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SUBJECT:	SLSS 18-25 years Leadership Development Day – 19th September 2026
OVERVIEW:	Surf Life Saving Sydney is looking to build the capacity of our 18-25 yr members from across the Branch in Leadership and Personal Development within Surf Life Saving. Expression of Interests from club selected members who would benefit from this event, and therefore assist in the growth of their own Surf Club

Surf Life Saving Sydney is excited to host our **2nd Annual Leadership Development Day** for aspiring club leaders aged **18 to 25** years on **Saturday, 19 September 2026**, from **8:15am to 4:30pm** at **South Maroubra SLSC**.

This full-day event will be centred around **Inspiration, Camaraderie, Purpose, and Challenge** — providing a unique opportunity for personal and leadership development within the Surf Life Saving community.

The program will feature a dynamic mix of presentations and activities delivered by a diverse group of recognised leaders from both within our Branch and beyond. Following the success and positive feedback from the 2024 program, we'll be maintaining a similar format designed to be engaging, interactive, and impactful.

We are asking each club to select and **nominate four candidates** who demonstrate leadership potential and are well-positioned to bring the knowledge and experience gained back to their clubs.

We trust that clubs are already aware of these emerging leaders and encourage you to approach and support them in attending this valuable development opportunity.

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Candidates must be within the 18-25 years age range and be an active patrolling member.
Club Members selected by your Club must be prepared to do the following on the day.

- Engage with the team in a proactive and positive manner
- Be vocal and active within the Teams Challenges
- Have a desire to enhance their own leadership skills via working with teams
- Present to the entire team as required on the day
- Ensure integrity and respect are part of their perspective on the day

Areas covered within the day will be the following

- A Leadership Journey - Growing as a Leader
- Leading within SLS - Trust - Vision - Mission - Values
- Leading your Teams and engaging your members
- Leading amid Chaos

Those attending the day will enhance their Leadership and Communication skills and learn to manage highly engaged teams. They will lead in situations as situations continue to develop and support those Leaders they are working with.

The day will be led by 4 Presenters/Facilitators. There will be a combination of team activities, self-management assessments, internal learning via input from the candidates and presentations by participants.

Prior to this leadership development day, we will be seeking feedback from each participant, gaining details from them about their leadership development requirements. From this specific feedback we will finalise the program to ensure that it meets the needs of our future Club leaders.

The cost for candidates is \$50 (+GST) per person, therefore if a Club nominates 4 candidates to attend the total cost will be \$200 (+GST).



Next Steps:

- Club Nominated Applications Open: Now, link below

[SLSS 2026 18-25 years Leadership Development Day Candidate Nomination Form](#)

- Club Nominated Applications Close: 15 September 2026
- Candidate feedback and requirements will be emailed to candidates: 16 September 2026

If you have any questions relating to this Event, please do not hesitate to contact Doug Hawkins, Director Membership via email director_memberservices@sls.sydney

We look forward to receiving your Club Nominations and to continuing to invest in their future by empowering the next generation of Surf Life Saving leaders.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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