



Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

Title	Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027 - Powercraft Nomination Circular
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Summary	This circular calls for nomination of Powercraft team members to assist at the 2027 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Maroochydore, Alexandra Headland, Mooloolaba and Coolum Beach, Queensland

AUSSIES 2027 - POWERCRAFT POSITIONS

SLSA are looking to engage active and enthusiastic Powercraft personnel for the 2027 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships (Aussies) across varying levels of experience and expertise to manage water safety processes across all Championships.

SLSA will provide accommodation, where appropriate, for those personnel engaged in the Powercraft team throughout the Championships.

SLSA is seeking expressions of interest for the following roles. Please note position descriptions for the roles have been included at the end this document:

- [Powercraft Operators](#)
 - [RWC Operators](#)
 - [IRB Driver](#)
 - [IRB Crewperson](#)
- [On-Beach Coordinators](#)
- [Communications Officer](#)
- [Support Personnel](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see below a summary of important dates related to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027.

Friday 9 October	Powercraft Nominations Open Powercraft Scholarship Nominations Open
Friday 20 November	Powercraft Nominations – First Round Close Powercraft Scholarship Nominations Close
Friday 27 November	Powercraft Equipment Requirements Released
Week 14 th December	First Round Appointments Published
Friday 15 January	Second Round Appointments Close
Week 1 st February	Second Round Appointments Published
Week of 29 th March	Powercraft Team Compulsory Online Briefing
Thursday 8 th April	First Day for IRB Deliveries
Friday 9 th April	Last day for IRB Deliveries (before 11am)
Saturday 10 th April	Competition Day 1 Opening Ceremony
Sunday 11 th April	Competition Day 2 The Aussies Ocean Swim
Monday 12 th April	Competition Day 3 Golf Day
Tuesday 13 th April	Competition Day 4



	Masters Legends Hall of Fame Presentation Women in Lifesaving Dinner
Wednesday 14 th April	Competition Day 5 Officials Function
Thursday 15 th April	Competition Day 6 Life Members Function Alumni Event
Friday 16 th April	Competition Day 7 Partnerships Stakeholder Function Adaptive Events
Saturday 17 th April	Competition Day 8 Adaptive Events VIP Function
Sunday 18 th April	Competition Day 9 Ecumenical Service Welcome to Finals Day Ceremony VIP Function First day to pick up IRB (7am – 3pm)
Monday 19 th April	Final day for IRB pick up (7am-12pm)

NOMINATIONS

Please find below the nomination link to all available roles within the Powercraft Area at Aussies 2027. All roles can nominate on an individual basis. i.e. If nominating as a crew member able to assist, you do not need to have a driver nominate with you.

Please note, individuals may be requested to assist in other roles throughout the Championships if available.

Note 1: POWERCRAFT AMBASSADORS

The Powercraft Committee are looking to appoint Aussies Powercraft Ambassadors in each state. Each ambassador would be the primary point of contact for all state personnel to promote Aussies attendance. They would work with the Powercraft Manager and Committee to assist in skill and ability development at State level to ensure this is carried through to the Australian Championships.

This appointment would be in addition to your appointment for the event and you will be required to nominate your interest at the time of nomination.

Nominations at the following link: **[AUSSIES 2027 – POWERCRAFT NOMINATIONS](#)**

- First Round Nominations close Friday 20th November 2026
- Second Round Nominations close Friday 15 January 2027

Nominations will remain open through to the event should positions still be available. Priority for appointments will be given to first round nominations.

SLSA reserves the right in its absolute discretion to:

- a) Not appoint a member to any position whether they have nominated or not;
- b) Remove someone 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.

POWERCRAFT SCHOLARSHIP

If you are interested in applying for the Powercraft Scholarship and would like the opportunity to shadow and learn from senior Powercraft Coordinators, while further developing your skills and knowledge, please refer to the [Circular 36-26-27- Aussies 2027 Powercraft Scholarship](#) for more information on the scholarship and application process.

[Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027 - Powercraft Scholarship Program Application – Fill out form](#)



This is an exciting development opportunity and provides additional support to help you gain valuable experience during your time at Aussies.

POWERCRAFT COMPETENCY TESTS AND AWARD OPPORTUNITY

All Powercraft operators (both IRB and RWC) will be required to undertake a basic competency test to certify they are competent in all surf conditions and will continue to be assessed throughout the Championships. Crew deemed not competent may be allocated another more suitable role within the Powercraft Team.

SLSA will utilise State representatives to ensure operators are competent at major state events in the lead up to Aussies 2027. A competency test may take place in the lead up and during the Championships for local operators and as requested by the Powercraft Organising Committee.

Personnel will also have an option to gain the SLSA Core or Technical Official's award through working in the Aussies 2027 Powercraft Area. The Championship Competition Committee will also endorse drivers and crew to be judges of fact and report any issues to Sectional Referees.

HEALTH STATEMENT

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

In nominating for this event, all powercraft members 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. All powercraft members should undertake a medical check prior to departure for the event. SLSA may request powercraft member to provide medical clearance if the powercraft member has had a medical incident at previous SLS event or if SLSA reasonably considers such request is reasonable and/or necessary. If requested the powercraft members must provide the medical clearance.

POWERCRAFT BRIEFING

A Powercraft briefing will take place online the week of 29th March, date will be confirmed closer to the event and communicated by email. **Attendance is compulsory.**

Briefings will also take place 45 minutes before each shift which is mandatory for both crew and driver.

POWERCRAFT PERSONNEL SUBSIDY

SLSA will provide shared bunk style accommodation where appropriate for Powercraft personnel throughout the Championships. When allocating accommodation, considerations will be given to:

- Personnel who are available five days or more
- Preference for accommodation will be given to personnel available for consecutive days
- Those travelling from out of area
- Accommodation will be allocated on a first come first served basis

Once appointed SLSA will contact individuals to confirm arrangements if applicable. Please note, late nominations may not be eligible for accommodation.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Powercraft Operator

Operators include RWC Operators, IRB Drivers and IRB Crewpersons. Powercraft Operators are required to have a proficient Bronze Medallion as well as the following awards at a minimum to perform the respective roles:

- RWC Operator: Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate
- IRB Driver: Silver Medallion IRB Driver
- IRB Crewperson: IRB Crew Certificate

On-Beach Coordinator

The On-Beach Coordinator is a technical official position. There will be one On-Beach Coordinator appointed per water area. They are the primary liaison between the on beach officials and powercraft, working directly with the sectional and/or area referees. The On-Beach Coordinator is responsible for



course adjustments, area water safety configurations and initial management of powercraft response to incidents.

Powercraft Communications Officer

The Powercraft Communications Officers is responsible for monitoring and managing radio communications for powercraft and deploying assets if required. They will work directly with the Powercraft Manager for all operational/rostering and event planning. This position is based in the Event Control Centre and works directly with the safety and medical teams, as well as water police and event management.

Support Personnel

Support personnel roles vary and include a range of positions such as transport drivers, fuel management, catering, compound assistants and social coordination. You do not require any formal powercraft awards to apply for these positions.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at: events@slsa.asn.au