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Beyond My Club (26+) Development Program 2016

Attention: Branch Executive, Club Executive, New members aged 26 years and over

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Summary	This circular outlines the details and process of application for the new Surf Life Saving New South Wales Development Program for members aged 26 and over.
Objective	To facilitate the sharing of ideas about club organisational structure and governance with the aim of reducing volunteer workload within the organisation.
Action	Applicants to submit their applications via the Surf Life Saving New South Wales online form by 9am Monday 28 March 2016.

Overview

Following a very successful inaugural pilot program in 2015 that received overwhelming interest and support, Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW) will be continuing the 'Beyond My Club (26+) Development Program' in 2016. A large amount of feedback was collected from participants and facilitators in 2015 with a number of enhancements being made to the program for 2016.

The program will continue to bridge the gap in formal development opportunities for new members aged 26 years and over.

The program will encompass all aspects of Surf Life Saving from a club perspective including but not limited to member recruitment and development, educational pathways, sport participation and lifesaving skills development. A key focus of the program will be to promote best practice initiatives that can be tailored to an individual club's needs. These initiatives will be based on the SLSNSW Quality Clubs Program and the Club Sustainability Framework. They are intended to reduce 'burnout' of members by not overburdening them and by establishing a sustainable system whereby workloads are split across multiple members.

Applicants should be aged 26 years or over, have attained their SLS Bronze Medallion within the past 3 years (since 1 July 2013) and ideally not have participated in previous SLSNSW development programs. Additionally, they should have a level of organisational involvement within their club so that the ideas learnt and shared at the program can be taken back and implemented.

Based on participant and facilitator feedback from 2015 the number of positions available on the program will be increased to 16 with one participant per branch (11) based on a branch determined prioritisation process. The remaining 5 participants will be selected by a panel consisting of SLSNSW Board representatives and program facilitators.

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Logistics

- Date: Saturday 11 June to Monday 13 June 2016 (Queens Birthday Long Weekend)
- Location: Sydney Sport and Recreation Centre, Narrabeen
- Transport: SLSNSW to organise flights for participants from Far North Coast, North Coast, Mid North Coast and Far South Coast branches. All other participants are to make their own way to the program with train station pickups available
- Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner to be provided by SLSNSW

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

Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria has been set for the program;

- Financial member of a New South Wales club
- Aged 26 years and over on Wednesday 1 January 2016 (born 1989 or prior)
- Attained their SLS Bronze Medallion after Monday 1 July 2013
- Proficient in SLS Bronze Medallion on Monday 28 March 2016

The following items are desirable and may be used to prioritise applicants;

- Currently hold or planning to hold (in the 2016/2017 season) a club committee position
- Demonstrated commitment to club (examples include but not limited to patrol hours, trainer/assessor, age manager/coach etc)

Successful Participants

Successful participants will be notified via email during April 2016.

How to apply

To apply for the program, please complete the online application found at the below link;
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015-2016BeyondMyClubDevelopmentProgram_Applications

All applications must be endorsed by the participants club and branch.

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

Each Branch is allocated one spot on the program in 2016. The remaining positions will be selected using the above selection criteria by a panel consisting of SLSNSW Board representatives and program facilitators.

Applications will close with Surf Life Saving New South Wales at 9am Monday 28 March 2016.

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