11. EDUCATION & TRAINING
11.1 COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Overview

Community education is an integral element of aquatic safety. SLSNSW provides a number of courses and programs that help promote surf safety.

School education programs provide an important introduction to the surf environment for many children. SLSNSW currently provide primary schools with the surf safety education program Beach to Bush and the SLSA Surf’s Up classroom teaching resource. We also offer Schools Junior First Aid and Surf Survival courses.

Surf Life Saving clubs play a vital role in providing the public with surf safety information. It is important for clubs to know that information and resources are available to assist them in providing surf safety education and courses to the general public as, and when it is requested.

General Community Education Presentation Enquiries

In the first instance, clubs should always contact SLSNSW for Community Education resources. We have available DVD’s, Foreign National collateral, Beach to Bush collateral, RIP awareness, FLAGS message and Flip Charts and PowerPoint Presentations for all age groups and backgrounds.

You are also able to borrow an Education Kit which can assist you with surf safety education presentations to the general public. These kits are situated throughout the State and contain our Flags, signage, a rescue tube, sun safety gear and uniforms. You may also like to borrow the SLSNSW Education Trailer.

Please contact SLSNSW if you wish to borrow an Education Kit or the Education Trailer.

Beach to Bush

The Beach to Bush program is the largest educational initiative ever undertaken by Surf Life Saving. The program began as a result of research conducted by SLSA, which highlighted that 50% of people rescued from the surf live more than 50km from the beach. The program has been running successfully in New South Wales since 1991 and went national in 2003.

Surf lifesavers present the program each year targeting different geographical areas with the aim of revisiting each area every three to four years. The program is delivered in NSW in one week during November. The presentation lasts for one hour, and primarily focuses on beach and surf safety, however also touches on safety around home pools, dams and inland waterways. If you are interested in being a presenter of the program, look out in Club Mail for our call for presenters.

Surf’s Up

Surf’s Up is an engaging classroom resource for primary schools containing a range of cross-curricular activities associated with surf lifesaving, water safety and the beach. These teaching aides can be adopted by teachers and integrated into their lesson plans.

Within the program there are four key learning areas which raise student awareness of issues relating to beach safety and the coastal environment, as well as enhancing the understanding of the role that surf lifesavers play in the community.

A hardcopy of this resource has been sent to every Primary School in Australia, free of charge, through Scholastic Australia Book Club members. If you would like a copy, please contact the SLSNSW office.

Reference

SLSNSW -
11.2 AUSTRALIAN LIFESAVING ACADEMY (ALA)

The ALA is a brand which incorporates all of the accredited and non-accredited training delivered by Surf Life Saving Clubs, Branches and Commercially trainers Australia-wide. The aim of the New South Wales arm of the ALA is to provide high quality, cost-effective vocational education and training to our members, employees and commercial clients to develop practices in education, prevention, emergency care and rescue in order to ultimately meet our vision of ‘zero preventable deaths and injuries on NSW beaches’.

SLSNSW is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) approved to deliver a number of nationally recognised training programs. In Australia, only RTOs can deliver this type of training and must meet rigorous national standards to qualify for and maintain this registration.

Benefits of the ALA

- Brings uniformity to current and future Surf Life Saving Awards
- Increases the availability of relevant training to members and non-members through a centralised sustainable community resource
- Attracts more surf lifesavers to the movement
- Increases the proportion of our training and education that is Vocational Education and Training (VET) accredited, therefore increasing its value to the community and to participants
- Sustains itself and contributes financial resources to SLSNSW
- Improves current resources, and develops new resources, resulting in an improved structure of awards available
- Increases the qualification levels, and therefore the effectiveness of surf lifesavers

Courses Delivered

The ALA delivers a number of accredited and non-accredited courses. Please refer to the SLSNSW Awards and Qualifications Chart on our website.

Who delivers the courses?

Facilitators

Holding an industry recognised Certificate IV in Training and Assessment; SLSNSW Facilitators deliver our advanced awards, and can train and assess the same group of participants.

Assessors

Having completed the industry recognised Assessor course, SLSNSW Assessors are an integral part in deeming whether students are competent or not yet competent in their lifesaving activities.

Training Officers

Having completed the industry recognised Training Officer course, SLSNSW Trainers are responsible for the transfer of vital lifesaving experience, knowledge and skills.

How to become a trainer or assessor

- You must hold, and have significant experience in the award in which you want to train and/or assess
- Complete the Training Officer and/or Assessors course, or the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Receive one-on-one mentoring with an experienced Trainer/Assessor/Facilitator

For more information, please speak with your Branch Director of Education or consult the SLSNSW website.

Reference

SLSNSW -
www.surflifesaving.com.au
11.3 COMMERCIAL TRAINING

Overview
In addition to the training of volunteer members, SLSNSW also delivers commercial fee for service First Aid training and First Aid services at events across the state. The aim of the commercial training arm is to generate employment opportunities for members and revenue for Surf Life Saving whilst promoting other facets of our movement to a broader community throughout New South Wales.

Courses Delivered
The commercial training arm of the ALA delivers both accredited and non-accredited training through public courses as well as on-site customised courses to schools, childcare centres, private industry and government agencies. These courses include Apply First Aid, CPR, Childcare Essentials First Aid, Spinal Management, Defibrillation, Advanced Resuscitation, Remote Area First Aid, Emergency Care, Asthma and Anaphylaxis.

A comprehensive list of our current commercial training product suite can be obtained via the SLSNSW website or contacting a SLSNSW Academy Business Officer.

Course Costs
The cost of commercial courses may vary. Surf Life Saving members receive a great discount on the course prices and we also offer discounts to large groups and students. Please contact a SLSNSW Academy Business Officer for specific course costs.

Who can become a Commercial Trainer?
Commercial Trainer positions available can be full-time, casual or through licensed training agreements. As a RTO, SLSNSW is required to ensure that all trainers hold sufficient qualifications and experience for the courses they deliver under our scope of registration. Specific qualifications and experience necessary to become a SLSNSW Commercial Trainer can be found by contacting the Academy Business Manager. SLSNSW volunteer members are encouraged to apply for these trainer roles, as significant training and professional development opportunities are available.

Other Business Activities
In addition to Commercial First Aid Training, the commercial training arm also supplies first aid equipment including Defibrillators, Oxygen Kits, CPR charts and training resources.

Details of current and future training products and services can be found by visiting the website, or contacting the Commercial Training Division on 1300 766 257.

The ALA also provides fee for services frontline First Aid Services. Some of the recent events include V8 Supercars Sydney Telstra 500, Foo Fighters concert, Roller Derby, X Factor and the One Direction appearance on Sunrise. If you have experience in First Aid services and hold sufficient First Aid qualifications and would be interested in working at events please contact the SLSNSW Academy Business Manager.

Reference
ALA – New South Wales