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2015/2016 LIFESAVING EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Attention: Branch Executive, Club Executive, Patrol Captains / Up & Coming Patrol Captains

Actioned by: Branch Executive, Club Executive

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Summary	2015/2016 Lifesaving Exchange Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Country-City Exchange: Saturday 23 January - Tuesday 26 January 2016City-Country Exchange: Saturday 23 January - Tuesday 26 January 2016New Zealand Exchange: March 2016
Objective	To increase the lifesaving standards through enhanced lifesaving experiences and skill development opportunities.
Action	Applications will close with Surf Life Saving New South Wales on Wednesday 18 November 2015.

Overview

The Lifesaving Exchange Program targets members who are currently Patrol Captains or identified to be future Patrol Captains between the ages of 18 and 25 years. The program has been running since 2009 involving over 140 members and provides participants with an exciting opportunity to experience different patrolling methods and environments in a fun, practical and interactive setting. The skills learnt during the program will be useful personally, and can be implemented within your own club. Overall, the program aims to:

- Broaden the lifesaving experience and skills of participants
- Provide development opportunities for our members
- Increase lifesaving standards across New South Wales

The Lifesaving Exchange Program consists of two programs run concurrently on the Australia Day Long Weekend in January.

The program is offered at no cost to the participant, with Surf Life Saving New South Wales covering the travel, accommodation and meal costs.

Eligibility

Due to the physical components of the program, the following eligibility criteria has been set;

- Financial member of an affiliated New South Wales Surf Life Saving Club
- Over the age of 18 years and under the age of 26 years on Saturday 23 January 2016
- Proficient in SLS Bronze Medallion on Friday 1 January 2016

Successful Participants

Successful participants will be notified via email by Friday 4 December 2015 and provided further details on logistical details.

Country to City Exchange (Sydney)

Date: Saturday 23 January to Tuesday 26 January 2016

Location: Sydney Branch

Activities:

- Patrol at Bondi and Maroubra beaches
- Practical application of elements of the Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management and Silver Medallion Aquatic Search and Rescue courses
- Participate in practical search and rescue exercises with Surf Rescue 30 (Offshore Rescue Boat) and RWCs
- Tour of the Lifesaver 1 Rescue Helicopter Base (La Perouse)
- Tour of local incident hotspot areas

Open to members from Far North Coast, North Coast, Mid North Coast, Lower North Coast, Hunter, Illawarra, South Coast and Far South Coast Branches.

City to Country Exchange (Far North Coast)

Date: Saturday 23 January to Tuesday 26 January 2016

Location: Far North Coast Branch

Activities:

- Patrol at Byron Bay, Ballina beaches
- Practical application of elements of the Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management and Silver Medallion Aquatic Search and Rescue courses
- Participate in practical search and rescue exercises with Surf Rescue 40 (Jet Rescue Boat) and RWCs
- Tour of the Northern Region Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Base (Lismore)
- Tour of local incident hotspot areas

Open to members from Central Coast, Sydney Northern Beaches and Sydney Branches.

New Zealand Exchange Program

Participants from the City to Country and Country to City Exchange Programs will be given the opportunity to apply for two positions on a lifesaving exchange to Auckland (New Zealand), to participate in an Intermediate Lifesaving School in **March 2015** (dates TBC).

Travel and accommodation will be provided at no cost to participants. Further Information on the program will be provided to successful applicants of the City to Country and Country to City Exchange Programs.

How to apply

To apply for the program, please complete the online application found at the below link; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LifesavingExchangeApplications2015-2016>.

All applications must be endorsed by the participants club.

Applications will be assessed on their eligibility before being collated and forwarded to the Branches for endorsement and prioritisation based on their application answers and current involvement in Surf Life Saving.

Each Branch is allocated two spots on the program, however depending on nominations, more allocations may be provided to a branch.

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For more information visit www.surflifesaving.com.au/lifesavingexchange. Further information can also be sought by contacting Shaun Hudson, Lifesaving Compliance Coordinator at shudson@surflifesaving.com.au or calling (02) 9471 8000.