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<b>Title:</b>	2024 SLSQ Youth Excellence Program <b>CALL FOR COORDINATION TEAM</b>
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<b>Department:</b>	Membership Services
<b>Audience:</b>	All Clubs + Branches, All Staff, Club + Branch Youth Development Officers, State Membership Services Committee
<b>Summary:</b>	Call for applications for <b>Coordination Team of:</b> 2024 Youth Excellence Program; Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>Date:</b>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024

## **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 9AM FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

The State Membership Services Committee are calling for applications for the:

2024 Surf Life Saving Queensland Youth Excellence Program Coordination Team  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024, venue TBA on the Sunshine Coast

**NOTE: COORDINATION TEAM MUST ATTEND THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM**

**The critical nature of this role will necessitate leave from work/study commitments for the specified dates of each program. The Coordination Team will need to ensure they attend the induction of the leaders which is always the day before the program dates start for participants.**

### **What is YEP all about?**

The **Youth Excellence Program (YEP)** aims to:

Provide an opportunity for youth members to be exposed to the many different elements of Surf Life Saving.

Youth Development is also about providing our young people with positive experiences and opportunities which enhance their strengths and capacity, as well as affirming them as contributors to our community and shapers of their own future.

It is designed to provide youth with knowledge and experience while allowing them to develop their skills through a wide range of activities, in an enjoyable and stimulating environment.

The program is structured to develop maximum participation, confidence, and leadership in all participants. As well as introducing the participants to the more formal and responsible roles of Surf Life Saving such as patrol duties, responsibilities of positions etc.

The program will consist of activities that include:

- Lifesaving Skills
- Team Building
- Leadership
- Communication and Networking Skills

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The 2023 Objectives for the Youth Excellence Program were;

- For young, like-minded surf lifesavers to come together, have fun and create lifelong connections
- To introduce participants to the various pathways within the organisation and enhance their contributions to the wider community
- Develop teamwork and communication skills, while inspiring the future leaders of the organisation

## Roles and Responsibilities of the Coordination Team

This is an exciting opportunity for you to be involved in the development and delivery of the programs and also to provide you with an opportunity to further develop your leadership skills.

- Attending team meetings prior to the program (approx. one meeting every 3 weeks and then more frequently as the event draws near). Length of meetings will vary depending on content to be discussed.
- Completing designated tasks for the program in the lead up, within the required time frame (e.g. Contacting & briefing leadership team, reviewing and commenting on draft activities/ program info, creating activity outlines, determining activities and guest speakers, etc.)
- Ensuring that the goals and objectives of the programs are at the forefront of the program development and delivery
- Developing the timetable for the program including: Activities/content, Guest speakers, Transport and General Operations etc.
- Attending the FULL program and facilitating alongside the SLSQ Staff and program leadership team
- Ensuring adequate promotion of the programs amongst Club members/position holders
- Preparing the evaluation report post-program (including recommendations for future programs as part of the continuous improvement register)
- Offer guidelines for the 2025/26 Program including; Venue, Dates etc to allow for a pencil booking to occur prior to the 2024 Program.

We also want you to know there will be some late nights and early mornings across the weekend to make sure everything is set up and ready to go for the day, but it will all be worth it when you see the growth and development in the participants.

## Who can Apply?

Minimum requirements must be met. If members do not meet the minimum requirements as outlined below they are asked to withhold their application. Candidates must:

- Be 18 years or over (Preference is above 21 years)
- Hold a valid 'Working with Children' Blue Card or Exemption Notice;
- Completed both SLSQ CYRMS & SLSA Child Safe Awareness (CSA) Course on the SLS Members Area, to be redirected to the SLSQ Hub.
- Hold a proficient Bronze Medallion and an ART, First Aid & CPR Certificate (qualifications in other areas would also be an advantage);

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- Be a current financial member of a Queensland affiliated Club;
- Show leadership qualities and most importantly have a good rapport with youth.
- Have previously attended the Youth Excellence Program as a leader or mentor (preferred but not compulsory)

This is also an ideal opportunity for members who have attended the National Leadership College (NLC), to put into practice the learnings and experience gained at NLC.

## How do I Apply?

If you think you have what it takes to step up and be a positive role model to the Youth within Surf Life Saving, complete the application form: [Coordination Team Application form by 9am Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024](#)

## Questions?

If you have any queries regarding the above information please do not hesitate to contact SLSQ Membership Coordinator – Projects and Development, Lynelle Gale on (07) 3846 8012 or [lgale@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:lgale@lifesaving.com.au).

Kind Regards,

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**Sam Clutterbuck**  
Head of Membership  
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**Sandi Davis**  
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