



## Circular 159:17

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**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017

**Subject:** Buddy Lucas Leadership Scholarship - Surf Life Saving Australia National Leadership College

**Attention:** Lifeguards between the ages for 20 and 30 years old

**Action:** Complete and return the application to Talia Comp no later than 5pm on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2018

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The **Buddy Lucas Leadership Scholarship** is generously funded by Denis Black, Patron of SLSNZ and Life member of both SLSNZ and SLSNR. It provides prospective leaders the opportunity to develop and expand their knowledge of Surf Life Saving and develop their own personal skills.



Buddy Lucas was a legend of Surf Lifesaving in Northern Region and at his home club of Piha. He joined the Piha SLSC in 1944, gaining his lifeguard award the year after. From there, he went on to win multiple National titles in the surf race and made valuable contributions on the Piha Committee as Club Captain and as President for nearly two decades. Along with this, he received Service and Distinguished Service awards at a Club, District and New Zealand level and was awarded a highly prestigious Life Membership of the Piha SLSC. Buddy remains as one of the pre-eminent leaders within our organization and the Buddy Lucas Leadership Program is aimed to foster young leaders within our movement.

The Buddy Lucas Leadership Program is made up of three areas. The first of these is the Surf Life Saving Australia National Leadership College, the second is the California Lifeguard Exchange and the last area is still being formed but will be about personal development.

Find out more about the Buddy Lucas Leadership Program [here](#).

The **Surf Life Saving Australia's National Leadership College** (NLC) is an annual leadership and development program recognising young leaders in Surf Life Saving aged between 20 and 30 years.

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Participants come from a variety of clubs, roles and SLS backgrounds. 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, the College will open up new networks with other likeminded passionate members across Australia, who also are 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.

Each day includes keynote speakers, elective sessions, activities and challenges relating to the leadership theme of the day. Each participant will be encouraged to access a mentor and have ongoing opportunities for review and further development.

Participants also benefit from exposure to the international movement. Networking with members from clubs internationally is a highlight for participants as they share ideas and create new friendships and networks. Participants have the opportunity to see the big picture for SLS as they gain 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.

### When and where?

**Where:** YMCA Sydney Olympic Park Lodge, Silverwater, NSW

**When:** 4-10<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Who can apply?

Participants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a minimum of 20 years of age and a maximum of 30 years of age on 1 February 2018
- Be a refreshed and current member of a SLSNR club
- Demonstrate previous leadership training/experience, preferably from within the SLS environment
- Demonstrate the potential as a future leader within SLS, with a desire to influence the movements future direction

### Participation allocation

The NLC has a maximum of 26 participants from across Australia and SLSNR has been allocated one place. Therefore, there will be a rigorous screening process from applications, with one position available for a Northern Region representative, who will be our **'Buddy Lucas Scholar'**.

### What will participants get out of it?

- Exposure to SLS at an International level

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- Hear from SLSA leaders
- Opportunities to network with other like-minded members from around Australia
- Growth in self-confidence and the self-power to make things happen
- Enabling participants to gain 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 applicant 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 your club
- Team orientated
- Highly motivated and self-aware

### **Interested? – What do I do now?**

1. Complete the application form [here](#). Return it to [Talia Comp](#) no later than 5pm on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2018
2. Be available for an interview the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2018
3. Have the application endorsed by your club (ignore the state endorsement section of the application)

### **Talia Comp**

Club Development Manager

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