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

FROM: Director of Lifesaving, Simon Torsellini

CC: SLSS Management, BoL Management

SUBJECT: Sydney Branch Lifesaver and Volunteer of the Year Awards – Nominations Now Open

2014/2015 SYDNEY BRANCH LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are now called for the Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the Year and Sydney Branch Volunteer of the year award. All nominations must be submitted in writing to the Sydney Branch Office **by COB Friday 13th March 2015** with Club endorsement. Finalists will be notified and advised of interview details which will be conducted at the Branch office prior to the winners being announced at the Sydney Branch Awards of Excellence Night which will be held on Saturday 23rd May 2015 at the Randwick Club.

SPECIFIC AWARD CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

Surf Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises and rewards 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 lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – *please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent*

1. Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia Awards/Certificates Held
3. Community Awards/Certificates held
4. Patrolling Hours (rostered and achieved) for 1st January to 31st December in the years of 2014, 2013, 2012
5. Befitting the image of an Australian Surf Life Saver

Selection Criteria – *please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014 unless stated otherwise.*

1. Describe your contribution to surf lifesaving patrol duties
2. Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to public safety
3. Describe and detail major achievements and positions, relevant to lifesaving, held at Club, Branch, State & Australian level

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4. Describe future lifesaving ambitions in the areas of Club, Branch, State, Australia, and the community
5. Describe current and possible future challenges in active Surf Lifesaving duties and how they could possibly be overcome
6. Describe major achievements to surf lifesaving patrol duties for the 2 years prior to 1st January 2014.
7. Additional information

Volunteer of the Year

The volunteer of the year award will recognise an individual who has demonstrated achievements in a range of different areas of a club or surf lifesaving service organisation throughout the year, or who has shown significant and outstanding achievements in one particular area. The individual's contribution demonstrably enhances the development of surf lifesaving. A nominee may be a volunteer in any area of surf lifesaving including but not limited to:

- Club activities
- Carnivals
- Coaching
- Administrating
- Junior Activities
- State Activities
- Branch Activities
- Training/Assessing
- Scrutineering
- Active patrolling
- Officiating

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

Essential Criteria – *please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or Equivalent*

1. Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held (where applicable)
3. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable)

Selection Criteria – *please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014 unless stated otherwise.*

1. Describe your contribution to surf lifesaving, at any level in one or more areas of the organization.
2. Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to surf lifesaving across the organisation.
3. Describe and detail major achievements and positions, held at club, branch, state & Australian level
4. Describe future ambitions in the areas of club, branch, state, Australia, and in the community
5. Describe current and possible future challenges in surf lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome
6. Describe major achievements to surf lifesaving for the 2 years prior to 1st January 2014.
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

Selection Period:

These awards are orientated towards involvement and activities during the 2014 calendar year. The most important area for selection is the individual's contribution from the 1st January - 31st December 2014.

Organisation Employees:

Paid employees at any level may apply for the awards listed (except for Volunteer of the year where paid service will not count and Lifesaver of the Year, where paid frontline service delivery is recognised in the Lifeguard of the Year award). Voluntary contribution will be weighted more heavily than paid service.

Guidelines for submission:

- 1.** Applicants are required to submit their nomination in writing and have club endorsement. Attached to the nomination application applicants are to address the specific selection criteria for the award they are applying for.
- 2.** Applicants must address the selection criteria for their individual nominated award. This is to be submitted with the nomination form.
- 3.** Past contribution
The judges are looking for growing commitment to surf lifesaving, impact of involvement and activities, and continuous improvement while showing initiative, motivation and leadership. This involvement will span the past three years unless the activity is of particular importance.
2014 Contribution - This is the single most important of assessment and the judges will rely heavily on information placed on your nomination form, selection criteria and endorsements by the club/branch/state.
- 4.** Future Contribution
Applicants will identify future commitments and ambitions to surf lifesaving
- 5.** **Winners of the Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the Year and Sydney Branch Volunteer of the Year Awards, nominations will be submitted to SLSNSW for their Awards of Excellence.**

Mail Nominations to :

Surf Life Saving Sydney Inc.
PO Box 6006
Malabar NSW 2036

Or Email to: awards@surflifesavingsydney.com.au

Or Hand deliver to : Branch Office, 16 Murra Murra Place, Little Bay. Office hours 9am to 4pm

**SLSS Branch Nominations close COB Friday 13th March 2015
at the Branch Office.**

NO nominations will be accepted after the close off date

Enc. Nomination Form

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