



# Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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## 2010 NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

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**Summary**  
This circular advises of changes to the 2010 National Recognition Awards.

Surf Life Saving Australia in conjunction with States have undertaken an extensive review in relation to the delivery of National Recognition Awards. These awards are;

- Lifesaver of the Year
- Lifeguard of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Trainer of the Year
- Assessor of the Year
- Athlete of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Official of the Year

Following the review changes to the awards process have been made to;

- Increase the legitimacy and credibility of awards.
- Align national processes with state processes.
- See all state finalists as having have been recognised as the best in their state.
- Recognise achievement over one full season opposed to two part seasons (calendar year).
- Ensure individuals receive timely recognition being immediately after the season they have demonstrated exceptional contribution.
- Increase operational effectiveness across all levels of surf life saving.
- Increase the profile of recognition awards at all levels.

These changes include;

- Selection period – involvement, activities, contributions and achievements will be evaluated over the Surf Life Saving season. (ie the 2010 National Recognition Awards will be assessed over the 2009/10 season).
- Timing of awards – National Recognition Awards / Awards of Excellence will no longer be presented in conjunction with the Australian Championships and will now take place later in the year following State recognition evenings. The 2010 National Recognition Awards / Awards of Excellence is proposed for 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- Application process and timings – refer to your relevant State office for closing dates (in line with state awards) and details. National Award criteria will be published in the near future.