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Summary:	Applications for Participants are open for the 2024 Lifesaving Development Program.
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APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024 @ MIDNIGHT

Surf Life Saving Queensland are delivering the Lifesaving Development Program (LDP) for our youth members again next year and Participant applications are now open. In 2024 we will be delivering two programs – one in Southeast Queensland from 1-7 April 2024 and one in Northern Queensland from 24-30 June 2024.

Participant applications are now open with the programs aimed at upskilling YOUTH members in a fun learning environment helping them to become more qualified lifesavers.

What is it all about?

The Lifesaving Development Program is an education program that allows members to gain a number of lifesaving awards in a short space of time. Program participants will gain a number of awards including First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and IRB Crewperson OR Silver Medallion IRB Driver. Participants will also be exposed to additional skills and development opportunities including pathways, teamwork, leadership and lifesaving operations.

The Lifesaving Development Program training method uses the Experiential Learning Theory (ELT) education model. ELT uses scenario-based training to give candidates the opportunity to experience realistic emergency scenes to practice their lifesaving skills.

Scenarios are designed and conducted under the guidance of specially trained facilitators and safety officers. While evaluations of the past programs highlight the value of scenario-based training for development of candidate skills, some participants may feel some emotional stress participating in such realistic training.

Please note; the program involves a variety of realistic emergency situations.

Scenarios may include, but are not limited to: heart attack, asthma attack, anaphylaxis, mass casualty incident, burns, fractures, breaks, cuts and abrasions, or missing persons. If you have concerns about your ability to

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participate in these scenarios, please contact the Program Coordinator or an SLSQ Staff member to discuss your concerns.

Note: Even if members hold one or more of these awards, they can still nominate for the program as re-doing this training especially in a scenario-based approach will reinforce their skills.

Who Can Apply:

Proficient Bronze Medallion members who are aged 16 years to 20 years old (as at 1 April 2024 (SEQ Program) and 1 June 2024 (NQ Program)) and are registered members of a Queensland Surf Life Saving Club are invited to apply.

It is **MANDATORY** that participants hold a current *Bronze Medallion* prior to completing this program. Participants wishing to complete the IRB Drivers qualification must also hold a current *Queensland Marine Licence* (this must be registered with your Club and showing in Surfguard).

Members over the age of 18 must also hold a current *Working with Children Blue Card* and complete all the prerequisites for the Blue Card.

The organising committee reserves the right to seek applications or speak directly to members whom they feel may benefit from the program.

Where:

South East Queensland Program

Tallebudgera Recreation Precinct (Gold Coast) – 1525 Gold Coast Highway, Palm Beach, QLD 4221

Northern Queensland Program

Apex Camps Magnetic Island (Townsville) – 37 Birt Street, Picnic Bay, QLD 4819

How do I Apply?

Applications can be completed online at:

[2023 Lifesaving Development Program - Participant Applications](#)

Please complete the form linked above by **Sunday 29th January 2024 at Midnight**.

Cost?

\$350 +GST - this program runs for multiple days and nights and costs include all training resources, food, accommodation, and program merchandise.

Whilst you are more than welcome to apply for either program regardless of where you are based, there may be an additional fee charged if you apply and are accepted to the program not in your respective area to assist with subsidising flights (e.g. NQ participant wishing to attend SEQ or vice versa).

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Clubs will be invoiced for the total cost of all Participants from that club, who are accepted to attend.

Please note, completing the application does not confirm acceptance to the Development Program. Members are encouraged to discuss attendance at the program with your club's Executive committee as all nominations will be sent to Clubs for endorsement. In addition, payment for attendance will be the responsibility of the participant via the club unless other arrangements are in place within your club to fund member attendance.

Any applicant that withdraws from the camp after being selected will not receive a refund; however, the Club may be able to nominate an alternative leader up until Monday 26th March 2024 (SEQ) and Monday 27th May 2024 (NQ).

Transport:

All participants are responsible for their own transport to and from the Lifesaving Development Program.

If you are attending the program not in your area (NQ member attending SEQ program) we are able to arrange flights and transport for you.

Those attending the Northern Queensland Program will have their transport from the mainland to Magnetic Island arranged for them.

If you require flights or have any questions about your transport please contact Zoe Breitzkreutz on the details found below.

If you require any additional information or have any questions then please contact SLSQ Membership Services Coordinator – Recruitment & Retention, Zoe Breitzkreutz on 0477 712 567 or zbreitzkreutz@lifesaving.com.au



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