

Circular

Title:	2019 Breaka Youth Excellence Program (15-17) – CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
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Summary:	Call for Participants aged 15-17 years for the 2019 Breaka Youth Excellence Program to be held at Camp Laurence, Lake Moogerah from 5-7 April 2019
Date:	14 December 2018

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2019

What is it all about?

The Breaka Youth Excellence Program is designed for members aged 15 – 17 years and plays an important role within Surf Life Saving Queensland’s development charter. Clubs should encourage members who are registered Active Cadets or Active Juniors who show a genuine interest in Surf Life Saving and its future to apply for the 2.5 day program. The aim is to have two participants from every club attend so please promote the program as broadly as possible.

The Breaka Youth Excellence Program provides an opportunity for youth members to be exposed to the many different elements of Surf Life Saving. Youth Development is 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, experience and allow them to develop skills in 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 captaincy, responsibilities of positions, and future pathways etc.

Who Can Apply?

Participants are eligible to apply if they meet the following criteria:

- Be minimum of 15 years of age and a maximum of 17 years of age at the time of the program;
- Be a financial member of an SLSQ affiliated Surf Life Saving Club;
- Be proficient in either the Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion;
- Have demonstrated an eagerness to develop a wide range of skills in Surf Life Saving;
- Preferably had previous exposure to leadership/development training (e.g. Club/Branch Development Program).

What will participants get out of it?

- Develop leadership and teamwork skills for use at the Club;
- Exposure to Surf Life Saving at a State level;
- Opportunity to meet and engage fellow surf lifesavers from clubs all over Queensland;
- Increase self confidence;
- Opportunity to share opinions and workshop current issues;
- Be inspired by guest speakers; and
- Most of all participants will HAVE FUN and make friends for LIFE!

When & where is it?

Participants will eat, sleep and breathe the 2019 Breaka Youth Excellence Program from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 April 2019, at Camp Laurence, Lake Moogerah.

How much will it cost?

We love to give our members every chance of attending State programs so we have significantly subsidised this program.

- i) Point Danger, South Coast and Sunshine Coast Branch participants will cost \$250.00 (GST exclusive).
- ii) North Queensland, North Barrier and Wide Bay Capricorn Branch members will cost \$250.00 plus a percentage of the airfare (GST exclusive). A travel subsidy will be provided for those members requiring airfares.

We hear that most Clubs fund the program for members to attend as it is a worthwhile opportunity for them to learn and be able to give back to the Club, so we strongly encourage Clubs to consider this.

Fees will cover meals, use of equipment, program pack and accommodation plus bus transfers for Point Danger, South Coast and Sunshine Coast Branch members.

Successful participants will be notified via email along with further information pertaining to the program. Any participant who withdraws after being selected will still be invoiced for the full cost of the program and airfares (if applicable).

Interested?! – Where to from here?

Complete the application form via the following link: [Participant Application Form](#) by **COB on Monday 21 January 2019**

Where do we send applications?

Applications are to be submitted via the above link and if you have any queries regarding the above information please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Palmer, SLSQ Membership Development Officer:

Phone: (07) 3846 8024

E-mail: npalmer@lifesaving.com.au

Following the close of applications all clubs will be sent a list of applications from their club and are asked to preference nominations with “1” being the first preference. From the applications, SLSQ will be accepting the first two (2) members from each club with the provision to accept additional depending on applications. Please ensure you only rank and endorse those participants who are *within your financial capacity to send*. Clubs are encouraged to consider gender equity and nominate a male and a female where possible. Please note that participants can only attend this program once, so past participants need not apply.

We are searching for leaders as well!

Applications are open to leaders who are 18 years or over.

Further information regarding leaders please refer to **Circular 204.12.18– 2019 Breaka Youth Excellence Program– Call for Leaders/ Mentors.**

Kind Regards,



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State Membership Services Officer

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