JLOTY 2026-27
Information Guide

2026/27 Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Attention: Junior Activities Chairs, Member Services Officers, Far South Coast Under 14's

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Summary	This details the nomination process for the NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award.

Far South Coast Branch is seeking nominations for the 2026/2027 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award.

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award is a way for Clubs and Branches to recognise their U14 members' achievements in Surf Life Saving; the contributions they have made to all levels of Surf Life Saving as well as within the community.

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program aims to focus on recognising and rewarding the young members who have been selected as Branch Finalists. The program for this age group focuses on self-leadership, socialisation, teamwork, surf lifesaving and self-awareness. Participants will be involved in physical challenges, presentations and discussions, activities and scenarios that require leadership, teamwork and communication.

All U14 members who believe they could be the next Junior Lifesaver of the Year should apply through their Club and/or Branch. The male and female Branch winners will then progress to the SLSNSW development camp and interview process to determine the State winners.

The Award
Clubs are invited to submit one female and one male nomination for the 2026/2027 SLSNSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year. Nominations must include a Nomination Form and responses to the Nomination Questions.

Individual and club nominations are to be submitted to Branch in accordance with their timelines. Nominees and clubs should seek further information from their Branch as to any additional requirements for branch submission of nominations.

Please note:
-All applications must be typed; handwritten applications will not be accepted.
-Nominees must have completed their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) by the time of the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program to be eligible for the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award.

The criteria for selection will be based on the nominee's achievements in the following areas:
- Contribution to Surf Life Saving
- Surf lifesaving knowledge and skills
- Promotion of Surf Life Saving to the community
- Self leadership

All nominations are to be endorsed by Club's and submitted to FSCB online Nomination Form by **9pm Monday 17th January 2027.**

Please be prepared to upload the following items;

- ✓ **Completed Nomination Form (1), endorsed by the Club (typed, not handwritten)**
- ✓ **A4 document with responses to the Nomination Questions (2)**
- ✓ **An image of the participant for promotional use, preferably in their patrol uniform**

The Far South Coast Branch JLOTY Selection Panel will hold interviews at Bermagui SLSC to determine the Branch Finalists who will progress to the SLSNSW development camp.

The date for these interviews will be **Sunday 14th February 2027**. *Participants will be contacted about the time of their interview after the submission closing date.*

Successful applicants will be advised of their placing as State finalists after this date and are then required to attend the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program held at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's Northern Beaches from **Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd April 2027.**

The program aims to further develop members by supporting personal development and goal setting, and by positively recognising members. Best of all, it is an opportunity to meet young surf lifesavers from across New South Wales and be part of a fun experience.

Participants will take part in an informal interview hosted by a judging panel of experienced surf lifesavers, considering individuals on their merit to become the Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

Please note: SLSNSW will cover costs of accommodation, meals and activities for those members attending the workshop. Flights to and from the program will be covered by SLSNSW for finalists from FSCB. Further information regarding transport arrangements will be available once Branch finalists have been selected and provided to SLSNSW.

The announcement of the Junior Lifesavers of the Year will be at the completion of the program, prior to midday on Thursday 22nd April 2027. Parents are invited to join the award ceremony via livestream from the SLSNSW Facebook page, and more information will be shared closer to the date. Celebrations will be held at the program and state winners will not be attending the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence.

If you have any questions, please contact Natalie or Vikki.

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