

Newcastle Permanent U17 – U19 Youth Leadership Program

Audience: Presidents, Directors of Administrators, Directors of Member Services, Rookie Coordinators, and Youth Coordinators.

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Summary	Outlines the 2023/2024 Newcastle Permanent U17 – U19 Youth Leadership Program and nomination process.
Actions	Interested members are to complete the Nomination Form by Sunday 1st October 2023.

The 2023-24 Newcastle Permanent Youth Leadership Program targets U17 – U19 members who have qualities that can be developed to enhance their future of Surf Lifesaving. It is also geared toward creating greater awareness of opportunities for these members. Potential participants can come from a range of different backgrounds, interests, and areas of focus within the club environment.

Participants will take part in workshops and presentations for focused learning, in addition to some physical activities and challenges. They will also complete problem-solving exercises, face personal challenges and participate in team-based activities; all delivered under the guidance of active leaders from Surf Life Saving and the community.

Clubs are encouraged to use this program as a method of recognising members who have the potential to develop skills further by working with like-minded youth. SLSCC will offer workshops to support participants in developing initiative, teambuilding, and organisational skills to become capable leaders in our organisation.

Once online nominations have closed, clubs will be sent their members nominations for ranking. Clubs will be allocated two (2) positions in the program and should rank all other interested applicants in preferential order. It would be ideal to have one male and one female applicant per club. Positions not filled will be allocated to the most promising applicants from other clubs.

Interested members are to complete the online [Nomination Form](#) by Sunday 1st October 2023.



Overview

Leadership is a vital factor in the continued development of Australian communities. Surf Life Saving Central Coast (SLSCC) is committed to the personal development of identified leaders within its membership and the wider community.

This year, SLSCC is conducting their 16th Youth Leadership Program targeting U17 – U19 members. This age bracket is vital in completing an effective Leadership and Development Pathway for SLSCC, and thus the Program was developed.

The Program

The program this year will consist of different activities which will be held throughout the 2023 - 2024 season. These activities are aimed at members who have qualities that can be developed to enhance their future and that of Surf Life Saving.

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Aims of the 2023/2024 Youth Leadership Program include:

- To provide basic training in leadership and development
- To create situations that promote fun learning experiences
- To create an awareness of current issues, pathways and opportunities
- To promote teamwork, communication skills, networking and goal setting
- To develop confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment whilst positively recognising members
- Provide opportunities for ideas to be exchanged
- To gain knowledge of the structure of surf lifesaving
- And have fun!

Commitment

It is expected that each participant will be fully committed and available for all the 2023-2024 Youth Leadership Program activities.

Who Can Apply?

Members who are in the U17 – U19 for season 2023-24 and hold as a minimum proficient Surf Rescue Certificate. The member will also have qualities that can be developed to enhance their future and that of Surf Life Saving. We encourage members from all backgrounds and experience to apply.



Essential Criteria

- Age as of 30th September 2023 between 15 and 18 inclusive
- A financial member of Central Coast Surf Club
- Available for all the program dates.
- Committed to full participation in the program

Application Process

Read through all information thoroughly

1. Interested members are to complete the online [Nomination Form](#) and submit by the closing date.
2. Applications close on **Sunday 1st October 2023.**
3. Clubs will be sent their members nominations for ranking. Clubs will be allocated two (2) positions in the program and should rank all other interested applicants in preferential order.
4. Successful applicants will be informed of their acceptance onto the program by the email provided in the nomination form.

Clubs are encouraged to select one male and one female applicant per club. Should all positions not be filled, the most promising applicants from other clubs may be offered vacant positions.

Cost

A subsidised fee will be invoiced to the club of \$140 for each participant accepted on the program. It is up to each club and participant to agree on how much each party will contribute.

Program Calendar Dates

DATES	SESSIONS	VENUE
Friday 20 th October 2023	Session 1 Introduction	Erina
Sunday 10 th December 2023	Session 2 Search and Rescue Simulation	Umina SLSC
Friday 12 th January 2023	Rookie Challenge Work Party	Ocean Beach SLSC
Thursday 18 th – Sunday 21 st January 2024	Lifesaving and Development Camp	Pacific Palms SLSC
Continuous	Fundraising Events – Planned in Session 1	