

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>2026 Learn 2 Lead Program (18 to 30 year olds)</b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Presidents, Club Administrators, Development Directors, Club Notice Board
<b>Summary:</b>	Individuals are encouraged to nominate for the 2026 Learn 2 Lead Program. This Circular contains information about the program including the Learn to Lead Camp.
<b>Action:</b>	Nomination to be completed online by nominee <b>no later than 5pm Friday 3 July 2026</b> via link below.

Surf Life Saving WA is excited to announce its new **Learn 2 Lead Program** for members age 18 – 30 years. The Learn 2 Lead Program is primarily a club-based program which commences with a camp and runs over two seasons.

The first season involves the camp and club-based mentoring. In the second season (2027/28) participants in the program will be expected to take on an official leadership position within their Club. Representing their Club at the relevant September Forum and attending all relevant club and state meetings will be an ongoing participation requirement. Participants will also be trained and encouraged to present relevant Youth Pathway Courses within their Club.

The Learn 2 Lead Program is highly recommended to any member interested in attending the SLSA National Leadership College (NLC) or Masterclass as priority will be given to members who have participated or are participating in the Learn 2 Lead Program.

### Learn 2 Lead Camp

The Learn 2 Lead Camp, which will be held from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 August 2026 at our South West Development Centre, has been designed to provide program participants with an understanding of leadership and how to effectively lead others. Participants will set leadership goals which will include goals to be achieved over the two seasons whilst participants in the program. The camp is a compulsory part of the Learn 2 Lead Program. A brief outline of the camp appears in the table below:

	<b>Friday 21/08/2026</b>	<b>Saturday 22/08/2026</b>	<b>Sunday 23/08/2026</b>
<b>Morning</b>		Coastering Session Emotional Intelligence	Building Teams Leadership Goals Action Learning
<b>Afternoon</b>	5pm – Check in Program Introduction	Setting Yourself Up for Success Leading Others	
<b>Evening</b>	Participant Dinner	Panel Q & A with SLSWA Leaders Dinner	

## Learn 2 Lead Camp – Key Information

<b>Age Group:</b>	18–30 year-olds
<b>Venue:</b>	SLSWA Development Centre, 222 Railway Terrace, Margaret River, 6285
<b>Date:</b>	Friday 21 – Sunday 23 August 2026
<b>Participants:</b>	Maximum of 31 participants
<b>Online Nominations:</b>	To be completed by individual member <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DLVZA">https://www.trybooking.com/DLVZA</a>

## Learn 2 Lead Camp - Country Club Assistance

To assist country clubs in getting members to attend this Camp travel subsidies will be available. Subsidies are financial assistance to get members to and from their registered club to the camp venue, 222 Railway Terrace, Margaret River, 6285. **Please note, subsidies are to be claimed via a club invoice (with the appropriate receipts attached) being sent to [mwalker@sksa.com.au](mailto:mwalker@sksa.com.au) no later than 11 September 2026.**

Table 1 - Car Subsidy		
Region	Clubs	Maximum subsidy per car to the Development Centre
Great Southern	Albany, Denmark	\$175
Mid-West	Geraldton, Champion Bay, Dongara-Denison	\$350

Note: If there is more than one member from a club only one car subsidy is available. Fuel receipts required to be sent with invoice. Invoice amount spent on fuel to maximum listed on table.

Table 2 - Member Subsidy	
Clubs	Maximum Subsidy
Broome, Dampier, Esperance Goldfields	\$500

Note: If there is more than one member from a club only \$500 available. Fuel and/or airplane receipts required to be sent with invoice. Invoice amount spent on travel to maximum of \$500.

## Post Camp

Post camp throughout the 2026/27 season participants will be involved in club-based leadership learning via mentoring by a nominated member of their club. Clubs with a member/members in the program will be expected to provide a suitable mentor/mentors.

In the lead up to the 2027/28 season participants, with mentor assistance, will identify an official leadership position to take on at their Club. Participants will continue to be mentored by a nominated member of their club, noting that mentors may be changed during any stage of the program due to availability, appropriateness or changing leadership goals. Again, it is an expectation that SLSWA will have Club support in finding a replacement mentor if deemed necessary by us.

## Program Cost

The Learn 2 Lead Program will cost \$400 (inc GST) per member. This cost includes the camp, mentor functions, end of season one function and graduation function.

Clubs will be invoiced immediately after the Learn 2 Lead Camp. Clubs are encouraged to fully pay for or subsidise members who nominate. Members may wish to discuss with their club potential subsidies prior to nominating.

## Program Nomination

As previously outlined the Learn 2 Lead Program is for members aged 18 to 30 years. Members who nominate for the program must be within this age range at time of nomination. Each Club is guaranteed a position in the program with the possibility of additional positions offered to clubs based on the size of their membership.

Members are asked to self-nominate through the link <https://www.trybooking.com/DLVZA>. They will need to:

1. Provide a name and contact details of a Club Director/Officer who will endorse their nomination and act as a referee. The endorser should be familiar with and accepting of the Club requirements set out in this Circular.
2. Provide the name and contact details of a potential Club Mentor (may be the same person that endorsed them). If you need assistance in identify a suitable Club Mentor please contact David Somers on 9207 6666.
3. Provide details on their current involvement within their club and Surf Life Saving as well as a statement and why they believe this program will be beneficial to them.

Nominations received will be assessed by the SLSWA Development Team and where necessary referees will be contacted to verify and endorse nominations.

## Announcement

All successful and unsuccessful nominees will be notified on or before the week commencing 13 July 2026.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Somers, Sport & Development Manager at SLSWA via email [dsomers@swwa.com.au](mailto:dsomers@swwa.com.au) or 9207 6666 during business hours (Mon – Fri, 8:30am – 5:00pm).



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