



## Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular 42/17-18

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| Title:       | National Leadership College 2018 – Expressions of Interest   |
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| Audience:    | Members aged 20 - 30 years, from a range of different backgrounds, interests and areas of focus within SLS.  |
| From:        | Pamela Simon, National Learning and Development Manager  |
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| Summary:     | Expressions of Interest are now open for the 2018 National Leadership College taking place from 4 - 10 February 2018 at YMCA Sydney Olympic Park Lodge, Silverwater, NSW. The closing date for applications from state to SLSA is 15 January 2018. |

### What is the National Leadership College?

The National Leadership College (NLC) is an annual leadership and development program recognising young leaders in Surf Life Saving (SLS) aged between 20 and 30 years. Participants come from a variety of clubs, roles and SLS backgrounds. Ideally participants will have attended a state leadership program, however they may have attended similar leadership programs through work or study. The NLC is an essential step in the SLS Leadership Pathway.

The NLC provides an exciting opportunity for young people within the movement to further develop their leadership skills and continue to positively contribute to the success of SLS. As well as learning new skills and creating opportunities for personal growth, the College will open up new networks with other likeminded passionate members across the country, who also are committed to making a difference within the movement. The NLC is designed to challenge participants intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically. The skills gained are designed to be taken back to clubs and into other areas of the participant's daily environment, with the aim of contributing to SLS' mission statement of saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities.

Each day includes keynote speakers, elective sessions, activities and challenges relating to the leadership theme of the day. Each participant will be encouraged to access a mentor and have ongoing opportunities for review and further development.

Participants also benefit from exposure to the larger national movement. Networking with members from clubs nationally is a highlight for participants as they share ideas and create new friendships and networks. Participants have the opportunity to see the big picture for SLS as they gain greater exposure to national goals and aspirations. Through the sharing of ideas, resources and future directions, NLC provides an opportunity to create an effective national movement.

### When and where?

**Where:** YMCA Sydney Olympic Park Lodge, Silverwater, NSW

**When:** 4 – 10 February 2018

### Who can apply?

Participants must meet the following requirements:

- be a minimum of 20 years of age and a maximum of 30 years on 1 February 2018
- be a current member of an SLSA affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- be Bronze Medallion proficient
- demonstrate previous leadership training/experience, preferably from within the SLS movement
- demonstrate the potential as a future leader within SLS, with a desire to influence the movement's future direction.

### Participant allocation

There will be a rigorous screening process for applications, with a maximum of 26 participants from around Australia selected. It is recommended that only one nomination be received from each club, encouraging clubs to nominate a member with the greatest current engagement and potential.



Participants need to be endorsed by their club and state, however please note that this endorsement does not guarantee acceptance to the College.

### **What will participants get out of it?**

- Exposure to Surf Life Saving at a national level.
- Hear from SLSA leaders.
- Opportunity to network with other like-minded members from around Australia.
- Growth in self-confidence and the self-power to make things happen.
- Enabling participants to gain a perception of your own personal leadership qualities and competencies.
- Share opinions and workshop current issues.
- Be inspired by industry professional guest speakers.
- Become part of the Leadership Alumni.

### **What type of applicant are we looking for?**

- Courageous and innovative thinkers.
- Enthusiastic with a strong capacity to learn.
- Individuals committed to SLS for the longer term.
- Emerging influencers in your club.
- Team orientated.
- Highly motivated and self-aware.

### **What do previous participants have to say?**

*"The best week of not just my lifesaving life but of my life! Amazing personal growth as well as meeting and working with the most amazing people. Inspired!"*

*"SLSA Leadership College challenged us physically, emotionally and mentally to better understand ourselves, other people and the world around us to become a more authentic "can do" leader, which will ultimately benefit us, our clubs and SLSA for years to come."*

### **Cost**

The College is predominately funded by SLSA as part of building the national leadership of the future. This is why we ask that you respond to a number of questions and have endorsement.

The participant fee is \$700 (including GST) if you are flying in and \$400 (including GST) if you are making your own way by car, bus or train.

Fees cover transport, meals, accommodation, activities and materials.

### **Interested? – What do I do now?**

1. Complete the application form in either hard copy or electronic format. The form can also be downloaded from the SLSA Members Portal by following the path: *Library/Member and Club Development/Leadership/National Leadership College*.
2. Have the application endorsed by your club.
3. Deliver the completed application to your state centre by 8 January 2018.



| WHAT                           | WHEN                 |
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| Applications Close – State     | 8 January 2018       |
| State recommendations to SLSA  | 15 January 2018      |
| Successful applicants notified | 19 January 2018      |
| National Leadership College    | 4 – 10 February 2018 |

**Further information**

**Members Portal:** Follow the path: *Library/Member and Club Development/Leadership/National Leadership College*.

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