



Vigilance and Service

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To: Illawarra Clubs
From: Maria Sewell, Office Manager
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Subject: SLSI Awards of Excellence Nominations

Nominations are now being called for the 2010/11 Surf Life Saving Illawarra Awards of Excellence to recognise the achievements and contributions of surf life savers in the Illawarra.

All members of Surf Life Saving Illawarra and its affiliates (Clubs/Groups) are invited to submit nominations for the following categories:

- **Ted Marshall Memorial Life Saver of the Year**
- **Volunteer of the Year**
- **Club of the Year**
- **Trainer of the Year**
- **Assessor of the Year**
- **Facilitator of the Year**
- **Surf Sports Official of the Year**
- **Surf Sports Coach of the Year**
- **Surf Sports Athlete of the Year (male & female)**
- **Masters Athlete of the Year**
- **Young Athlete of the Year (U/19) (male & female)**
- **Team of the Year**
- **Administrator of the Year**
- **Young Life Saver of the Year (U/19) (male & female)**
- **Patrolling Club of the Year (all Clubs will be considered)**
- **Age Manager of the Year**
- **Educator of the Year**
- **SLSI Life Membership**
- **Outstanding Contribution to Surf Life Saving**
- **Outstanding Contribution to Surf Life Saving Illawarra**
- **Club Attended Most Meetings**

Please find attached nomination form for completion. Extra documentation may accompany the nomination form. Remember, nominations should only include achievements in the Surf Life Saving calendar period of 2010/11, ie. May 2010 to April 2011.

Nominations Close: Friday 29 April 2011 at Surf Life Saving Illawarra





SPECIFIC AWARD CATEGORY CRITERIA

(Nominations Close: Friday 29 April 2011 at Surf Life Saving Illawarra)

TED MARSHALL MEMORIAL LIFE SAVER 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 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 held
3. Community Awards/Certificates held
4. Patrolling Hours (rostered and achieved) for seasons 2010/11, 2009/2010 and 2008/09
5. Befitting the image of an Australian Surf Life Saver

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the 2010/2011 season

1. Describe your contribution to surf lifesaving patrol duties.
2. Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to public safety.
3. Describe and detail major achievements and positions, relevant to lifesaving, held at club, branch & state 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 2 years prior to the 2010/11 season.
7. Additional information.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Volunteer of the Year award will recognise an individual who has demonstrated achievements in a range of different areas of a club or surf lifesaving service organisation throughout the year, or who has shown significant and outstanding achievements in one particular area. The individual's contribution demonstrably enhances the development of surf lifesaving.

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

- Club activities
- Carnivals
- Coaching
- Administrating
- Junior Activities (eg Age Manager)
- State Activities
- Branch Activities
- Training/Assessing
- Scrutineering
- Active patrolling
- Officiating

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 held (where applicable)
3. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable)

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the 2010/2011 season.

1. Describe your contribution to surf lifesaving, at any level in one or more areas of the organization.
2. Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to surf lifesaving across the organisation.
3. Describe and detail major achievements and positions, held at club, branch, state & Australian level
4. Describe future ambitions in the areas of club, branch, state, Australia, and in the community
5. Describe current and possible future challenges in surf lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome
6. Describe major achievements to surf lifesaving for the 2 years prior to 1st January 2011.
7. Additional information



CLUB OF THE YEAR

The purpose of the SLSNSW Club of the Year is to encourage and recognise outstanding achievements in club development that results in SLSNSW clubs providing safer beach and aquatic environments for the community.

Essential Information

1. Evidence that the club is a current accredited 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

1. Clubs will demonstrate the use of a systematic improvement program that focuses on two or more of the following: Leadership; Planning; People; Member Focus; Overall Performance. These areas are taken from the Australian Sports Commission's Club Development Network checklist.
2. Clubs will demonstrate engagement of members in club operations, resulting in improved morale and retention.
3. Clubs will evidence achievements that support SLSA's Saving Lives in the Water Strategic Management Plan
4. Clubs will demonstrate extended partnerships with external stakeholders.
5. Clubs will demonstrate strategies where it has focussed on engaging with the local community.
6. Clubs demonstrate improved lifesaving services.
7. Clubs should demonstrate how they have accessed a continuous improvement programs such as the Australian Sports Commissions Club Development Network (go to www.ausport.gov.au/clubs).
8. Clubs should identify the clubs plans for future development and continuous improvement.
9. Submissions should be no more than 20 pages in length.

TRAINER OF THE YEAR

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

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or Equivalent

1. Current member of Surf Life Saving Australia.
2. Training officer's certificate.
3. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable).

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the 2010/2011 season.

1. Contribution to surf lifesaving training duties.
2. Conferences attended and professional development participated in relating to training.
3. Contribution to development of new training resources (eg: participation on review panels, improvement requests submitted to SLSA).
4. Major achievements and positions, relevant to training, held at local, regional and state level.
5. Future training ambitions in the areas of club, branch and state.
6. 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 lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or Equivalent

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

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the 2010/2011 season.

1. Outstanding contribution to surf lifesaving assessing duties.
2. Conferences attended and professional development participated in relating to assessment.
3. Contribution to development of new assessment processes and tools (eg: participation on review panels, improvement requests submitted to SLSA).
4. Major achievements and positions, relevant to assessing, held at local, regional and state level.
5. Future assessing ambitions in the areas of club, branch and state.
6. Additional information.

FACILITATOR OF THE YEAR

Essential Criteria (you must meet these to apply for this award)

- Must be a current SLSA member.
- Must hold current SLSA facilitator awards.

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria)

1. Ongoing delivery of consistently high quality training and assessment, whilst adhering to SLSNSW guidelines.
2. An exceptional ability to transfer vital lifesaving experience, knowledge and skills. Detail training and assessing activities, continuous improvements and professional development.



COMPETITION 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 Criteria

1. Must be an SLSA member
2. Must be a current accredited surf sports official throughout the 2010/2011 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 and/or branch 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 2010/2011 season

1. Major Roles/positions - List the major Officiating Roles/positions (e.g. Referee) that the nominee has held, please include Branch/ State/ National/ International positions including high performance programs.
2. List the Officiating Clinics/ Conferences/ Courses that the nominee presented at or facilitated, at a club, branch, state, national or international level – listing the date, location, number of participants and type of involvement.
3. List any sports conferences/ high performance camps/officials clinics or accreditation courses that the nominee has attended – listing the date, location and name.
4. Detail any publications/ resources or sports papers that the nominee has had published or had acknowledged by SLSA e.g. Surf Coach Magazine or another recognised sport.
5. Outline other Sports Officiating activities or achievements outside SLSA.
6. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement in 2010/11 and why.
7. List any significant innovations or achievements in 2009 (e.g. relevant tertiary studies) either within or outside of SLSA.
8. Outline any areas within your surf club/ branch/ state centre where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLSA.

YOUNG ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (U/1) (male & female)

Essential Criteria (you must meet these to apply for this award)

- Must be a current SLSA member

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria)

1. Outstanding achievement(s) in respect to lifesaving performances at an international and/or national and/or state and/or branch level by a member between the age levels of U8 – U19 inclusive. Detail achievements in major competitions, participation in representative teams and development programs.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (male & female)

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.
2. The nominated athlete will be one 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.

Selection Criteria - please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the 2010/2011 season

1. Representative Teams -Detail specific occasions where the nominee has been a member of a major (state or national) representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and any placing both in individual or team events they achieved.
2. Major Competitions - Detail specific achievements outlining any medal places (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. state, national and international club championships – please include event names, carnival and placing.
3. Outline other achievements or activities within your surf club/ branch/ state centre/ nationally where you consider the nominee has made a contribution including any positions that may have been held.
4. Outline any personal development or other sports activities or achievements outside SLSA.
5. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2010/11 and why.
6. Additional information.

PATROLLING CLUB OF THE YEAR (BlueScope Patrol Proficiency Program)

This award is based on outstanding life saving service by a club (all clubs will be considered)



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*. Teams may include (but are not limited to) surf sports teams, lifesaving teams, support services teams, development teams, management as well as education and training teams.

Essential Criteria *(you must meet these to apply for this award)*

- All team members must be current financial surf life saving members.
- The team should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.

Selection Criteria *(your nomination will be judged against these criteria)*

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

Application Headings *(use these points as headings in your nomination submission)*

1. Describe and detail major achievements / initiatives / participation / representation etc.
2. Describe the scope of operations undertaken (eg number of people trained, competitors involved, hours patrolled, members involved etc).
3. Describe and detail the contribution and or influence this team has made to Surf Life Saving (eg media coverage, increased membership, positive role models, community engagement, lifted competition to new level etc).
4. Outline other achievements or activities within surf life saving where the team has made a contribution.

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 Criteria

1. Must be an SLSA member
2. Must be a current accredited surf sports coach throughout the 2010/2011 season
3. The nominated coach must be a surf coach of any discipline of Surf Lifesaving competition
4. 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
5. 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.
6. 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 2010/2011 season*

1. Representative Teams - List the coaching positions that the nominee has held, please include Branch/ State/ National positions, including high performance programs.
2. Detail any publications/ resources or sports papers that the nominee has had published or had acknowledged by SLSA e.g. Surf Coach Magazine or another recognised sport.
3. Outline and give examples of ways in which the nominee encourages the development of their athletes outside of sport.
4. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement in 10/11 season and why.
5. 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.
6. List the Coaching Clinics/ Conferences/ Courses that the nominee has presented at or facilitated, at a club, branch state, interstate, national or international level– listing the date, location, number of participants and type of involvement.
7. List any Sports Conferences, coaching workshops or accredited courses that the nominee has attended – listing the date, location and name.
8. Outline other Coaching Activities or achievements outside SLSA that the nominee is involved with or positions held.
9. List any outstanding qualities or innovations e.g. Tertiary coaching qualifications or if the nominee coaches another sport.
10. Outline any area within your surf club/ branch where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
11. Additional information.

MASTERS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Essential Criteria *(you must meet these to apply for this award)*

- Must be a current SLSA member

Selection Criteria *(your nomination will be judged against these criteria)*

1. Outstanding achievement(s) in respect to lifesaving performances at an international and/or national and/or state and/or branch level. The age level for masters is 30 years of age and older. (As defined in current SLSA Competition Manual). Detail achievements in major competitions, participation in representative teams and development programs.



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 2010/11 season.

This award is for volunteer administration roles only.

Essential Criteria *(you must meet these to apply for this award)*

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

Selection Criteria *(your nomination will be judged against these criteria)*

1. Displays a high degree of professionalism whilst a member and administrator.
2. Demonstrates a wide variety of involvement in Surf Life Saving activities.
3. Actively participates in personal and professional development internally and/or externally to Surf Life Saving (potentially developing fellow club members as well).
4. Demonstrated adherence to role compliance (eg risk management planning, signed affiliation forms, annual report submitted, project plan written).
5. Demonstrated effective and efficient administration processes that showcase best practice operations or continual improvements.

Application Headings *(use these points as headings in your nomination submission)*

1. Detail scope of activities and any projects undertaken throughout season (relevant to this award nomination) linking activities to Club Business Plan.
2. Detail administration improvements implemented that strive towards best practice.
3. Ability to motivate and encourage others and develop positive attitudes and a streamlined approach to efficient and effective administrative processes.
4. Outline activities and development both internal and external to Surf Life Saving for the improvement of services to members and the community.

AGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Outstanding achievement(s) in respect to age management at junior level.

Please forward nominations to: Surf Life Saving Illawarra
PO Box 6
WOLLONGONG EAST NSW 2520

Surf Life Saving Illawarra reserves the right to nominate candidates.

Presentation of awards will be at Surf Life Saving Illawarra's "Awards of Excellence" to be held on 4 June 2011 at the Portofino Function Centre.

All nominations are to be endorsed by respective clubs to ensure members are of good standing within the association, and forwarded to Surf Life Saving Illawarra by the closing date.





SURF LIFE SAVING ILLAWARRA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

NOMINATION FORM

Please note: Only the year 2010/11 is taken into consideration.

Club: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

CATEGORY: _____

Nominee: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Clothing size (eg small, medium, large, 12, 14 etc.) _____

Reason for nomination

Using the awards selection criteria as headings, list the nominee's major achievements and any relevant information for consideration.

Please include a blurb outlining the nominee's major achievements (100 words or less)

Large empty box for writing the nomination reason.

Club: _____

Endorsed/ Not Endorsed

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