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2018 SLS Illawarra Awards of Excellence

Attention: Members and Clubs

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Summary	The circular outlines the necessary information for all the awards that will be recognised at the 2018 SLS Illawarra Awards of Excellence. The below are all outlined: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 1 – Award Categories• Section 2 – General Conditions• Section 3 – Individual Award Criteria and Conditions• Section 4 – Nomination Form see Circular 1805a
Objective	To recognise outstanding achievements and contributions from members and clubs in all aspects of Surf Life Saving in the Illawarra during the 2017/18 season.
Key Strategy Ref. No.	1.4. Encourage and recognise members.
Action	Club Executives are to endorse and submit one nomination per category to Branch by 9:00am Monday 28 May 2018

Our 2018 SLS Illawarra Awards of Excellence function will be held on Saturday 23 June 2018. On this night, Surf Life Saving Illawarra will be celebrating 100 years of the establishment of the Branch.

Following are the award categories, selection criteria and award nomination forms. Responses to application questions are limited to a **maximum of five (5) A4 pages**.

All nominations are to be submitted to SLSI by 9:00am Monday 28 May 2018 & must be endorsed by a member of the respective Club's Executive. Please email nominations to office@slsillawarra.com.au or deliver/mail to SurfHouse 64 Smith Street, WOLLONGONG NSW 2500

Changes for the 2017/18 Awards

1. Please note there are a number of new awards as introduced by SLSNSW:
 - Patrol of the Year
 - Patrol Captain of the Year
 - Young Volunteer of the Year
2. SLSA has introduced a Young Life Saver of the Year so to bring SLS Illawarra's award in line, we have changed our criteria.
3. SLS Illawarra has ceased the Age Manager of the Year award but introduced Junior Activities Volunteer of the Year.

Section 1 – Award Categories

Lifesaving	Education	Member Services	Surf Sports
Ted Marshall Memorial Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Trainer of the Year	Junior Activity Volunteer of the Year	Official of the Year
Young Lifesaver of the Year (15 to 21 yrs old)	Assessor of the Year	Administrator of the Year	Coach of the Year
Patrol of the Year	Facilitator of the Year	Initiative of the Year	Junior Athlete of the Year (up to & including U14 age category)
Patrol Captain of the Year	Community Education Program of the Year	Young Volunteer of the Year (15-19 yrs old)	Young Athlete of the Year (U15 to & including U19 age category)
Patrolling Club of the Year (nominations not required – all club will be considered)		Volunteer of the Year	Athlete of the Year
		Services Team of the Year	Masters Athlete of the Year
			Team of the Year
			Surf Sports Club of the Year (nomination not required – SLSI Branch Championships)

- **Club of the Year**
- Outstanding contribution to Surf Life Saving Illawarra
- Junior Lifesaver of the Year (already awards, but recognised on the night)
- Rescues of the Month (State & National winners recognised on the night)

(Awards that are in bold continue onto SLSNSW Awards of Excellence)

****Ages taken as of 30 September 2017****

Section 2 – General Conditions

General notes

- Surf Life Saving Illawarra events or teams will **not** be considered for nomination for these awards.
- Paid employees at any level may apply for the awards listed but can only be recognised for their voluntary contributions.
- These awards are orientated towards involvement and activities during the 2017/18 season. The most important area for selection is the individual's/club's contribution from the 1st July 2017 – 30th June 2018.
- Nominations will **not** be returned after judging is complete.

Guidelines for submission

1. Please see **Circular 1805a – 2018 Awards of Excellence Nomination Form** where applicants are required to complete and **submit a nomination form (PLEASE ONLY USE THIS FORM)**.
2. Applicants must **address the specific criteria** for their individual nominated award:
 - Selection criteria for each award can be found in Section 3 of this Circular;
 - **Please list each selection criteria as a heading with your response typed under each section;**
 - Please complete using Arial Font and minimum 10-point size;
 - Please no hand-written submissions (inclusive of all attachments and additional information);
 - Maximum of five (5) pages
3. Applicants must **include a digital profile image** of themselves (JPEG and a minimum of 2MB in size). For individuals, this would preferably be a head shot; for teams this should be one photograph of all or most members of the team. Nominations for Club of the Year, Community Education Program of the Year and Initiative of the Year can include a photograph of team members, but a digital copy of the organisation's logo must also be supplied. **Please ensure all photographs are from the shoulders up.**
4. Completed nominations, endorsed by a member of the Club Executive, are to be **emailed (office@slsillawarra.com.au)/delivered/mailed to Surf Life Saving Illawarra by 9:00am Monday 28 May 2018**. If nominations are mailed, they must be received by Monday 28 May 2018.

Selection Criteria

When completing the selection criteria, applicants must also address the following:

1. **2017/18 Contribution**
This is the single most important area of assessment and the judges will rely heavily on information placed on your nomination form, selection criteria and endorsements by the club and branch.
2. **Past contribution**
The judges are looking for growing commitment to surf lifesaving, impact of involvement and activities, and continuous improvement while showing initiative, motivation and leadership. This involvement will span the past three years unless the activity is of particular importance.
3. **Future Contribution**
Applicants will identify future commitments and ambitions to surf lifesaving.

Selection Process

1. Branch will consider all completed nominations and determine one Branch winner for each award category.
2. Branch winners will be forwarded to SLSNSW for consideration for the state award.
3. Finalists for the 'Surf Lifesaver of the Year' and 'Volunteer of the Year' may be required to participate in an 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 telephone interview.
4. Finalists from the remaining awards will be determined by a selection panel and will involve a review of applications.

Section 3 – Individual Award Criteria and Conditions

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Ted Marshall Memorial Surf Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises and rewards members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active surf lifesavers undertaking lifesaving duties and who can be presented as an identifiable ambassador for surf lifesaving.

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surf guard or equivalent.

1. Current financial and proficient patrolling member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held
3. Community awards/certificates held
4. Patrolling hours (rostered and achieved) for 2017/18, 2016/17 and 2015/16

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless otherwise stated.

Club / Nominator

1. List the nominee's involvement in Surf Life Saving during the current season e.g. on the beach, off the beach, qualifications gained, training, workshops and skills developed in relation to lifesaving duties.
2. Briefly describe the nominee's history in Surf Life Saving (minimum 3 years).
3. Provide details of the nominee's achievements during the past 12 months within surf lifesaving including information about leadership roles and lifesaving achievements. Also, provide any other relevant information about contributions or involvement with other community organisations that the nominee has been involved with.
4. Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated that they are a role model within the organisation including where they have proven themselves as an ambassador for the organisation.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words)?
6. Additional Information – optional (e.g. academic or sporting achievements).

Nominee

1. What is your single greatest achievement in SLS in the past three (3) years and what lasting impact has it left.
2. Describe current and possible future challenges in lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome.

Interview

An interview may be conducted with selected Club finalists on knowledge of Surf Life Saving and the organisation including areas such as:

- Patrolling duties
- Club/branch/state activities related to lifesaving services
- Rescue related activities
- Personal award development
- Community involvement in lifesaving related activities (e.g. surf education)
- Activities specific to the further enhancement and development of surf lifesaving services

Young Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises and rewards our young members aged between 15-21 years, who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active youth surf lifesavers undertaking lifesaving duties, which can be presented as an identifiable ambassador for surf lifesaving while representing the culture and core values of the organisation.

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surf guard or equivalent.

1. Current financial and proficient patrolling member
2. Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held
3. Community awards/certificates held
4. Patrolling hours (rostered and achieved) for 2017/18, 2016/17 and 2015/16
5. Must be a positive role model and ambassador for the Surf Lifesaving movement
6. Young lifesavers are categorised as those 15-21 years

Note: The age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2017.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless otherwise stated.

Club / Nominator

1. List the nominee's involvement in Surf Life Saving during the current season e.g. on the beach, off the beach, qualifications gained, training, workshops and skills developed in relation to lifesaving duties.
2. Briefly describe the nominee's history in Surf Life Saving (minimum 3 years).
3. Provide details of the nominee's achievements during the past 12 months within surf lifesaving including information about leadership roles and lifesaving achievements. Also, provide any other relevant information about contributions or involvement with other community organisations that the nominee has been involved with.
4. Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated that they are a role model within the organisation including where they have proven themselves as an ambassador for the organisation.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words)?
6. Additional Information – optional (e.g. academic or sporting achievements)

Nominee

1. What is your single greatest achievement in SLS in the past three (3) years and what lasting impact has it left.
2. Describe current and possible future challenges in lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome.

Volunteer of the Year

This award will recognise an individual's contribution that has enhanced the development of Surf Life Saving throughout the past year. The demonstrated achievements may be in a range of different areas of a club or surf lifesaving service organisation, or who has shown demonstrated outstanding service to the organisation at large. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have a positive attitude and are capable of being a role model and an ambassador for the organisation.

A nominee may be a volunteer in any of the following areas of surf lifesaving, including, but not limited to:

- Club activities
- Carnivals
- Coaching
- Administration
- Junior activities
- Fundraising/Grants/Sponsors
- Branch/State/National activities
- Training/assessing
- Organisational Leadership
- Active patrolling
- Officiating
- Scrutineering

Note: Applications that focus on significant achievements in one particular area will not be considered if this area is also covered by other awards (e.g. Lifesaver, Coach, Official, Trainer and Assessor of the Year).

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held (where applicable)
3. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable)

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

Club / Nominator

1. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated commitment to surf lifesaving across the organisation.
2. Describe the nominee's major achievements and positions, held at Club, Branch and or State level (Current Season).
3. Describe a challenge the nominee has overcome that has made a significant difference to their club or the organisation.
4. Describe a key change / improvement that the nominee has bought / made to their club or the organisation in the past three years.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words)?
6. Additional information – optional.

Nominee

1. What is your single greatest achievement in Surf Life Saving in the past three (3) years, and what lasting impact has it left?
2. Describe current and possible future challenges in surf lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome.

Interview

An interview may be conducted with selected Club finalists on knowledge of Surf Life Saving and the organisation including areas such as:

- Administration
- Sponsorship
- Government/community support
- Leadership skills/ volunteer management
- Planning your club's future
- Recruitment

Young Volunteer of the Year

This award will recognise and reward our young members between the age of 15-18 years, who have contributed to the enhancement of the development of Surf Life Saving throughout the past year. The demonstrated achievements may be in a range of different areas of a club or surf lifesaving service organisation, or who has shown demonstrated outstanding service to the organisation at large. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have a positive attitude and are capable of being a role model and an ambassador for the organisation.

A nominee may be a volunteer in any of the following areas of surf lifesaving, including, but not limited to:

- Club activities
- Carnivals
- Coaching
- Administration
- Junior activities
- Fundraising/Grants/Sponsors
- Branch/State/National activities
- Training/assessing
- Organisational Leadership
- Active patrolling
- Officiating
- Scrutineering

Note: Applications that focus on significant achievements in one particular area will not be considered if this area is also covered by other awards (e.g. Lifesaver, Coach, Official, Trainer and Assessor of the Year).

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held (where applicable)
3. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable)
4. Young volunteers are categorized as those 15-18 years.

Note: The age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2017.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

Club / Nominator

1. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated commitment to surf lifesaving across the organisation.
2. Describe the nominee's major achievements and positions, held at Club, Branch and or State level (Current Season).
3. Describe a challenge the nominee has overcome that has made a significant difference to their club or the organisation.
4. Describe a key change / improvement that the nominee has bought / made to their club or the organisation in the past three years.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words)?
6. Additional information – optional.

Nominee

1. What is your single greatest achievement in Surf Life Saving in the past three (3) years, and what lasting impact has it left?
2. Describe current and possible future challenges in surf lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome.

Club of the Year

The purpose of the Illawarra Club of the Year is to encourage and recognise outstanding achievements in club development that results in Illawarra clubs providing safer beach and aquatic environments for the community. SLS Illawarra acknowledges that clubs achieve many outstanding achievements through their members during each season, and that many of these initiatives are inspirational and different to our core business. The process to select the Club of the Year relies on two major elements that provide the critical information for the selection panel.

The Nomination

Finalists will be required to submit a nomination form providing essential information and addressing all of the selection criteria. The nomination text **MUST not exceed five (5) pages in length** (size 12 Arial or Times font with 2cm margins all around) and should be constructed in a concise well written manner to demonstrate achievements against the criteria in the nomination form and improvement in the club's operations, benefits to the community, benefits to members, any major achievements and innovation. Cover sheets and a number of photos/news articles/reference letters can be in addition to the five (5) pages of text.

Essential Information (addition to the nomination text)

1. Evidence that the club is a current affiliated club of Surf Life Saving Australia.
2. Australian Business Number.
3. Contact details for the member who is submitting the nominations.
4. A copy of the clubs strategic and/or operational business plan.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

The written submission should be structured to address the following questions:

1. How does your club implement and nurture a culture of continuous improvement?
2. 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?
3. How does your club support SLS 2020?
4. What are the club's 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?

Patrol Captain of the Year

This award recognises and rewards Patrol Captains who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active Patrol Captains who represent the culture and core values of surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria

Please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia Awards/Certificates
3. Community Awards/Certificates held
4. Patrolling Hours (rostered and achieved) for 2017/18, 2016/17 and 2015/16 seasons

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Describe your contribution to surf lifesaving patrol duties.
2. Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to public safety.
3. Describe major achievements and positions, relevant to lifesaving, held at club, branch, state & Australian level.
4. Describe future lifesaving ambitions in the areas of club, branch, state, Australia, and the community.
5. Describe current and possible future challenges in active surf lifesaving duties and how they could possibly be overcome.
6. Describe major achievements to surf lifesaving patrol duties for the two years prior to the 2017/18 season.
7. What would it mean to you to be Patrol Captain of the Year?
8. Any relevant additional information.

Patrol of the Year

Recognises the outstanding achievements made by a patrol team who represent the culture and core values of surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria

Please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. All patrol members must be current financial surf lifesaving members.
2. All patrol members must hold Surf Life Saving Australia Awards/certificates.
3. The patrol should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Acts as positive role models and ambassadors for Surf Life Saving.
2. Demonstrates involvement in a variety of Surf Life Saving activities.
3. Demonstrates representation to a high level.
4. Epitomises the ideals of a team, e.g. excellent team work, communication and support.
5. Positively contributes to surf lifesaving and/or the community.

Trainer of the Year

This award recognises and rewards trainers who have made a significant contribution towards the area of education within surf lifesaving.

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent

1. Must be a current financial Surf Life Saving Australia member.
2. Must hold the SLSA Training officer's certificate

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Outstanding contribution and commitment to surf lifesaving training duties.
2. Attended conferences and participated in professional development relating to education.
3. Contributed to the continuous improvement of new training resources and tools (e.g. participation on review panels, improvement requests submitted.)
4. Major achievements and positions, relevant to training at local, regional and state level.
5. Future plans for training in the areas of Club, Branch and State.
6. Outline any area within your surf Club/ Branch/ State where the nominee has made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.
7. Any relevant additional information.

Assessor of the Year

This award recognises and rewards Assessors who have made a significant contribution towards the area of education and awards within Surf Life Saving.

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current financial Surf Life Saving Australia member.
2. Must hold the SLSA Assessor's certificate

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Outstanding contribution and commitment to surf lifesaving assessing duties.
2. Attended conferences and participated in professional development relating to education.
3. Contributed to the continuous improvement of assessment processes and tools (e.g. participation on review panels, improvement requests submitted).
4. Major achievements and positions, relevant to assessing, held at local, regional and state level.
5. Future plans for assessing in the areas of Club, Branch and State.
6. Outline any area within your surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
7. Any relevant additional information.

Facilitator of the Year

This award recognises and rewards facilitators who have made a significant contribution towards the area of education and awards within surf lifesaving.

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current financial Surf Life Saving Australia member.
2. Must hold the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Outstanding contribution and commitment to surf lifesaving training and assessing duties.
2. Attended conferences and participated in professional development relating to education.
3. Contributed to the continuous improvement of assessment processes and tools (e.g. participation on review panels, improvement requests submitted).
4. Major achievements and positions, relevant to assessing, held at local, regional and state level.
5. Future plans for training and assessing in the areas of Club, Branch and State.
6. Outline any area within your surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
7. Any relevant additional information.

Athlete of the Year

The purpose of these awards is to recognise and reward athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Information

Nominators to supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a SLSA member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Athletes are categorized as those 19 years plus.

Note: The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2017.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. branch, state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.
2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2017/18 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be awarded the Athlete of the Year?
6. Any relevant additional information.

Surf Sports Team of the Year

Recognises the outstanding achievements made by a surf sports team in respect to Surf Life Saving performances at any level of the organisation (club / branch / state / national / international). Teams may include (but are not limited to) surf sports teams, development teams and training teams.

Essential Criteria

Please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. All team members must be current financial surf lifesaving members.
2. The team should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Acts as positive role models and ambassadors for Surf Life Saving.
2. Demonstrates involvement in a variety of Surf Life Saving activities.
3. Demonstrates representation to a high level.
4. Epitomises the ideals of a team, e.g. excellent team work, communication and support.
5. Positively contributes to surf lifesaving and/or the community.

Junior Athlete of the Year (up to & including U14 age category)

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria

1. Must be an SLSA member of good standing
2. The nominated athlete will be one who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. branch, state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.
2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2017/18 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be awarded the Young Athlete of the Year?
6. Any relevant additional information.

Young Athlete of the Year (U/19)

The purpose of these awards is to recognise and reward Young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Information

Nominators to supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a Surf Life Saving Australia member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Young athletes are categorized as those 15-18 years.

Note: The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2017.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. branch, state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.
2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2017/18

season and why?

4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be awarded the Young Athlete of the Year?
6. Any relevant additional information.

Masters Athlete of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward masters' athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria

Please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a Surf Life Saving Australia member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Masters athletes are categorized as those aged 30 years and older

Note: The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2017.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. branch, state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.
2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2017/18 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be awarded the Masters Athlete of the Year?
6. Any relevant additional information.

Coach of the Year

This award recognises and rewards coaches who have made a significant contribution towards the area of coaching within surf lifesaving with regards to both athlete/s performance and the area of coach educational development.

Essential Information

Nominators to supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

Coaching within Surf Life Saving

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. Must be a current accredited surf sports coach throughout the 2017/18 season (attach a current copy of coaching certificate to nomination form).
3. The nominated coach must be a surf coach of any discipline of surf lifesaving competition.

Athlete's performance

1. It will need to be demonstrated that the nominated coach has made a significant contribution towards an athlete/s performance in SLSA competition and their development at an international and/or national and/or state level.
2. The nominated coaches will be coaches who present a positive image of the role of the coach and of surf lifesaving and demonstrate sound coaching principles and coaching plans.

Coach education

1. It will need to be demonstrated that the nominated coach is involved with coach education.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

Coaching within Surf Life Saving

1. List the coaching positions that the nominee has held, (state whether paid or volunteer) please include Club/ Branch/ National positions, including any teams and/or high-performance programs.
2. List any significant innovations or achievements made by the nominee in the current season.

Athlete's performance

1. Detail specific coaching achievements outlining any athlete/s and/ or teams medal places at major events or series, state, national and international competition. Please include athlete's names, age category, major carnivals and placing.
2. Outline and give examples of ways in which the nominee encourages the development of their athletes outside of sport.

Coach education

1. List the coaching clinics/conferences/courses that the nominee has presented at or facilitated, at a Club/Branch/State/ Interstate, and National or International level. Please list the date, location, number of participants and type of involvement.
2. Please list any relevant additional information.

Official of the Year

This award recognises and rewards Officials who have made a significant contribution to the area of officiating within surf lifesaving with regards to both the commitment shown to officiating over the calendar year and their contribution towards official's educational development.

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a Surf Life Saving Australia member and in good standing.
2. Must be a current accredited surf sports official throughout the 2017/18 season.
3. It will need to be demonstrated that the nominated official has outstanding achievement(s) in respect to lifesaving officiating at an international and/or national and/or state level.
4. The nominated surf sports officials will be those who present a positive image of the role of surf sports officiating and surf lifesaving.
5. Demonstration that the nominated official is involved with official's education.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major roles/positions - List the major officiating roles/positions (e.g. referee) that the nominee has held; please include Branch/State/ National and International positions including high performance programs and competition series.
2. List the officiating clinics/conferences/courses that the nominee presented or facilitated at a Club/ Branch/State/ National or International level. Please list the date, location, number of participants and type of involvement.
3. List any significant innovations or achievements made by the nominee in the 2017/18 season.
4. Outline any areas within the surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. Any relevant additional information.

Junior Activity Volunteer of the Year

This award will recognise an individual's contribution that has enhanced the development of Surf Life Saving throughout the past year. The demonstrated achievements may be in a range of different areas in the Junior Activity section of the club. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have a positive attitude and are capable of being a role model and an ambassador for the organisation.

A nominee may be a volunteer in any area of the following areas of surf lifesaving, including but not limited to:

- Junior Club Activities eg barbecue, gear steward etc.
- Junior Carnivals and Officiating
- Junior Coaching
- Junior Administration
- Junior fundraising/grants/sponsors
- Junior Education
- Junior Water Safety

Essential Information

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held (where applicable)
3. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable)

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

Club / Nominator

1. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated commitment to surf lifesaving across the organisation.
2. Describe the nominee's major achievements and positions, held at Club, Branch and or State level (Current Season).
3. Describe a challenge the nominee has overcome that has made a significant difference to their club or the organisation.
4. Describe a key change / improvement that the nominee has bought / made to their club or the organisation in the past three years.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words)?
6. Additional information – optional.

Nominee

1. What is your single greatest achievement in Surf Life Saving in the past three (3) years, and what lasting impact has it left?
2. Describe current and possible future challenges in surf lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome.

Administrator of the Year

This award recognises and rewards members who have demonstrated outstanding service in administration at a Surf Life Saving club, branch or activity throughout the 2017/18 season. *This award is for volunteer administration roles only.*

Essential Criteria

Please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current SLSA member.
2. Must be a club, branch or activity position holder, e.g. Club Secretary/Administrator, Branch Treasurer/Director of Finance, Club Registrar.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Displays a high degree of professionalism whilst a member and administrator.
2. Demonstrates a wide variety of involvement in Surf Life Saving activities (detail the scope of activities and any projects undertaken throughout season [relevant to this award nomination] linking activities to Club Business Plan).
3. Actively participates in personal and professional development internally and/or externally to Surf Life Saving (potentially developing fellow club members as well).
4. Demonstrates adherence to role compliance (eg risk management planning, signed affiliation forms, annual report submitted, project plan written).
5. Demonstrates effective and efficient administration processes that showcase best practice operations or continual improvements.

Services Team of the Year

Recognises the outstanding achievements made by a team in respect to Surf Life Saving performances at any level of the organisation (club / branch / state / national / international). *Note that SLSNSW employees are not eligible for this award.* Service teams may include (but are not limited to), youth and community services, support services, membership services, management as well as education and training teams. Services teams do not include patrol teams, which can instead be nominated under Patrol of the Year.

Essential Criteria

Please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. All team members must be current financial surf lifesaving members.
2. The team should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Acts as positive role models and ambassadors for Surf Life Saving.
2. Demonstrates involvement in a variety of Surf Life Saving activities.
3. Demonstrates representation to a high level.
4. Epitomises the ideals of a team, e.g. excellent team work, communication and support.
5. Positively contributes to surf lifesaving and/or the community

Community Education Program of the Year

This award recognises and rewards activities which have significantly worked towards saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities.

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Outline the motivation for the program including any research or evidence used in its initial set up.
2. Outline the aims and objectives of the program relating to the participants, the Surf Life Saving movement and the wider community.
3. Identify the target market and describe the rationale behind this choice.
4. Describe the program itself including location, duration, and activities involved.
5. Describe the resources involved to deliver the program including how these were developed.
6. Identify who is responsible for what in the program.
7. Provide any promotional material created or media coverage which the program has received.
8. Describe the method used to evaluate the program to ensure it meets the original aims and objectives.
9. Indicate the effect of the program on the local community e.g. increased community engagement, increased participation, new local sponsors etc.
10. Provide any issues identified through the program and strategies adopted to solve them.
11. What are your future plans for the program?

Initiative of the Year

This award is given to a person or group in recognition of a new initiative*. This initiative can be related to any area of SLS including (but not limited to) surf sports, administration, lifesaving, member services, community education, fundraising or education and training.

Essential Criteria

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from SurfGuard or equivalent:

1. Must be developed and delivered by current financial member/s (potentially in conjunction with an external body/sponsor).
2. The initiative should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.
3. The applicant, or the club/branch the nomination is on behalf of, must own the initiative and its components (eg you cannot claim to own an initiative that has been developed by another person/club or branch).

Selection Criteria

Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.

1. Demonstrates the delivery of a new and high-quality initiative.
2. Delivers a well-researched initiative (eg documented plans, risk management etc.).
3. Delivers a positive result within Surf Life Saving and/or the wider community (eg increased membership, media exposure, new community education methods, funds raised, or new lifesaving technique developed).

****An initiative is defined as: a concept, program or proposal that has/is being implemented to improve any facet of Surf Life Saving.***