

Memorandum



2012-13 Rescue Of The Month Program

To: Branch and Club Presidents, Branch Directors of Lifesaving, Club and Patrol Captains

From: Cale Watson, Lifesaving Officer

Date: September 7th 2012

Subject: Rescue of the Month Program (2012/13)

Summary	Each month during summer a 'Rescue of the Month Award' will be available at both Branch and State level for the most outstanding rescue for that period. (Periods: May-Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr)
Objective	To recognise and promote outstanding frontline work of SLSNSW Lifesavers and Lifeguards
Action Plan Ref:	1.1.2 – <i>Promote Lifesaving Recognition Awards</i>
Action	For any outstanding rescue/first aid performed by SLSNSW Lifesavers and ALS Lifeguards on or off-duty: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Promote the program to clubs/services/members2. Complete the nomination form3. Send the completed form to your Branch by the due date<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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)4. Branches select their 'Branch Rescue of the Month' and forward the details to SLSNSW by the due date

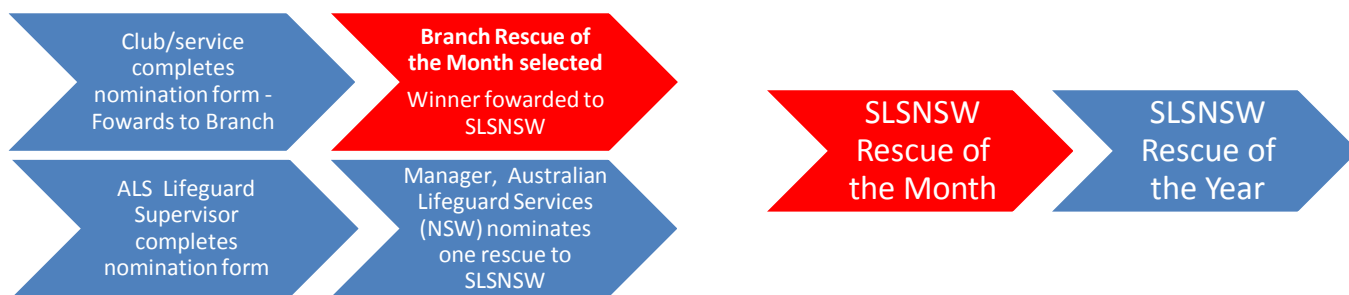
Overview

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.

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.

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



Eligibility

- Rescues, First Aid (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 Services 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 table below for due dates).
- All nominations received by SLSNSW are to be sent from the Branch or ALS Lifeguard Supervisor.
- All Club nominations are to be received by the Branch on or before the applicable closing date.
- All Branch winners are to be received by SLSNSW on or before the applicable closing date. Branch winners are to be sent to cwatson@surflifesaving.com.au or experts@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 Rescue of the Month, but can be recognised by the branch independently or nominated to the SLSA Meritorious Awards program if eligible.
- Branches may make only one (1) nomination to SLSNSW per period (month) with a maximum of 8 nominations per year.
- The Manager, Australian Lifeguard Services (NSW) may make only one (1) nomination per period (month).
- All nominations are to be received on the official 'Rescue of the Month Nomination Form'. This can be downloaded from the SLSNSW website or obtained by contacting the office on 02 9471 8000 or at experts@surflifesaving.com.au.
- 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 'awards' serves as agreement to the conditions as stated above.

Timelines / Due Dates

There are eight (8) time periods for nomination.

Period	Nomination Period End	Service/Club/ALS Rescue of the Month Nominations Close (At Branch or NSW Lifeguard Manager)	Branch/ALS Rescue of the Month Nominations Close to State	State Winner Announced
May - September	Sunday 30 th September	Friday 5 th October	Friday 12 th October	Friday 19 th October
October	Wednesday 31 st October	Friday 9 th November	Friday 16 th November	Friday 23 rd November
November	Friday 30 th November	Friday 7 th December	Friday 14 th December	Friday 21 st December
December	Monday 31 st December	Friday 4 th January	Friday 11 th January	Friday 18 th January
January	Thursday 31 st January	Friday 8 th February	Friday 15 th February	Friday 22 nd February
February	Thursday 28 th February	Friday 8 th March	Friday 15 th March	Friday 22 nd March
March	Sunday 31 st March	Friday 5 th April	Friday 12 th April	Friday 19 th April
April	Tuesday 30 th April	Friday 10 th May	Friday 17 th May	Friday 24 th May

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 announcement 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 framed citation for the club + additional rewards (sponsor dependant)

2011/12 Season – State Winners List

Month/Period	Branch	Club	Incident Location
May - September	CC	Ocean Beach	Patients Home
October	SYD	Bronte SLSC	Bronte Beach
November	N/A	N/A	N/A
December	HUN	Stockton SLSC	Stockton Main Beach
January	FSC	Pambula SLSC	Merimbula Main Beach
February	MNC	South West Rocks SLSC	Horseshoe Bay
March	FNC	Evans Head-Casino SLSC	Evans Head Beach
April	ILL	Bellambi and Woonona SLSC's	Bellambi Beach

2010/11 Season – State Winners list

Month/Period	Branch	Club	Incident Location
May - September	FNC	Lennox Head	Lennox Point
October	CC	Mac Masters Beach	Mac Masters Beach
November	SNB	Avalon Beach	Avalon Headland
December	CC	Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach
January	ALS	ALS - Byron Bay	Wategos Beach
February	SNB	South Curl Curl	South Curl Curl Headland
March	FSC	Moruya	Tuross Lake Entrance
April	SNB	Whale Beach	Whale Beach
May - September	FSC	Tathra	Bithry Inlet
October	FSC	Batemans Bay/Broulee Surfers	Lilli Pilli Beach