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RESCUE OF THE MONTH 2020

Attention: Clubs, Lifesaving Services, State & Territory, Australian Lifeguard Services

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Lifesavers and Lifeguards provide an essential service to communities throughout Australia. Many exceptional rescues and first aids performed each year are over and above normal duties and showcase excellence in lifesaving training, skills and procedures.

The SLSA board endorsed the implementation of a National Rescue of the Month commencing in December 2013. The program expands similar successful recognition programs currently being run by SLSNSW and SLSQ.

The 'Rescue of the Month' (ROTM) aims to recognise excellence in lifesaving and service delivery, measured against industry best practice and operating procedures. It is not to encourage unnecessary risk, neglect safety considerations or Standard Operating Procedures.

The program is designed to:

1. Increase the recognition and promotion of lifesavers, SLS clubs, Australian Lifeguard Service and lifesaving services after an incident; and
2. Increase the number of worthy Meritorious Awards.

State/Territory centres will award a ROTM.

Note: The ROTM is a separate recognition program to the SLSA Meritorious Awards. Members, Clubs, lifesaving services and Australian Lifeguard Services may nominate to both programs separately using the relevant nomination form.

Nomination Process

Clubs, Australian Lifeguard Service and lifesaving services are to nominate using the ROTM nomination form available on the Surf Lifesaving NSW website or member portal.

Clubs, Australian Lifeguard Service and lifesaving services are to send the completed nomination form to their Branch/Region or State/Territory centre.

All nominated rescues/incidents must be performed inside the designated time period i.e. a rescue/incident that occurs in November is only eligible for the November award etc. (see nomination schedule for due dates).



There are five (5) key areas assessed as part of the Judging Criteria:

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
1. Application of Skills and Resource Utilisation	35%
2. Procedures Followed	25%
3. Environmental Conditions	20%
4. Potential Outcome	15%
5. Media Capture/Communication	5%

These criteria will be used to determine Branch, State/Territory and National Rescue of the Month winners

RESCUE OF THE MONTH NOMINATION SCHEDULE					
PERIOD	NOMINATION PERIOD ENDS	BRANCH	STATE/TERRITORY		
		NOMINATIONS CLOSE (BRANCH OR ALS MGR)	NOMINATIONS CLOSE (STATE)	STATE WINNER ANNOUNCED	
2019	December	31 DEC	13 JAN	17 JAN	24 JAN
2020	January	31 JAN	10 FEB	14 FEB	21 FEB
	February	29 FEB	9 MAR	13 MAR	20 MAR
	March	31 MAR	13 APR	17 APR	24 APR
	April	30 APR	11 MAY	15 MAY	22 MAY
	May	31 MAY	8 JUN	12 JUN	17 JUN
	June	30 JUN	13 JUL	17 JUL	24 JUL
	July	31 JUL	10 AUG	14 AUG	21 AUG
	Aug	31 AUG	14 SEP	18 SEP	25 SEP
	September	30 SEP	12 OCT	16 OCT	23 OCT
	October	31 OCT	9 NOV	13 NOV	20 NOV
	November	30 NOV	14 DEC	18 DEC	24 DEC
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Eligibility

- Rescues, First Aids (or other lifesaving actions) conducted during or outside of patrol hours, year round, on or off the beach.
- All nominees are to be current members of SLSA, employees of Australian Lifeguard Service or a lifesaving services.
- All Club nominations are to be received by the Branch/Region/State or Territory on or before the applicable closing date.
- No late correspondence will be entered into. Late nominations **will not be eligible** for the State/National ROTM, but can be recognised by the Branch or State/Territory independently or nominated to the SLSA Meritorious Awards program if appropriate.
- Branches/Regions may make only one (1) nomination to State centre per period, as per schedule.
- All nominations are to be received on the official 'SLSNSW Rescue of the Month Nomination Form'. This can be downloaded from the member portal library or obtained by contacting the SLSA or your State/Territory Office.
- States/Territory reserves the right to nominate any outstanding rescue/incident in addition to any Branch/Region nomination, inside the designated time period.
- SLSA and the States/Territory reserve the right to promote details of rescues and the nominated rescuer(s) internally and externally in promotion of SLS services/clubs/members and the ROTM program.
- Nomination for the 'award' serves as agreement to the conditions as stated above.

Judging

- The State/Territory ROTM judging panel/method shall be determined by the State/Territory.
- The selection of a winner is final and there will be no correspondence entered into.

Recognition / Winners

- Clubs/Services shall be the award recipients for winning nominations.
- Branch winner ROTM – State/Territory & Branch branded Citation.
- State/Territory ROTM – State monthly winners shall be recognised via a citation for the Club + any additional methods as determined by the State/Territory. State ROTM winner is not awarded a Branch level citation.
- State/Territory – May choose to award a Rescue of the Year award, however there is no National Rescue of the Year award.