

Circular

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Summary:	This Circular provides information on the following: • Section 1 – Categories and General Conditions • Section 2 – Nomination Process & Guidelines • Section 3 – Specific Award Criteria and Conditions • Section 4 – Award Summary for SLSWA-nominated Awards
Actions:	All nominations and their relevant attachments, including a photo of the nominee, MUST be uploaded to the online entry system by 8am Monday, 28 April 2025 .

Nominations are now being called for the 2025 Surf Life Saving Western Australia (SLSWA) Awards of Excellence to recognise the achievements and contributions of SLSWA members throughout the 2024/25 Season (*this refers to the period of 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025). Nominations are open to all members of SLSWA affiliated clubs.

Using the same online entry system, SLSWA urges all nominators to please take the appropriate time to complete the written submission addressing the selection criteria and collate any required attachments well in advance of the due date.
No late submissions will be considered.

All awards will be presented in a formal ceremony at Crown Perth on Saturday, 14 June 2025.

Please note: a separate Circular will be distributed with further information regarding event tickets and club table bookings.

SECTION 1 – CATEGORIES AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

CATEGORIES

Please ensure you refer only to the Selection Criteria contained in this most current Circular, as the Selection Criteria will differ from those of previous years.

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The following awards do not require club nomination – Information has been included in [Section 4](#) (page 19) for your reference. Clubs may be consulted in relation to nominees and are encouraged to put forward individuals they feel should be nominated.

- [Support Operations Volunteer of the Year](#)
- [Official of the Year*](#)
- [Athlete of the Year*](#)
- [Young Athlete of the Year*](#)
- [Surf Sports Team of the Year *](#)
- [Lifeguard of the Year*](#)

Please note the following:

The winners of any awards marked with an asterisk (*) will represent WA at the Surf Life Saving Australia Awards of Excellence. The SLSA Awards of Excellence ceremony is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, 1 November 2025**.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- We encourage Club Administrators and Committee Members to thoroughly read through the full document and pass on details as they deem necessary.
- Application closing dates: ALL Nominations close **8am Monday, 28 April 2025**.
- **No late submissions will be accepted for any awards.** Once the deadline passes, no nominations will be able to be submitted.
- These awards are orientated towards involvement and activities for the 2024/25 season (1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025). Where ages are mentioned, this refers to the member's age as of 30 September in the 2024/25 season.
- No hardcopy nominations will be accepted for any award category. All nominations must be submitted via the online entry system.

SECTION 2 – NOMINATION PROCESS & GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All nominations must be submitted via the **online entry system**, which can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AOE25>

Before nominators can submit each nomination, they will need to have the following documents/attachments available and ready to be uploaded.

1. **Written Submission:** Each written submission must address ALL of the **Selection Criteria** for the nominated award:
 - Individual **Selection Criteria** 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 try to use dot point answers and keep to a reasonable length.
 - Preferred font is Arial, minimum 10-point size.
 - No handwritten submissions will be accepted.
 - The written submission may be uploaded as a Word Doc or PDF.
 - Please address the applicant's achievements in the 2024/25 season as the primary focus. Previous achievements and future ambitions can also be addressed, where requested, in the criteria.
2. **Supporting Documents:** Please upload any supporting documents as requested in the **Essential Criteria**. This may include Surfguard records of awards, patrol hours, etc.
3. **A digital portrait photo of the nominee:**
 - For individual nominations, nominators **MUST** include a **digital self-portrait photo** of the nominee (min 1MB JPEG).
 - For the club awards, a version of the club logo must be uploaded.
 - Any nomination that does not include a photo will **NOT** be accepted. You will not be able to proceed with submitting a nomination without a photo/logo uploaded.

Please find a step-by-step guide to the online entry form on the following page.

Step-by-Step Guide to the 2025 Online Entry Form for the SLSWA Awards of Excellence

The following section is for the Nominator (person making the nomination) to complete about the Nominee (person being nominated).

* 1. Nominee Contact Details

Full Name	
Surf Life Saving Club	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Please ensure correct spelling of nominee's name before continuing.

* 2. Award Category

Please select from dropdown below

* 3. Nominee Written Submission

Please upload the nominee's written submission addressing the relevant selection criteria (the relevant selection criteria will be accepted)

Choose File

No file chosen

4. Nominee Supporting Documents

Please upload any supporting documents as requested in the Essential Criteria. This may include Surfguard records of awards, patrol hours etc.

Choose File

No file chosen

* 5. Do you need to submit additional supporting documents?

☐ Yes

☐ No

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A NOMINATION

Please note: All of the fields marked with an asterisk (*) MUST be completed for you to submit the nomination.

Step 1: Complete all the fields for the person you are nominating for the award.

Step 2: Select the nominees' award category from the dropdown menu.

Note if you are nominating the person for multiple awards, you are required to complete a new nomination form for each award category.

Step 3: Upload a **Written Submission** addressing the **Selection Criteria** for the relevant award category. Please adhere to the **Submission Guidelines** on Page 3 of this Circular.

Step 4: Upload any Supporting Documents as required in the Essential Criteria of the relevant award category.

* 10. Will the Nominee be attending the Awards of Excellence?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

* 11. Nominee Photo

Please upload a high resolution image of the nominee (or Club logo if it is a Club-based award)

Choose File

No file chosen

The following section is for the Nominator (person making the nomination) to complete.

* 12. Nomination Endorsement

This nomination must be endorsed by a position-holding member of the club, such as the Club President, Director of Lifesaving, or a relevant member of the Club Board.

Please include the name and Club Position of the endorsing member below.

* 13. Declaration

As an authorised officer of the club listed above, I do hereby declare that the information provided is correct, and the nominee is of good standing within the club.

- ☐ Yes

* 14. Nominator Contact Details

Full Name

Club

Club Position

Email Address

Phone Number

Step 10: Tick whether the person being nominated will be attending the Awards of Excellence on Saturday, 14 June 2025. If unknown, tick "unsure"

Step 11: Upload a photo of the person being nominated. For Club-based awards, upload a club logo. For Community Program of the Year, upload a picture of the program.

NOTE: You cannot submit the nomination **UNLESS** you have uploaded a photo of the nominee.

Step 12: All nominations must be endorsed by someone who holds a position at the nominee's Club, for example the Club President, Director of Lifesaving, Director of Surf Sports etc.

Step 13: Tick the "Yes" box to confirm the declaration.

Step 14: Fill in YOUR details as the person making the nomination. You must answer all the boxes.

Once you have clicked "Done", you will receive the following message on your screen:

Thank you for taking the time to submit a nomination for the 2025 Surf Life Saving WA Awards of Excellence. Your nomination has been received and will be forwarded to the relevant committee for consideration. A compiled list of all nominations received for members of your club will be sent via email to your club's President on Wednesday, 30 April 2025.

IMPORTANT DETAILS TO NOTE:

1. You will NOT receive an automated email response to confirm a nomination has been received. You will see a message on the screen (as detailed above) when you submit your nomination online. We recommend submitting your nominations **BEFORE** the due date to ensure no nominations are missed in a last-minute rush.
2. The [online entry form](#) for nominations will close at **8 am, Monday, 28 April 2025**. Once this time has passed, **no further nominations can be submitted. No late nominations will be accepted.**
3. Once nominations have closed, clubs will be advised of all nominations received.

NOMINEE CONDITIONS

The 2024/25 Season refers to the period from **1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025**.

Nominees in ALL categories must be:

1. A current financial member of a Surf Life Saving Western Australia affiliated club.
2. A good ambassador of Surf Life Saving.
3. Must answer the applicable selection criteria for the 2024/25 season (period 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025) unless requested otherwise.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Once nominations have closed, the respective Committees will consider all nominations to determine finalists and a state winner. All nominees will be advised whether they have been selected as a finalist.
2. Finalists for the Surf Lifesaver, Young Surf Lifesaver, Volunteer, Patrol Club, Young Volunteer and Lavan Club of the Year awards will be required to be available for an interview. This may be in person or via Microsoft Teams. Further information is detailed under individual award categories.

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SECTION 3 - SPECIFIC AWARD CRITERIA & CONDITIONS

Applicants for the 2025 SLSWA Awards of Excellence must address the relevant Selection Criteria found in this document.

Please list each Selection Criteria as a heading with your response typed under each section. Please try to use dot-point answers and keep to a reasonable length. **The preferred font is Arial, with a minimum 10-point size.**

Surf Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises active patrolling 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 who can be presented as an identifiable "ambassador" for Surf Life Saving.

Nominations in this category should focus on the delivery of frontline lifesaving services at a club level, first and foremost. While service delivery at a regional or state level, such as through abalone patrols or as a member of the Woodside Jet Ski Teams, can be considered, where this service is the focus of the nomination, then that nominee should be recommended for the Support Operators Volunteer of the Year category.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Tell us about the member being nominated.

Consider the following in your response:

- Outline the nominee's history and experience in lifesaving operations at your Club.
- Highlight key positions, roles, or responsibilities they hold and any new skills they have acquired.
- Mention any additional contributions beyond lifesaving, such as involvement in Nipper or Youth activities, training, or general Club activities.

2. What has been achieved?

Consider the following in your response:

- Describe specific actions or initiatives the nominee has taken to improve lifesaving operations.
- Explain how they identified and addressed challenges or introduced innovative solutions.
- Provide examples of measurable or visible improvements resulting from their contributions.

3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

Consider the following in your response:

- Explain who benefited from the nominee's efforts and how their contributions made a difference.
- Describe how they demonstrate leadership, teamwork, and positive behaviours within and outside the club (i.e., to members of the public, stakeholders, and other clubs).
- Highlight how their work aligns with and promotes the values and mission of Surf Life Saving Australia.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

An interview will be held whereby the finalist will be asked follow-up questions. Interviews may take place over Microsoft Teams.

Finalists will be contacted with further details about interview dates and times.

Volunteer of the Year

This award will recognise a member who has demonstrated achievements in a range of different areas of a club or surf lifesaving service organisation throughout the year or who has demonstrated outstanding service to the organisation at large. The nominee would clearly demonstrate a positive attitude and be capable of being a role model and ambassador for the organisation.

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

- Club activities
- Coaching
- Junior Activities
- Training/Assessing
- Active patrolling
- Fundraising/Grants/Sponsorship
- Carnivals
- Administration
- State/National Activities
- Organisational leadership
- Officiating
- Safeguarding

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

Essential Criteria: Please supply proof, where appropriate, from either Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Surf Life Saving awards/certificates held (where applicable)
2. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable)

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

Club/Nominator

1. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated commitment to Surf Life Saving across the organisation.
2. Describe the nominee's major achievements and positions held at Club and or State level for the current season.
3. Describe a challenge the nominee has overcome that has made a significant impact or positive cultural difference to their club or the organisation.
4. Describe a key change/improvement that the nominee has brought/made to their club or the organisation in the past three years.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award?
6. Any relevant additional information.

Nominee – Maximum one page

1. What gives you the greatest satisfaction in being a volunteer in Surf Life Saving?
2. Describe your future ambitions in the areas of club, state, national and in the community.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

An interview may be held whereby the finalist will be asked follow-up questions. Interviews may take place over Microsoft Teams.

Finalists will be contacted with further details about interview dates and times if required.

Young Surf Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises and rewards active patrolling 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 and who can be presented as an identifiable ambassador for surf lifesaving.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Tell us about the member being nominated.
Consider the following in your response:
 - Outline their history with Surf Lifesaving, including years of involvement and progression.
 - Highlight key skills they have developed, and leadership qualities demonstrated.
 - Describe how they have influenced others, overcome challenges, and upheld positive values.
2. What has been achieved?
Consider the following in your response:
 - Detail new roles, responsibilities, or initiatives undertaken this season.
 - Explain the motivation, planning, and execution of any programs or innovations.
 - Describe any challenges faced and how success was measured or evaluated.
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?
Consider the following in your response:
 - Quantify the number of people or groups affected by their efforts.
 - Explain the specific improvements or benefits resulting from their contributions.
 - Highlight the broader impact on the club and the wider community.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

An interview will be held whereby the finalist will be asked follow-up questions. Interviews may take place over Microsoft Teams.

Finalists will be contacted with further details about interview dates and times.

Young Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises and rewards outstanding achievement(s) and contribution(s) at a local/state level to club and member development. Nominees must be between 18 and 25 years.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Outline contributions and achievements relevant to club and member development at club, regional and state levels.
2. Detail demonstrated actions and behaviour befitting a positive role model.
3. Outline contribution to delivering programs/activities or assisting in the delivery of programs/activities that have contributed to the development of club members.
4. Detail future ambitions at club, regional and state levels.
5. Any relevant additional information.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

An interview may be held whereby the finalist will be asked follow-up questions. Interviews may take place over Microsoft Teams.

Finalists will be contacted with further details about interview dates and times if required.

Community Education Program of the Year

This award recognises a Club for the development of a non-commercial activity or program that is targeted to non-members who are an identified at-risk group within the community. The program is designed to deliver one or more of the following objectives.

- Increase community capacity to recreate safely on the beach through improved skills and/or awareness.
- Promote and encourage participation in Surf Life Saving through Club memberships.
- Should contribute significantly to the organisation's mission of saving lives, creating great Australians, and building better communities.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Tell us about the program being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the achievements of the program, you may want to consider the below to boost the quality of your nomination.

- What was the motivation or research that drove the program?
- 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 that needed to be overcome to achieve success?
- You may wish to attach photographs or include links to any promotional material created or media coverage received.

Lavan Club of the Year (Reg Trigg OBE, Memorial Trophy)

The Lavan Club of the Year award aims to encourage and recognise outstanding achievements in club development that result in surf lifesaving clubs providing safer beaches and aquatic environments for the community. It is acknowledged that clubs achieve many outstanding achievements through their members during each season and that many of these initiatives are inspirational and different from our core business.

The winner of the Lavan Club of the Year award receives the Reg Trigg Memorial Trophy, named after Mr Reg Trigg OBE, a former State President and WA and Australian Life Member, in honour of his dedication and commitment to Surf Life Saving. Thanks to Lavan, the three top clubs will be awarded prize money totalling \$15,000.

The process of selecting the Club of the Year relies on two major elements, the **written submission** and the **interview/presentation**, that provide the critical information for the selection panel.

The **written submission** (excluding any attachments) **must NOT exceed five (5) pages in length (please ensure each answer is no more than 400 words)**. It should be constructed in a concise, well-written manner to demonstrate achievements against the Selection Criteria and improvement in the club's operations, benefits to the community and members, and any major achievements and innovations. Scoring penalties may apply for nominations that go over the word/page maximum.

Additional documents including cover sheets, photos, news articles, reference letters, etc., can be in **addition** to the five (5) pages of text.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Tell us the story of your club.
2. What has your club achieved over the last 12 months (2024/2025 season)?
3. Why have the achievements made a difference at your club, and to whom, and how do you bring the club members on the journey?
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?

When showcasing the member, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination with respect to life saving operations:

- How does your club support the SLS 2025 Strategic plan?
- What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implement in the last 12 months (season 2024/2025) that extended your strategic objectives? How did you identify the need for this?
- How does your club deliver sustainability and improvement measures across the areas of governance, leadership, development, community engagement (or community support initiatives), plus the delivery of lifesaving services?
- What, if any, challenges did the club have to overcome to achieve this success?
- How does your club management team model a positive and supportive culture, behaviours and actions?

Interview/Presentation – FINALISTS ONLY

To assist the panel in their selection, finalists for the Lavan Club of the Year will be required to prepare a **20-minute presentation** on the club's successes as related to the Selection Criteria. The interview will also provide the opportunity for the judges to ask questions and clarifications and for clubs to expand on any elements of their written submission. Up to two presenters may assist in the club's presentation. Notes and PowerPoint presentations are allowed and recommended.

These interviews will be held on the day of the Awards of Excellence – Saturday, 14 June 2025.

Finalists will be contacted with further details about interview times.

Patrol Club of the Year (IT Birtwistle Trophy)

The Patrol Club of the Year award recognises a club conducting its Lifesaving duties and activity in an efficient and effective manner that is relevant to local beach user needs and activities. The award identifies the club that seeks to undertake strong engagement with local stakeholders and incorporates preventative and behavioural change activity as part of its services.

Please note: Due to the nature of assessing, SLSWA reserves the right to make internal nominations for this award, in addition to those received from clubs.

The I.T. Birtwistle Trophy is awarded to the winner.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. What initiatives have you implemented, or continued to implement, to engage with the public on the beach, and what impact have the initiatives had?
2. What initiatives have you implemented, or continued to implement, to deliver a high standard of lifesaving services to the public, and what impact have the initiatives had?
3. What initiatives have you implemented, or continued to implement, to develop/support patrolling members, and what impact have the initiatives had?
4. What initiatives have you implemented, or continued to implement, to respond to incidents efficiently, and what impact have the initiatives had?
5. What initiatives have you implemented, or continued to implement, to ensure stats are accurate and timely, and how have you used the stats?
6. What other initiatives have you implemented to improve broader lifesaving outcomes in the community, and what impact have they had?

Patrol Club of the Year – Nomination Guide

For various reasons, every club is well positioned to be recognised as Patrol Club of the Year. Either your club has demonstrated notable growth with good success, tried to push the boundaries and attempted growth but have lessons learned, sustained operations-as-usual in an efficient and effective manner, or responded to adversity or unforeseen circumstances and delivered services that meet the needs specific to your local area.

The following non-exhaustive list of thought prompters and ideas is provided to assist in applying for the Patrol Club of the Year Award.

TIP – With broad selection criteria that have a lot of thought prompters/ideas provided, don't try and address each /idea in your application. Focus on a few that best suit your club. A succinct, quality response about one idea is better than a rambling response covering a number of ideas.

Selection Criteria	Thought Prompters / Ideas for Application
What initiatives have you implemented to engage with the public on the beach and what impact have the initiatives had?	- Doesn't just have to be preventative interactions. - Improve the brand of SLSA
Describe initiatives implemented to deliver a high standard of lifesaving services to the public, and what impact have the initiatives had?	- Use of the risk rating App - Engagement of patrolling members - How you have met the lifesaving agreement - Tailored patrol guidelines to your beach and rolled them out to patrolling members
What initiatives have you implemented to develop/support patrolling members and what impact have the initiatives had?	- Training and skills development - Development pathways within patrols - SRC mentoring - Upskilling on patrol - Peer support - PC meetings to share good ideas.

What initiatives have you implemented to respond to incidents efficiently and what impact have the initiatives had?	- First aid bag set up - Patrol room set up / access - ID of different awards - Patrol scenarios/training
What initiatives have you implemented to ensure stats are accurate and timely, and how have you used the stats?	- Analysis of stats and changes you have implemented in response. - Initiatives to improve recording and understanding of stats
What other initiatives have you implemented to improve broader lifesaving outcomes in the community and what impact have they had?	- Assistance to other clubs/regions - Interagency partnerships - Community education

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

To assist the panel in their selection, finalists for Patrol Club of the Year will be required to participate in an interview. Up to two club presenters may participate in the interview. Interview criteria will be provided prior to the interview.

Finalists will be contacted with further details around interview dates and times.

Woodside Nippers Club of the Year

The Woodside Nippers Club of the Year award recognises a club for their excellent delivery of the Nipper Curriculum across four key outcome areas: individual safety, surf awareness, lifesaving, and surf sports skills.

The written submission must not exceed five (5) pages in length and should address the on-patrol and selection criteria. Evidence/ documents to support the nomination can be in addition to the five (5) pages. Scoring penalties may apply for nominations that exceed the word/page maximum.

Essential Criteria

1. Demonstrated use of SLSWA Nippers Curriculum.
2. Demonstrated compliance with Woodside Nippers Club Agreement requirements.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. How has your club planned, delivered, and monitored the key outcome areas of the Nipper Curriculum across the various age groups? Please address each key outcome area with key examples.
2. What new initiatives, programs, or events did your club implement last season in the Nipper area?
3. What additional (club-level) elements or initiatives have you put in place to supplement and support one or more of the key outcome areas? Please describe what you did and how it was successful.
4. How has your Nippers Program improved from previous seasons? Please utilise improvement measures including program size, retention rates, performances in competition, member feedback, etc.
5. A primary goal of the Nippers Program is creating future lifesavers. Describe the successful strategies that your club has used to prepare and transition your U13 Nippers into the Youth Program?
6. Describe a key challenge that your club had to overcome in relation to the delivery of your Nippers Program and how you overcame it (may not be applicable to your club).
7. Describe how the support provided by the Woodside Nippers partnership has contributed to the success of your program. (Key components of the partnership include program promotion, Nipper apparel, club financial support.)
8. Any relevant additional information.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

An interview may be held whereby the finalist will be asked follow-up questions. Interviews may take place over Microsoft Teams.

Finalists will be contacted with further details about interview dates and times if required.

Woodside Nippers Program Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises the outstanding achievement(s) and contribution(s) of an individual member at a club level to the Woodside Nippers program. This could be, for example, the member who coordinates the program, a member who helps at set up and pack down, a member who provides water safety, a member who coaches a specific skill area or a member who helps with administration duties.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Outline the achievements and contributions of the individual relevant to the planning, preparation, set up, delivery and pack down of the club Woodside Nippers Program.
2. Detail the significance of the contribution in terms of the member's Sunday routine and the hours put in.
3. Detail the member's contribution to the broader Woodside Nippers Program, such as weekday meetings, training, carnival involvement, and the hours put in.
4. Any relevant additional information.

Age Manager of the Year

This award recognises and rewards the outstanding achievement(s) and contribution(s) of an individual member who has managed a group of Nippers and/or Youth within their club.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Outline achievements and contributions relevant to the planning of the Nipper and/or Youth season, based on the individuals they were working with.
2. Outline achievements and contributions relevant to the specific delivery of the Woodside Nippers Program and/or SLSWA Youth Program to a group of SLS members.
3. Outline achievements and contributions relevant to the monitoring of individual Nipper and/or Youth with the goal of improving that individual's SLS experience.
4. Any relevant additional information.

Coach of the Year

This award recognises a member 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 Surf Life Saving. **Please ensure you distinguish between paid and volunteer activity in your written submission.*

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. What coaching qualification does the member currently hold? (Please supply proof where appropriate from either Surfguard or equivalent)
2. What coaching roles has the member fulfilled during the 2024/25 season at Club, State, National and International Level?
3. List the competition results attributed to the Coach, where this member was the primary coach for the athlete and/or team, in the 2024/25 season?
4. Has the Coach been involved in any mentoring and development of coaches, creation of supporting documentation and/or programs in the 2024/25 season? Please provide examples of where the Coach has shown a positive and supportive attitude, behaviour, and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the 2024/25 season?
5. List where the Coach has undertaken any personal development to improve themselves as a coach in the 2024/25 season?
6. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about this Coach related to coaching surf sports.

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.

Please note: SLSWA reserves the right to make internal nominations for this award, in addition to those received from clubs.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Tell us about the trainer being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the trainer, 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?

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.

Please note: SLSWA reserves the right to make internal nominations for this award, in addition to those received from clubs.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions below, with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. Tell us about the assessor being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the assessor, 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?

SECTION 4 – AWARD CRITERIA FOR SLSWA-NOMINATED AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS DO NOT REQUIRE CLUB NOMINATION – the following information has simply been included for your reference.

Please note: Clubs may be consulted in relation to nominees and are encouraged to put forward individuals who they feel should be nominated.

Support Operations Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services during the 2024/25 season as part of SLSWA Support Operations Group/s (Woodside Jet Ski Teams; Drone Patrol; Abalone Patrol; and Peer Support Network).

It is aimed at active surf lifesavers, taking into account extended duties over and above their club-based requirements and who can be presented as an identifiable "ambassador" for Surf Life Saving. This category may be awarded to an individual or group of surf lifesavers.

Note: Applications that focus on significant achievements in club frontline lifesaving service will not be considered in this category and should be entered in the Surf Lifesaver of the Year category. If this area is also covered by other Award Categories (e.g., Lifesaver, Coach, Official, Trainer, and Assessor of the Year).

Official of the Year

This award recognises an accredited surf sports official who has made a significant contribution to officiating at a state, national and/or international level and to the educational development of other officials in Surf Life Saving.

Selection Criteria: Answer the questions 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 2024/25 season at Club, State, National and International Level?
3. Describe the Official's achievements during the 24/25 season, including examples. Areas of achievement may be in mentoring, training, documentation and process, new programs, solving problems etc.
4. Please provide examples of how the Official adheres to and is a role model for the values of SLSA.
5. List any training or development the Official has undertaken this season to improve themselves and their impact.
6. Please provide examples of where the Official has shown a positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the 2024/25 season?

Athlete of the Year

This award recognises an athlete aged 15 or older who has achieved sporting excellence in Open Age competition as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving during the 2024/25 season.

Areas taken into account may include performance in major competitions or competition series, participation in representative teams, and any other areas where the nominee has made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.

Young Athlete of the Year

This award recognises an athlete from the U17/U19 age group who has achieved sporting excellence in U17 to Open Age competition, as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within Surf Life Saving during the 2024/25 season.

Areas taken into account may include performance in major competitions or competition series, participation in representative teams, and any other areas where the nominee has made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.

Surf Sport Team of the Year

This award recognises outstanding achievement(s) by a team with respect to surf lifesaving competitions at an international, national and/or state level during the 2024/25 season.

Areas taken into account may include performance in major competitions or competition series, participation in representative teams, and any other areas where member/s of the nominated team have made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.

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