



9th September 2024

Dear Patrolling Member
Scarborough Wombarra SLSC

WELCOME TO SEASON 2024-2025

Welcome back to the club for this upcoming season. I enclose for your attention the pre-season pack for season 2024-2025.

PATROL TEAMS & ROSTER

Enclosed in the pre-season pack you will find your allocated patrol team and the patrol roster for the year. We will also setup a WhatsApp chat for your team where you can communicate with your Patrol Captain and the rest of your team.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS – PEAK DAYS

Similar to what we have done previously, a google sheet has been prepared where all members can enter their name onto a day that they are willing and able to patrol on the main public holiday dates, those being Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Australia Day.

This will be shared in early November.

COMMITTEE

Following the AGM held on the 18 August 2024, the following members were elected to committee positions:

Appointment of Officeholders. The following were elected unopposed. All nominations were accepted by general acclamation and passed unanimously.

Position	Name	Position	Name
President	Doug Hamill	Member Protection & Info Officer	Shane Adams
Vice-President	John Liaropoulos	SBS Captain	Ian Crakanthorp
Secretary	Rick Mohr	IRB Captain	Zac Lopresti
Treasurer	Jo Gullo	Gear Steward and Radio Officer	Ian Crakanthorp,
Registrar	Robert Parsonson	Vice Gear Steward	Shane Adams
Club Captain	Ben Hamill	Nippers coordinator	Doug Hamill
Club Vice-Captain	Ian Crakanthorp	Health and Safety Officer	Rick Mohr
Chief Training Officer	Bindi Adams	Member Services	Peter Rafferty
First Aid Officer	Henry Kocatekin	Uniforms	Helen Briddon

TRAINING

Please see the Education Dates for 2024/25:

Date	Course	Venue
15 th Sept	First Aid	Thirroul
21 st Sept	Skills Maintenance & update to new IRBD/C (Branch hosting)	Northern Illawarra TBC
12 th Oct	First Aid	SWSLSC
9 th & 10 th Nov	SRC/Bronze	SWSLSC
23 rd & 24 th Nov	Silver Medallion Patrol Captains All patrol captains who have not completed the update need to complete this.	SWSLSC (tbc)
30 th Nov	ART	SWSLSC
14 th or 15 th (TBD)	IRBD/C Training	SWSLSC
29 th Dec	Last Opportunity for Practical of Skills maintenance	SWSLSC
11 th or 12 th Jan (TBD)	IRBD/C Training	SWSLSC
1 st or 2 nd Feb (TBD)	IRBD/C Training	SWSLSC
15 th & 16 th Feb	IRBD/C Assessment	SWSLSC
1 st & 2 nd Mar (TBD)	IRBD/C Assessment	SWSLSC

The additional courses are not compulsory; however, it is strongly encouraged to up-skill and undertake additional courses. Compulsory courses are highlighted in yellow- these are skills maintenance courses that are required to stay proficient.

PROFICIENCY

Included in the pre-season pack is a Circular that talks of proficiency requirements for this season. We ask that you look to complete the online theory component of proficiency as soon as you can. Your Patrol Captains will talk to you about the practical components of proficiency in the patrols before 31 December.

SLSNSW

Also included in the pre-season pack is the SLSNSW Pre-Season information pack for your information.

REGISTRATION

Our registrar Rob has automatically registered you for the upcoming season. If you have had a change to any of your details, please email Rob Parsonson at: edex_services@yahoo.com.au. The



Patrolling membership fees have been donated by the Ritter Family to the club on your behalf ongoing for future years.

SOCIAL EVENTS

This year, we will look to continue to run social events to foster community within the club. As with every year, there will be an end of year awards night. A date and further details will be provided later in the season.

After last year's success, we will also run the 3rd holding of our Patrol Team relay after twilight nippers, followed by a whole of club social event. In addition, we will look to get nipper parents involved again this year by running a flags event after the patrol relay.

NIPPERS REGISTRATION

Registration will occur on Sunday the 27th of October 2024, 10am-12:30pm at the Surf Club. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Registrar Rob Parsonson at: edex_services@yahoo.com.au

GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS

Our committee contact details are also found in this pack. Please get in contact with me if you have any queries, comments, or suggestions, I'd love to hear it.

Thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hamill", written over a white background.

Doug Hamill
President



nippers 2024/25

Welcome to the 2024-25 Surf Lifesaving Season

Rego Day

Sunday 27th October 2024
10am to 12.30 pm @ Surf Club
or contact club registrar
Rob Parsonson
edex_services@yahoo.com.au

Fees

\$100 per child (*includes compulsory parent associate membership*)
\$150 for 2 children (*incl. 1 parent associate membership*)
\$180 family membership
Active Kids Vouchers are accepted

2024

10th November — Proficiency
(10am - 11am at Wombarra Pool)
17th November — 1st Nippers
1st December — 2nd Nippers
15th December — 3rd Nippers
(Xmas Nippers)

Morning Nippers 10am - 11:30am
Twilight Nippers 3pm - 4:30pm

2025

12th January — 4th Nippers
26th January — 5th Nippers
9th February — 6th Nippers
(Twilight Nippers followed by
Patrol Iron Person Relay)
23rd February — 7th Nippers
9th March — 8th Nippers
16th March — 9th Nippers
(Presentation)

All **NEW** Nipper registrations receive **FREE** club T-shirt and Cap



**SCARBOROUGH WOMBARRA SLSC
ROSTER & CALENDAR
SEASON 2023-2024**

	DAY	DATE	PATROL			NOTES	DATE	PATROL			NOTES	
			AM	PM	SAT			AM	PM	SAT		
			10AM TO 1.30PM	1.30PM TO 5PM	11AM TO 3PM			10AM TO 1.30PM	1.30PM TO 5PM	11AM TO 3PM		
1	Sunday	29/09/2024	PC	PC		22	Saturday	25/01/2025			6	
2	Sunday	06/10/2024	1	2	PATROL CAPTAINS PATROL+ PC Update?	23	Sunday	26/01/2025	7	1		NIPPERS #5
3	Monday	07/10/2024	3	4		24	Monday	27/01/2025	Call for volunteers			VOLUNTEERS ON GOOGLE SHEET
	Sunday	13/10/2024	5	6		25	Saturday	01/02/2025			2	
4	Sunday	20/10/2024	7	1		26	Sunday	02/02/2025	3	4		
	Sunday	27/10/2024	2	3		27	Sunday	09/02/2025	5	6		TWILIGHT NIPPERS #6 + IRON PERSON RELAY
5	Sunday	03/11/2024	4	5		28	Sunday	16/02/2025	7	1		
6	Sunday	10/11/2024	6	7	NIPPERS PROFICIENCY	29	Sunday	23/02/2025	2	3		NIPPERS #7
7	Sunday	17/11/2024	1	2	NIPPERS #1	30	Sunday	02/03/2025	4	5		
8	Sunday	24/11/2024	3	4		31	Sunday	09/03/2025	6	7		NIPPERS #8
9	Sunday	01/12/2024	5	6	NIPPERS #2	32	Sunday	16/03/2025	1	2		NIPPERS #9 + PRESENTATION
10	Sunday	08/12/2024	7	1		33	Sunday	23/02/2025	3	4		
11	Saturday	21/12/2024				34	Sunday	30/03/2025	5	6		
	Sunday	15/12/2024	3	4	NIPPERS #3		Sunday	06/04/2025	7	1		
12	Saturday	21/12/2024				35	Sunday	13/04/2025	2	3		
13	Sunday	22/12/2024	6	7	BEN HELP PATROL 6	36	Friday	18/04/2025	4	5		
14	Wednesday	25/12/2024	Call for volunteers		VOLUNTEERS ON GOOGLE SHEET	37	Saturday	19/04/2025	6	7		Good Friday
15	Thursday	12/26/2024	Call for volunteers		VOLUNTEERS ON GOOGLE SHEET	38	Sunday	20/04/2025	1	2		Easter Saturday
16	Saturday	12/28/2024				39	Monday	21/04/2025	3	4		Easter Sunday
17	Sunday	12/29/2024	2	3		40	Friday	25/04/2025	5	6		Easter Monday
18	Wednesday	01/01/2025	Call for volunteers		VOLUNTEERS ON GOOGLE SHEET	41	Sunday	27/04/2025	PC	PC		PATROL CAPTAINS PATROL
19	Saturday	04/01/2025				42						
20	Sunday	05/01/2025	5	6	IAN HELP PATROL 6	43						
21	Saturday	11/01/2025				44						
	Sunday	12/01/2025	1	2	NIPPERS #4	45						
	Saturday	18/01/2025				46						
	Sunday	19/01/2025	4	5		47						
						48						

LIFESAVING AGREEMENT 2022/23

DATES	DAYS	MIN REQUIREMENT	PATROL TEAM	PATROLS
9/28/2024	10/13/2024	Sundays & Public Holidays	1	11
12/11/2023	1/28/2024	Sundays & Public Holidays	2	11
		Saturdays	3	11
1/29/2024	4/28/2024	Sundays & Public Holidays	4	11
			5	11
			6	11
			7	10
			PC	2

SCARBOROUGH WOMBARRA SLSC
PATROL TEAMS - 2023/2024 SEASON

PATROL TEAM 1

Ben	Hamill	CAPTAIN	BM
Zac	Lopresti	2	BM
Doug	Hamill	3	BM
John	Liaropoulos	4	BM
Jed	Stuart	5	BM

PATROL TEAM 2

Shane	Adams	CAPTAIN	BM
Rick	Mohr	2	BM
Brett	Shirvington	3	BM
Nerissa	Keay	4	BM
Simon	Eckerman	5	BM
Ruby	Eckerman	6	BM
Rowena	Ivers	7	FAO
Paul	Cullen	8	BM
Vida	Cullen	9	BM

PATROL TEAM 3

Thomas	Summerhayes	CAPTAIN	BM
Dave	Crossley	2	BM
Peter	Rafferty	3	BM
Matt	Steffen	4	BM
Finn	Crossley	5	BM

PATROL TEAM 4

Bindi	Adams	CAPTAIN	BM
Ian	Crakanthorp	2	BM
Gary	Jordan	3	BM
Robert	Parsonson	4	BM
		5	BM
<i>plus</i>	<i>new BM's</i>		

PATROL TEAM 5

Kathleen	Watson	CAPTAIN	BM
Rachelle	Balez	2	BM
Simone	Read	3	BM
Alara	Ercan	4	SRC
Maeve	Steller-Rich	5	SRC
Madeleine	Mac Mahon	6	BM

PATROL TEAM 6

Henry	Kocatekin	CAPTAIN	BM
Sebastian	Buchanan	2	BM
Callum	Watson	3	BM
Vincent	Cummins	4	BM
Beck	Harper	5	BM
Shay	Harper	6	BM
John	Mahler	7	BM
Madison	Snell	8	SRC
Willow	Mahler	9	SRC
Mark	Snell	10	BM

PATROL TEAM 7

Nara	Rourke	CAPTAIN	BM
Ant	Ritter	2	BM
Zane	Todorcevski	3	BM
Siena	Todorcevski	4	BM
Rose	Stuart	5	BM
Alyssa	Jeffries	6	BM
Theo	Adams	7	BM
Loen	Sevastos	8	BM
Charli	Hackleton	9	SRC
Kieran	Ritter	10	SRC
Remy	Harper	11	SRC
Jemima	Robinson Lemon	12	SRC
Audrey	Steffen	13	SRC

total 59
male 34 58%
female 25 42%

RESERVES

Michael	De Lutiis	BM
Jaimie	De Lutiis	BM
Bridie	De Lutiis	BM
Morris	Bryant	BM
Sean	Ritter	BM
Eamon	Ritter	BM



Circular 3844

Released 16th July 2024

Skills Maintenance (Proficiency Check) Requirements for 2024/25 Season v1

Attention: Branch Presidents, Directors of Lifesaving, Directors of Education, Club Presidents, Club Captains and Club Chief Training Officers

Actioned by: Surf Life Saving NSW Education and Lifesaving

Date: 16th July 2024

Contact: Education
Phone: (02) 9471 8000
Email: education@surflifesaving.com.au

Summary	All active lifesavers are required to complete a skills maintenance (proficiency check) to demonstrate competency in the lifesaving award/s they hold and in which they wish to remain current. This circular outlines the skills maintenance requirements for the 2024/25 season.
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Introduction

The requirements in this circular detail the minimum national requirements for the SLS 2024/25 season as developed in consultation with the Lifesaving and Education Committees and ratified by the Lifesaving Committee. Additional requirements may be required by your relevant SLS state/territory centre.

The lifesaving committee previously approved a three-year cycle for skills maintenance for both the Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion. This season the skills maintenance practical will focus on carries and drags.

Theory Component

Members are required to complete the skills maintenance theory component online, as assessment marking and record keeping is automated and reduces the burden placed upon SLS trainers and assessors. If a member is unable to complete this component online, they should speak with their club training officer.

It is an essential requirement that all current **Bronze Medallion** or **Surf Rescue Certificate** award members complete the following:

- watch a video update

- the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Awareness training module
- online learning branching scenario
- online radio module
- online difficult conversations module
- answer questions related to any of the above content.

It is an essential requirement that all current **Award members** complete:

- the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Awareness course

It is an essential requirement that all **Radio Operator Certificate** holders complete the following:

- online radio module
- the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Awareness training module

It is an essential requirement that all current **Silver Medallion Patrol Captain** award members complete:

- online learning branching scenarios

It is an essential requirement that all current **Silver Medallion Beach Management (SMBM)** award members complete:

- the Surf Risk Rating (SRR) training module

What is a branching scenario? A branching scenario is a more interactive form of learning online. The member will be given three scenarios which they must work through, involving rescue and first aid, where they will need to make decisions and then be presented with the consequences of that decision. They will be given choices at each step; with each response they give determining the next part of the scenario given. They are unpredictable and more engaging and can be completed many times with a different outcome. Best of all they put theory into perspective.

Practical component

The information below outlines the practical requirements of each SLSA award for skills maintenance. Where scenarios should be used to combine components; for example, a scenario combining a tube rescue with CPR. Training resources that support SLSA awards are in the [SLSA Members Area](#) Document Library. Members are encouraged to review these prior to commencing the patrolling season.

Gap Analysis (Appendix 1)

Appendix 1 indicates the changes in the various awards over the years to enable the necessary updates to be given to the member in the form of an in-depth proficiency. Members who have not remained proficient for any period may not be required to complete their award again and should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis with their club training officer. The guideline set by the Education Committee is that a period of five or more years would require re-completion of the award, however the experience of the individual member should always be considered.

Aquatic Rescue Pathway Awards

Bronze Medallion (BM) and Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)

1. Run-Swim-Run (timed)

- SRC—Unaided: 100m Run-100m Swim-100m Run in 5 minutes or less
- BM—Unaided: 200m Run-200m Swim-200m Run in 8 minutes or less
 - The run distance to be taken from waist deep water, e.g., the run is from a flag, around a marker and to waist deep water. The aquatic components are from waist deep water around two swimming buoys and back to waist deep water
 - Swim leg must be around two swimming buoys

- Reasonable adjustment may be made for surf conditions on the day.

2. Signals

Demonstrate knowledge of signals. The demonstration must include the following:

- Beach to water signals
- Water to beach signals

3. Resuscitation (CPR)

- A primary assessment (DRSAB--) on a live victim including the demonstration of the lateral position
- Primary assessment (DRSABCD), CPR 1 and 2 person (adult or child AND infant) on an approved manikin – to include resuscitation methods using a resuscitation mask or face shield and AED (individually issued face shields are preferred, if using masks special cleaning procedures need to be followed)
- Team CPR scenario including primary assessment (DRSABCD) – to include resuscitation methods using a resuscitation mask or face shield and AED.

4. Radio

Participation in a scenario involving equipment. The scenario must include at least three of the following situations and must be conducted for each candidate:

- Pre-operation checks
- Knowledge of local operating channels and uses
- Inter-patrol communications
- Rescue procedures, requests for assistance which include the four P's.

5. Rescue

Demonstrate a minimum of one rescue of a victim. SLSA strongly encourages that this is of an unconscious victim, using a Board Rescue and according to SLSA operating procedures in the current *SLSA Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue* training manual. The rescue must include the following:

- Negotiating the surf zone
- Securing the victim
- Returning to shore with the victim
- Calling for assistance

6. Carries and Drags

Demonstrate a minimum of three carries and drags of a victim. This should include carries and drags for both unconscious and conscious victims, according to SLSA procedures in the current *SLSA Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue* training manual. The carries and drags should include the following:

- Two-person carry (trunk and legs)
- IRB carry with or without handover depending on members qualifications
- Two-handed seat carry (recommended for non-tropical waters) OR
- Two-person drag (recommended for tropical waters)

The carry needs to demonstrate the following:

- Appropriate victim airway management (where applicable)
- Correct techniques including safe lifting and manual handling techniques
- Carrying the victim to a safe location and correct lowering of the victim

Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (SMAR)

Proficiency is required in the prerequisites for this award to remain current. The prerequisites are:

- Complete a 400m swim in 8 minutes or less in a swimming pool of no less than 25m length

- Hold and be proficient in the SLSA Bronze Medallion [and hold the Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)].

Gold Medallion (GM)

1. A member must be proficient in each of the following awards:
 - Bronze Medallion
 - Advanced Resuscitation Techniques or Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]
 - First Aid or First Aid [AID]
2. Pool Swim
 - The member must complete an 800m swim in under 14 minutes in a swimming pool of no less than 25m.
 - The pool swim must be completed before any other component of a Gold Medallion skills maintenance.
3. Mission Test (timed)
 - The distance will be 400m swim, 800m run, 400m board paddle, and 800m run.
 - The time will be less than 25 minutes
 - The run distance to be taken from waist-deep water, e.g., the run is from a flag, around a marker and to waist-deep water. The aquatic components are from waist-deep water around two swimming buoys and back to waist-deep water
 - Aquatic course must be around two swimming buoys.
4. Rescue
 - Demonstrate a board rescue according to SLSA operating procedures in the current SLSA Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue training manual. The victim should be 200m out to sea
 - Demonstrate a tube rescue according to SLSA operating procedures in the current SLSA Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue training manual. The victim should be 100m out to sea and the member should use swim fins during this rescue.
5. Complex Rescue Scenario (may include one of the rescues above)
 - Demonstrate a complex rescue scenario as set by the delegated assessor according to the SLSA operational procedures in the current SLSA Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue training manual
 - The rescue must assess the following events:
 - Negotiating the surf zone
 - Securing the patient/s
 - Returning to shore without losing the victim/s
 - Calling for assistance
 - Performing emergency care as required by the victim/s.

Emergency Care Pathway Awards

SLSA awards involving resuscitation are to be assessed annually. Once proficiency is achieved, resuscitation in other SLSA award skills maintenance is not required to be performed again.

Please note that completion of the SLS skills maintenance for any award in the SLSA emergency care pathway is not sufficient to result in the renewal of the HLTAID unit of competency that aligns with the member's award. For example, the skills maintenance for the SLSA Resuscitation award is not sufficient to result in the renewal of a member's HLTAID009 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation or HLTAID015 Provide advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy units of competency. Members should contact their SLS state/territory centre for advice on renewing their units of competency.

Resuscitation

- A primary assessment (DRSAB--) on a live victim including the demonstration of the lateral position

- Primary assessment (DRSABCD), CPR 1 and 2 person (adult or child AND infant) on an approved manikin – to include resuscitation methods using a resuscitation mask or face shield and AED. (Individually issued face shields are preferred, if using masks special cleaning procedures need to be followed)
- Team CPR scenario including primary assessment (DRSABCD) – to include resuscitation methods using a resuscitation mask or face shield and AED.

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques

Please note that the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate is no longer available to be made proficient this season. The below requirements are for the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID] awards only.

1. Resuscitation (CPR)
 - See Bronze Medallion and SRC Skills Maintenance Resuscitation (CPR) component above for requirements.
A member is proficient in this component of the ART Skills Maintenance if they have previously completed the BM and SRC Skills Maintenance.
2. Advanced Resuscitation
 - Team CPR scenario including primary assessment (DRSABCD) – to include resuscitation methods using a resuscitation mask or face shield, AED, and oxygen supplement (oxygen cylinder connected to bag-valve-mask resuscitator on an unconscious victim).
3. Oropharyngeal Airways
 - Correct measurement and insertion of an oropharyngeal (OP) airway
 - Demonstrate an understanding of when and why an OP airway is introduced into resuscitation.
4. Bag-valve-mask resuscitator
 - Correct use of bag valve mask resuscitator

The deadline for the completion of the upgrade from Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART [AID]) - HLTAID007 to Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) – HLTAID015 has been extended from July 2024 to July 2026 (unless a new training package is released prior to this date and HLTAID015 is superseded).

Beach Management/ Award Member Pathway Awards

Radio Operations (RO)

Participation in a scenario involving equipment. The scenario must include at least three of the following situations and must be conducted for each candidate:

- Pre-operation checks
- Knowledge of local operating channels and uses
- Inter-patrol communications
- Rescue procedures, requests for assistance which include the four P's.

For those who use this award as part of their operation within a SLS communications centre, additional skills maintenance requirements may be included at a local level.

Silver Medallion Beach Management (SMBM)

Participate in a practical on-beach session to implement learning from the Surf Risk Rating (SRR) training module.

Powercraft Pathway Awards

Powercraft award holders may need to demonstrate skills in a 'one off' skills maintenance check or may be deemed as proficient via demonstration of competency during normal operational activities. All members must demonstrate proficiency in the pre-requisite awards associated with these awards as follows:

- IRB Crew
 - Proficient Bronze Medallion
- Silver Medallion IRB Driver
 - Proficient Bronze Medallion
 - Proficient IRB Crew
 - Hold a current state/territory boat license (where applicable)
- RWC Operator
 - Proficient Bronze Medallion
 - Hold a current state/territory boat/PWC license (where applicable)
 - Additional state/territory pre-requisites as required.

IRB Crew (IRBC)

Demonstrate effective and safe crewing practice and ability including:

- Parallel running
- Figures of eight
- Response to signals
- Negotiation of surf as required
- Demonstrate victim rescue
- Demonstrate ability to carry out a victim lift, exit, carry and lay
- Awareness of Powercraft Code of Conduct.

Silver Medallion IRB Driver (SMIRBD)

Demonstrate the ability to apply safe driving practice including but not limited to:

- Parallel running
- Figures of eight
- Response to signals
- Negotiation of surf as required
- Demonstrate ability to conduct a victim rescue
- Demonstrate ability to carry out a victim lift, exit, carry and lay
- Awareness of Powercraft Code of Conduct.

Rescue Watercraft Operator (RWCO)

Demonstrate the ability to apply safe driving practice including but not limited to:

- Continued application of the SLSA Powercraft Code of Conduct
- Competence in safe RWC Operator techniques including:
 - Ability to carry out an assisted launch from the beach
 - Parallel running
 - Figures of eight
 - Response to signals
 - Negotiation of surf as required
 - Demonstrate ability to conduct a victim rescue
 - Demonstrate the ability to reboard the craft from deep water
- Competence in pre- and post-operation procedures

Specialist powercraft awards (JRB/ORB/RIB Crew, Driver, Skipper)

Skills maintenance for specialist groups shall be determined by the individual group and as approved by your relevant SLS state/territory centre. Skills maintenance may be assessed during normal operational activities.

Side-by-Side Vehicle (SSV)

It is not a national requirement to undertake an annual SSV (ATV) proficiency. Instead, a member's driving license must be checked each year for currency. Each SLS state/territory centre can manage this process and this information can be recorded in SurfGuard.

A member who loses their driver's license (whether through cancellation or suspension) must not be driving the SSV. Provisional drivers are to display plates as required by their state legislative body.

Members must participate in an SSV Operator Induction for each new SSV make and model that they have not driven before. The SLSA *SSV Operator Induction Guide* is available in the SLS Members Area Document Library.

Age Managers and Age Manager Assistants

Age Manager awards expire after 5 years and must be renewed on expiry to manage Nipper activities on the beach. Age Managers need to refer to the Members Area for the expiry date.

Age Managers and Age Manager Assistants will need to undertake an annual update to keep abreast of changes that may have occurred during the season, with each state rules differing slightly. Please refer to your local state/territory.

A member is proficient:

- If they hold a current Age Managers course (completed online)
- If they hold the current working with children check or equivalent requirement for their state/territory (where applicable dependent on age)
- If they have watched the video released this season by the National Development Chair relating to the changes which have occurred within their area. If a member is unable to complete this component online, they should speak with their Junior Activities Coordinator.

Appendix 1 – Gap Analysis

Award	Season	Change
All Resuscitation (including SRC, BM, First Aid, ART)	2009/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratio of compressions to breaths in CPR changed to 30:2 Defibrillation awareness added 'D' added to DRABCD, defibrillation
	2011/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'S' added to DRSABCD, send for help
	2012/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment of anaphylaxis, using an autoinjector
	2013/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infant resuscitation on a manikin to be assessed in all CPR training
	2014/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victims airway and breathing is routinely assessed on their back – they are only rolled if necessary to clear foreign matter
	2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specified number of scenarios and 2 minutes of uninterrupted CPR on: a) an adult manikin on the floor; and b) an infant manikin on a stable surface to be assessed in all CPR training
	2016/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate of CPR compressions changed to 100-120 compressions per minute
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques only	2010/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suction introduced SLSA awards Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and Defibrillation Certificate replaced with Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate
	2014/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of vital signs Respirations, Pulse and Temperature, completion of incident report, and 3x scenario to be assessed
Bronze Medallion	2011/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRB awareness added
	2012/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 new signals added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> submerged patient missing (Code X); and all clear
	2013/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 34th edition training manual released Theory paper added to skills maintenance assessment Revision of safety while working in a beach environment; surf awareness and rip current survival principles; how oxygen is used in team resuscitation; use of whistles as communication; identifying distressed and drowning victims; surveillance methods and beach management Addition of use of swim fins as a basic survival technique; information on the lymphatic system; stroke; anaphylaxis; the phonetic alphabet; 3 person walk up spinal Removal of in-water rescue breathing; 5-person spinal carry
	2016/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 34th edition (revised July 2016) training manual released ARC (Aus Resuscitation Council) guideline changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compression rate (100 – 120 compressions per minute) Heart attack first aid treatment (give aspirin unless anaphylaxis is a contraindication) Shock first aid treatment (no longer raise legs) Heat exhaustion first aid treatment (give electrolyte sports drink) External bleeding first aid treatment (no longer raise bleeding limb) Spinal management (removal of standing spinal and application of a cervical collar)
	2017/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2017 reprint of SLSA 34th edition Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue (revised July 2016) ARC guideline changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checking resuscitation equipment (notably oxygen pipe connection, assembly, or resuscitation bag valve devices).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EpiPen administration (now 3 seconds and no massaging injection site) (9.2.7)
	2018/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARC guideline changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe Bleeding (prioritise management of severe bleeding over airways) Tourniquets (use of two) Haemostatic dressing (to manage severe bleeding) New guideline for first aid management of a diabetic emergency (9.2.9)
	2019/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSAR 35th edition released May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of oxygen therapy and oxygen aided resuscitation to the resuscitation component of the SRC / Bronze Spinal Management content added to Bronze Tourniquet training added to Bronze Mental health awareness training for SRC and Bronze ARC guideline updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shock (control bleeding, send for help, reassure) (9.2.3) Snake bites (send for help, immobilise, and apply pressure) (9.4.1) Hyperthermia (send for help and cool person by any means available) (9.3.4)
	2020/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARC guideline changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment for hyperthermia includes ice on the soles, palms, and cheeks in addition to groin and armpits. No longer on the back of the neck. (9.3.4) Removal of blind finger sweeps for airway management. Now reach in to seize and remove visible items directly. (4)
	2021/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARC Guideline changes: (9.2.10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend against the routine administration of oxygen in persons with suspected heart attack and stroke who do not have signs of shock Oxygen should be administered to persons with an oxygen saturation of less than 92% (where a pulse oximeter is available). Oxygen should be given to persons with signs of blue colouration of skin, shock, decompression illness or a situation suggestion carbon monoxide poisoning (irrespective of oxygen saturation level)
	2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new brand of adrenaline autoinjectors are available with Anapen being reintroduced. Members should be familiar with and practice the administration of both an EpiPen and an Anapen training device
IRB Crew & Driver	2007/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Powercraft Code of Conduct introduced
	2011/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra safety protocols for IRB introduced, including safe lifting of IRB, removal of right crew foot strap and addition of 'locked in' position for crew
	2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of lifejackets, personal flotation devices and surf helmets in IRB training
	2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Powercraft Code of Conduct updated
IRB Crew	2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knots and lashings to be assessed

2024/25 SLSNSW PRE-SEASON INFORMATION PACK



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



Introduction

The Surf Life Saving NSW Pre-season Information Pack focuses on:



Changes to policies or procedures



Links to key reference material to review prior to the season



Key tasks to complete before the season starts



Key dates to be aware of

The information is divided into the following sections and aimed at:

Club Management

Directors of Administration, Presidents & Treasurers

Lifesaving

Club Captains & Directors of Lifesaving

Education

Chief Training Officers & Directors of Education

Surf Sports

Directors of Surf Sports

Membership

Directors of Member Services & Junior Activity Chairs

Child Safe

With over 28,000 junior members and 30% of patrolling members under the age of 18, child safety is critically important in Surf Life Saving NSW.

This season **all patrolling members over the age of 18 will be encouraged to complete the online SLS Child Safe Awareness course**, strengthening our commitment to keeping children and young people safe. This will become a requirement in the 2025/26 season.

The following child safe resources will also be introduced this season:

- A **Club Child Safe Risk Management Document** to support clubs to implement child safe risk management practices in line with the NSW Child Safe Standards.
- A **Child Safe Activity Planning Guide** to support clubs with child safe risk management when planning for activities involving children and young people, including social activities, carnivals, travel, tours, camps and overnight stays.

These resources will be available on the [SLSNSW Child Safe page](#) prior to season start.

Club Management

Key Changes

- The **Play by the Rules Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) Course** no longer has an expiry date. As such, members taking on the MPIO position are only required to undertake this course once. Ongoing engagement and upskilling will be provided by SLSNSW through the Member Protection Toolkit, the MPIO networking group, and through webinars outlined within the Executive Training Calendar.
- SLSNSW is adding new workshops to its **Club Executive Calendar** this year including sessions on insurance, compliance, privacy and data management. We recommend that all new club and branch officers attend the **Club Management Induction** in August and that all new and existing club and branch officers attend the Governance and Club Management session in October.
- The **Surf Life Saving Foundation (SLSF)** runs one of Australia's largest 'House and Land' lotteries, offering six luxury prize home draws annually. SLSF is providing clubs with the option of having a customisable web landing page linked to their website for fundraising via lottery ticket sales, with clubs receiving 50% of ticket purchase value.
- New functionality in SurfGuard advises clubs of **non-proficient members**. Clubs can enable email reminders to be sent out weekly advising of any members who have been allocated a position on a patrol that they are not proficient for.
- A **12-month access limit to SurfGuard** has been implemented for all users. Branches will provide clubs with a list of current users in August, and clubs will be required to indicate which members still require access. Users not verified as active by a club will be deactivated at the commencement of the season.
- **Affiliation forms** will be distributed through a DocuSign process this year. It is important that your club officer signs the form via DocuSign prior to the compliance deadline of 12 September 2024. Upon signing the document, it will be automatically forwarded to the branch officer, requiring no additional action from the club.

- This season the scope of the **Member Assistance Program** or MAP (formerly known as the Employee Assistance Program or EAP) has been broadened to offer four (4) free confidential counselling sessions to members for Surf Life Saving related concerns (e.g. critical incidents, grievances) without a referral. The MAP is a short-term solution-focused service model.
- Members can now **renew their Working with Children Check (WWCC)** online through the NSW Digital ID program, which utilises photo verification technology and a liveness check to confirm a person's presence in front of a mobile phone. It's important to note that this method is only for renewals and not for new WWCC applications.
- This season SLSA is introducing **three new sub-membership categories** including **Silver Salties, Nipper Parent and Inclusive Program Participant**. The SLSNSW Regulations will be updated once implemented. Further information about these sub-categories will be shared by SLSA to clarify how clubs may like to implement at a local level.
- An **online Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Awareness training module** has been added to the SLS eLearning platform and is included in skills maintenance for all active members. Club and branch executive members are also strongly encouraged to complete this training.

Relevant Links

[Club Executive Calendar: Tasks, Resources and Workshops](#) – for training sessions aimed at club and branch officers together with an annual calendar of essential tasks and related resources to assist with day-to-day club management and compliance.

[Surf Life Saving Foundation](#) – for information on the SLS Lottery opportunity.

[Charitable Fundraising Number](#) – for information related to the requirement for clubs to hold their own Charitable Fundraising Number.

[Member Protection Information](#) – for position descriptions for MPIOs, Complaints Managers and Child Safe Coordinators, plus additional resources and information to support member protection and complaints handling in clubs.

[Non-Proficient Member Notifications](#) – for information on the new SurfGuard functionality and how members can change the frequency of notifications or switch them off.

[Member Wellbeing](#) – for information on the support available to members through the MAP.

[Annual Compliance Circular](#) – for information on the requirements that all clubs and branches must meet to be compliant for the 2024/25 season and to ensure access to state funding distributions.

[Club Guide](#) – for information related to the management of Surf Life Saving Clubs, relevant for all members of the Club Management Team.

Key Tasks

- Complete annual compliance requirements as outlined in the above circular.
- Ensure Charitable Fundraising Number (CFN) remains current with the Department of Fair Trading.
- Access the Executive Calendar and encourage club management team members to access online workshops.
- Encourage new members of the club management team to access the induction session outlined above.

Key Dates

- SLSNSW Awards of Excellence – Saturday 24 August 2024 (Sydney Sofitel Wentworth)
- Compliance Part 1 Deadline – 12 September 2024
- Compliance Part 2 Deadline – 31 October 2024

Lifesaving

Key Changes

- This season, SLSNSW will be rolling out new **flexible patrolling standards** (discussed at the SLSNSW Lifesaving Conference in late July) to better utilise volunteer time and resources. Further information will be communicated to all clubs on Monday 26th August 2024 regarding these new and updated standards.
- Patrolling members over the age of 18 are encouraged to complete the online **Child Safe Awareness course**. This will become a mandatory requirement in the 2025/26 season.
- A new **Peer Support Program** will be implemented this season, providing a proactive and preventative approach to support member wellbeing. Club Peer Supporters will be trained to support individuals who may be experiencing challenges, and to encourage and facilitate early help-seeking behaviours. Branch Peer Support Officers will be trained to attend critical incidents across the branch and provide support to Duty Officers with scene management. They will also be trained to deliver the wellbeing session following the lifesaving-led operational debrief.

Reminders

- All vehicles used by clubs (SSVs, tractors, 4x4s) must have the **appropriate registration** (which may be conditional). Where Conditional Registration applies, it is highly recommended that the registered area of operation be as **broad as possible and that it realistically reflects potential locations of vehicle operations, including during incident responses** (e.g. all areas in proximity of the Surf Life Saving Club, adjacent parks, cycle ways, neighbouring surf clubs and beaches, etc.). The intent of this is to ensure that the vehicle is registered to be driven through car parks, pathways, storage sheds and other areas within the vicinity of the club, or when attending to incidents away from the 'own' club and beach (e.g. adjoining park areas).
- **Incident reporting is available via the SLS Operations app** to be used in place of the paper log. The app will display existing incidents

and allow for new incidents to be created. Please contact the State Operations Centre with all member injuries.

- **Gear and equipment inspections can be managed via the SLS Operations app.** The app integrates with SurfGuard and helps to reduce the administrative burden associated with gear and equipment inspections. Branch Inspectors need to be registered on SurfGuard to access the app. Please inform Hamish Jones (hjones@surflifesaving.com.au) of your inspectors so that access can be provided.
- The **Rescue of the Month** award aims to recognise excellence in lifesaving and service delivery, measured against industry best practice and operating procedures. Clubs are reminded and encouraged to nominate their members for this award.
- SLSNSW has confirmed with NSW Maritime that **physical Powercraft Licences** are no longer required to be carried/held by members who operate SLSNSW powercraft for lifesaving purposes. If members are requested to provide evidence of their qualifications to operate SLSNSW powercraft, they will be requested to provide a copy of their certification within 48 hours. This certification can be requested by emailing education@surflifesaving.com.au.

Relevant Links

- [Public Safety SOPs](#) – to access policies and procedures relating to all aspects of lifesaving operations in SLSNSW including patrolling obligations and standards, gear and equipment guidelines, patrolling operations, emergency response guidelines and responsibilities.
- [SLS Operations App User Guide](#) – for information on how to access and use the app to sign on and off patrol, record beach attendance, record rescue data, complete incident reporting and manage gear and equipment inspections.
- [Emergency Response](#) – for information on emergency response, State Operations Centre Tasking, Duty Officers, and the Incident Management Structure.

- [Annual Compliance Circular](#) – for information on the requirements related to updating the Emergency Call Out Team in SurfGuard.
- [Rescue of the Month](#) – for information on how to nominate members for the Rescue of the Month.
- [Gear & Equipment and Vessel Registrations](#) – for information on gear and equipment requirements leading into the 2024/25 season, how to register new Surf Rescue vessels and on the steps to follow for the sale or disposal of Surf Rescue vessels.
- [Critical Incident Support](#) – for information related to the critical incident support procedures, including information on the Member Assistance Program and guides for post-incident support.
- [Peer Support](#) – for information on Peer Support roles and opportunities to get involved.

Key Tasks

- Plan patrol roster (using Lifesaving Service Agreement).
- Update and provide a copy of the Patrol Operations Manual (POM) to all patrols.
- Complete gear and equipment inspections, attaching Defective Equipment Tags as required.
- Update the Emergency Call Out Team mailing group in SurfGuard.
- Register new Surf Rescue vessels, along with any existing vessels which are not on SurfGuard.
- Manage the sale or disposal of Surf Rescue vessels in line with requirements.

Key Dates

- SLSNSW Awards of Excellence – Saturday 24 August 2024 (Sydney Sofitel Wentworth)
- Club gear and equipment inspection deadline – 15 September 2024
- Emergency call out team members entered into SurfGuard – 15 September 2024
- Patrol season starts – 28 September 2024
- Patrol season ends – 27 April 2025

Education

Key Changes

The opportunity to discuss the below key changes in more detail will be available to all Trainers, Assessors, Facilitators (TAFs) and Chief Training Officers (CTOs) at the upcoming branch pre-season meetings. They will also be presented in the online pre-season module which will be released in August. Completion of the online module is a requirement for annual TAF re-endorsement.

Key changes to be communicated include:

- The **SLNSW Education Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** have been updated.
- SLSA has refreshed the learning and assessment resources for the **IRB Crew and Silver Medallion IRB Driver** courses. IRB TAFs have been contacted regarding the changes and how they can upskill to deliver the new course.
- Updates have been made to the **Bronze Medallion Assessment Portfolio** to streamline the administrative requirements for Assessors. The updated version can be found in the SLS Members Area (SLNSW folder).
- Following a pilot last season, **new features in the Assessing App** will be available this season, **extending its use to accredited training**. Information sessions will be held throughout August and September for clubs wishing to learn more and give it go.
- SLNSW is introducing a **centralised RPL service** to support new, returning and existing members with in-depth proficiency and RPL pathways. It is intended that this will support clubs and branches by taking the guesswork out of what is and isn't required when members bring existing knowledge, skills and experience to SLS.
- The **mentoring process** for Probationary TAFs has been streamlined. A **co-delivery** process is now in place with immediate effect. Links to the revised SOPs, forms and a quick-reference guide to co-delivery are now available on the SLNSW website.

- The award **pre-requisites for Rescue Water Craft (RWC) training** have been scaled back to the Bronze Medallion/Cert II in line with national minimum requirements.
- SLNSW has placed the **SLNSW Pre-course Powercraft Workbook online** so that manual marking of this is no longer required. The assessment module can be found in the **SLNSW - Powercraft** folder on SLSA's eLearning Platform alongside the new eLearning modules.
- Changes to **skills maintenance** this season include:
 - Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Awareness training module for all active members
 - A focus on board rescues, carries and drags for SRC and Bronze Medallion
 - A branching scenario for SMPC
 - Surf Risk Rating (SRR) online training and short practical component for SMBM (unless already completed)

Relevant Links

- [Skills Maintenance webpage](#) – to access the SLNSW Skills Maintenance Circular for the 2024/25 patrol season and other supporting resources.
- [SLNSW TAF Re-endorsement webpage](#) – to access information specific to TAF re-endorsement for the 2024/25 season.
- [Training Officer Certificate](#) – for the most up to date course schedule and program outline.
- [Become a Trainer, Assessor, Facilitator webpage](#) – to learn more about becoming a TAF.
- [SLNSW Education SOPs](#) – to access information and procedures about all things Education. This page also includes a summary of changes that have been made to the latest version of the SOPs.
- [Assessing App](#) - for information on the 2023/24 pilot and to register your interest to get involved in the 2024/25 season.
- [Co-Delivery](#) – to access information and resources about the new co-delivery process, which replaces the mentoring process for Probationary TAFs.

- [SLS Training Resources webpage](#) – for members and TAFs to access the latest training and SLS course resources used in NSW.
- [SLS Members Area](#) – to access the SLS Document Library and eLearning platform.
- [RPL Service](#) – to access information about the centralised RPL service.

Key Tasks

- Assist TAFs to ensure currency in the latest HLT/ID units of competency (CPR annually, First Aid and Advanced Resuscitation every three years).
- Support TAFs to complete the SLNSW TAF pre-season online module and then complete the online re-endorsement form.
- Ensure TAFs and patrolling members complete skills maintenance before 31/12/24.
- Work with Branch Directors of Education to ensure that appropriate supervision is in place for all assessments and that supervisory activities are recorded through the Record of Supervision Form.
- Add the appropriate 'Endorsed Delegate' award to endorsed delegates for skills maintenance in SurfGuard for each club.
- Ensure all TAFs have the appropriate SLNSW TAF uniforms. Additional items of TAF uniform can be ordered by contacting education@surflifesaving.com.au.

Key Dates

- Training Officer Certificate courses – quarterly intakes
- Assessor and Facilitator courses – TBC
- Branch Education Pre-Season Meetings – August/September 2024
- SLNSW Awards of Excellence – Saturday 24 August 2024 (Sydney Sofitel Wentworth)

Key Changes

- Junior Surf Sport competitors (U/8-U/13) are **no longer required to have the relevant Age Award** prior to 31 December to compete in Championship events. U/14 members are still required to obtain their SRC for championship events as per the Surf Sports Manual. The requirement to complete the competition skills assessment remains for all age groups. Refer to the SLSNSW Junior Activity Information Bulletin for more information. There are no other changes to SLSA Award or patrol requirements for any other competitors.

Reminders

- **Branch SEMS training** is available and can be coordinated through the SLSA IT Helpdesk. User guides and webinars are also available.
- All competitors will be utilising **Live Heats** at most branch carnivals and all state events. All competitors at these events will require a Live Heats wrist band to compete. Live Heats wristbands should be ordered by branches via the SLSA shop
- Branch level carnivals and above must be advised to the State Operations Centre (SOC@surflifesaving.com.au) **in advance of the carnival date** (i.e. type, age groups, expected numbers).
- Branch and Local Carnival Safety & Emergency Management Coordinators **must sign on/off with the State Operations Centre using call sign 'Carnival & [Location]'** for all carnivals and events they are overseeing. This protocol extends to all Special Events a club may be involved with.
- **Working with Children Checks** are required for coaches and officials who volunteer (or are likely to volunteer) with members under the age of 18 for more than 5 days in a calendar year.
- Coaches and Officials are required to have completed the online SLS **Child Safe Awareness course**. This requirement will be checked by SLSNSW during the reaccreditation process.
- All coaching and official re-accreditation documentation is to be sent to ssaccreditations@surflifesaving.com.au.

Relevant Links

- [Surf Sports Weekly](#) – subscribe to the weekly electronic newsletter for all sport-related information, including SLSNSW and SLSA Sport Circulars and Memos.
- [Surf Sports Manual](#) – to access the online Surf Sports Manual.
- Surf Sports Event Calendar – the SLSNSW Sports Team and Branch Directors of Sport are progressing on a state-wide surf sport calendar. We hope to publicise the 2024/25 SLSNSW Surf Sports Calendar in the coming weeks.
- [Live Heats Device Guide](#) – to explore hardware requirements for the implementation of Live Heats technology to improve your club and branch carnival on-beach experience.
- [SLSA IT Helpdesk](#) – to access SEMS User Guides and instructional webinars, or to contact the SLSA IT Helpdesk to organise SEMs training.
- [Special Event Application Form](#) – to access the application forms for 'member only' and 'public involvement' Special Events. See 'Club Management' section above for further information about Special Events. Approval must be provided by your branch and by SLSNSW prior to engaging in any Special Events to ensure that insurance coverage is in place.
- [Officials](#) and [Coaches Reaccreditation Forms](#) – to access the reaccreditation forms. Please send reaccreditations to ssaccreditations@surflifesaving.com.au.
- [SLSNSW Junior Activity Information Bulletin](#) – for information about competition eligibility requirements for juniors.

Key Tasks

- Ensure your club's officials and coaches accreditation is up to date if their accreditation period is ending on 31 December 2024
- Ensure members' awards, proficiencies and patrol hours are updated in SurfGuard by 31 December relevant to their age group to compete.
- Ensure your branch has procured the relevant hardware to utilise the Live Heats platform. Information on hardware requirements can be accessed on the SLSNSW website, or via your Branch Director of Surf Sports.
- Ensure your branch has an adequate supply of Live Heats wristbands prior to the start of the season. Additional wristbands can be purchased directly via contacting Teresa.Vombruch@sls.com.au.
- Ensure your club's competitors have a Live Heats wrist band allocated to them.
- Encourage key personnel to subscribe to Surf Sports Weekly to keep up to date with all sport-related information.

Key Dates

- SLSNSW Awards of Excellence – Saturday 24 August 2024 (Sydney Sofitel Wentworth)
- NSW Interbranch Championships – 1 December 2024
- NSW Country Championships – 24-26 January 2025
- NSW Surf Lifesaving Championships – 28 February-16 March 2025

Membership

Note: Directors of Member Services may also find some of the content in the Club Management section (page 3) relevant, particularly content related to **Working with Children Checks**, the **Member Assistance Program** and **new membership sub-categories** being introduced by SLSA.

They may also find the information relating to the new **Peer Support Program** in the Lifesaving section (page 4) of interest.

Key Changes

- To support clubs with **recruitment and retention** activities, SLSNSW is coordinating member-led social media recruitment videos. These videos will supplement existing resources including the Recruitment Toolkit which includes Canva Recruitment Guides where clubs can create personalised recruitment collateral. Branches will also be provided with recruitment collateral in August 2024 to support club and community engagement.
- The SLSA Rewards & Recognition Framework has moved to Manula and is now known as the **SLSA Recognition & Appreciation Framework**. This framework provides a comprehensive summary of the range of the available recognition awards and how to apply or nominate for them.
- The **Active Kids voucher program** has moved to a new Service NSW platform. Due to the SLSA IT systems rewrite, vouchers will not be able to be redeemed via the online join and renew processes this season. Clubs have been sent a separate communication outlining their options for supporting families wishing to use an Active Kids voucher this season.
- The **SLSA Age Manager Course** now has an annual skills maintenance requirement which can be completed by watching the SLSA Age Manager Video accessible on the SLS eLearning Platform. It can also be watched as a group at pre-season meetings, and a bulk proficiency processed for attendees. Age managers who have not been active for five years or more will need to complete the full course. The course also no longer requires the third party 'on the beach' assessment paperwork.

The requirement for practical and ongoing mentoring sessions remain, and will be coordinated at a club level.

- Nippers are able to **move down any number of age groups**, completing the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation and program for their desired age group. They can also **move up by only one age level**, but must meet the requirements for the higher age group. Refer to the Surf Sport Manual – 37th Edition for competition age guides as these have not changed.

Relevant Links

- [SLS Members Area](#) – to access the SLS Document Library, policies and eLearning platform.
- [Working with Children Check Requirements](#) – for information on Working with Children Checks (WWCCs).
- [Workers Compensation](#) – for information on eligibility and the steps to follow when completing a workers compensation claim.
- [Member Development](#) – for information about member development programs run by SLSNSW and SLSA. This page also includes information relating to member engagement opportunities, including youth engagement.
- [Member Recognition](#) – for information on internal and external member recognition opportunities, including awards of excellence and life membership. The Member Recognition Factsheet summarises the new [SLSA Recognition & Appreciation Framework](#).
- [Junior Activities Resources](#) – for resources to support the Nipper Program including the Junior Activities Information Bulletin and resources for Age Managers to support program delivery. The SLSA [Nipper App User Guide](#) is now available in Manula.
- [Active Kids Vouchers](#) – for information on the manual redemption options for Active Kids vouchers.

Key Tasks

- Ensure that WWCCs are verified with the Office of Children's Guardian and that verification details are recorded in SurfGuard.
- Ensure that any expired WWCCs are renewed.
- Ensure that Age Managers have completed their training (including the annual Age Manager Video) to remain current.

Key Dates

- SLSNSW Awards of Excellence – Saturday 24 August 2024 (Sydney Sofitel Wentworth)
- Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program – April 2025