



2023 Awards of Excellence



NSW

Administrator of the Year

- David Williams, Fingal Rovers SLSC
- Bob Smith, Bellinger Valley-North Beach SLSC
- Sandra Slattery, Tacking Point SLSC
- Sienna Elmer, Crowdy Head SLSC
- Katrina Pastourmoglou, Swansea Belmont SLSC
- Fiona Duignan, Copacabana SLSC
- Richard Hawtin, Freshwater SLSC
- Petrina Howe, Era SLSC
- Anthony Ritter, Scarborough Wombarra SLSC
- Brad Lilly, Nowra-Culburra SLSC
- Emma O'Neill, Pambula SLSC

Assessor of the Year

- Matthew Bell, Cudgen Headland SLSC
- Paul Stiff, Tacking Point SLSC
- Suz Gerrish, Black Head SLSC
- Steve Westcott, Fingal Beach SLSC
- Jason Smith, Ocean Beach SLSC
- Herve Vichemont, Dee Why SLSC
- Maria Luise Ossimitz, Coogee SLSC
- Craig Walker, Coledale SLSC

Athlete of the Year

- Kai Onley, Cudgen Headland SLSC
- Tyler Sweetman, Cape Hawke SLSC
- Daniel Collins, Redhead SLSC
- Will Adams, Ocean Beach SLSC
- Blake Drysdale, Newport SLSC
- Lily Finati, North Bondi SLSC
- Jasmine Locke, Bulli SLSC
- Peter Gallagher, Kiama SLSC
- Rachel Duczynski, Tathra SLSC

Branch of the Year

- Mid North Coast
- Hunter
- Central Coast
- Sydney Northern Beaches
- Sydney
- Illawarra

Club of the Year

- Cudgen Headland SLSC, Far North Coast
- South West Rocks SLSC, Mid North Coast
- Umina SLSC, Central Coast
- Warriewood SLSC, Sydney Northern Beaches
- Elouera SLSC, Sydney
- Bulli SLSC, Illawarra
- Broulee Surfers SLSC, Far South Coast

Coach of the Year

- Stephen George, Cudgen Headland SLSC
- Phil Evans, Coffs Harbour SLSC
- Mick Lang, Tacking Point SLSC
- Martin Cowper, Black Head SLSC
- Scott Bryant, Caves Beach SLSC
- David Smith, Shelly Beach SLSC
- William Yeates, South Curl Curl SLSC
- Sharon Deans, Coogee SLSC
- Glenn Beveridge, Wollongong City SLSC
- Jackson Walsh, Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
- Bradley Coppin, Moruya SLSC

Community Education Program of the Year

- The Community Hub, Byron Bay SLSC
- Dippers, Tacking Point SLSC
- Healthy Change Challenge, Merewether SLSC
- Community Defib Project, MacMasters Beach SLSC
- Forest High Beach Program, Dee Why SLSC
- Swim Brothers Program, Wanda SLSC
- Broulee Surfers Sporting Schools, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Facilitator of the Year

- Michael Kenny, Fingal Rovers SLSC
- Kim Rayner, Tacking Point SLSC
- James Wills, Forster SLSC
- Steve Westcott, Fingal Beach SLSC
- Paul Dowdell, Shelly Beach SLSC
- Peter Fenley, Bilgola SLSC
- Phillip Carter, Maroubra SLSC
- Kate Balding, Coledale SLSC

Innovation Award

- The Pink Patrol, Evans Head-Casino SLSC
- Female ALBERT, Fingal Beach SLSC
- Taking it to the Beach, Ocean Beach SLSC
- U8's Fun Carnival, Bilgola SLSC
- Bronze HQ - Digital Transformation Project, Bondi SBLSC
- Patrol Team Relay, Scarborough Wombarra SLSC

Masters Athlete of the Year

- Colin Mustoe, Byron Bay SLSC
- Larry Brooke, Port Macquarie SLSC
- Kim Winter, Pacific Palms SLSC
- Lee Howes, Newcastle SLSC
- Paul Lemmon, Terrigal SLSC
- Ashley Brown, Newport SLSC
- Laura Thurtell, Bondi SBLSC
- Davina Strauss, Coledale SLSC
- Nathan Foster, Kiama Downs SLSC
- Darren Drewson, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Official of the Year

- Val Connell, Cudgen Headland SLSC
- Amy Hannaford, Woolgoolga SLSC
- Rodney McDonagh, South West Rocks SLSC
- Kellie Connolly, Black Head SLSC
- Rachel Soars, Merewether SLSC
- Lauren Goldie, The Lakes SLSC
- Matthew Molinia, Dee Why SLSC
- David Hargreaves, North Cronulla SLSC
- Anthony Lanyon, Wollongong City SLSC
- Michael Crowle, Mollymook SLSC
- Wendy Law, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Patrol Captain of the Year

- Brett Fischer, Cabarita Beach SLSC
- David Moore, Tacking Point SLSC
- Reece Dodds, Cape Hawke SLSC
- Rocky Wolters, Avoca Beach SLSC
- Kirsty Dollisson, Manly LSC
- Cameron Watson, Era SLSC
- Rachelle Balez, Scarborough Wombarra SLSC

Services Team of the Year

- BBQ Team, Byron Bay SLSC
- SLSMNC Support Operations
- SLSCC Youth Development Team
- Sydney Branch RWC Operators
- Call Out Team, Bellambi SLSC
- IRB Carnival Committee Team, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Support Operations Member of the Year

- Peter Sweetman, Yamba SLSC
- Tony Silvia, South West Rocks SLSC
- Leigh Croker, Crowdy Head SLSC
- Steven Lee, Shelly Beach SLSC
- Dylan Kovacevich, Palm Beach SLSC
- Michael Byrne, Elouera SLSC
- Richard Walsh, Windang SLSC
- Lachlan Davidson, Kiama SLSC
- Ben Bate, Narooma SLSC

Surf Lifesaver of the Year

- Leigh Robbins, Brunswick SLSC
- Richard Gunther, Coffs Harbour SLSC
- Andrew Stevens, Tacking Point SLSC
- Scott Graham, Cape Hawke SLSC
- Amanda Osmond, Tea Gardens-Hawks Nest SLSC
- Jasmine Rybie, Ocean Beach SLSC
- Joshua Bryden, Bungan Beach SLSC
- David Kowald, Elouera SLSC
- Adrian Walsh, Windang SLSC
- Phillip Perry, Kiama SLSC
- Cheryl McCarthy, Bermagui SLSC

Surf Sport Team of the Year

- U15 Team, Cudgen Headland SLSC
- The Orcas U23 Mens Boat Crew, Port Macquarie SLSC
- U13 Female Board Relay, Black Head SLSC
- U14 Female Board Rescue, Cooks Hill SLSC
- U19 Female Taplin Team, Avoca Beach SLSC
- Masters Beach Relay, Warriewood SLSC
- Masters Team, Bondi SBLSC
- Open Mens Boat Crew, Bulli SLSC
- 35+ Male Tube Rescue Team, Kiama Downs SLSC
- Buoyos Boat Crew, Moruya SLSC

Trainer of the Year

- Sharnah Bowen, Cabarita Beach SLSC
- Glynis Treuer, Woolgoolga SLSC
- Dylan Sainsbury, Wauchope-Bonny Hills SLSC
- Darren Moses, Taree-Old Bar SLSC
- Willow Forsyth, Stockton SLSC
- Lyn Drummond, MacMasters Beach SLSC
- Chris Pienaar, Long Reef SLSC
- Anita Pryke, North Cronulla SLSC
- Jaclyn Percy, Bellambi SLSC
- Steven Reid, Shellharbour SLSC
- Jason Domeny, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Volunteer of the Year

- Ian Hamilton, Cabarita Beach SLSC
- Troy Claydon, Minnie Water-Wooli SLSC
- Bruce Caldwell, South West Rocks SLSC
- Ben Forrester, Cape Hawke SLSC
- Steve Smith, Caves Beach SLSC
- John Avis, North Avoca SLSC
- Justine Head, Dee Why SLSC
- Nicole Cooney, South Maroubra SLSC
- Brigid Collaery, Coalcliff SLSC
- Marc Curci, Shellharbour SLSC
- Jason Domeny, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Youth Athlete of the Year

- Niamh Sharpe, Cudgen Headland SLSC
- Dylan Kinkade, Forster SLSC
- Lani Waller, Redhead SLSC
- Natalia Drobot, Avoca Beach SLSC
- Conner Maggs, Newport SLSC
- Sari McKee, North Cronulla SLSC
- Ivy Miller, Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
- Chelsea Jones, Bulli SLSC
- Kane Doull, Narooma SLSC

Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year

- Sven Loemker, Cudgen Headland SLSC
- Aedan Connolly, Red Rock-Corindi SLSC
- Erin Cook, South West Rocks SLSC
- Katie Tisdell, Forster SLSC
- Sean O'Rourke, Birubi Point SLSC
- Jamie Cairns, Ocean Beach SLSC
- Nicholas McGibbon, Bungan Beach SLSC
- Noah Teitler, South Maroubra SLSC
- Brody Robertson, Bellambi SLSC
- Lachlan Davidson, Kiama SLSC
- Caitlin Don, Narooma SLSC

Youth Volunteer of the Year

- Abbie Yourell, Evans Head-Casino SLSC
- Bronte McAlister, Tacking Point SLSC
- Gemma Eady-Muxlow, Crowdy Head SLSC
- Olivia Hughes, Nobbys SLSC
- Bronte Smith, Umina SLSC
- Luca Stein, South Curl Curl SLSC
- Cate Kyling, Coogee SLSC
- Halle Bone, Bellambi SLSC
- Jackson Walsh, Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
- Ruby O'Leary, Tathra SLSC

Rescue of the Year

- July 2022 - Avalon Beach SLSC
- August 2022 - Australian Lifeguard Service, MMC
- September 2022 - LNC Support Operations / Pacific Palms SLSC
- October 2022 - South West Rocks SLSC
- November 2022 - Avoca Beach SLSC
- December 2022 - Wamberal SLSC
- January 2023 - North Bondi SLSC
- February 2023 - Elouera SLSC
- March 2023 - Ocean Beach SLSC
- April 2023 - The Entrance SLSC
- June 2023 - LNC Support Operations

Lifeguard of the Year

- Mariah Jones, Tweed
- Guido Fonzer, Byron Bay
- Oliver Sharpe, Ballina / Richmond Valley
- Max Gilbert, Clarence
- Teneale Moore, Bellingen / Nambucca / Kempsey
- Darren O'Rafferty, Port Macquarie
- Andy Snelgar, Mid Coast
- Caitlin Callahan, Port Stephens
- Van Whiteman, Northern Beaches
- Lauren MacDonald, Royal National Park
- Mitchell Graham, Megenta / Frazer
- David Toghil, Shoalhaven
- Eryl Boulton, Bega
- Adrien Destang, Water Events