Rescue of the Month – 2015 / 2016 season

Attention: Branch Presidents, Branch CEO's, Branch Directors of Lifesaving, Branch Staff and Club Captains

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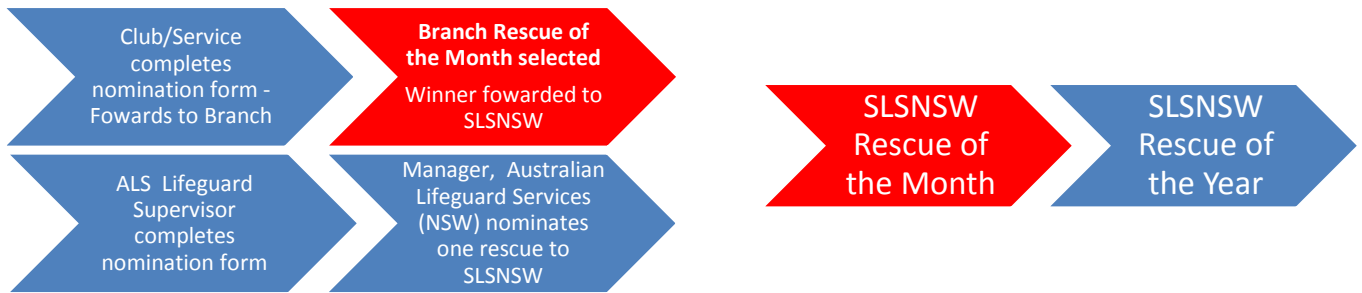|	
Summary	Each month a 'Rescue of the Month Award' will be available at both **Branch** and **State** level for the most outstanding rescue for that period. (Periods: Jul/Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr & May/Jun)
Objective	To recognise and promote outstanding frontline work of SLSNSW Lifesavers and Lifeguards.

Action	1. Promote the program to clubs/services/members
	 2. Accurately complete the nomination form
	 3. Send the completed form to your Branch by the due date (refer to schedule)
	    - Please contact your Branch for the appropriate contact person
	    - Lifeguard Supervisors nominating for ALS Lifeguards are to send forms directly to the Manager, Australian Lifeguard Services (SLS)
	 Branches select their 'Branch Rescue of the Month' and forward the details to SLSNSW by the due date – refer to schedule

Overview

Lifesavers and Lifeguards provide an essential service to communities throughout NSW. Many exceptional rescues and first aids are performed each year over and above normal duties and showcase excellence in lifesaving skills and procedures.

The 'SLSNSW Rescue of the Month' aims to recognise excellence in lifesaving and service delivery, measured against industry best practice and operating procedures. It is not aimed to encourage unnecessary risk or neglect safety considerations.

Monthly State winners become finalists for the 'SLSNSW Rescue of the Year' which will be awarded as part of the annual Awards of Excellence.

The 'Rescue of the Month' is a **separate** SLSNSW program to the SLSA Meritorious Awards. Members are encouraged to nominate to both programs **separately** if appropriate.

Process Overview

Eligibility

- Rescues, First Aids (or other lifesaving actions) conducted during or outside of patrol hours, year round, on or off the beach.

- All nominees are to be current members of SLSNSW or employees of Australian Lifeguard Service and are required to be proficient as per SLSNSW timelines and requirements.

- All nominated rescues/incidents must be performed inside the designated time period i.e. a rescue/incident that occurs in November is only eligible for the November award etc (see schedule below for due dates).

- All Club nominations are to be received by the Branch on or before the applicable closing date.

- All nominations received by SLSNSW are to be sent from the Branch or ALS Lifeguard Supervisor.

- All Branch winners are to be received by SLSNSW on or before the applicable closing date. Branch winners are to be sent to butteridge@surflifesaving.com.au or mailed to: 3 Narabang Way Belrose, NSW, 2085.

- No late correspondence will be entered into. Late nominations **will not be eligible** for the State Rescue of the Month, but can be recognised by the Branch independently or nominated to the SLSA Meritorious Awards program if appropriate.

- Branches may make only one (1) nomination to SLSNSW per period, as per schedule.

- The Australian Lifeguard Services Manager (NSW) may make only one (1) nomination to SLSNSW per period, as per schedule.

- All nominations are to be received on the official 'SLSNSW Rescue of the Month Nomination Form'. This can be downloaded from the SLSNSW website or obtained by contacting the office on 02 9471 8000.

- SLSNSW reserves the right to nominate any outstanding rescue/incident in addition to any Branch nomination, inside the designated time period.

- SLSNSW reserves the right to promote details of rescues and the nominated rescuer(s) internally and externally in promotion of SLSNSW services/clubs/members and the Rescue of the Month program.

- Nomination for the 'award' serves as agreement to the conditions as stated above.

Schedule

PERIOD	NOMINATION PERIOD END		BRANCH RESCUE OF THE MONTH	STATE RESCUE OF THE MONTH	
			Nominations Close (To Branch or NSW Lifeguard Manager)	Nominations Close (To State)	State Winner Announced
July - August	Monday	31 August	4 September	11 September	18 September
September	Wednesday	30 September	2 October	9 October	16 October
October	Saturday	31 October	6 November	13 November	20 November
November	Monday	30 November	4 December	11 December	18 December
December	Thursday	31 December	8 January	15 January	22 January
January	Sunday	31 January	5 February	12 February	19 February
February	Monday	29 February	4 March	11 March	18 March
March	Thursday	31 March	8 April	15 April	22 April
April	Saturday	30 April	6 May	13 May	20 May
May/June	Thursday	30 June	8 July	15 July	22 July
STATE RESCUE OF THE YEAR	All State monthly Rescue Of Month winners are automatic finalists for Rescue of the Year Winners announced at SLSNSW Awards of Excellence August 2016				

There are ten (10) time periods for nomination.

Criteria

There are five (5) key areas assessed as part of the Judging Criteria:
1. Application of Skills and Resource Utilisation
2. Environmental Conditions
3. Procedures Followed
4. Potential Outcome
5. Media Capture / Communication

Judging

- The Branch judging panel/method shall be determined by the Branch
- The State judging panel shall be the SLSNSW Meritorious Awards Panel
- The selection of a winner is final and there will be no correspondence entered into.

Recognition / Winners

- Clubs/Services shall be the award recipients for winning nominations
- Award recipients will be announced by the Branch for the monthly Branch award and by SLSNSW for the monthly State award
- Branch monthly winners shall be recognised via a framed citation for the Club + any additional methods as determined by the Branch and/or SLSNSW
- State monthly winners shall be recognised by a plaque for the Club + additional rewards (sponsor dependant and at the discretion of SLSNSW)
- State winners will be nominated for SLSA Rescue of the Month

2014/15 Season – State Winners List

MONTH/PERIOD	BRANCH	CLUB/SERVICE
July - August	SYD	South Maroubra SLSC
September	ILL	Sandon Point SLSC
October	MNC	Macksville/Scotts Head SLSC
November	HUN	Red Head SLSC
December	SYD	Cronulla SLSC
January	ILL	Towradgi SLSC
February	SNB	North Narrabeen SLSC
March	SYD	North Bondi SLSC
April	FNC	Evans Head/Casino SLSC
May / June	SNB	Avalon SLSC Warriewood SLSC

2013/14 Season – State Winners List

MONTH/PERIOD	BRANCH	CLUB/SERVICE
July - August	SC	Nowra-Culburra SLSC
September	SNB	Narrabeen SLSC
October	LNC	Pacific Palms SLSC
November	HUN	Merewether SLSC
December	SYD	Randwick Offshore Rescue Boat
January	SYD	North Bondi SLSC Bondi Surf Bathers LSC Waverly Council Lifeguards
February	SNB	South Narrabeen SLSC
March	HUN	Tea Geardens Hawks Nest
April	SNB	Freshwater SLSC
May / June	LNC	Pacific Palms SLSC