, paid service will only be counted if applying for Coach of the Year award. All other awards recognise voluntary contributions only. Unless otherwise specified, these awards are in recognition of individual achievements, team submissions will not be considered.

### Guidelines for submission

- Applicants are required to complete and submit an online nomination form by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021. No nominations will be accepted via email or post. Click here for [Nomination form](#)
- Applicants must address the criteria for their nominated award (found in Section 3 of circular). No submissions without content will be accepted.
- Nominations are to include a digital image of the nominee (for individual awards) or logo (for group/team awards) via the online nomination form. Please ensure all nominee photographs are from the shoulders up and is high resolution.
- Late nominations will not be accepted.

### Selection Process

- Finalists for awards will be determined by a volunteer selection panel and will involve a review of applications for the volunteer and program/ innovation awards and Sports Awards.
- For selection of the Branch Recognition Awards the approved selection criteria for each award will be used with the exception of the President's Award which will be selected by the SLSCC President.



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## Section 2 – Central Coast Award Nominations

The SLSCC award nomination questions are broken down into two sections. Volunteer and Program/Innovation Awards and Sports Awards.

This section will guide you through how to submit nominations for the each award category at the SLSCC Awards of Excellence.

### Volunteer and Program/Innovation Awards

To nominate for the below awards, complete the online nomination form by answering the three questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

Tell us about the member/individual or program/innovation being nominated.

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?

**NOTE 1:** the name/ program and email questions are for the nominee's details not the person submitting the form. An email will be sent to the nominator's inbox after each submission.

**NOTE 2:** For Surf Lifesaver and Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year awards, nominations require patrol hours to be uploaded for the 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21 season (extracted from Surfguard).

### Guidelines to writing Nominations

When showcasing members' achievements, 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 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.



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## Rookie of the Year

The Rookie of the year will be an U13/U14 member who has given outstanding service to the program.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

## Administrator of the Year

An Administrator who consistently goes the extra mile to make the lives of other members easier, or to make the services and programs delivered by the club run smoother.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

## Services Team of the Year

An outstanding team who have made a positive impact in Surf Life Saving or the community through their volunteer services.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

## Trainer of the Year

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.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

## Assessor of the Year

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.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

## Facilitator of the Year

A Facilitator who encourages members to engage in training or assessing, is passionate about building the skills of others, and consistently delivers a positive learning experience.

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## Official of the Year

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.

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## Coach of the Year

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.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

## Patrol Captain of the Year

A Patrol Captain who is passionate about improving the service their patrol offers to the community, or the experience it offers to members.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

## Youth Volunteer of the Year

An impressive member (between the ages of 15-21, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2020/21 season) who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

## Volunteer of the Year\*

An impressive member who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.

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## Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year

An active patrolling member (between the ages of 15-21, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2020/21 season) who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

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## Surf Lifesaver of the Year

An active patrolling member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

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## Community Education Program of the Year

A SLS-delivered activity or program which has significantly contributed to the organisation's mission of saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities.

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## Innovation Award\*\*\*

A well-researched concept, piece of equipment, program or event which is/has been implemented to improve any facet of Surf Life Saving. \*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).

\*\*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.

\*\*\* 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.

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## Sports Awards

To nominate for the below awards, complete the online nomination form which includes answering the three questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

1. How have they achieved sporting excellence? What were their results at major competitions (e.g. state, national, international)? For athlete awards, have they been part of a representative team and if so, how did they contribute to the success of that team?
2. How are they a positive role model, a good sportsman and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors)?

### Surf Sports Team of the Year

An exemplary Surf Sports Team that has achieved notable success. Teams may represent any Surf Life Saving sporting discipline as defined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

### Youth Athlete of the Year\*\*

An athlete aged between 15-18 (this refers to the members' age as at 30 September in the 2020/21 season) who has achieved sporting excellence in Youth and/or Open Aged Competition.

Click here for [Nomination form](#)

### Masters Athlete of the Year

An athlete over the age of 30 who has achieved sporting excellence.

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### Athlete of the Year\*\*

An athlete aged 15 or older who has achieved sporting excellence in Open Aged Competition.

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## Section 3 – Central Coast Recognition Awards

**Note3:** These awards do not require nomination from clubs but form part of the SLSCC Awards of Excellence

### Overall Surf Sports Point score

This award will be awarded to the club who has received the highest points at the 2021 Central Coast Branch Championships.

### President's Award

The President Award recognises a member's outstanding contribution to surf lifesaving in special projects on behalf of Surf Life Saving Central Coast.

### Rescue of the Year

This award is selected from the SLSNSW Rescue of the Month winners.

### Patrol Competition

The club that has scored the highest combined points over the four rounds of Streets Patrol Competition throughout the season

### Club of the Year

This award is selected through the SLSCC Club of Year criteria. The winner of this award will go on to represent the Central Coast at the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence and will be required to submit a nomination before the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Support Operations Member of the Year

A Member involved in Support Operations (Duty Officer, Rescue Water Craft and UAV) who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts in support operations.





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## Section 4 – Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence

- A number of Central Coast Award winners will be nominated for SLSNSW Awards of Excellence.
  - Surf Life Saver of the Year
  - Youth Lifesaver of the Year
  - Volunteer of the Year
  - Club of the Year
  - Athlete of the Year
  - Youth Athlete of the Year
  - Coach of the Year
  - Official of the Year
  - Trainer of the Year
  - Assessor of the Year
  - Community Education Program of the Year
  - Innovation Award
  - Youth Volunteer of the Year
  - Patrol Captain of the Year
  - Support operations Member of the Year
  - Administrator of the Year
  - Service Team of the Year
  - Branch of the Year
  - Masters Athlete of the Year
  - Surf Sports Team of the Year
  - Facilitator of the Year
- The SLSNSW Awards of Excellence will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Luna Park, Milsons Point, Sydney, NSW 2061.
- The SLSCC Club of the year will be required to complete a nomination form for SLSNSW.
- SLSCC Youth Surf Lifesaver and Surf Lifesaver will be interviewed as part of the nomination process for SLSNSW Awards of Excellence.
- Winners of the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence will go on to represent NSW at the SLSA Awards of Excellence in the following categories.
  - Surf Life Saver of the Year
  - Youth Lifesaver of the Year
  - Volunteer of the Year
  - Club of the Year
  - Athlete of the Year
  - Youth Athlete of the Year
  - Coach of the Year
  - Official of the Year
  - Trainer of the Year
  - Assessor of the Year
  - Community Education Program of the Year
  - Innovation Award
- The SLSA Awards of Excellence will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 on the Gold Coast, QLD.