



## ANNOUNCEMENT

<b>TO:</b>	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Branch Officers, BOM, Life Members
<b>FROM :</b>	Board of Management
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Nominations for Surf Life Saving Sydney Awards of Excellence Panels
<b>OVERVIEW:</b>	Surf Life Saving Sydney is calling for nominations to join its Awards of Excellence Panels

The Surf Life Saving Sydney Board of Management is seeking nominations for **Awards of Excellence Panel** positions. Each panel will have three members including the Portfolio Director (or a Portfolio representative) plus a reserve. Members are able to nominate for multiple panels. Note the Youth & Junior selection panel will be made up of the Youth & Junior Committee and the Rescue Services Panel will be made up of the Lifesaving & Rescue Services Committee as per previous seasons.

The awards considered by each panel are included in the attached Appendix.

- Club and Community
- Lifesaving
- Education
- Surf Sports

Please be advised that nominations will be considered by the SLSS Board of Management for Endorsement. All appointments are for a one-year term starting April 2026.

Included below is a **conflict of interest** guide, noting that if a panel member meets any of these criteria there is a conflict of interest and they must stand down from the panel. It is to be noted that this will result in changes to the panels including the appointment of the reserve panel member.

Guide to determine a conflict of interest if:

- You have written the application
- You are the nominee
- The nominee is a family member
- You are a Club Director or President

Candidates interested in expressing their interest are invited to complete the Awards of Excellence Panel JotForm by clicking [here](#). The nomination form needs to be submitted by 11.59pm, Sunday 15 March 2026. Advice on the outcomes of this nomination will be made in late March 2026.

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## APPENDIX

- Club and Community
  - Club of the Year
  - Safe365 Innovation of the Year
  - Community Education Program of the Year
  - Administrator of the Year
  - Volunteer of the Year
  - Youth Volunteer of the Year
- Lifesaving
  - Surf Lifesaver of the Year
  - Betty's Burgers Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year
  - Patrol Captain of the Year
  - Patrol of the Year
- Education
  - Trainer of the Year
  - Assessor of the Year
  - Facilitator of the Year
- Surf Sports
  - Masters Athlete of the Year
  - Athlete of the Year
  - Youth Athlete of the Year
  - Coach of the Year
  - Official of the Year
  - Surf Sports Team of the Year

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