

Circular

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Summary:	This Circular provides information relating to nominations for the 2026 SLSWA Awards of Excellence, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1 – Award Categories and Conditions • Section 2 – Nomination Process • Section 3 – Specific Award Criteria and Conditions • Section 4 – Award Criteria 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 the close of nominations at 08:00 am, Monday, 20 April 2026.

Nominations are now being called for the 2026 Surf Life Saving Western Australia (SLSWA) Awards of Excellence to recognise the achievements and contributions of SLSWA members during the 2025/26 season (this refers to the period of 1st May 2025 to 30th April 2026). Nominations are open to all WA Surf Life Saving clubs and members of SLSWA-affiliated clubs.

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

All awards will be presented at the formal awards ceremony at Crown Perth on Saturday, 20th June 2026.

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



James O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer

Section 1 – Awards Categories and Conditions

Categories

- [Surf Lifesaver of the Year*](#)
- [Young Surf Lifesaver of the Year*](#)
- [Volunteer of the Year*](#)
- [Young Volunteer of the Year*](#)
- [Lavan Club of the Year \(Reg Trigg OBE, Memorial Trophy\)*](#)
- [Patrol Club of the Year \(IT Birtwistle Trophy\)](#)
- [Woodside Nippers Club of the Year](#)
- [Woodside Nippers Program Volunteer of the Year](#)
- [Age Manager of the Year](#)
- [Trainer of the Year*](#)
- [Assessor of the Year*](#)
- [Coach of the Year*](#)

The following awards do not require a club nomination – Information has been included in [Section 4](#) for your reference. Clubs may be consulted in relation to potential 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 (SLSA) Awards of Excellence. The SLSA Awards of Excellence ceremony will be held on Saturday, 7th November 2026, in Sydney, venue to be confirmed.

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 **8.00 am Monday, 20th April 2026**.
- **No late submissions will be accepted for any award categories.** Once the deadline passes, no nominations will be able to be submitted.
- **These awards are based on the 2025/26 season** (1st May 2025 to 30th April 2026). Where ages are mentioned, this refers to the member's age as of 30th September in the 2025/26 season.
- No hardcopy nominations will be accepted. All nominations must be submitted via the online entry system.

Nominee Conditions

Nominees in all categories must be:

- A current financial member of a Surf Life Saving Western Australia affiliated club.
- A good ambassador of Surf Life Saving.
- Must answer the applicable selection criteria for the season, unless requested otherwise.

Selection Process

1. Once nominations have closed, the respective Committees will consider all nominations to determine finalists and a state winner.
2. Finalists for the Surf Lifesaver, Young Surf Lifesaver, Volunteer, Young Volunteer, Patrol Club and Lavan Club of the Year awards may be required for an interview. Further information is provided under individual award categories.

Section 2 – Nomination Process

Submission Guidelines

All nominations must be submitted via the online entry system, which can be accessed here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AoE26>

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 submission must address **all** the Selection Criteria for the nominated award:

- Selection criteria are specific to the award and can be found in Section 3.
- Please list each Selection Criteria as a heading with the response typed below, keeping answers to 400 words.
- No handwritten submissions will be accepted. We suggest using Arial with a minimum font size of 10 points and submitting as a Word document or PDF.
- The submission should focus on the nominee's achievements in the 2025/26 season. Previous achievements or future ambitions may be addressed where requested in the criteria.

2. Supporting documents:

Please upload any documents as requested in the Selection Criteria. This may include Surfguard records.

3. A digital photo of the nominee

- For individual nominations, nominators must include a digital self-portrait photo of the nominee (min 1MB JPEG).
- For club awards, the club's logo must be uploaded.
- You will not be able to proceed with submitting a nomination without a photo or logo uploaded.

Step-by-Step Guide to the 2026 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	<input type="text"/>
Surf Life Saving Club	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

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 must complete a separate 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 4 of this Circular.*

* 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)

No file chosen

Step 10: Tick whether the person being nominated will be attending the Awards of Excellence ceremony. If unknown, tick “unsure”

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

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.

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 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 award nomination is correct, and the nominee is of good standing within the club.

- Yes

* 14. Nominator Contact Details

Full Name	<input type="text"/>
Club	<input type="text"/>
Club Position	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

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 2026 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/Administrator on Wednesday, 22 April 2026.

Important details to note:

1. You will not receive an automated email response to confirm your nomination has been received. A message will appear on the screen confirming the nomination. Please submit the nominations **before** the due date and time to ensure the nomination is not missed, as the form will close at 0800 am.
2. The online entry system for nominations will close at **800 am, Monday, 20th April 2026**. Once this time has passed, **no further nominations can be submitted, and no late nominations will be accepted.**
3. Once nominations have closed, Club presidents and administrators will be advised of all relevant nominations received.

Section 3 – Specific Award Criteria & Conditions

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 "ambassador" for Surf Life Saving.

Note: Nominations in this category should primarily focus on the delivery of frontline lifesaving services at a club level. While service delivery at a regional or state level (e.g. through abalone patrols or as a member of the Woodside Jet Ski team) can also be considered, if the focus of the nomination is on these broader services, the nominee should instead be recommended for the Support Operations 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 and 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 (e.g. 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.

Young Surf Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises active patrolling members, aged 15-21 years, who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active young surf lifesavers undertaking lifesaving duties who can be presented as an "ambassador" for Surf Life Saving.

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 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.

Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises a member who has demonstrated achievements in a range of different areas of a club or surf life saving service organisation throughout the 2025/26 year, or who has demonstrated outstanding service to the organisation at large. The nominee would clearly demonstrate a positive attitude and be a role model and ambassador of the organisation.

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

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

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.

Supporting Documentation: 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).

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 achievements and contributions of members, aged 15-21 years, at a local/state level, to their club and member development.

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. Outline how the nominee 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.

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 life saving clubs providing safer beach 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 awards receives the Reg Trigg Memorial Trophy, named after Mr Reg Trigg OBE, a former State President and SLSWA & SLSA 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 selection process includes two elements: the written submission and the interview/presentation.

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

The written submission should not exceed five (5) pages in length and should be written in a concise manner to demonstrate achievements against the selection criteria. Scoring penalties may apply to nominations that exceed the word limit.

1. Tell us the story of your club.
2. What has your club achieved over the last 12 months (2025/26 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 club, you may want to consider the questions below:

- How does your club support the Surf Life Saving Australia 2030 Strategic Plan?
- What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implement in the last 12 months (2025/26 season) 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, and the delivery of lifesaving services?
- What, if any, challenges or barriers did the club have to overcome this season to achieve success?
- How does your club management team model a positive and supportive culture, behaviours and actions?

Interview – Finalists only

An interview will be held, whereby the club will be asked to prepare a 20-minute presentation on the club's successes as related to the Selection Criteria. The interview will also provide the selection panel the opportunity to ask questions and clarifications on elements of the written submission. Notes and PowerPoint presentations are recommended. The interviews will be held on the day of the Awards of Excellence, and finalists will be contacted with further details about times.

Patrol Club of the Year (IT Birtwistle Trophy)

The Patrol Club of the Year award recognises a club conducting its lifesaving duties and activities 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.

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

1. What initiatives have you implemented to engage and motivate patrol members, and what impact have these initiatives had on participation or performance?

Consider the following thought prompts in your response:

- Consider initiatives that actively motivate and involve patrol members (e.g. mentoring, recognition, skill development, leadership opportunities).
- Reflect on how initiatives improved teamwork, patrol member performance and confidence.

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?

Consider the following thought prompts in your response:

- Use of the risk rating app.
- Engagement of patrolling members.
- How have you met the lifesaving agreement?
- Tailored patrol guidelines to your beach and their rollout to patrolling members.

3. What initiatives have you implemented, or continued to implement, to develop/support patrolling members, and what impact have the initiatives had?

Consider the following thought prompts in your response:

- Training and skills development.
- Development pathways within patrols.
- SRC mentoring.
- Upskilling on patrol.
- Peer support.
- PC meetings to share good ideas.

4. What initiatives have you implemented, or continued to implement, to respond to incidents efficiently, and what impact have the initiatives had?

Consider the following thought prompts in your response:

- First aid bag set-up.
- Patrol room set-up and access.
- ID of different awards.
- Patrol scenarios/training.

5. What initiatives have you implemented, or continued to implement, to ensure stats are accurate and timely, and how have you used the stats?

Consider the following thought prompts in your response:

- Analysis of stats and changes you have implemented in response.
- Initiatives to improve the recording and understanding of stats.

6. What other initiatives have you implemented to improve broader lifesaving outcomes in the community, and what impact have they had?

Consider the following thought prompts in your response:

- Assistance to other clubs/regions.
- Interagency partnerships.
- Community education.

Interview – Finalists only

To assist the panel in their selection, finalists will be required to participate in an interview with up to two club representatives. Finalists will be contacted with further details about interview dates and time, as well as interview criteria.

Woodside Nippers Club of the Year

This award recognises a club for its excellent delivery of the Nipper curriculum across four key outcome areas: individual safety, surf awareness, lifesaving, and surf sport skills.

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

The written submission should not exceed five (5) pages in length and should be written in a concise manner to demonstrate achievements against the selection criteria. Scoring penalties may apply to nominations that exceed the word limit.

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 the previous season? *Please utilise improvement measures, including program size, retention rates, performances in competition, member feedback, etc.*
5. A primary goal of the Nippers program is to create 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, and club financial support.*
8. Any relevant additional information.

Supporting Documentation: Please supply proof of the following:

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

Interview – Finalists only

An interview may be held whereby finalists 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.

Woodside Nippers Program Volunteer of the Year

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

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

1. Outline achievements and contributions of the individual relevant to the planning, preparation, set up, delivery, and pack down of the club's 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 achievements and contributions 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 the 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.

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:

- 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 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 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 Assessor, you may want to consider the questions below:

- 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 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?

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.

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

Please ensure to distinguish between paid and volunteer activity in the submission.

1. What coaching qualification does the member currently hold?
Please supply proof where appropriate from Surfguard or equivalent.
2. What coaching roles has the member fulfilled during the 2025/26 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 2025/26 season?
4. Has the Coach been involved in any mentoring and development of coaches, creation of supporting documentation and/or programs in the 2025/26 season?
Please provide examples of where the coach has shown a positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including whom it has impacted and how).
5. List where the coach has undertaken any personal development to improve themselves as a coach in the 2025/26 season.
6. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about this Coach related to coaching surf sports.

Section 4 – Award Criteria for SLSWA Nominated Awards

The following awards do not require club nominations. Information is supplied for reference.

Support Operations Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services during the 2025/26 season as part of SLSWA Support Operations Groups (i.e., 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 "ambassador" for Surf Life Saving. This category may be awarded to an individual or a group of surf lifesavers.

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.

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 life saving during the 2025/26 season. Areas considered 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 2025/26 season. Areas considered 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 international, national and/or state level during the 2025/26 season. Areas considered may include performance in major competitions or competition series, participation in representative teams, and any other areas where the nominated team have made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.