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**TO: Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains
Chief Training Officers, Support Operations,
BoL Assessors**

**FROM: Peter Agnew, Advance Award Coordinator
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CC: SLSS Management, BoL Management

SUBJECT: Silver Medallion Advance First Aid (SMAFA) Course – 2nd Trial Course February 2013

Further to the first trial course conducted in October 2012, the Branch has scheduled a 2nd trial course in the season Lifesaving & Education Calendar which will be delivered by SLS NSW in February 2013.

The first Branch run trial course was invitation only, the Branch advises that **this 2nd course is opened up to Clubs to consider a maximum of 2 eligible members** who hold the appropriate award pre requisites and who are more likely to directly apply the skills and knowledge from the SMAFA in the positions they have within SLS (eg. Duty Officers, Support Operations, Lifesguards, First Aid Coordinators, Carnival First Aid Coordinators etc).

Advanced First Aid

The Advanced First Aid course provides the opportunity for participants to develop the skills and knowledge required to provide advanced first aid response at an incident, and to provide support to others involved.

Outcomes for the course

- recognise and follow occupational health and safety (OH&S) guidelines
- identify legal responsibilities
- demonstrate safe manual handling skills
- explain basic anatomy, physiology and toxicology
- assess the casualty and develop a management plan
- apply effective resuscitation techniques
- safely manage defibrillation
- administer oxygen
- demonstrate effective spinal management techniques
- use analgesic gases in accordance with legislative and organisational requirements
- identify and complete relevant documentation

Pre requisites for the course

Candidates must meet the following course pre requisites to commence training for the Advanced First Aid Course :

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age to commence training
- Hold the unit of competency HLTF301 (B or C) Apply First Aid
- Have current first aid and CPR skills

For this course you will also need to have your:

- ARTC
- Spinal Award

Recognition of Prior Learning

If you feel confident that you already have some of the skills delivered in this course, ask your Facilitator/Trainer for a copy of the RPL Information Kit which includes a Self-Assessment Checklist for the course. If you have already attained any of the units of competency from another organisation, you will be eligible for credit transfer.

Affiliated Clubs

Garie Era Burning Palms
Wanda Elouera North Cronulla Cronulla
Clovelly Coogee Maroubra South Maroubra
North Bondi Bondi Tamarama Bronte



Course Dates & Venues

When :	Sunday 22nd February 2013
Where :	Venue to be confirmed in the Randwick Area
Time :	8.30 am to 5.00 pm
Facilitator/s :	Steve Allan, SLSNSW Academy Support Officer Trent Thomas & others TBC
Closing Date :	Branch Office COB Thursday 7th February 2013

(Minimum 6 candidates, Maximum 30 candidates). Registration may close if maximum numbers are met before scheduled closing date)

Registration Process

Clubs are requested to please register via return email to awards@surflifesaving.com.au by COB Thursday 7th February 2013 their maximum of 2 eligible candidates for this course. Clubs are then to create a new Award Assessment Request in Surfguard for SMAFA dated 22nd February 2013 and submit the assessment request.

Candidate Preparation for Course

Candidates will be given copies of all course resources at the course. Candidates will only need to bring pen and paper with them to the course. Prior to the commencement of the course, please ensure that you make yourself familiar with the following documents as they contain reference to policies that relate to you as a course participant. These documents are available from the Surf Life Saving NSW website at the following link

<http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/resources/training>

- SLSNSW Academy Handbook
- SLSNSW RPL Guide for Applicants
- Participant Code of Conduct policy (TA3.2)

You should also print a copy of the Training Enrolment Form, and bring this completed and signed form with you to the course. It is our aim to cater for the special needs of all our participants. If you feel you have additional learning needs or may require extra assistance, please speak with your course Facilitator before the first day of your course or at your induction session.

Casual comfortable dress for classroom activities is recommended. Lunch is not provided at the course, therefore we would recommend candidates bring a snack along. Breaks will be provided and there is various food outlets in the vicinity of the course venue.

After course completion

- The course facilitator will provide the Branch office with assessment portfolios and other paperwork from the course. Branch office will finalise the processing of those successful and competent from the course in Surfguard and will advise clubs of this.

Note : those attendees who already hold the Pain Management award, will be completing the proficiency for this award as part of this course. The proficiency card will be completed by the Course Facilitator and returned to Branch office for processing in Surfguard on behalf of the member and Club.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the course, or have difficulty accessing the documents from the interest, please contact the Branch Office.

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