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TO: Secretaries/Administrators
All Clubs/Branches
All Branch Directors of Lifesaving
All Club/Branch Youth Development Officers
All Interested Parties

CC: All Regional Staff
State Lifesaving Officer

FROM: State Membership Services Officer

DATE: Tuesday 16 February, 2010

SUBJECT: 2010 State Pelerman Leadership Excellence Program (18-25)



Surf Life Saving Queensland will be conducting the State Pelerman Leadership Excellence Program from Friday afternoon 9th – Sunday 11th April, 2010. The program will be conducted at the APEX Camp Mudjimba, on the Sunshine Coast.

An exciting program has been scheduled in which successful participants will learn valuable skills from past and current lifesavers, as well as a wide variety of personal and lifesaving skills which will assist them in all aspects of their development.

Clubs have the opportunity to nominate senior members aged between 18 and 25 years who they believe show genuine interest in the future of Surf Life Saving.

Clubs are requested to nominate members to attend this program and preference your nominations by marking a "1, 2, 3 or 4" clearly on the nomination forms (1 being the clubs first preference).

All nominations will close at Surf Rescue House on FRIDAY 19 MARCH, 2010.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the program will be to introduce young adult members of the association to the more formal and responsible roles available within Surf Life Saving. The program will provide awareness and knowledge on the structure of SLSQ, and educate the participants further in all fields of communication, leadership, teamwork and patrol knowledge. The program is a prime feature of the retention/succession plans that Surf Life Saving Queensland has to ensure the future of this association.

PRE-REQUISITES

Applicants must:

- ☞ Be a member of the association aged between 18 and 25 years inclusive (as at 30 September of this year).
- ☞ Be a proficient Bronze Medallion holder.
- ☞ Hold at least two of the following SLSA Awards:
 - ☞ Advanced Resuscitation Certificate
 - ☞ IRB Driver's Certificate
 - ☞ Radio Operator's Certificate
 - ☞ First Aid Certificate

NOMINATIONS

All nomination forms are to be sent to Branches for endorsement prior to being sent to Surf Life Saving Queensland. It is recommended that Clubs select members who potentially will become future leaders in your Club and who meet the pre-requisites. Please find attached the program nomination form and medical form.

ANY MEMBER WISHING TO PROGRESS ONTO THE SLSA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COLLEGE MUST ATTEND THE STATE BASED PROGRAM FIRST.

SUBJECT AREAS

- 📄 Patrol Management
- 📄 Communication/Media Skills
- 📄 Life Saving Skills
- 📄 Management Procedures
- 📄 Leadership Development

The program will also allow time for an Open Forum session.

The lectures and sessions will be conducted by prominent members of the association and will allow members to voice their opinions and gain feedback.

COSTS

The cost to participants will be \$330.00 per person inclusive of GST. Fees will cover all meals, airfares, use of equipment, and a camp kit.

Successful participants will be notified through email or in writing along with further information pertaining to the program.

NOTE: Should a successful participant cancel their application after the confirmation of attendance letter is distributed by SLSQ, no refund will be provided.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT CONVINCED!!

Many young lifesavers have participated in this leadership program over the years and the feedback received from the participants is evidence enough to convince you that you will gain a great deal from the experience. So, if you are keen to improve your leadership skills then this is the program for you. Here are just some of the quotes received from former participants in their reports:

"Attending the Leadership program has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in Lifesaving. The general atmosphere of being involved at one of these programs has renewed my enthusiasm and given me new ideas and a better understanding of the movement"

"The program was well thought out and organised. It encompassed all areas of beach management and progressive development in Surf Lifesaving. The highlights of the program were the beach management lectures, trust building games and leadership lectures."

"I enjoyed my time immensely and believe the weekend was a valuable experience. There was definitely a fire of pride ignited within me. I now realise just how important and unique

our volunteer organisation is. We represent a national icon and need to maintain our image and reputation on the beach”.

“I was amazed to see the number of young people who are so passionate about Surf Life Saving and what it means to be a surf lifesaver. All the guest speakers and leaders on the program and the participants are the ones who have motivated me to want to take a more active role in my surf club”

“If I was asked what I was planning for next season, sadly I would have been unsure and almost not interested in continuing my involvement in Surf Life Saving. After attending this program, I have more goals, more commitment and greater direction in Surf Life Saving than ever before. Three words can summarise what this program has given to me – Direction, Inspiration and Pride”.

FINALLY

The State Pelerman Leadership Excellence Program is shaping up to be a great success. It is a key development program that will not only benefit the applicants it will also assist your club by inspiring the young leaders to step up and lead us in to the future. Should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Johnathon Fife at Surf House on (07) 3846 8023 or email him at jfife@lifesaving.com.au.

Kind Regards,

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