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**TO: Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries & Club Yth Directors**

**CC: SLSS Management, BOSS, BJD Committee**

**FROM: Doug Hawkins – Director of Juniors and Youth**

**Subject: SLSS Branch Youth Forum Meeting – Coogee SLSC – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**SLS Sydney Branch Youth Forum Meeting  
Coogee SLSC (Upstairs) March 14th 2013  
7.00pm - 8.30-pm**

This is an invitation to all Club Youth Directors and Yth members who are involved in the running and management of Youth (U15-U18) Programs in their SLS Sydney clubs.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss the proposal of creating a "Youth Forum" across the Sydney Branch, bringing clubs together via their Youth Programs and facilitating resources and programs across the 15 SLS Sydney clubs.

In late 2012, the Branch presented to the Clubs the Branch White Paper "Working with Youth". At that time we only received a small amount of responses. However, in the last few weeks there have been phone calls and emails wanting to know more in relation to the White Paper, and requests to facilitate greater growth and structure within clubs Youth Programs.

The request for those to attend is not just for adults running the programs, but for those within the age group who want to be involved, and who have ideas and interest for this area and want to deliver strong programs to their membership within this age group. Those invited would include your Yth Captains if you do have any, members who have attended SLSNSW Yth Dev Camps, previous JLOTY Nominees, and this year Nipper Captains, as these young members will be in this age group next season.

If you do have a number of young members who want to come great news - bring them along and we will involve them all

The meeting will commence at 7.00pm and finish around 8.30pm, ensuring the younger members are not home late.

To facilitate a positive and productive meeting I would propose putting out an agenda prior to the meeting, plus a listing of thoughts ideas from the clubs. This way we can start with a practical and positive perspective and build from there, as opposed to "re-creating the wheel" on the night.

To achieve this I would request for clubs to forward material /information for this agenda and any thoughts ideas from the clubs that I can put into a document that we can all benefit from - this document will be finalised after the meeting, and forwarded out within 5 working days of the meeting.

Affiliated Clubs

Garie Era Burning Palms  
Wanda Elouera North Cronulla Cronulla  
Clovelly Coogee Maroubra South Maroubra  
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As outlined in the White Paper, The role of the Branch is to facilitate programs and resources that benefit the clubs in the Youth Arena - this can only really occur if programs and activity happens within the club in the Youth arena, and there is some level of structure with a team driving the programs.

Please advise how many will be attending from your club, and should you have any questions please contact me to discuss

I hope to see all the Sydney clubs represented on the night.

Best regards

Doug Hawkins

Director of Juniors and Youth  
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