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Beyond My Club (26+) Development Program 2018

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 Surf Life Saving New South Wales 26+ Development Program for new 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. A key focus of the program will be to promote best practice initiatives that can be tailored to an individual club's needs.
Action	Applicants to submit their applications via the Surf Life Saving New South Wales online form by Friday 2 nd March 2018.

Overview

The Beyond My Club (26+) Development Program was introduced in 2015 and received overwhelming interest and support. Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW) will be continuing the 'Beyond My Club (26+) Development Program' in 2018. A large amount of feedback has been collected from the past two programs and a number of enhancements have been made to the program for 2018.

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

Applicants should be aged 26 years or over, have attained their SLS Bronze Medallion within the past 3 years (since 1 June 2016) 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.

The number of positions available on the program will be increased to 20 with at least one participant per branch (11) based on a branch determined prioritisation process. The remaining 9 participants will be selected by a panel consisting of SLSNSW Board representatives and program facilitators.

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Logistics

Date: 9th – 11th June 2018

Location: Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation- 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.

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 Friday 1 June 2018 (born 1992 or prior)
- Attained their SLS Bronze Medallion after 1 June 2016 (3 years proficient)
- Proficient in SLS Bronze Medallion

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

- Currently hold or planning to hold (in the 2018/2019 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 by **9th March 2018**.

How to apply

To apply for the program, please complete the online application found at the below link;

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GD8CVL7>

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. 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 on Friday 2nd March 2018

For more information visit <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/events/beyond-my-club-development-program>

Further information can also be sought by contacting Nixy Krite, Membership Engagement Officer at nkrite@surflifesaving.com or calling (02) 9471 8085.