



Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular (21/23-24)

Title:	National Leadership College 2024 – Expressions of Interest
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Audience:	Members aged 20 - 30 years, interests and areas of focus within SLS.
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Summary:	Expressions of Interest are now open for the National Leadership College 2024 taking place from 4 th February – 10 th February 2024 at Sydney Harbour YHA – The Rocks, 110 Cumberland Street, Sydney NSW. The closing date for applications from state to SLSA is 20th November 2023. Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarships are also available to members.

What is the National Leadership College?

The National Leadership College (NLC) is an annual leadership and development program recognising young leaders in Surf Life Saving (SLS) aged between 20 and 30 years. Participants come from a variety of clubs, roles and SLS backgrounds. Ideally participants will have attended a state leadership program, however they may have attended similar leadership programs through work or study. The NLC is an essential step in the SLS Leadership Pathway.

The NLC provides an exciting opportunity for young people within the movement to further develop their leadership skills and continue to positively contribute to the success of SLS. As well as learning new skills and creating opportunities for personal growth, NLC will open new networks with other likeminded passionate members across the country, who are also committed to making a difference within the movement. The NLC is designed to challenge participants intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically. The skills gained are designed to be taken back to clubs and into other areas of the participant's daily environment, with the aim of contributing to SLS's mission statement of saving lives, creating great Australians, and building better communities.

Each day includes keynote speakers, elective sessions, activities and challenges relating to the leadership theme of the day. Participants are allocated a mentor and have ongoing opportunities for review and further development.

Participants also benefit from exposure to the larger national movement. Networking with members from clubs nationally is a highlight as they share ideas and create new friendships and networks, with the opportunity to see the big picture for SLS as they gain greater exposure to national goals and aspirations. Through the sharing of ideas, resources and future directions, NLC provides an opportunity to create an effective national movement.

What is the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship?

As part of Surf Life Saving Australia's strategy to encourage diversity within the movement, we are offering four (4) fully funded Scholarship opportunities to members from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) backgrounds to take part in the National Leadership College 2024.

How does the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship help?

Without educational opportunities and role models from their own community, young members may not realise the possibilities available to them. The Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship provides opportunities to emerging leaders within Indigenous and multicultural communities to gain skills, confidence, become future leaders within their communities and strengthen the links between all Australians.

In addition to helping students achieve their educational aspirations, the Scholarship will help contribute to the development of a pool of positive role models and future leaders from Indigenous and Multicultural communities, to inspire others to become involved and engaged within SLS and illustrate the successes that can be achieved through education.

When and where is NLC 2024?

Where: Sydney Harbour YHA – The Rocks, 110 Cumberland Street, Sydney NSW

When: Sunday 4 February – Saturday 10 February 2024



Who can apply?

Participants must meet the following requirements:

National Leadership College Applicants:

- be a minimum of 20 years of age and a maximum of 30 years on 1 February 2024
- be a current financial member of an SLSA affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- demonstrate previous leadership training / experience, preferably from within the SLS movement
- demonstrate potential as a future leader within SLS, with a desire to influence our future direction.

Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship Applicants:

- must be culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)
- be a minimum of 20 years of age and a maximum of 30 years on 1 February 2024
- be a current financial member of an SLSA affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- demonstrate potential as a future leader within SLS, with a desire to influence our future direction and their local Indigenous or CALD community.

Participant allocation:

There will be approximately 24 participants selected from the National Leadership College Applicants. There is no state allocation, and members will be selected based on their suitability for the Program.

It is recommended that only one nomination be received from each club, encouraging clubs to nominate a member with the greatest current engagement and potential.

Participants need to be endorsed by their club, branch (where applicable) and state, however please note that this endorsement does not guarantee acceptance. The final decision remains with SLSA.

What will participants get out of it?

- Exposure to surf life saving at a national level
- Hear from SLSA leaders
- Opportunity to network with other likeminded members from around Australia
- Growth in self-confidence and the self-power to make things happen
- A perception of your own personal leadership qualities and competencies
- Share opinions and workshop current issues
- Be inspired by industry professional guest speakers
- Become part of the Leadership Alumni

What type of applicants are we looking for?

- Courageous and innovative thinkers
- Enthusiastic with a strong capacity to learn
- Individuals committed to SLS for the longer term
- Emerging influencers in the club
- Team orientated
- Highly motivated and self-aware
- People who are active within their community
- Potential role models

What do previous participants have to say?

“The week was phenomenal, I loved how everything we learnt eventually linked together. The group was amazing, and I was honoured to be surrounded by like-minded members in the same boat as me from all over the country. I feel ready for anything now, so grateful for the opportunity and we are so fortunate to have such an amazing experience.”

“I cannot begin to express my gratitude for being given this opportunity! The space that you have created for us to step into has enabled myself to grow personally but also then take those skills back to my club and I am so grateful for this.”



“The workshop leading SLSA with John Baker and Adam Weir was a great privilege and I am grateful we had the opportunity as a group to express and ask questions about topics important to us; floods, youth and female involvement, inclusivity.”

Here is a link to a web story about the NLC College 2023 with a short video of the week, [NLC 2023](#)

Cost

The College is predominately funded by SLSA in ensuring we are building the national leadership of the future. This is why we ask that you respond to a number of questions and have endorsement by your state, branch and club. We ask that the participant contributes to show a level of commitment on their part.

The participant fee is \$950 (including GST) if you are flying to Sydney and \$500 (including GST) if you are making your own way by car, bus or train. Fees cover transport, meals, accommodation, activities and materials.

There is no participant fee for those members who are successful in securing the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship.

Interested? – What do I do now?

1. Complete the application form in either hard copy or electronic format. The form can be downloaded from the SLSA Members Area by following the path: *Document Library/Circulars_Publications*.
2. Have the application endorsed by your club and branch (if applicable).
3. Deliver the completed application to your state centre by 13th November 2023. Your state will then forward it to SLSA.
4. Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship Applicants should also submit personal statement and references.

WHAT	WHEN
National Leadership College 2024 applications open	28 September 2023
Applications Close – due to your State	13th November 2023
Application due from State to SLSA	20th November 2023
Successful applicants notified by SLSA	Week commencing 4th December 2023
National Leadership College	4 th – 10th February 2024

Further info

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