

# Member Services

## UPDATE

Summer 2011



## Welcome

*Happy 2012 to everyone in the Member Services Team! I really hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year with your families, and sure that you enjoyed finally getting to see the sunshine on the beaches.*

*This year looks set to be a big one, and we thought that there was no better way to kick off the sunny months with the summer edition of the Member Services Update. Hope the following information helps you to keep up to date on the news and events.*

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## Welcome to Colleen Hill- new Member Services Officer- Events and Recognition

This year we welcome Colleen Hill to the Member Services team, where she has started in the newly created role as Member Services Officer – Events and Recognition. Colleen will be looking after the various internal and external member recognition opportunities, and be involved in organising some of the SLSNSW Member Events including the Member Services Love Fest at the end of the season. Colleen is a Northern Beaches local who loves spending time with her family and friends. When she is not at work she spends her time chauffeuring her 4 children around the beaches, including to Nippers at North Narrabeen SLSC. Welcome Colleen!



## Member Services Love Fest

Just a heads up – we have set a tentative date for the Member Services Love Fest 2012. At this stage we have pencilled in 18th – 20th May 2012 and will be holding this meeting here at Belrose. We will be running it again with Education, Lifesaving and potentially Surf Sports. If you could please pencil it into your calendars and once we have the date confirmed, I will let you know.

# National Leadership College



Congratulations to the nine NSW members who have been selected to attend the SLSA National Leadership College at the end of this month. This college is all about shared, interactive and individually led learning and I am sure that the following members will develop some fantastic skills and friendships during this program. Our congratulations are extended to:

- Charles Deutscher – Bondi SBLSC
- Elizabeth Hamer – Bondi SBLSC
- Jack Yip – Coogee SLSC
- Tamara Murray – Maroubra SLSC
- Alana Smithies – Newport SLSC
- Jake McDonald – Shelly Beach SLSC
- Jeremy Keating - Long Reef SLSC
- Andrew Da Silva – Palm Beach SLSC
- Kane Hughes – North Cronulla SLSC

## Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop- Circular out now

The Youth Opportunities Makers Workshop circular and nomination form was released in Club Mail this week, and we are asking that all branches engage their clubs to nominate some of their outstanding young members. This program is a great opportunity for our youth members to meet other like minded young individuals and participants will take part in seminars, presentations and workshops for focused learning, in addition to some great fun activities and challenges. Please note that all nominations must be received at SLSNSW by **Monday 5th March 2012**.



## Junior Lifesaver of the Year Update



*Image: 2011 LOTY Finalists at Binna Burra*

This busy time of the year is always a really rewarding one for our Branch Junior Lifesavers of Year, with many Branches making announcements over the coming weeks. I hope that these are enjoying experiences for everyone, and should you need any assistance throughout the process please let me know. Again nominations close with SLSNSW on **Monday 5th March 2012** and we really look forward to meeting these great young lifesavers in a few months time.

## Branch Camps are Underway

I have been hearing so much great news up and down the coast about branch programs that have been underway, and want to remind everyone that funding is available from SLSNSW to support these programs. Should you need any information on what you need to provide to me prior to the end of the financial year I am more than happy to resend it to you, as we love to support the youth initiatives that are taking place throughout the state.

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## 18-25 Development Networking Program

This program received a great response from members in 2011, with 28 participants from 10 branches in attendance. This year we were also joined by two Rural Fire Service (RFS) members who were looking to implement a similar program within RFS in the coming years.

One of the key focuses from this year's program was the formation of project teams that looked to address one issue that they would like to change within Surf Life Saving. Five groups were formed, and over the weekend tackled the following issues:

- Education Primary School Awareness
- Education Surf Awareness for Teens
- IRB Foot Strap Awareness
- WAM - Members who are Worth a Mention
- Reducing the paperwork in proficiencies

These projects showcase the breadth and depth of the areas of interest of our young lifesavers, and the great news is that our state directors have engaged in these projects with passion. We look forward to continuing to engage these members in regards to these projects and their personal development within Surf Life Saving, and hope to see some changes in these areas in the coming months and years.

