

Nomination for Life Membership of Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Life Membership of SLSNSW Nomination Guidelines

Background

Surf Life Saving NSW Life Membership recognises those individual members who voluntarily rendered a distinguished, sustained, and conspicuous service to SLSNSW over a period of at least twenty (20) years.

Nomination Guidelines

The following nomination guidelines shall be followed for SLSNSW Life Membership:

- All nominations must be submitted via email using the Life Membership Nomination Form.
- If additional space is required, please attach supporting documentation.
- All nominations must be endorsed by Club and Branch Presidents or their representatives.
- Nominations are considered once per year, in November.

Submission Process:

- Endorsed nominations are to be submitted via email at lifemembership@surflifesaving.com.au by **5:00pm Friday 25 September 2026**.

Judging Process

1. The SLSNSW Life Membership Committee will review all nominations.
2. The Life Membership Committee will make a recommendation to the SLSNSW State Council.
3. Any member awarded SLSNSW Life Membership will be recorded in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of which the member is awarded.
4. Unsuccessful nominations may be resubmitted in following years.

How to Nominate

- The proposer must clearly summarise the nominee's individual achievements and their impact on SLSNSW and/or SLA.
- Focus should be placed on the nominee's distinctive contributions, not those made collectively.
- Provide substantive evidence to support the claims.
- Use authoritative sources to validate the information included.

Interpretative Criteria for SLSNSW Life Membership

Recognition Award	
<i>“Nominee must have rendered distinguished voluntary service to Surf Life Saving New South Wales for over a period of at least 20 years, with the following condition being applied. For service to be considered as <u>distinguished</u>, it must be <u>sustained</u> and a <u>conspicuous</u> contribution.”</i> <i>The point of distinction to this recognition award is <u>the distinguished nature of their contribution</u> over at least 20 years that <u>sets them apart from other significant service by other members</u>.</i>	
Interpretative Criteria	Interpretative Questions
A SLSNSW Life Member ... • Will have maintained a sustained level of distinguished voluntary service at a level that brings distinction to that service. • Will have made an individual contribution that can be classified as unique, and which can be attributed to that person as opposed to being a member of a wider group of members. • Will have given distinguished service to SLSNSW over a period spanning at least 20 years. • The unique and distinguished nature of the service can be at different levels of SLSNSW provided that the nomination evidence exemplary and distinguished service that can be seen as a unique contribution to the advancement of Surf Life Saving in Australia. • An emphasis on primacy of service at state level is a key interpretive criterion, with the significance of service at branch and club levels being taken into consideration when it can be demonstrated that the distinguished nature such service is found in the innovative and leading best practice provided to assist in the development of SLSNSW.	Key questions to be applied at this level include ... • What distinguishes this service and contribution beyond that of others? • What makes this person’s contribution unique amongst the SLSNSW membership? • What contribution(s) are directly attributable to this person (apart from others)? • How has this contribution advanced Surf Life Saving in NSW? • Has the distinguished service spanned at least 20 years?



Life Membership Nomination CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Proposer and Seconder Declaration Completed**
- ☐ **Club Endorsement**
- ☐ **Branch Endorsement**
- ☐ **Nominee Details**
- ☐ **Nomination Questions Complete**
 - 1. How are their achievements distinguished/sustained/conspicuous at all levels of Surf Life Saving?
 - 2. Other awards (Australian Honours, civil, sporting, community, or other honours)
 - 3. What substantive evidence have you supplied to support the claim for SLSNSW Life Membership
 - 4. What distinguishes the voluntary service as a contribution beyond that of others and makes this person's contribution unique amongst SLSNSW membership that is directly attributable to this person apart from others
 - 5. How are these achievements distinguished / significant / sustained?
- ☐ **Nominee's SLS SurfGuard Record**
 - 1. SurfGuard Award List attached
 - 2. Career Lifesaving Patrol Hours attached (if applicable)
- ☐ **SLS Service History**
- ☐ **Record of Service**
 - ☐ Club Achievements / Roles
 - ☐ Branch Achievements / Roles
 - ☐ State Achievements / Roles



Life Membership Nomination

This **nomination for Life Membership** of Surf Life Saving New South Wales is for:

Proposer and Second Declaration

We, the proposer and second, confirm that the nominee meets the criteria for Life Membership of Surf Life Saving NSW.

Proposer

Name: _____ Position: _____

Mobile: _____ Signature: _____

Second

Name: _____ Position: _____

Mobile: _____ Signature: _____

Club Endorsement

Club President's Name: _____ *(or their representative)*

Mobile: _____

Signature: _____

Branch Endorsement

Branch President's Name: _____ *(or their representative)*

Mobile: _____

Signature: _____

Nominee's Personal Details

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender (please circle): Male / Female / Non-Binary

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Club: _____

Branch: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____

Partner's Name (for invitations): _____

Nomination Questions

Please note: The nomination should provide substantive evidence to support the claims, and authoritative sources should be able to validate those claims.

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2. Other awards (Australian Honours, civil, sporting, community, or other honours)
3. What substantive evidence have you supplied to support the claim for SLSNSW Life Membership
4. What distinguishes the voluntary service as a contribution beyond that of others and makes this person's contribution unique amongst SLSNSW membership that is directly attributable to this person apart from others.
5. How are these achievements distinguished / significant / sustained?

Nominee's SLS SurfGuard Records

1. Please attach Nominee's SurfGuard Award List
2. Please attach the Nominee's 'Career' Lifesaving Patrol Hours from SurfGuard (if applicable)
You can find this via Members Area/SurfGuard – Member Links/Patrols/Lifesaving Patrol Hours/Career



Surf Life Saving Service History

Please add/insert additional rows to the tables below if you require more space to provide further information.

Year joined SLSNSW: _____ Years of service: _____

Club	From (year)	To (year)

Club Life Membership Gained (year) _____ Branch Life Membership Gained: (year) _____

Nominee's Record of Service – CLUB

Achievements/Role / Committees	From	To	Details

Nominee's Record of Service – BRANCH

Achievements / Role/ Committees	From	To	Details

Nominee's Record of Service – STATE

Achievements / Role/ Committees	From	To	Details