

Circular

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Summary:	This Circular provides information on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1 – Categories and General Conditions • Section 2 – Nomination Process & Guidelines • Section 3 – Specific Award Criteria and Conditions • Section 4 – Award summary for SLSWA-nominated Awards • Section 5 – Event Tickets, Bookings & Accommodation
Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All nominations and their relevant attachments, including a photo of the Nominee, MUST be uploaded to the online entry system by 9am, Monday, 15 May 2023. - Download and complete the Table Booking Form in section 5, complete it in full and return it to SLSWA by 5pm, Wednesday 14 June 2023

Nominations are now being called for the 2023 Surf Life Saving Western Australia (SLSWA) Awards of Excellence to recognise the achievements and contributions of SLSWA members throughout the 2022/23 Season (*this refers to the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023). Nominations are open to all members of SLSWA affiliated clubs.

Using the same online entry system as 2022, SLSWA urges all nominators to please take the appropriate time to complete the written submission addressing the selection criteria and collate any required attachments well in advance of the due date. **No late submissions will be considered.**

All awards will be presented as part of a formal ceremony at Grand Ballroom, Crown Perth on Saturday, 1 July 2023.



SECTION 1 – CATEGORIES AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

CATEGORIES

Please ensure you refer only to Selection Criteria contained in this most current Circular, as the selection criteria may differ from that of previous years.

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The following awards do not require club nomination – Information has been included in [Section 4](#) (page 20) for your reference. Clubs may be consulted in relation to nominees and are encouraged to put forward individuals who they feel should be nominated.

- [Support Operations Volunteer of the Year](#)
- [Official of the Year*](#)
- [Athlete of the Year*](#)
- [Young Athlete of the Year*](#)
- [Surf Sports Team of the Year *](#)
- [Lifeguard of the Year*](#)

Please note the following:

The winners of any awards marked with an asterisk will represent WA at the Surf Life Saving Australia Awards of Excellence. The SLSA Awards of Excellence ceremony is scheduled to be held on 4 November 2023.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- We encourage Club Administrators and Committee Members to thoroughly read through the full document and pass on details as they deem necessary.
- Application closing dates: ALL Nominations close **9am, Monday, 15 May 2023**.
- **No late submissions will be accepted for any awards.** Once the deadline passes, no nominations will be able to be submitted via the [online entry system](#).
- These awards are orientated towards involvement and activities for the 2022/23 season (being May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023). Where ages are mentioned, this refers to the member's age as of 30 September in the 2022/23 season.
- No hardcopy nominations will be accepted for any award category. All nominations must be submitted via the [online entry system](#).



SECTION 2 – NOMINATION PROCESS & GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All nominations must be submitted via an online entry system, which can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AoE2023>

Before nominators can submit each nomination, they will need to have the following documents/attachments available/ready to be uploaded:

- Written Submission
- Supporting Documents
- Photo of the Nominee OR Club logo - *You will not be able to proceed with submitting a nomination without a photo/logo uploaded.*

1. **Written Submission:** Each written submission must address ALL of the **Selection Criteria** for the nominated award. *If you require a word document or editable version of this, please contact events@sllswa.com.au*
 - **Individual Selection Criteria** can be found in [Section 3](#) of this circular.
 - Please list each Selection Criteria as a heading with your response typed under each section. Please try and use dot point answers and keep to a reasonable length.
 - Preferred font is Arial, minimum 10-point size.
 - No handwritten submissions will be accepted.
 - Please address the applicant's achievements in the 2022/23 season as the main focus. Previous achievements and future ambitions can also be addressed, where requested, in the criteria.
2. **Supporting Documents:** Please upload any supporting documents as requested in the Essential Criteria. This may include Surfguard records of awards, patrol hours etc.
3. **A digital portrait photo of the nominee`:**
 - For individual nominations, nominators **MUST** include **a digital self-portrait photo** of the nominee (min 1MB JPEG).
 - For the club awards, a version of the club logo must be uploaded.

***Nominators are advised that any nomination that does not include a photo will not be accepted.
You will not be able to proceed with submitting a nomination without a photo/logo uploaded.***

Please find a step-by-step guide to the online entry form on the following page.



Step-by-Step Guide to the 2023 Online Entry Form for the SLSWA Awards of Excellence



2023 SLSWA Awards of Excellence - ONLINE ENTRY FORM

Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now being called for the 2023 Surf Life Saving Western Australia (SLSWA) Awards of Excellence to recognise the achievements and contributions of Surf Lifesavers in WA in the 2022/23 Season (*this refers to the period of May 1 2022 to April 30 2023).

Nominations are open to all members of Surf Life Saving WA affiliated clubs.

Surf Life Saving WA urges all nominators to take the appropriate time to fill out the below nomination form details and upload written submission addressing the selection criteria well in advance of the due date.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5PM WST ON MONDAY 15 MAY 2023

The following section is for the Nominator (person making the nomination) to complete about the Nominee (person being nominated).

*** 1. Nominee Contact Details**

Full Name

Surf Life Saving Club

Email Address

Phone Number

*** 2. Award Category**
Please select from dropdown below

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A NOMINATION
Please note: All of the fields marked with an asterisk (*) **MUST** be completed for you to submit the nomination.

Step 1: Complete all the fields for the person you are nominating for the award.

Step 2: Select the nominees' award category from the dropdown menu.
Note if you are nominating the person for multiple awards, you are required to complete a new nomination form for each award category.

Step 3: Upload a **Written Submission** addressing the **Selection Criteria** for the relevant award category. *Please adhere to the Submission Guidelines on Page 3 of this Circular.*

*** 3. Nominee Written Submission**

Please upload the nominee's written submission addressing the relevant selection criteria (no hand written submissions will be accepted)

No file chosen

4. Nominee Supporting Documents

Please upload any supporting documents as requested in the Essential Criteria. This may include Surfguard records of awards, patrol hours etc.

No file chosen

*** 5. Will the Nominee be attending the Awards of Excellence?**

Yes

No

Unsure

Step 4: Upload any Supporting Documents as required in the Essential Criteria of the relevant award category.

Step 5: Tick whether the person being nominated will be attending the Awards of Excellence on Saturday, 1 July 2023. If unknown, tick "unsure"

Step 6: Upload a photo of the person being nominated. For Club-based awards, upload a club logo. For Community Program of the Year, upload a picture of the program.

NOTE: You cannot submit the nomination **UNLESS** you have uploaded a photo of the nominee.

*** 6. Nominee Photo**

Please upload a high resolution image of the nominee (or Club logo if it is a Club-based award)

No file chosen



The following section is for the Nominator (person making the nomination) to complete.

*** 7. Nominator Contact Details**

Full Name

Club

Club Position

Email Address

Phone Number

Step 7: Fill in YOUR details as the person making the nomination. You must answer all the boxes.
Step 8: Tick the "Yes" box to confirm the declaration.
Step 9: All nominations must be endorsed by someone who holds a position at the nominees Club, like the Club President, Director of Lifesaving, Director of Surf Sports etc.

*** 8. Declaration**

As an authorised officer of the club listed above, I do hereby declare that the information supplied in this award nomination is correct, and the nominee is of good standing within the club.

Yes

*** 9. Nomination Endorsement**

This nomination must be endorsed by a position-holding member of the club, such as the Club President or relevant member of the Club Board.

Please include the name and Club Position of the endorsing member below.

Done

Once you have clicked "Done", you will receive the following message on your screen:

*Thank you for taking the time to submit a nomination for the 2023 Surf Life Saving WA Awards of Excellence.
Your nomination has been received and will be forwarded to the relevant committee for consideration.
A compiled list of all nominations received for members of your club will be sent via email to your club's President on
Wednesday, 17 May 2023.*

IMPORTANT DETAILS TO NOTE:

1. You will not receive any email correspondence to confirm a nomination has been received, just the above message on your screen. We recommend that you submit your nominations **BEFORE** the due date to ensure no nominations are missed in a last-minute rush.
2. The [online entry form](#) will close at **9am, Monday 15 May 2023**. Once this time has passed, **no further nominations can be submitted. We will not accept any late nominations.**

NOMINEE CONDITIONS

The 2022/23 Season refers to the period from **May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023**

Nominees in ALL categories must be:

1. A current financial member of a Surf Life Saving Western Australia/affiliated club.
2. A good ambassador of Surf Life Saving.
3. Must answer the applicable selection criteria for the 2022/23 season (period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023) unless requested otherwise.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Once nominations have closed, the respective Committees will consider all nominations to determine finalists and a state winner. All nominees will be advised, whether or not they have been selected as a finalist.
2. Finalists for the Lifesaver, Youth Surf Lifesaver, Volunteer, Patrol Club, Young Volunteer and Lavan Club of the Year awards will be required to be available for an interview. This may be in person or via Microsoft Teams. Further information is detailed under individual Award Criteria.

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SECTION 3 - SPECIFIC AWARD CRITERIA & CONDITIONS

Applicants for the 2023 SLSWA Awards of Excellence must address the relevant selection criteria found in this document.

Please list each Selection Criteria as a heading with your response typed under each section. Please try and use dot point answers and keep to a reasonable length. **Preferred font is Arial, minimum 10 point size.**

<h4>Surf Lifesaver of the Year</h4>
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This award recognises active patrolling members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active surf lifesavers undertaking lifesaving duties and who can be presented as an identifiable "ambassador" for surf life saving.

Essential Criteria

Briefly describe the nominee's history in surf life saving (maximum 200 words). *There is no requirement to provide evidence of the nominee's membership status, awards held or patrol hour history. SurfGuard will be checked as part of the nomination review process.*

Selection Criteria (400 Words Maximum per Question) – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless stated otherwise. The member must be financial and be current in the relevant awards.

1. Tell us about the member being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the member, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination with respect to life saving operations:

- What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold.
- Were any new skills acquired? What impact or contribution have they made to life saving operations?
- Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
- Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
- How do they model positive and supportive behaviours internal and external (public, stakeholders, other Clubs) to their Club?

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

An interview will be held whereby the finalist will be asked follow-up questions

Interviews may take place over Microsoft Teams

Finalists will be contacted with further details around interview dates and times.



Volunteer of the Year

This award will recognise a member who has demonstrated achievements in a range of different areas of a club or surf lifesaving service organisation throughout the year or who has demonstrated outstanding service to the organisation at large. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have a positive attitude and are capable of being a role model and ambassador for the organisation.

A nominee may be a volunteer in any area of surf lifesaving, including but not limited to:

- Club activities
- Coaching
- Junior Activities
- Training/Assessing
- Active patrolling
- Fundraising/Grants/Sponsorship
- Carnivals
- Administration
- State/National Activities
- Organisational leadership
- Officiating
- Safeguarding

Note: Applications that focus on significant achievements in one particular area will not be considered if this area is also covered by other Award Categories (e.g., Lifesaver, Coach, Official, Trainer, and Assessor of the Year).

Essential Criteria: *please supply proof, where appropriate, from either Surfguard or equivalent.*

1. Surf Life Saving awards/certificates held (where applicable)
2. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable)

Selection Criteria – *please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless stated otherwise.*

Club/Nominator

1. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated commitment to surf life saving across the organisation.
2. Describe the nominee's major achievements and positions, held at Club, and or State level for the current season.
3. Describe a challenge the nominee has overcome that has made a significant impact or positive cultural difference to their club or the organisation.
4. Describe a key change/improvement that the nominee has brought/made to their club or the organisation in the past three years.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words). Scoring penalties may apply for nominations that go over the word maximum.
6. Any relevant additional information.

Nominee – Maximum one page

1. What gives you the greatest satisfaction in being a volunteer in Surf Life Saving?
2. Describe your future ambitions in the areas of club, state, national and in the community.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

Those nominees selected as finalists may be asked to participate in an interview covering topics related to their personal involvement in, and contributions to, surf life saving. Should they be required to attend an interview, finalists will be contacted with further details about interview dates and times. Interviews may take place over Microsoft Teams.

Young Surf Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises and rewards active patrolling members, aged between 15-21 years, who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active youth surf lifesavers undertaking lifesaving duties and who can be presented as an identifiable ambassador for surf lifesaving.

Selection Criteria (400 Words Maximum per Question) – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless stated otherwise. The member must be financial and be current in the relevant awards.

1. Tell us about the member being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the member, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination with respect to life saving operations:

- What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold.
- Were any new skills acquired? What impact or contribution have they made to life saving operations?
- Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
- Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
- How do they model positive and supportive behaviours internal and external (public, stakeholders, other Clubs) to the Club?

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

An interview will be held whereby the finalist will be asked follow-up questions

Interviews may take place over Microsoft Teams

Finalists will be contacted with further details around interview dates and times



Young Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises and rewards outstanding achievement(s) and contribution(s) at a local/state level to club and member development. Nominees must be between 18 to 25 years.

Selection Criteria - please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated.

1. Outline contributions and achievements relevant to club and member development at club, regional and state levels.
2. Detail demonstrated actions and behaviour befitting a positive role model.
3. Outline contribution to delivering programs/activities or assisting in the delivery of programs/activities that have contributed to the development of club members.
4. Detail future ambitions at club, regional and state levels.
5. Any relevant additional information.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

Those nominees selected as finalists may be asked to participate in an interview and will be contacted with further details about interview dates and times should interviews be required. Interviews may take place via Microsoft Teams.

Community Education Program of the Year

This award recognises a Club for the development of a non-commercial activity or program that is targeted to non-members who are an identified at-risk group within the community. The program is designed to deliver one or more of the following objectives.

- Increase community capacity to recreate safely on the beach through improved skills and/or awareness.
- Promote and encourage participation in Surf Life Saving through Club memberships.
- Should contribute significantly to the organisation's mission of saving lives, creating great Australians, and building better communities.

Complete the responses in a word document and answer the three questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words) for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated.

1. Tell us about the program being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the achievements of the program, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination.

- What was the motivation or research which drove the program?
- What were the aims and objectives?
- What did it look like (location, duration, resources required etc.)?
- How was it evaluated to ensure it achieved its aims and objectives?
- Were there any challenges which needed to be overcome to achieve success?
- You may wish to attach photographs, include links to any promotional material created or media coverage received.

Lavan Club of the Year (Reg Trigg OBE, Memorial Trophy)

The Lavan Club of the Year award aims to encourage and recognise outstanding achievements in club development that results in surf life saving clubs providing safer beach and aquatic environments for the community. It is acknowledged that clubs achieve many outstanding achievements through their members during each season, and that many of these initiatives are inspirational and different to our core business.

The overall winner of the Lavan Club of the Year award receives the Reg Trigg Memorial Trophy, named after Mr Reg Trigg OBE, a former State President, and WA and Australian Life Member, in honour of his dedication and commitment to surf lifesaving. The three top clubs will be awarded prize money totalling \$15,000 thanks to Lavan.

The process to select the Club of the Year relies on two major elements – the **written submission** and the **interview/presentation** - that provide the critical information for the selection panel.

The **written submission** (excluding any attachments) **MUST not exceed five (5) pages in length (please ensure each answer is no more than 400 words)**. It should be constructed in a concise, well-written manner to demonstrate achievements against the Selection Criteria and improvement in the club's operations, benefits to the community and members, and any major achievements and innovations. Evidence/documents requested in the Essential Criteria section, cover sheets, photos, news articles, reference letters etc., can be in **addition** to the five (5) pages of text. Scoring penalties may apply for nominations that go over the word/page maximum.

Selection Criteria - *please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023 unless otherwise stated.*

1. What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implement last season that further your club's strategic objectives?
2. How does your club deliver a range of sustainability and improvement measures across areas of Governance, Leadership, Development, Community Engagement (or community support initiatives), and delivery of lifesaving services?
3. What are the club's plans for future development and continuous improvement?
4. What is the ONE lesson that your club can teach and share with all other SLS clubs both here in Australia and internationally?

Interview/ Presentation – FINALISTS ONLY

To assist the panel in their selection, finalists for the Lavan Club of the Year will be required to prepare a **20-minute presentation** on the club's successes as related to the Selection Criteria. The interview will also provide the opportunity for the judges to ask questions and clarifications and for Clubs to expand on any elements of their written submission. Up to two presenters may assist in the club's presentation. Notes and PowerPoint presentations are allowed and recommended.

These interviews will be held on the day of the Awards of Excellence – Saturday, 1 July 2023

Finalists will be contacted with further details about interview times



Patrol Club of the Year (IT Birtwistle Trophy)

The Patrol Club of the Year award recognises a club conducting its Lifesaving duties and activity in an efficient and effective manner that is relevant to local beach user needs and activities. The award identifies the club that seeks to undertake strong engagement with local stakeholders and incorporates preventative and behavioural change activity as part of its services.

Please note: Due to the nature of assessing, SLSWA reserves the right to make internal nominations for this award, in addition to those received from clubs.

The I.T. Birtwistle Trophy is awarded to the winner.

Selection Criteria (400 Words Maximum per Question)

1. Provide evidence and commentary surrounding key lifesaving statistics and operations with respect to the 2022/2023 season, such as.
 - Hours patrolled, member attendance rate, beach attendance, rescues, preventatives, first aids, public interactions and the relationships of these stats (e.g., preventatives vs rescues, member hours vs public interactions or preventatives)
 - Any additional patrolling or services outside of the Club's Lifesaving Service Agreement
 - Changes in delivery from last season
2. Describe and provide details of how patrol performance was maintained and enhanced through activities such as provision of new awards, development opportunities, and on patrol training.
3. Describe how your club contributed to safer coastal outcomes via engagement of stakeholders such as beach goers, local groups, and emergency responders.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

To assist the panel in their selection, finalists for Patrol Club of the Year will be required to participate in an interview. Up to two club presenters may participate in the interview. Interview criteria will be provided prior to the interview.

Finalists will be contacted with further details around interview dates and times.

Patrol Club of the Year – Nomination Guide

For various reasons, every club is well positioned to be recognised as Patrol Club of the Year. Either your Club has demonstrated notable growth with good success, tried to push the boundaries and attempted growth but have lessons learned, sustained operations-as-usual in an efficient and effective manner or responded to adversity or unforeseen circumstances and delivered services that meet the needs specific to your local area.

To assist in applying for the Patrol Club of the Year Award, the following non-exhaustive list of thought prompters and ideas are provided.

TIP – With broad selection criteria that have a lot of thought prompters/ideas provided, don't try and address each /idea in your application. Focus on a few that best suit your club. A succinct, quality response about one idea is better than a rambling response covering a number of ideas.

Selection Criteria	Thought Prompters / Ideas for Application
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide evidence and commentary surrounding key lifesaving statistics and operations with respect to the 2022/2023 season, such as; Hours patrolled, member attendance rate, beach attendance, rescues, preventatives, first aids, public interactions and the relationships of these stats (e.g., preventatives vs rescues, member hours vs public interactions or preventatives). • Any additional patrolling or services outside of the Club's Lifesaving Service Agreement. • Changes in delivery from last season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assume the selection panel has no pre-existing understanding of how your club delivers patrols. • Provide a summary about how you have delivered lifesaving services this season (who, when, where, how, why, etc.) • Consider providing a snapshot of statistics from SurfGuard and how these compare to previous seasons. • Provide commentary on why some stats are higher than others or historical, and any changes this leads to. • Highlight any key changes to service delivery compared to the previous year (areas, patrolling methods, etc.) • How have you structured patrols this season with respect to types of award holders, numbers on patrol, etc.? Did you have too many or too few patrolling members? Was the number of patrol hours per member balanced across the team? • How have you integrated Observation Towers or BEN signs into your operation (if applicable)? • How have you integrated the Patrol Ops app into your operation? • Summarise what you set out to achieve/deliver during the season, what did you achieve, what didn't you achieve and what might you do differently next year.
<p>Describe and provide details of how patrol performance was maintained and enhanced through activities such as provision of new awards, development opportunities, and on patrol training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of how your club has upskilled patrolling members before or during the season to help achieve lifesaving service delivery (e.g., Peer Support Program, Jet Ski, Drone, etc.). Has this covered any previously identified gaps or does it increase Club capabilities? • Provide details of on patrol skill enhancement or development opportunities. • Provide details of leadership development initiatives within your Club. • Provide examples of how your club has engaged with patrolling members before, during or after the season to seek input, buy-in and feedback to achieve successful lifesaving service delivery. This could include workshops, regular meetings, communications, feedback sessions, etc. • Describe how your Club utilises all available resources on patrols to effectively cover your operations area.



<p>Describe how your club contributed to safer coastal outcomes via engagement of stakeholders such as beach goers, local groups, and emergency responders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has your club engaged with the local community to understand needs to adapt services or used this as an opportunity to educate and change behaviour? • How has your club identified key stakeholders or people carrying influence within proximity to your club and engaged with them? • Do your patrols interact with beachgoers in a consistent manner that has a positive impact on safety? • Provide examples of campaigns, events or similar your club has done during the season to improve engagement with the local community and public. • Have you actively sought relationships and cooperation with local emergency responders? • Engagement might be at a broad level (i.e., on the beach interactions), community level (i.e., education sessions, open days, etc.) or strategic level (i.e., engagement with local government) • Has your club built relationships with neighbouring Clubs? If so, how and what was the result?
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Woodside Nippers Club of the Year

The Woodside Nippers Club of the Year award recognises a club for their excellent delivery of the Nipper Curriculum across four key outcome areas: individual safety, surf awareness, lifesaving and surf sports skills.

The written submission must not exceed five (5) pages in length and should address the on-patrol and selection criteria. Evidence/ documents to support the nomination can be in addition to the five (5) pages. Scoring penalties may apply for nominations that exceed the word/page maximum.

Essential Criteria

1. Demonstrated use of SLSWA Nippers Curriculum.
2. Demonstrated compliance with Woodside Nippers Club Agreement requirements.

Selection Criteria - *please answer the selection criteria under the following heading for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated.*

1. How has your club planned, delivered and monitored the key outcome areas of the Nipper Curriculum across the various age groups? Please address each key outcome area with key examples.
2. What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implement last season in the Nipper area?
3. What additional (club-level) elements or initiatives have you put in place to supplement and support one or more of the key outcome areas? Please describe what you did and how it was successful.
4. How has your Nippers Program improved from previous seasons? Please utilise improvement measures including program size, retention rates, performances in competition, member feedback etc.
5. A primary goal of the Nippers Program is creating future lifesavers. Describe the successful strategies that your club has used to prepare and transition your U13 Nippers into the Youth Program?
6. Describe a key challenge that your club had to overcome in relation to the delivery of your Nippers Program and how you overcame it (may not be applicable to you club).
7. Describe how the support provided by the Woodside Nippers partnership has contributed to the success of your program. (Key components of the partnership include Program promotion, Nipper apparel, club financial support.)
8. Any relevant additional information.

Interview – FINALISTS ONLY

To assist the panel in their selection, finalists for the Woodside Nippers Club of the Year may be asked to participate in an interview and will be contacted with further details about interview procedures, dates and times. Interviews may take place via Microsoft Teams.



Woodside Nippers Program Coordinator of the Year

This award recognises and rewards the outstanding achievement(s) and contribution(s) of an individual member who has filled a senior role in the coordination and delivery of the Woodside Nipper Program at their club and has been pivotal in the program's success.

Essential Criteria

1. Club positions held (in relation to the Nippers Program)

Selection Criteria - please answer the selection criteria under the following heading for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated.

Please Note: The following criteria also relate to the Woodside Nippers Club of the Year award. Using these criteria as a guide, outline the specific role played by the Nominee for the Woodside Nippers Coordinator of the Year in relation to the achievements of your club's Nipper Program.

If your club is also submitting a nomination for Woodside Nippers Club of the Year, this content may be attached to this application and referred to within this nomination.

1. How has your club planned, delivered and monitored the key outcome areas of the Nipper Curriculum across the various age groups? Please address each key outcome area with key examples.
2. What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implement last season in the Nipper area?
3. What additional (club level) elements or initiatives have you put in place to supplement and support one or more of the key outcome areas? Please describe what you did and how it was successful.
4. How has your Nippers Program improved from previous seasons? Please utilise improvement measures including program size, retention rates, performances in competition, member feedback etc.
5. A primary goal of the Nippers Program is creating future lifesavers. Describe the successful strategies that your club has used to prepare and transition your U13 Nippers into the Youth Program?
6. Describe a key challenge that your club had to overcome in relation to the delivery of your Nippers Program and how you overcame it (may not be applicable to your club).
7. Describe how the support provided by the Woodside Nippers partnership has contributed to the success of your program. (Key components of the partnership include Program promotion, Nipper apparel, club financial support.)
8. Any relevant additional information.



Woodside Nippers Program Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises the outstanding achievement(s) and contribution(s) of an individual member at a club level to the Woodside Nippers Program day. This could be a member who helps set up and pack up, a member who provides water safety, a member who coaches a specific skill area, or a member who helps with administration duties on club days.

Selection Criteria - please answer the selection criteria under the following heading for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated.

1. Outline the achievements and contributions of the individual relevant to the preparation, delivery, and pack up of the club Woodside Nippers Program day.
2. Detail the significance of the contribution in terms of the daily routine undertaken and the hours put in.
3. Detail the member's contribution to the broader Woodside Nippers Program, such as weekday training and carnival involvement.
4. Any relevant additional information.

Age Manager of the Year

This award recognises and rewards the outstanding achievement(s) and contribution(s) of an individual member who has managed a group of Nippers and/or Youth within their club.

Selection Criteria - please answer the selection criteria under the following heading for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated.

1. Outline achievements and contributions relevant to the planning of the Nipper and/or Youth season, based on the individuals they were working with.
2. Outline achievements and contributions relevant to the specific delivery of the Woodside Nippers Program and/or SLSWA Youth Program to a group of SLS members.
3. Outline achievements and contributions relevant to the monitoring of individual Nipper and/or Youth with the goal of improving that individual's SLS experience.
4. Any relevant additional information.

Coach of the Year

This award recognises a member who has made a significant contribution to athlete performance at a state, national and/or international level, to the development of athletes in SLS activities outside of surf sports and to the educational development of other coaches in surf life saving.

**Please distinguish between paid and volunteer activity in your written submission.*

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria below for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. What coaching qualification does the member currently hold? (Please supply proof where appropriate from either Surfguard or equivalent)
2. What coaching roles has the member fulfilled during the 2022/23 season at Club, State, National and International Level?
3. List the competition results attributed to the Coach, where this member was the primary coach for the athlete and/or team, in the 2022/23 season?
4. Has the Coach been involved in any mentoring and development of coaches, creation of supporting documentation and/or programs in the 2022/23 season?
5. Please provide examples of where the Coach has shown positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the 2022/23 season?
6. List where the Coach has undertaken any personal development to improving themselves as a coach in the 2022/23 season?
7. List the member's Coach achievements during the 2022/23 season whether it be a new initiative, a problem solved or how they overcame a challenge.
8. How has the nominee contributed to Coach Education e.g., presented at clinics, conferences, courses?
9. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about this Coach related to coaching surf sports.



Trainer of the Year

This award recognises and rewards trainers who have made a significant contribution towards the area of education and awards within surf lifesaving.

Please note: SLSWA reserves the right to make internal nominations for this award, in addition to those received from clubs

Complete the responses in a word document and answer the three questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words) for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated.

Note: The nominee must be a SLSA current financial member and must hold the SLSA Training Officer's certificate or SLSWA equivalent.

1. Tell us about the trainer being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the trainer, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold?
- Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
- Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
- Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
- Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
- Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

Assessor of the Year

This award recognises and rewards assessors who have made a significant contribution towards the area of education and awards within surf lifesaving.

Please note: SLSWA reserves the right to make internal nominations for this award, in addition to those received from clubs.

Complete the responses in word document and answer the three questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words) for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated.

Note: The nominee must be a SLSA current financial member and must hold the SLSA Assessor's certificate or SLSWA equivalent.

1. Tell us about the assessor being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?

When showcasing the assessor, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- What relevant positions, roles or responsibilities do they hold?
- Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
- Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
- Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
- Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
- Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?



SECTION 4 – AWARD CRITERIA FOR SLSWA-NOMINATED AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS DO NOT REQUIRE CLUB NOMINATION – the following information has simply been included for your reference.

Please note: Clubs may be consulted in relation to nominees and are encouraged to put forward individuals who they feel should be nominated.

Support Operations Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services during the 2022/23 season while part of SLSWA Support Operations Group/s (Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter; SLSWA Drone Patrol; Jet Ski Emergency Response Team; Jet Ski Support Operations Team; Abalone Patrol and Peer Support Network).

It is aimed at active surf lifesavers undertaking extended duties over and above their club-based requirements and who can be presented as an identifiable "ambassador" for surf lifesaving. This category may be awarded to an individual or group of surf lifesavers.

Official of the Year

This award recognises an accredited surf sports official who has made a significant contribution to both officiating at a state, national and/or international level, and to the educational development of other officials in Surf Life Saving.

If putting a nomination in, please answer the selection criteria below for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, unless otherwise stated with each answer no more than 400 words.

1. What officiating qualification does the member currently hold?
2. What officiating roles has the member fulfilled during the 2022/23 season at Club, State, National and International Level?
3. Has the Official been involved in any mentoring and development of sports officials, creating of supporting documentation and/or programs in the 2022/23 season?
4. Please provide examples of where the Official has shown positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the 2022/23 season?
5. List where the member has undertaken any personal development to improving themselves as an Official in the 2022/23 season.
6. List the member's officiating achievements during the 2022/23 season whether it be a new initiative, a problem solved or how they overcame a challenge faced at a carnival.
7. Please provide any further achievements that have not already been covered about this member related to officiating surf sports.

Athlete of the Year

This award recognises an athlete aged 15 or older who has achieved sporting excellence in Open Age competition as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving during the 2022/23 season. Areas taken into account may include performance in major competitions or competition series, participation in representative teams, and any other areas where the nominee has made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.

Young Athlete of the Year

This award recognises an athlete from the U17/U19 age group who has achieved sporting excellence in U17 to Open Age competition, as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within Surf Life Saving during the 2022/23 season. Areas taken into account may include performance in major competitions or competition series, participation in representative teams, and any other areas where the nominee has made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.



Surf Sport Team of the Year

This award recognises outstanding achievement(s) by a team with respect to surf lifesaving competitions at an international, national and/or state level during the 2022/23 season. Areas taken into account may include performance in major competitions or competition series, participation in representative teams, and any other areas where member/s of the nominated team have made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.

SECTION 5 – EVENT TICKETS, BOOKINGS AND ACCOMMODATION

Presentation of awards will be at the **Surf Life Saving WA Awards of Excellence, Saturday, 1 July 2023** at Crown Perth. Clubs are encouraged to invite their nominees and club finalists.

The actual cost for the dinner is in excess of \$200 per person; however, to keep the event affordable and accessible, SLSWA is again subsidising the cost of tickets for members and their guests. The cost for persons over 18 years is \$140 (GST included), which includes beer, wine, soft drinks, a three-course dinner, tea and coffee and entertainment. The cost for persons under 18 years is \$100 (GST included), which includes soft drinks, a three-course dinner, tea and coffee and entertainment.

FINALISTS

Finalists in all Award Categories will be notified prior to the Awards of Excellence dinner, where an invitation to purchase tickets will be extended.

Finalists will be announced by SLSWA on Thursday 25 May, 2023

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

Tickets must be purchased and paid for in full before **5pm Wednesday 14 June 2023** *Unless the event is cancelled due to COVID-19, there will be no cancellations or refunds after this date.*

We have a ticket system that allows you to buy your tickets online. This system accepts credit card/debit card payment only (please see below for Club/Table Bookings). You will be able to purchase multiple tickets; please state First and Last names of the ticket holders for table allocations (the system will prompt you to state these details).

Please include your "Club Name" in the "Organisation" field. Individual ticket purchases will be seated according to their club. You will be allocated primarily in tables of ten and you must have names ready for purchase of the tickets.

Please purchase individual online tickets for [adults and juniors here](#).

In the event that the 2023 SLSWA Awards of Excellence cannot go ahead due to COVID-19 restrictions, individual tickets purchased will receive a refund of the ticket price.

CLUB/TABLE BOOKINGS

For clubs wishing to purchase a large number of tickets (10 tickets and above), please download the Booking Form (attached), complete the form with ALL attendee details and dietary requirements, and return to events@slnwa.com.au

Tables cater for 10 x guests. Clubs are not required to book complete tables (i.e., 10 or 20 guests); however, when booking multiple tables please ensure you fill tables before adding additional tables. i.e., 14 guests = 1 x table of 10 + 1 x table of 4, NOT 1 x table of 8 and 1 x table of 6. We can cater for some tables of 12; however, this capacity is limited.

All names of attendees will need to be provided when you book your table. Attendee names, ages and dietary requirements must be provided to SLSWA by close of tickets sales at **5pm Wednesday 14 June 2023**.

Please note; we will not be holding tables and the number of tickets requested as of 5pm, Wednesday 14 June 2023 is the tickets you will be invoiced for after the event.

UNDER 18's

It is illegal for any person under the age of 18 years to purchase, supply, or consume alcohol on licensed or regulated premises or in public, even if they are with their parents or guardian.

As such, we require all Under 18 attendees and their guardians to understand the following details before purchasing tickets:

- All Under 18 attendees are required to sit at the same table as their accompanying adult/guardian.
- All Under 18 attendees will be required to wear the provided brightly coloured wristband **AT ALL TIMES** for the entirety of the event.
- If an Under 18 attendee removes this wristband during the event, they will be removed from the venue immediately with no refund.
- If an Under 18 attendee is found to be consuming alcohol inside the ballroom during the event, they will be removed from the venue immediately with no refund.
- If an adult/guardian is found to be supplying the Under 18 attendee with alcohol during the event, both the adult and the Under 18 attendee will be removed from the venue immediately with no refund.

Further action may be taken by Surf Life Saving WA against any member/s found to be in breach.

ACCOMMODATION

Awards of Excellence guests can take advantage of a discounted accommodation rate at Crown Perth hotels. To book accommodation and access the discounted rates, please register and book here - <https://www.crownhotels.com.au/crown-direct/login>

For any enquiries with regards to tickets, please call Kelly Marshall on (08) 9207 6666 or email events@slswa.com.au

We are looking forward to celebrating this night with you all.



James O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer

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2023

TABLE BOOKING FORM

\$140 per adult (OVER 18)

\$100 per youth (UNDER 18)

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT DETAILS

First Name:

Surname:

Club:

Contact Number:

Email:

Please read the important information below and fill in club table booking form on following pages.

Ticket sales close 5pm Wednesday, 14 June 2023

We will not be holding tables. Names of all attendees will need to be provided at time of booking for the purposes of table allocations, seating plans, and dietary requirements.

**For clubs wanting particular seating plans for their tables, please book as a club through Kelly Marshall. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate any further seating requests.*

Please note the below information relates to an Under 18 bookings

It is illegal for any person under the age of 18 years to purchase, supply, or consume alcohol on licensed or regulated premises, or in public, even if they are with their parents or guardian. As such, we require all Under 18 attendees and their guardians to understand the following details before purchasing tickets:

- All Under 18 attendees are required to sit at the same table as their accompanying adult/guardian;
- All Under 18 attendees will be required to wear a brightly coloured wristband AT ALL TIMES for the entirety of the event;
- If an Under 18 attendee removes this wristband during the event, they will be removed from the venue immediately with no refund.
- If an Under 18 attendee is found to be consuming alcohol inside the ballroom during the event, they will be removed from the venue immediately with no refund.
- If an adult/guardian is found to be supplying the Under 18 attendee with alcohol during the event, both the adult and the Under 18 attendee will be removed from the venue immediately with no refund.

Both Security Officers and Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Officers are engaged by SLSWA during the event. Consumption of alcohol by a minor, or the provision of alcohol to a minor, is contra to SLSWA's Members Protection Policy and Safeguarding Children Policy and further action may be taken by Surf Life Saving WA against any member found to be in breach.

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TABLE BOOKING FORM

\$140 per adult (OVER 18)

\$100 per youth (UNDER 18)

GUEST DETAILS - TABLE ONE

#	Guest Full Name	Dietary Requirements & Allergies	Over 18 (Yes or No)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

No. of Adult Tickets
\$140 pp

No. of U18 Tickets
\$100 pp

Return completed form to:
Kelly Marshall - Partnerships & Events Officer
Surf Life Saving Western Australia
Email: events@slswa.com.au

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2023

TABLE BOOKING FORM

\$140 per adult (OVER 18)

\$100 per youth (UNDER 18)

GUEST DETAILS - TABLE TWO

#	Guest Full Name	Dietary Requirements & Allergies	Over 18 (Yes or No)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

No. of Adult Tickets
\$140 pp

No. of U18 Tickets
\$100 pp

Return completed form to:

Kelly Marshall - Partnerships & Events Officer

Surf Life Saving Western Australia

Email: events@slswa.com.au

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2023

TABLE BOOKING FORM

\$140 per adult (OVER 18)

\$100 per youth (UNDER 18)

GUEST DETAILS - TABLE THREE

#	Guest Full Name	Dietary Requirements & Allergies	Over 18 (Yes or No)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

No. of Adult Tickets
\$140 pp

No. of U18 Tickets
\$100 pp

Return completed form to:
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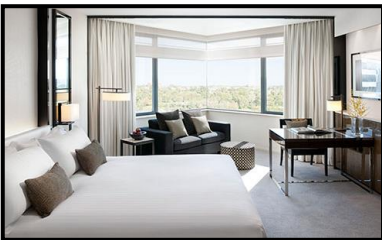
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