



Meritorious Awards and Commendations

NOMINATION FORM - Group Award

Meritorious Awards are awarded to affiliated clubs and/or their members and/or the public for outstanding deeds of bravery performed during lifesaving operations of SLSA (during and outside of designated patrol hours).

Nomination Guidelines

The following documents are required with each nomination:

- The application for Commendation or Meritorious Award form
- The SLSA Incident Report Form
- Other supporting statements – Police, Ambulance and/or witness statements
- Information or reports of rescues are also welcome from media agencies

Applications are to be faxed to Surf Life Saving Australia on (02) 9215 8040 or via email to Quinta Turton qturton@slsa.asn.au as soon as possible after the rescue.

- ✓ Please complete the following nomination form for each group award nomination
- ✓ The following supporting documents must be included with this completed nomination form:
 - A copy of the incident report log
 - A copy of the patrol log (where applicable)
 - Other supporting information or statements e.g. Police, Ambulance, Public Witness Statements
- ✓ Please complete ALL fields on the nomination form using clear print in blue or black pen
- ✓ Please note that all forms must be filled in correctly. SLSA will not accept forms that are incomplete or incorrect. Any forms lacking the mandatory detail will be returned to be completed and will require re- submission



Categories

Meritorious Awards are established in two sections, each divided into three grades, as follows:

Meritorious Awards - Individual

a. **Silver Medallion**

Very high level of risk to rescuer combined with optimal application of skills and supporting systems.
Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt = Definite fatality

b. **Bronze Medallion**

High level of risk to rescuer combined with very good application of skills and supporting systems.
Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt = High chance of a fatality

c. **Certificate of Merit**

Moderate level of risk to rescuer combined with good application of skills and supporting systems.
Outcome for patient/s without rescue attempt = Serious injury / possibility of a fatality

Meritorious Awards – Group or Club

a. **Certificate of Merit with Silver Medallion inset**

b. **Certificate of Merit with Bronze Medallion inset**

c. **Certificate of Merit**

The group or club award is issued for rescues of exceptional merit, in which a group of members are involved and where no individuals can be singled out for an award.

3. Commendation

Commendations recognise outstanding team work, rescue skills, rescue management, individual displays of initiative and resourcefulness, and well conducted rescue activity (e.g. first aid, resuscitation, IRB rescues, board and tube rescues etc.) by members of Surf Life Saving Australia. This recognition award includes rescues or application of lifesaving skills by club members in exceptional circumstances on or off the beach, e.g. resuscitation of a person struck by lightning.

This award is presented to lifesavers involved in exceptional rescues. After consideration, a Commendation may be awarded to an individual or group, club or service.

Note: Rescues can occur at any time - on and off duty and at any location.

The National Director of Lifesaving issues each Commendation on certificate parchment.



AWARD TYPE:

Please tick the level of meritorious award requested:

- Group Certificate of Merit with Silver Medallion Insert
- Group Certificate of Merit with Bronze Medallion Insert
- Group Certificate of Merit

SUMMARY OF NOMINATION:

Award Type:	
Club/Service:	
Location of Incident:	
Date/Time:	
Brief Summary of Incident:	



NOMINEES DETAILS	
Please include as many details as possible of the potential award recipients.	
Name of nominees	Club/Service:
CLUB/SERVICE DETAILS (where applicable)	
Club/Service name (in full):	
Club/Service postal address: (include postcode & state)	
Club/Service phone number:	Club/Service email address:
CLUB/SERVICE DETAILS (if there is more than one club/service involved)	
Club/Service name (in full):	
Club/Service postal address: (include postcode & state)	
Club/Service phone number:	Club/Service email address:



DETAILS OF INCIDENT				
Location:		Date: / /		Time: : <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
Weather Conditions:				
Wind:	<input type="checkbox"/> Nil	<input type="checkbox"/> Slight	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong
Seas:	<input type="checkbox"/> Calm	<input type="checkbox"/> Chop	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Rough
Wave Height:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 – 0.5m	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.5 – 1.5m	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 – 2.5m	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5m +
Visibility:	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor (dark or thick fog)		<input type="checkbox"/> OK (some fog or dawn/dusk light)	<input type="checkbox"/> Good (clear and well lit)
Summary of incident:				
Involvement of nominee:				
Equipment used:				
Outcome:				



NOMINATION FORM: ENDORSEMENTS

CLUB/SERVICE ENDORSEMENT			
Name of club/Service:		Name of club/Service representative:	
Club/Service rep. contact phone no:		Club/Service rep. contact email:	
Club/Service rep. comments or rationale:			
Club/Service rep. signature:		Date:	

BRANCH ENDORSEMENT (NSW AND QLD ONLY)			
Name of Branch:		Name of Branch Rep.:	
Branch rep. contact		Branch rep. contact email:	
Branch rep. comments or rationale:			
Branch rep.		Date:	



STATE/TERRITORY ENDORSEMENT			
State/Territory:		Name of State/Territory rep:	
State/Territory rep. contact phone no:		State/Territory rep. contact email:	
State/Territory rep. comments or rationale:			
State/Territory rep. signature:		Date:	