



# ANNOUNCEMENT

<b>TO:</b>	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Branch Officers, BOM, Life Members
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday 20 February 2026
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Expression of Interest for the Position of President Surf Life Saving Sydney
<b>OVERVIEW:</b>	Surf Life Saving Sydney is calling for nominations for the midterm elected position of President.

At the recent Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) Election Meeting held on 14 February 2025, the current SLSS President, Elissa Hancock, was successfully elected as the new SLSNSW President. This now presents a casual vacancy of President on the SLSS Board.

Due to the length of this remaining tenure, the strategic and governance importance of this position (Branch President), the SLSS Board have deemed it appropriate to release a call for nominations from the membership, and a member election be conducted.

This is an Elected Director position. The skill set for the Elected President position includes skills and experience specifically related to Board governance and operations, strategy and stakeholder management, and extensive understanding and experience of lifesaving culture, frameworks and operations.

The SLSS Board seeks nominees who have a strong understanding and commitment to Surf Lifesaving as a volunteer membership-based organisation and can demonstrate a breadth of experience both professionally and in a surf lifesaving context. Candidates will be reviewed in respect to their suitability, strengths and fit with the needs and ethos of SLSS.

The following details how members can nominate for the Elected position.

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## CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY PRESIDENT ELECTION

Surf Life Saving Sydney (SLSS) is calling for nominations for the **President position for a 14 month term**. The position will be voted on at the Branch Council Election Meeting on Tuesday 31 March 2026.

In addition to the required Board skills sets that enable a Director to effectively perform and undertake their fiduciary and governance responsibilities as both President and Chairperson, the SLSS Board is seeking nominees with skills and experience in the following areas:

- Professional or substantive volunteer experience in chairing Boards and / or governance committees. Understanding of legal, fiduciary and financial obligations as a Director.
- Demonstrated experience, expertise and understanding of all elements of surf lifesaving activities and volunteer culture.
- Professional or substantive volunteer experience and understanding of both governance and change management principles and application.
- Demonstrated experience in strategic internal and external stakeholder management and negotiations.
- Excellent verbal and written communications.

The successful nominee will Chair the SLSS Board and SLSS Branch Council.

The position and subsequent functions of SLSS President requires both time availability to attend meetings and represent the organisation at key functions and events (both planned and unplanned).

Members can refer to the SLSS Constitution & By-Laws for information on the position, these documents can be found on the Surf Life Saving Sydney website under Governance.

Nominees for the Elected President position will be required to complete the following as part of the nomination/expression of interest process by the stated deadline below:

1. Submission of the attached **Nomination Form** (on page 3)
2. Provide a **Cover Page** supporting their claim for the position clearly addressing the outlined specific skills as stated above (1 x page maximum).
3. Provide a typed copy of their **Resume**, which details their credentials and relevant experience for the position (2 page maximum) to assist voters to make a decision about their suitability for the position.

Candidates interested in nominating for the elected SLSS President position should complete and sign the attached Nomination Form (page 3) and lodge it with their Cover Letter to:

**Jessica Cantrick**

Director of Administration

Surf Life Saving Sydney

da@sls.sydney

by 5pm on Friday 20 March 2026.

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**SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY  
NOMINATION FORM FOR SLSS ELECTED PRESIDENT POSITION  
31 March 2026 – 1 June 2027**

<b>NAME:</b>	
<b>EMAIL:</b>	
<b>MOBILE:</b>	
<b>CLUB/s:</b>	

I wish to nominate for the **Elected President** position to be elected at the 31 March 2026 Election meeting.  
Please note that the position is for a 14 month term, commencing 31 March 2026 and concluding 1 June 2027 in line with the Annual Election Meeting (AEM), filling the Casual Vacancy.

**Signed by Nominee**

**Date(insert)**

This form and accompanying documentation are required to be forwarded to the Director of Administration of Surf Life Saving Sydney by 5pm, Friday 20 March 2026.

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