

Circular 3424

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2015/2016 15-17 Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop

Attention: Branch Executive, Club Executive, 15– 17 year old members
Actioned by: Branch Executive, Club Executive, 15– 17 year old members
Date: 23 October 2015
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Summary	Details the Surf Life Saving New South Wales 2015/2016 Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop and nomination process
Objective	To foster personal development in 15-17 year old members, by broadening their understanding of current issues, pathways and opportunities, in addition to encouraging positive self-esteem and team work.
Strategic Plan Ref No.	2.1 Provide members with a full range of opportunities and pathways within the SLS Movement 9.2 Provide our members with opportunities to connect with each other and share innovative ideas.
Action	Submit online application form by Monday 18 January 2016. Branches to submit nominations to SLSNSW by Monday 8 February 2016.

After a successful 2014 program, SLSNSW is excited to announce the opening of applications for the 2016 Youth Opportunity makers Workshop!

Surf Life Saving New South Wales invites nominations for the 2015/2016 Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop. The workshop is geared towards creating greater awareness of opportunities and individual abilities in 15-17 year old members. Branches are encouraged to use this workshop as a method of recognising members who have the potential to develop skills further by working with like-minded youth.

The workshop will be sponsored by Surf Life Saving New South Wales, and held from the 11th – 14th April 2016 at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

The workshop is aimed at members who's Clubs and Branches believe they have qualities that can be developed to enhance the future of the Club and Branch. Aims of the workshop include:

- To create situations that promote fun learning experiences
- To create an awareness of current issues, pathways and opportunities
- To promote teamwork, communication skills and goal setting
- To develop confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment whilst positively recognising members
- Provide opportunities for ideas to be exchanged

Participants will take part in focused learning seminars, presentations and workshops as well as some great fun activities and challenges.

All applications are to be endorsed by their respective Club and Branch Directors and forwarded to Surf Life Saving New South Wales by **9am, Monday 8 February 2016**, marked attention Calum Blyth. Ideally nominations will be received via email to Calum– cblyth@surflifesaving.com.au

To see all the fun that was had on the 2015 Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop you can watch a short video by clicking on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzeGimzrVvc>

Alternatively you can access photos from the 2014 program via our Surf Life Saving NSW Facebook page. This can be accessed via the link: <http://on.fb.me/1OLqtft>

To apply for the program;

	Action:	To be completed by:	Due Date:
(1)	Speak to your Club President, Director of Member Services or other relevant committee member about the program, and seek their endorsement.	Member	18 January 2016
(2)	Complete the online application form (http://bit.ly/YOM2016), including the details of the person in your Club who is endorsing your application.	Member	9am, Monday 18 January 2016
(3)	Applications will be assessed and collated and sent to Branch for endorsement.	SLSNSW	25 January 2016
(4)	Branches to send endorsements and applicant priority order back to SLSNSW.	Branches	9am, Monday 8 February 2016
(5)	SLSNSW to advise Members, their Clubs and Branches of the successful and unsuccessful applicants.	SLSNSW	15 February 2016

Each Branch will be allocated two (2) positions in the program and should rank additional applicants in preferential order. Ideally one male and one female applicant per Branch will be represented. Positions not filled will be allocated to the most promising applicants from other Branches.

If you have any questions about the Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop, please contact Calum on (02) 9471 8034 or via email on cblyth@surflifesaving.com.au

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