

# Circular 1560



## 2022-23 SLSCC Awards of Excellence Nominations

**Audience:** All Members, Club Committees and Club Presidents

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<b>Summary</b>	<p>This circular outlines the information related to the Surf Life Saving Central Coast (SLSCC) Awards of Excellence recognising the 2022/23 season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section 1 – General Conditions</li><li>• Section 2 – Summary of Awards</li><li>• Section 3 – Nomination Process</li></ul>
<b>Objective</b>	<p>To recognise outstanding achievements and contributions from members &amp; clubs in the 2022/23 season.</p>
<b>Action</b>	<p>Clubs are to endorse and submit one nomination per category to SLSCC by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The club submission process will involve the completion of a online nomination form including uploading document to the below link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Nomination Forms:</b> <a href="#">Click here</a></li></ul>

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 celebrates 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 **SLSCC Awards of Excellence Evening on Saturday 3rd June 2023**. This event will be held at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi, 2261

### Changes for the 2022/23 Awards

1. Services Team of the Year Award has been removed and is also no longer recognised at a state level.
2. Surf Sport Team of the Year is now recognised at a national level.
3. The Surf Sports Awards have additional criteria / questions, set at a national level.
4. Interviews will be conducted prior to the SLSCC AOE for the top finalists in the following awards;
  - Surf Lifesaver of the Year
  - Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year
  - Volunteer of the Year
  - Youth Volunteer of the Year

Regards

Jon Harkness

SLSCC Chief Executive Officer

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## Section 1 – General Conditions

### General Notes

- Clubs are required to submit online nominations for all award categories to ensure that club members are being recognised for their achievements and successes throughout the season.
- All nominees must be SLSA financial members (or affiliated organisations). Nominations should focus on activities during the 2022/23 Surf Lifesaving season, from 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023.
- Where ages are mentioned, this refers to the member's age as at 30 September in the 2022/23 season.
- All winners sizing for any prizes will be taken from their member's portal (Surfguard) profile with no changes after awarded.
- Winners may be called upon to act as ambassadors of Surf Lifesaving, both within the organisation and to external audiences.
- Surf Lifesaving Central Coast events or teams will not be considered for nomination for these awards.
- Paid employees at any level may apply for the awards listed. However, paid service will only be counted if applying for the Coach of the Year awards. All other awards recognise voluntary contributions only. Unless otherwise specified, these awards are in recognition of individual achievements, team submissions will not be considered.
- Late nominations will not be accepted.

### Selection Process

- Finalists for the 'Surf Lifesaver of the Year', 'Volunteer of the Year', 'Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year' and 'Youth Volunteer of the Year' will be invited to participate in an online interview, details of which will be available following the close of nominations. The selection panel will determine a winner from both a review of the application and the interview
- Finalists from the remaining awards will be determined by a volunteer selection panel and will involve a review of applications.
- 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.

### SLSCC Winners

- Winners of Awards listed in the 'SLSNSW Awards' lists will be nominated for the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence. All SLSNSW categories are aligned with SLSA selection criteria.
- Please note any sizing's required for winners will be taken from their member's portal profile.
- The SLSNSW Awards of Excellence will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 61/101 Phillip St Sydney NSW 2000
- The SLSA Awards of Excellence will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 location to be confirmed.
- Please note any sizing's required for winners will be taken from their nomination form or member's portal profile.

## Section 2 – Summary of Awards

### **SLSNSW Awards** *Winners will progress to the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence*

#### *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.

#### *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 2022/23 season) who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

#### *Volunteer of the Year\**

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

#### *Club of the Year*

An outstanding SLS-affiliated club that is committed to improving the experience of its members, providing a safer environment for the community, and improving club operations.

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

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

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

An athlete aged between 15-18 (this refers to the member's age as at 30 September in the 2022/23 season) who has achieved sporting excellence in Youth and/or Open Aged Competition.

#### *Surf Sports Team of the Year*

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&R etc.) or separately (e.g., relay events, board rescue etc.).

#### *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.

#### *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.

#### *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.

#### *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.

#### *Community Education Program of the Year*

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.

### *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.

### *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 2022/23 season) who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.

### *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.

### *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.

### *Masters Athlete of the Year*

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

### *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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\*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.

## SLSCC Awards

### *Rookie of the Year*

The Rookie of the Year will be an U13/U14 member who has given outstanding service to the program. The members Rookie Passport is to be delivered to SLSCC Branch office by close of nomination, for review with the member's nomination.

**The following 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 2022/2023 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 Patrol Competition throughout the season.

### *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.

### *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 be endorsed by Branch and submit a nomination to SLSNSW by 26th June 2023.

## Section 3 – Nomination Process

### Nomination

- This season the club nomination process will involve completion via online nomination form by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.
- Nominations **MUST** include a digital profile image of the nominee (for individual awards) or logo/group (for group/team awards) 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'.**

**Nomination Forms:** [Click here](#)

Nomination close Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Below is a step by step guide to the nomination process.

### How to Submit Nominations

1. Click on the [nomination form](#).
2. Complete the nomination form for the selected award category from the drop down view.
3. Ensure all information is correct, photos and additional documents are uploaded.
4. Once document is completed, please select Submit.
5. A copy of the nomination form will be sent to the nominator's email.

### Nomination Pointers

For examples of previous nomination forms submitted to assist with your nomination, please refer to SLSCC Website - [Awards of Excellence - Surf Life Saving Central Coast \(slscc.com.au\)](#)

#### Individual Volunteer Awards

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?

#### Program/ Innovation Volunteer Awards

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.

#### Training & Education

- What qualities does the Official bring to surf sports events to facilitate competition?
- How does the Official believe we can encourage club members to become and stay accredited officials?
- Is the Official satisfied with the training programs used for new and developing officials? How can they be improved?

## Volunteer and Program/Innovation Award

- Surf Lifesaver of the Year
- Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Assessor of the Year
- Trainer 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
- Facilitator of the Year
- Rookie of the Year

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

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?

### *\*\*Additional nomination requirements—Surf Lifesaver and Youth Surf Lifesaver*

For Surf Lifesaver and Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year awards, nominations require patrol hours to be uploaded for the 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/2023 season (extracted from Surfguard).

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- Were there any challenges which needed to be overcome to achieve success?
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## Sport Awards

- Athlete of the Year
- Youth Athlete of the Year
- Surf Sport Team of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Masters Athlete of the Year

### Nomination Questions

#### Athlete of the Year

How to nominate for the above award: Complete the nomination form and answer the questions listed below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

1. Has the athlete competed in any representative teams during the 22/23 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 22/23 season at championship carnivals?
3. Has the athlete been involved in any mentoring and development of other athletes, creating of supporting documentation and/or programs in the 22/23 season?
4. In the 22/23 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)?
5. List where the member has undertaken any personal development to improving themselves as an athlete in the 22/23 season?
6. Does the athlete hold any coaching and/or officiating qualification?
7. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about the nominated athlete.

#### Youth Athlete of the Year

How to nominate for the above award: Complete the nomination form and answer the questions listed below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

1. Has the Youth Athlete competed in any representative teams during the 22/23 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 Youth Athlete in the 22/23 season at championship carnivals?
3. How would you describe the Youth Athlete's sportsmanship in the 22/23 season?
4. In the 22/23 season how is the Youth 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)?
5. List where the Youth Athlete has undertaken any personal development to improving themselves as an athlete in the 22/23 season?
6. Does the Youth Athlete hold any coaching and/or officiating qualification?
7. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about the nominated athlete.

#### Surf Sport Team of the Year

How to nominate for the above award: Complete the nomination form and answer the questions listed below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

1. List the competition results achieved by the Team in the 22/23 season at championship carnivals?
2. Has the Team competed as a Branch/State or National representative team during the 22/23 season? If so, please list the events?
3. In the 22/23 season how has the Team been positive role models and shown good sportsmanship and/or been good ambassadors for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors)?
4. List where the Team has undertaken any personal development to improve themselves as a team in the 22/23 season?
5. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about the nominated team.

### Official of the Year

How to nominate for the above award: Complete the nomination form and answer the questions listed below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

1. What officiating qualification does the member currently hold?
2. What officiating roles has the member fulfilled during the 22/23 season at Club, Branch (where applicable), State, National and International Level?
3. Has the Official been involved in any mentoring and development of sports officials, creating of supporting documentation and/or programs in the 22/23 season?
4. Please provide examples of where the Official has shown positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the 22/23 season?
5. List where the member has undertaken any personal development to improving themselves as an Official in the 22/23 season.
6. List the members officiating achievements during the 22/23 season whether it be a new initiative, a problem solved or how they overcame a challenge faced at a carnival.
7. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about this member related to officiating surf sports.

### Coach of the Year

How to nominate for the above award: Complete the nomination form and answer the questions listed below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

What coaching qualification does the member currently hold?

1. What coaching roles has the member fulfilled during the 22/23 season at Club, Branch (where applicable), State, National and International Level?
2. List the competition results attributed to the Coach, where this member was the primary coach for the athlete and/or team, in the 22/23 season?
3. Has the Coach been involved in any mentoring and development of coaches, creating of supporting documentation and/or programs in the 22/23 season?
4. Please provide examples of where the Coach has shown positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the 22/23 season?
5. List where the Coach has undertaken any personal development to improving themselves as an coach in the 22/23 season?
6. List the members Coach achievements during the 22/23 season whether it be a new initiative, a problem solved or how they overcame a challenge.
7. How has the nominee contributed to Coach Education e.g., presented at clinics, conferences, courses?
8. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about this Coach related to coaching surf sports.

## Club of the Year

**Note: This award criteria will only be applicable to the club who wins SLSCC Club of the Year.**

To nominate for the Club of the Year award, complete the online nomination form, attaching your club's strategic and/or operational plan, and your answer to the five questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

Tell us about the club.

1. Tell us about the club.
2. What has been achieved?
3. Why and how it has made a difference, and to whom?
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 implement last season 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 attitudes, 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.