



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains CC : BOM, LSRSC, EC, MSC
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SUBJECT:	Lifesaving Development Program 2026
OVERVIEW:	Surf Life Saving Sydney is pleased to invite Expressions of Interest from members to participate in a Lifesaving Development Program, to be delivered on the Far North Coast, NSW from 2–6 April 2026

This initiative forms part of Surf Life Saving Sydney's commitment to strengthening operational capability, leadership development and inter-club collaboration through practical, immersive development opportunities.

Program Overview

The exchange will involve a 4–5 day program where selected members will undertake:

- Patrol rotations at regional Surf Life Saving Clubs
- Structured development activities and briefings
- Exposure to diverse coastal and operational environments
- Scenario-based training and rescue simulations
- Asset and capability exposure to Rescue services

The program is designed to provide real-world operational learning while fostering the next generation of Lifesaving leaders in the organisation.

Key Details

- Dates: Thursday 2 April – Monday 6 April 2026
- Location: Far North Coast Branch
- Participants: Approximately 12–15 members
- Accommodation: Surf Club bunk rooms
- Transport: To be covered and organised by SLSS
- Meals: Provided as part of the program
- Eligibility: 18 years - 35 years old at the time of the program
- Cost to members: \$100 fee per member (Clubs will be invoiced from Branch, Clubs to determine their own on charge of this cost if applicable)

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Eligibility & Selection

EOIs are open to experienced and active members who:

- Hold a current Bronze Medallion (minimum award requirement)
- Hold other awards such as IRB Crew and/or Driver, SMAR, SMPC, ARTC awards (desirable)
- Be actively engaged in patrol or rescue operations
- Be able to commit to the full program duration

Selection Criteria

While the Bronze Medallion is the minimum eligibility requirement and the EOI, selection will primarily be based on:

- Demonstrated leadership potential
- Current or emerging leadership roles within Lifesaving
- Operational engagement and development readiness
- Diversity of experience and representation across Surf Life Saving Sydney
- Overall development value to the organisation, based on EOI responses

This program is designed to foster the Lifesaving leaders of tomorrow and enable members to gain advanced operational and leadership experience and build pathways into:

- Surf Life Saving Sydney Rescue Services
- Lifesaving and Rescue Services leadership roles
- Club leadership positions such as Club Captain or Director of Lifesaving

All participants will be required to comply with SLS codes of conduct and behaviour standards

How to Apply

To submit an Expression of Interest, via the jotform link provided :

<https://form.jotform.com/260358588929072>

Information which will be required via EOI form

1. *Name & Club*
2. *Relevant awards and operational experience*
3. *Brief statement (max 200 words) on why you wish to participate*
4. *Endorsement from your Club Captain / Club President (please seek endorsement from your club before submitting an EOI – proof of endorsement is required within the EOI)*
5. *Any medical conditions or fitness limitations to participate (noting the program will be quite full on)*
6. *What current roles do you have in Lifesaving and what do you want to achieve in the future?*
7. *Do you have an interest in joining SLSS Rescue Services, and if so, which Rescue Service specifically?*

EOI Closing Date : **Monday 2 March 2026 9am**

This is a unique opportunity to develop your operational capability, broaden your lifesaving experience, and contribute to your Lifesaving pathway. We encourage all eligible members to apply.

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