



# Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

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## **2008 National Leadership College**

(Formally the National Leadership Development Camp/Conference)

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### **Summary**

Enrolment applications are now being called for places at the 2008 National Leadership College to be held at Sydney University, NSW from 1 – 6 December 2008 – due at branch by Wednesday 22 October or state by Friday 31 October 2008.

### **NOTE TO CLUB PRESIDENTS/SECRETARIES:**

The National Leadership College is the accumulation of two years of development of the nationally delivered leadership program. The focus of the national program has moved from a 'camp' to a 'conference' to what is now a 'college'.

The college will assume participants come into it with some previous exposure to leadership training, preferably from within the surf life saving leadership pathway, but it could also come from their careers outside of surf. The college philosophy will be interactive shared learning and will relate SLSA's leadership competencies to grass roots surf life saving. This will be achieved through industry professional presenters and a focus on facilitator lead workshops.

Potential participants can come from a range of different backgrounds, interests and areas of focus within the club environment – although it is preferable that they have been involved in previous state leadership training. These future leaders may be your current patrol captains, chief instructors, club captains, age managers etc. It is recommended only one nomination be received from each club encouraging clubs to nominate a member with the most potential

In order for this Circular to reach the members it is intended, please follow the steps below:

1. Read the Circular in full. (Note: It is directed to the applicant)
2. Circulate it to your members between the ages of 20 – 30. Try some of the following methods: email / (e) letter / newsletters / post on club noticeboard / word of mouth etc
3. If you have any members that you think would be perfect for this college take the time to tap them on the shoulder and suggest they apply
4. Follow up on your members before the application deadline to ensure they have applied

Thank you for going the extra mile, your commitment is appreciated.



## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

**So we've started calling our leadership development program a 'college' – kinda weird huh?**

You've been out of school for at least a couple of years, you're probably glad about that. You might have gone on to further study, an apprenticeship or straight into the workforce – one thing for sure is you have a passion for surf life saving and you have been committing yourself to becoming more knowledgeable in lifesaving and leadership.

Don't worry, we're not sending you back to school! We've just created a new style of leadership training specially designed for our members. We know you've been introduced to basic leadership skills at your club and branch (amongst a lot of fun and games) and then

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worked on these skills in a bit more depth at state level (with more fun and games) and now you're ready to take the next step. Does this sound like you – we reckon it probably does.

The college philosophy will be interactive shared learning and will relate SLSA's leadership competencies to grass roots surf life saving.

Don't be put off by these big words – what it really means is that you will spend 6 amazing days with your surf life saving mates, you'll

learn a lot about leadership but probably more about yourself. You'll be bursting with ideas and confidence and you'll know exactly how to direct that energy when you get

back to your club, and what would a week of college be without some challenging activities, fun and games. Do you want in? Apply now!

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

**Expect a journey like you have never experienced before! You haven't got to this point by accident, you have a passion for surf life saving and leadership, you've been a part of branch and state camps and now you're ready for the next level. You want a challenge; we're here to give you that challenge.**

You won't find boring drawn out lectures at this college, neither will you find people telling you what you have to know. You also won't find anyone watching over your shoulder making sure you are taking notes. We're not into baby sitting, we don't watch the clock. We expect you to come to college wanting to get the most out of it, and the only way you will do that is by being hands on. If you think you can take a backseat and just listen the whole time, this probably won't be your thing.

The National Leadership College is run in a format that encourages shared learning rather than lectured learning. We want you to participate and help guide your own outcomes, the more you participate the more you'll get out of it.

The typical college day will see a leadership presentation in the morning by industry professional guest speakers, followed by facilitator lead workshops during the day in various streams that lead off the morning's presentation. Add to the mix an activity or game or two, time to socialize and the day is complete. Of course we couldn't let you in on everything we have planned – that wouldn't be fun for us now would it!

**BE ONE OF THE FIRST GRADUATES FROM THE INAUGURAL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COLLEGE!**



## **HAVE I GOT THE CRED?**

**We will assume you come to college with some previous exposure to leadership training, preferably from within the surf life saving leadership pathway, but it could have also come from your career outside of surf.**

More specifically we would hope you have the following:

- Be a minimum of 20 years of age and a maximum of 30 years of age on 1 December 2008
- Be a member of an SLSA affiliated surf life saving club
- Hold one or more of the following SLSA awards – Bronze Medallion, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, Radio Operators Certificate, First Aid Certificate or Surf Rescue Certificate
- Have demonstrated the potential as a leader within surf lifesaving and an eagerness to pursue surf lifesaving leadership roles in the future
- Have attended a state based leadership camp (or similar)

### **Participant allocation**

There will be 30 participants from Australia selected based on the following state allocation:

Queensland – 6, New South Wales – 9, Victoria – 5, Tasmania – 2, South Australia – 3, Western Australia – 4, Northern Territory – 1.

To bring an international flavour to the college we will be inviting 2 participants from New Zealand and 1 from Great Britain.

## **WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF IT?**

- Exposure to surf life saving at a national level
- Opportunity to network with other likeminded participants from around the country
- Growth in self confidence and the self-power to make things happen
- A perception of your own personal leadership qualities and competencies
- Another step up the national leadership pathway
- Share opinions and workshop current issues
- Be inspired by industry professional guest speakers
- Become part of the Leadership Network
- And lots lots more...

## **WHEN IS IT & WHERE IS IT?**

**You will eat, sleep and breathe the 2008 National Leadership College in the grounds of Sydney University from 1 – 6 December. You may also be flown in on the evening of 30 November so keep that day free as well.**

We need you in college from 'go to whoa' so don't plan anything during this time – of course, if you want to come early or stay late we can probably work something out.



## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ME?

We love to give our members every chance of attending national programs so we've significantly subsidised this college – you can thank us later. You'll pay only a small enrolment fee dependant on your travel arrangements. The chances are if you ask your club, branch or state they will help you out – and may even cover the costs.

**Will you be flying in? – you'll pay only \$440 (including GST)**

**Making your own way by car, boat, bus or train? – you'll pay only \$220 (including GST)**

You are probably wondering what the enrolment fee pays for? It's probably easiest to sum up by saying you could get away with leaving your wallet at home (although you may want it to buy something special).

## I'M INTERESTED! – Where do I go from here?

1. **Download an enrolment application from the SLSA Forms folder on the SLSA website:** *[SLSA Website/Admin and Resources/SLSA Forms/Development Forms/Form 009]*
2. Have your application endorsed by your club president and branch (if applicable)
3. Deliver your completed application to your branch (if applicable) by **22 October** or state centre by **31 October 2008**.

## MORE INFO

- A. **Detailed enrolment application instructions** – see the enrolment application form.
- B. **National Leadership College** – Andre Slade, National Development Officer on (02) 9300 4085 or email [aslade@slsa.asn.au](mailto:aslade@slsa.asn.au)