



Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

Title:	Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027 & 2028 – Senior Powercraft Team Nominations
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Summary:	SLSA is calling for applications for Senior Powercraft Positions at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027 & 2028.

EVENT DATES

2027	The Aussies 2027 will be held on the Sunshine Coast, QLD at Maroochydore, Alexandra Headland and Mooloolaba SLSCs from Saturday, 10 April – Sunday, 18 April 2027.
2028	TBC

SENIOR POWERCRAFT POSITIONS

This call is specifically for the following Powercraft leadership and coordination roles**:

- [Powercraft Manager](#)
- [Deputy Powercraft Manager](#)
- [Rostering Coordinator](#)
- [Logistics Coordinator](#)
- [RWC Coordinator](#)
- [Base Coordinator](#)

***Position descriptions for the roles have been attached to this document.*

These roles are critical to the safe and efficient delivery of the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. Powercraft team appointed to these positions will work closely with the Referee and Safety Coordinator to ensure all water safety, powercraft logistics, and course operations are executed to the highest standard.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

Interested SLSA members should submit their nomination via the nomination form.

Nominations at the following link: [CLICK HERE](#)

You may nominate for more than one role, but please indicate your preferences in priority order.

Appointments will be made by the SLSA Event team in consultation with the Championships Referee, Safety Coordinator and SLSA Officials Advisor. Appointments will be announced via email.



NOMINATION CLOSING DATES:

- **Nominations Close:** Sunday 20th September 2026
- **Appointments Announced:** Week of the 28th September 2026

HEALTH STATEMENT:

All nominees should ensure they are physically capable of carrying out their important functions over the course of the Championships.

In nominating for this event, all nominees warrant that they are and must remain, mentally and physically capable of carrying out all the functions of their appointed role(s) over the course of the entire event.

It is recommended that appointees should undertake a medical check prior to departure for the event. SLSA may request members to provide a medical clearance if the member has had a medical incident at a previous SLS event or if SLSA reasonably considers such request is reasonable and/or necessary. If requested, the member must provide the medical clearance before undertaking their rostered duties.

SLSA reserves the right in its absolute discretion to:

- a) Not appoint a member to any position whether a member has nominated or not;
- b) Remove an Appointee from any position at any time (whether before or during an SLSA event)

SLSA is not obligated to give reasons where it acts under this clause.

MEETINGS:

All appointed members must attend mandatory meetings as per the schedule in the position descriptions and as required by the SLSA Events Team. Meetings may happen online or in-person. Details will be provided to successful applicants closer to the event.

OUTFITTING:

Appointed applicants will receive some appropriate clothing/gear for the Championships.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For questions or assistance, please contact:

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POSITION DESCRIPTION: POWERCRAFT MANAGER

Purpose:

The Powercraft Manager is responsible for the overall coordination, safety, and operational readiness of all powercraft and associated personnel during the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships event. This role ensures effective deployment, communication, and safety compliance across all water-based operations.

Key Responsibilities:

- Act under the supervision of the Referee and Safety Coordinator in emergencies.
- Oversee recruitment, readiness, and deployment of IRBs and crews.
- Supervise and support all powercraft-related coordinators.
- Ensure all IRBs and watercraft are serviced, equipped, and operational.
- Maintain communication systems for coordination with Referees and Coordinators.
- Liaise with the Safety team on safety matters.
- Monitor the welfare of powercraft personnel and volunteers throughout the event, providing appropriate support and escalating concerns to the relevant Peer Support or wellbeing services where required.
- Suspend competition in the event of catastrophic safety concerns and escalate appropriately.
- Review and make recommendations to emergency management plans and safety documents as request by SLSA Events Team.

Essential Skills & Qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience in surf lifesaving operations, particularly in IRB and water safety coordination.
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- Ability to manage high-pressure situations and respond effectively to emergencies.
- Familiarity with SLSA competition rules and safety protocols.

Reports To:

SLSA Site Operations Manager, Referees and, in emergencies, the Safety Coordinator

Direct Reports:

Deputy Powercraft Manager, Rostering Coordinator, RWC Coordinator, Logistics Coordinator, Base Coordinator

Role Requirements

Date on Site	Departure Date
Thursday 8 April 2027	Tuesday 20 April 2027

This role requires attendance prior to competition to support the safe and efficient setup of the powercraft compound, powercraft equipment check-in and course build.

Meeting Schedule

Pre Event

- Event organising committee - Attend monthly weekday evening meetings (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event)
- Powercraft organising committee – Chair or Co-Chair the monthly weekday evening meetings (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event)
- Powercraft Team members briefing- Chair the once off meeting prior to the event explain roles and responsibilities.

**During Event**

- Powercraft Toolbox Talk – Host daily 5:30am in person meeting with coordinators
- Safety Meetings – Attend daily in person meetings. Time TBC
- Competition Committee - Attend daily in person meetings. Time TBC



POSITION DESCRIPTION: DEPUTY POWERCRAFT MANAGER

Purpose:

The Deputy Powercraft Manager supports the Powercraft Manager in the coordination, safety, and operational readiness of all powercraft and associated personnel during the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

The role assists with the effective deployment, communication, and safety compliance of all water-based operations and provides operational leadership when required.

Key Responsibilities:

- Support the Powercraft Manager in the planning, coordination and delivery of all powercraft operations throughout the event.
- Assist with the recruitment, briefing, readiness, deployment and supervision of powercraft personnel, coordinators and volunteers.
- Oversee the operational readiness, servicing, equipment and deployment of IRBs and other powercraft.
- Monitor the welfare of powercraft personnel and volunteers throughout the event, providing appropriate support and escalating concerns to the relevant Peer Support or wellbeing services where required.
- Coordinate and monitor safety requirements for powercraft operations, including safety procedures, risk controls, safety equipment and emergency response protocols.
- Conduct and support pre-event inspections of the powercraft compound, equipment, facilities and operational areas to identify and address potential hazards.
- Monitor operational and environmental conditions throughout the event and identify, report and escalate safety concerns, hazards and incidents as required.
- Liaise with the Powercraft Manager, Referee, Safety Coordinator, ECC, Safety Officers and relevant event personnel regarding operational, safety and emergency matters.
- Support and coordinate incident and emergency responses, including the suspension of competition or powercraft operations where required or directed.
- Ensure effective communication and operational coordination between powercraft personnel, coordinators, officials and the wider event team.
- Provide operational and safety leadership to the Powercraft Coordinators and volunteers throughout the event.
- Act in the Powercraft Manager role when required or in their absence, ensuring continuity of powercraft operations.
- Contribute to event briefings, safety documentation, post-event reporting, debriefs and recommendations for future events.

Essential Skills & Qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience in surf lifesaving operations, particularly in IRB and water safety coordination.
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- Ability to manage high-pressure situations and respond effectively to emergencies.
- Familiarity with SLISA competition rules and safety protocols.

Reports To:

Powercraft Manager, SLISA Site Operations Manager, Referees and, in emergencies, the Safety Coordinator



Direct Reports:

Rostering Coordinator, RWC Coordinator, Logistics Coordinator, Base Coordinator

Role Requirements

Date on Site	Departure Date
Thursday 8 April 2027	Tuesday 20 April 2027

The role requires attendance days prior to competition to oversee the powercraft compound build, powercraft equipment check in and the course build happens in a safe and efficient manner.

Meeting Schedule

Pre Event

- Event organising committee - Attend monthly weekday evening meetings if the Powercraft Manager cannot attend (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event)
- Powercraft organising committee – Chair or Co-Chair the monthly weekday evening meetings (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event)
- Powercraft Team members briefing- Chair the once off meeting prior to the event explain roles and responsibilities.

During Event

- Powercraft Toolbox Talk – Host/co-host daily 5:30am in person meeting with coordinators
- Safety Meetings – Attend daily in person meetings. Time TBC
- Competition Committee - Attend daily in person meetings. Time TBC



POSITION DESCRIPTION: LOGISTICS COORDINATOR

Purpose:

To coordinate the logistical requirements for IRB and watercraft operations, ensuring powercraft personnel, equipment, facilities, and movements are organised and ready to support the safe and efficient delivery of the event.

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate the setup, operation, and pack-down of the powercraft compound and associated facilities.
- Coordinate the check-in, allocation, movement, storage, and return of powercraft equipment.
- Assist with ensuring all powercraft and associated equipment are available and operationally ready as required.
- Coordinate accommodation, transport, and people movements within the Powercraft team.
- Support the Powercraft Manager with the daily deployment and allocation of powercraft personnel and resources.
- Coordinate logistical requirements for daily powercraft operations, including equipment, supplies, facilities, and access.
- Liaise with relevant SLSA Event Team members, contractors, suppliers, clubs, and powercraft personnel regarding logistical requirements.
- Maintain accurate records of powercraft equipment, personnel movements, and other relevant logistical information.
- Identify and escalate logistical issues that may impact the delivery or safety of powercraft operations.
- Support the Powercraft Manager and Safety Coordinator to ensure logistical arrangements do not compromise operational safety.
- Assist with the coordination of powercraft briefings and daily operational meetings.
- Contribute to post-event debriefs and provide recommendations to improve powercraft logistics and operational efficiency.

Essential Skills & Qualifications:

- Experience in event logistics, operations, or surf lifesaving environments.
- Strong organisational and coordination skills.
- Ability to manage multiple logistical requirements in a fast-paced event environment.
- Strong communication and stakeholder management skills.
- Ability to identify logistical issues and provide practical solutions.

Reports To:

Powercraft Manager and Deputy Powercraft Manager

Direct Reports:

None

Role Requirements

Date on Site	Departure Date
Thursday 8 April 2027	Tuesday 20 April 2027



The role requires attendance the day prior to competition to assist the powercraft compound build, oversee the powercraft equipment check in and to ensure the course build happens in a safe and efficient manner.

Meeting Schedule

Pre Event

- Powercraft organising committee - Attend the monthly weekday evening meetings (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event)
- Powercraft Team members briefing- Attend the once off meeting prior to the event.

During Event

Powercraft Toolbox – Attend daily 5:30am in person meeting with powercraft coordinators and managers.



POSITION DESCRIPTION: ROSTERING COORDINATOR

Purpose:

To manage the scheduling and rotation of IRB crews and water safety personnel to ensure optimal coverage and compliance with rest requirements.

Key Responsibilities:

- Roster and rotate IRB crews and water safety personnel.
- Brief crews on duties, locations, and safety expectations.
- Maintain crew availability records and respond to last-minute changes.
- Coordinate with the Logistics Coordinator and Safety Coordinator for crew welfare.
- Coordinate with the On-Water Asset Coordinator for on water requirements and changes.

Essential Skills & Qualifications:

- Experience in rostering and personnel management within surf lifesaving or similar environments.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Ability to manage schedules and respond to last-minute changes.
- Knowledge of crew welfare and safety protocols.

Reports To:

Powercraft Manager and Deputy Powercraft Manager

Direct Reports:

None

Role Requirements

Date on Site	Departure Date
Thursday 8 April 2027	Tuesday 20 April 2027

The role requires attendance the day prior to competition to assist to oversee the powercraft compound build and powercraft equipment check in, and oversee Powercraft personel check in, induction and accreditation processes.

Meeting Schedule

Pre Event

- Powercraft organising committee - Attend the monthly weekday evening meetings (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event)
- Powercraft Team members briefing- Attend the once off meeting prior to the event explain roles and responsibilities.

During Event

- Powercraft Toolbox – Attend daily 5:30am in person meeting with powercraft coordinators and managers



POSITION DESCRIPTION: RWC COORDINATOR

Purpose:

To coordinate the readiness, deployment, and operational management of all Rescue Water Craft (RWC) and RWC personnel during the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. The role ensures RWCs and operators are appropriately prepared, equipped, briefed, and deployed to support the safe and effective delivery of water-based operations.

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate the recruitment, allocation, briefing, and deployment of RWC operators.
- Ensure all RWCs are appropriately serviced, checked, fuelled, equipped, and operationally ready prior to and throughout the event.
- Coordinate the check-in, storage, movement, and allocation of RWCs and associated equipment.
- Supervise and support RWC operators throughout the event, ensuring they understand their roles, responsibilities, deployment locations, and operational requirements.
- Maintain accurate records of RWC assets, operators, equipment checks, and deployment.
- Coordinate the response and redeployment of RWCs in accordance with operational requirements and emergency situations.
- Maintain effective communication with RWC operators and relevant powercraft personnel throughout competition.
- Liaise with the Safety Coordinator regarding RWC-related hazards, incidents, equipment issues, and operational safety concerns.
- Escalate RWC operational, equipment, personnel, or safety issues to the Powercraft Manager as required.
- Assist with the implementation of emergency response procedures involving RWCs.
- Support the Powercraft Manager, Referee, and SEMC during incidents or changes to water operations.
- Ensure RWC operations are conducted in accordance with relevant SLSA policies, procedures, qualifications, and event requirements.
- Contribute to pre-event planning, operational meetings, and daily Powercraft Toolbox meetings.
- Provide feedback and recommendations to the Powercraft Manager following the event regarding RWC operations, equipment, personnel, and procedures.

Essential Skills & Qualifications:

- Strong understanding of RWC operations, equipment, and safety procedures.
- Experience coordinating or supervising RWC operators is desirable.
- Strong organisational and communication skills.
- Ability to coordinate multiple operators and assets in a fast-paced event environment.
- Ability to remain calm and make appropriate decisions during operational incidents or emergencies.
- Strong understanding of surf lifesaving competition and water safety environments.

Reports To:

Powercraft Manager and Deputy Powercraft Manager

Direct Reports:

N/A



Role Requirements

Date on Site	Departure Date
Thursday 8 April 2027	Tuesday 20 April 2027

The role requires attendance the day prior to competition to assist to oversee the powercraft compound build and powercraft equipment check in, and oversee Powercraft personnel check in, induction and accreditation processes, with a particular focus on RWC operations.

Meeting Schedule

Pre Event

- Powercraft organising committee - Attend the monthly weekday evening meetings (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event)
- Powercraft Team members briefing- Attend the once off meeting prior to the event explain roles and responsibilities.

During Event

- Powercraft Toolbox – Attend daily 5:30am in person meeting with powercraft coordinators and managers



POSITION DESCRIPTION: BASE COORDINATOR

Purpose:

To coordinate the setup, operation, and organisation of the Powercraft Base and Compound throughout the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. The role ensures the base is safe, functional, well-organised, and adequately resourced to support the Powercraft team and daily event operations.

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate the setup and pack-down of the Powercraft compound and associated facilities.
- Ensure the Powercraft Base is clean, organised, accessible, and operationally ready each day.
- Coordinate the allocation and organisation of areas within the compound, including equipment storage, personnel areas, briefing areas, and operational spaces.
- Ensure required equipment, supplies, furniture, signage, and consumables are available and appropriately positioned within the compound.
- Coordinate the check-in, storage, and movement of Powercraft equipment within the compound.
- Maintain an organised system for equipment storage and ensure access pathways and operational areas remain clear.
- Monitor stock levels of relevant Powercraft supplies and escalate replenishment requirements
- Coordinate waste management, cleaning, and general housekeeping requirements within the Powercraft Base.
- Assist with ensuring the compound complies with relevant safety, access, and operational requirements.
- Identify and escalate hazards, maintenance issues, or other concerns
- Support the coordination of daily Powercraft team movements in and out of the compound.
- Assist with daily setup and preparation of the Powercraft Base prior to the commencement of operations.
- Assist with the secure storage of Powercraft equipment and assets when not in use.
- Support the Powercraft Manager and Logistics Coordinator with any additional operational requirements relating to the Powercraft compound.
- Contribute to post-event debriefs and provide recommendations to improve the setup and functionality of the Powercraft Base. Provide feedback and recommendations to the Powercraft Manager following the event regarding RWC operations, equipment, personnel, and procedures.

Essential Skills & Qualifications:

- Strong organisational and practical problem-solving skills.
- Ability to coordinate a busy operational compound and manage competing priorities.
- Strong communication and teamwork skills.
- Ability to identify and escalate safety, maintenance, or logistical issues

Reports To:

Powercraft Manager and Deputy Powercraft Manager

Direct Reports:

None



Role Requirements

Date on Site	Departure Date
Thursday 8 April 2027	Tuesday 20 April 2027

The role requires attendance the day prior to competition to oversee the powercraft compound build, assist with the powercraft equipment check in, powercraft personel check in, induction and accreditation process.

Meeting Schedule

Pre Event

- Powercraft organising committee – attend the monthly weekday evening meetings (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event)
- Powercraft Team members briefing- Attend the once off meeting prior to the event explain roles and responsibilities.

During Event

- Powercraft Toolbox – Attend daily 5:30am in person meeting with powercraft coordinators and managers