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**TO: Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains
Chief Training Officers**

FROM: Education Manager, Christopher Thompson

CC: SLSS Management, BoL Management

SUBJECT: Gold Medallion Assessment May 2014

Further to the cancelled April Gold Medallion assessment and advice to Clubs last week that Branch was looking into rescheduling this assessment. We are pleased to confirm the following rescheduled Gold Medallion Assessment dates and information below.

Candidates are invited to attend one of the following assessment dates. Clubs are requested to confirm with the Branch Office by COB Thursday 1st May 2014 which date your candidate will be attending for assessment.

GOLD MEDALLION ASSESSMENT – Sunday 4th May 2014 @ South Maroubra SLSC 10.00 am

GOLD MEDALLION ASSESSMENT – Saturday 10th May 2014 @ South Maroubra SLSC 10.00 am

Clubs are invited to register any additional eligible members for this assessment who were not already on the April assessment list. All eligible Candidates must be confirmed with Branch Office by COB Thursday 1st May 2014 awards@surflifesavingsydney.com.au

Assessment Water Safety

As these assessments have been rescheduled outside of the patrol season, we need to ensure the required level of Water Safety is adhered to for these assessments. The Branch Education Manager will be contacting the Club CTO's (of registered candidates) direct to make arrangements for water safety for these assessment dates. Your cooperation with the water safety request will be paramount in ensuring these assessments can be conducted on these dates.

Course Purpose

The aim of this course is to provide participants with advanced skills and knowledge to manage emergency situations in autonomous situations.

Prerequisites

Participants must be a minimum of 17 years of age on the date of final assessment.

Participants must meet the following SLSA requirements:

Hold a current SLSA Bronze Medallion/Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)

Hold a current Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate Award

Hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate Award

Hold a Patrol Captain/Basic Beach Management Award

Hold a current Spinal Management Certificate Award

Complete an 800 metre swim in 14 minutes or less in a swimming pool of not less than 25 metres

Affiliated Clubs

Garie Era Burning Palms

Wanda Elouera North Cronulla Cronulla

Clovelly Coogee Maroubra South Maroubra

North Bondi Bondi Tamarama Bronte



Candidates are not to register for assessment of this award if they do not hold all of the above pre requisites and these are recorded in Surfguard on their member award record. A Surfguard generated Form 14 must be produced and brought to the assessment for each Club and their eligible candidates.

Elements

Perform complex patient rescue and support aided and unaided by equipment

- Select appropriate rescue equipment
- Assess and manage the patient's levels of distress
- Support and return patients to shore
- Perform a one-person drag technique and patient lay

Perform Surf Skill and fitness test

- Complete a 400 metre swim, 800 metre run, 400 metre board paddle and 800 metre run in 25 minutes.
- Complete tube rescue of patient 100 metres out at sea and return (flippers optional)
- Complete board rescue of patient 200 metres out at sea and return

Work Autonomously

- Plan and undertake work activities
- Accept responsibilities
- Set performance requirements
- Maintain team performance

Assessment

Assessment is through demonstration, presentation and application of all elements in the workplace. Participants will be required to complete activities that may include role-plays, oral and written questioning, practical demonstrations and performing scenarios.

Validity of Award

This award is valid for 12 months and is to be updated annually. All award pre requisites must be updated and current.

CANDIDATES/CLUBS MUST BRING RESCUE BOARDS AND RESCUE TUBES TO THE ASSESSMENT AND PROOF OF THEIR TIMED POOL SWIM. Candidates will not be able to participate at the assessment without proof of the timed pool swim.

Registration Process (refer to SLSS SOPS 2-2-1a)

- Those surf lifesavers who are eligible to attend are asked to advise their Club Chief Training Officer/Club Captain or Club Administration of their interest. Clubs are to create the assessment request as a new award in Surfguard and advise the Branch office by email of the members to be registered before COB Thursday 1st May 2014. One copy of Form 14 to be taken to assessment by candidates for new awardees. The Branch office will approve the assessment request in Surfguard when the member is registered.
- Following the course, Clubs will be advised by the Branch Office of their successful candidates and the Branch will process the new award in Surfguard on behalf of the Clubs and their members. Branch office will also provide a copy to relevant clubs of the Gold Medallion proficiency card after successful completion of the assessment for their record.
- **Clubs are asked to forward proof of the candidates timed pool swim to the Branch office prior to the assessment date.**
- **Meeting point on assessment day will be beach side of South Maroubra SLSC on grass area in front of the clubhouse 10.00 am sharp with your equipment.**

Any enquiries, please contact the Branch Office.

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