



Circular 021:18

Date: 15th February 2018

Subject: California Lifeguard Exchange 2018

Attention: Operational Lifeguards

Action: Complete the application and return to SLSNR Club Development Manager by 5pm on Monday the 5th of March 2018

Circulars are available at: <http://lifesaving.org.nz/lifesaving/lifesaving-operations-circulars/>

Overview

Since 1969 senior lifeguards have been selected from clubs in the Northern Region, to visit lifeguard agencies in California. The exchange is a structured learning experience, and is an opportunity for clubs to nominate exceptional lifeguards who show the ability to enhance surf lifesaving in this country.

With the assistance of the host organisation – California Surf Life Saving Association – the exchange delegates are given the opportunity to participate in patrolling activities, to witness and practice the use of different types of rescue equipment, and to observe alternative beach management programmes and administrative structures.

The California Lifeguard Exchange is the second pillar of the **Buddy Lucas Leadership Scholarship**. The Buddy Lucas Leadership Scholarship is 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. Through this scholarship the successful candidates will have their operational costs covered. [Click here](#) for more information.

Successful applicants will demonstrate a high level of knowledge of New Zealand's lifeguarding arrangements, be highly proficient in a range of practical patrolling and rescue skills, and have the ability to impart this to others through prepared presentations and coordination of hosting duties on their return.

Selectors will be looking for candidates who can successfully evaluate the benefits of the alternative systems and techniques they observe, have had a consistent involvement in SLS over a long period of time and who will continue to actively participate in the development and administration of surf lifesaving following the exchange (i.e. have earned it, will learn and develop from it, and will continue to contribute after it).

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Selection Process

The selection process will be undertaken by a working group appointed by the Club Development Advisory Group. This will include a former exchange delegate, a recent exchange delegate and a staff member from the SLSNR Operations Team. Applicants will be advised in writing if they have been short-listed for an interview, and if so, the time and place for this. An announcement of the successful applicants will be made no later than April 2018.

Selectors' decision to be final

The selection sub-committee's decision will be final, and their deliberations will remain confidential to the appointed advisory group.

Applications Close: 5th March 2018 at 1700 hours

Return completed forms to:

Attn: Talia Comp

Club Development Manager

Either by post

Surf Life Saving Northern Region

PO Box 2195

Shortland Street

Auckland 1140

Or by email to talia.comp@lifesaving.org.nz

Criteria:

All applicants for the 2018 California Lifeguard Exchange must satisfy the following criteria before submitting their completed application form to Surf Life Saving Northern Region by 1700hrs, 5th March 2018

- Have attained 21 years of age by 1 June 2018
- Be available for travel for a five or six week period, from the last week of June until early August 2018.
- **Be a financial, refreshed and active patrolling member of an SLS affiliated Club in the Northern Region. (Endorsed as such by your club)**
- Have demonstrated significant involvement at both Club and/or Regional levels, consistently over many years.
- Have demonstrated a desire and commitment towards the organisation in the future.
- Be available to coordinate the hosting program of the 2018-2019 NZ leg.
- Be able to demonstrate ability to meet financial costs associated with the exchange e.g. living expenses etc.
- Demonstrate the physical ability and competence to participate in the full range of lifeguard activities associated with the exchange (competent swimmer and all-round good fitness)
- Complete the medical information and disclaimer.

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1. General Information:

Full Name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Contact Number:

Email:

Current Club/Years:

Previous Clubs/Years:

2. Emergency Contact Details:

Name:

Telephone:

Relationship:

3. Health and Fitness:

a. How would you generally describe your health and fitness?

b. Do you have any medical conditions that may affect your ability in your role as a Lifeguard, and if so, what are they?

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c. How would you rate your surf swimming ability?

d. What is your 400m pool swim time?

Time:

Date:

e. What is your 5km run time?

Time:

Date:

(A supervised swim & run date may be required for all short-listed applicants)

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4. Qualifications/Previous Experience:

Please set out your relevant lifeguarding qualifications and experience below. Please include leadership and administration roles, attendance at conferences, competitive history, and special awards. (You may use supporting documents)

QUALIFICATION / EXPERIENCE	YEAR(S)

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5. Previous Involvement with the Exchange Programme:

a. Please outline your previous involvement with the exchange programme:

b. What do you understand the objectives of the exchange programme to be?

c. What personal attributes/experience (outside of surf lifesaving) do you possess that will enable you to contribute to Surf Life Saving, through the exchange?

d. How do you believe you will personally benefit from participating in the exchange program?

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6. Specific Area of Learning

The exchange is intended as a structured learning experience. The Californian Surf Life Saving Association and SLSNR will work with the successful applicants to develop an itinerary that maximises the learning potential of the exchange, in your particular field of interest.

Please set out the specific aspects of surf lifesaving are you interested in studying which could add value to SLS?

Note: you will be expected to present the findings from your study at either the SLSNR AGM or any other requested event/meeting.

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7. Personal Ambitions in Surf Life Saving:

The exchange is an opportunity for SLS to invest in emerging talent. Please set out your personal aspirations in surf lifesaving, and how you believe you can achieve them.

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8. Cost and Budget:

Please outline what you believe the costs of participating in this exchange are and how you will look to fund the amount required for other expenses etc. including club contributions and sponsorships.

Note: Other expenses include food and other living expenses, plaques/gratitude, and possibly some incidental travel and accommodation costs within California.

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9. Club Endorsement

Your Club President or Chairperson and Club Lifesaving Officer must complete this section. At least one of these Officers must provide a written letter of endorsement/support in favour of your application.

Note: Endorsement and letters may be emailed to SLS from these Officers.

President/Chairperson

Application endorsed by:

Position:

Club:

Signed:

Date:

Club Lifesaving Officer

Application endorsed by:

Position:

Club:

Signed:

Date:

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10. Informed Consent:

I consent to the collection of the above and attached details by Surf Life Saving for the purpose of the 2018 California Lifeguard Exchange with the California Surf Life Saving Association. I understand that this information will only be disclosed to those individuals appointed by SLS to select the delegates. I also give my permission for my name and details of this application to be used for media purposes, should I be selected as the successful candidate. I acknowledge my right to access and correct this information at any time, in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

I acknowledge that there is an element of risk involved in the activities that I will be undertaking. To enable the hosts to manage the factors affecting the risk to me, I agree to ensure I am fully informed of the risks associated with any activity before I undertake it, and to follow the directions of the Exchange Coordinators and individual hosts. I agree to indemnify Surf Life Saving in respect of any personal loss or damage that may occur whilst undertaking the 2018 California Lifeguard Exchange.

Signature:

Date:

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