

Circular 19-07



Call for Expressions of Interest for Volunteers for surf lifesaving training and event safety program in Fiji

Attention: Club Secretaries, Lifesaving Managers, Trainers, Assessors and Interested Club Members

Actioned by: Members wishing to nominate to assist with training surf lifesavers and communities and provide event safety in Fiji

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Summary	SLST seeks a number of volunteers to assist with a surf lifesaving training program in Fiji and assist with supporting water safety for the production of a TV show being filmed in the country. The intention is that each volunteer be available for 2-3 week rotations from late April to the end of June 2019. The first volunteer is required to begin training local Fijians around the 20 th April 2019. The last rotation of volunteers will return on or around 22 nd June 2019.
Strategic Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Value members by providing them with recognition, direction and support to enable them and build capacity• Remain relevant and connected to our members, the community and the Government• Continue to be recognized as the peak volunteer aquatic and coastal safety body• Promoting volunteerism as a pathway to employment• Fee for service programs and training support the objectives of SLST
Key Strategies	<p>2.1 Provide members with a broad range of opportunities and pathways within the Surf Life Saving organisation</p> <p>1.6 Educate the community about water safety and provide training in lifesaving skills</p> <p>3.2 Promote and reinforce our value to the community to all levels of Government</p> <p>6.2 Improve access and support for people with disabilities, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities (CALD) and the indigenous community</p> <p>6.6 Promote leadership opportunities to all members with identified pathways both within and external to the state.</p> <p>7.2 Provide clear educational and developmental pathways for members</p>
Action	Complete the Online Expression of Interest Form by 9am, Monday 25th March 2019. https://slst.wufoo.com/forms/fiji-sls-training-program-april-2019/

Background

Surf Life Saving Tasmania (SLST) conducted some initial development programs in Fiji in the early 2000s. SLST progressed this work with Fiji Surfing for surf lifesaving programs in the country to provide water safety and rescue skills to reduce lives lost in the water

The aim of the upcoming program and ongoing relationship is to progress and support Surf Life Saving Fiji, which is delivered in partnership with Fiji Surfing. SLST is providing this opportunity to members who show commitment to ongoing professional development. This further supports SLST's commitment to reduce drowning incidents worldwide as an ILSF (International Life Saving Federation) member.

In recent years, SLST volunteers visited Samoa on 2-weekly rotations to further develop a community resilience program that will build capacity and awareness in the water for those who live in and visit Samoa. This led to SLST supporting a larger surf lifesaving training program and providing water safety for the production of a TV show being filmed in Samoa and last year in Fiji. The upcoming program in Fiji will follow a similar format. SLST has secured

support for 2 volunteers to be assigned at once, instead of the previous agreement of 1 at a time. This enables volunteers at different stage of their development pathway and ages to support each other and to apply to be considered.

Volunteer Selection Requirements

The successful volunteers will assist with training and water safety. We ask that the successful candidates address the following criteria;

Essential

1. Aged 18 years and older
2. Hold a proficient Bronze Medallion/ Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
3. Hold a Silver Medallion Beach Management award
4. Be a qualified Trainer for Bronze Medallion/ Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
5. Be actively volunteering in member training and development program roles (e.g. Lifesaving Development Camp, training and assessment at your club)
6. Be flexible and adaptable in training and water safety techniques
7. Can deliver training and communicate to culturally and linguistically diverse individuals
8. Able and confident in delivering efficient handover of work packages, e.g. handing over to the next volunteer with zero to minimal disruption to service
9. Experience coordinating water safety for water events and communicating to event management
10. Have a current passport (valid for at least 6 months)
11. Can depart for Fiji between end of April (exact date – TBC) through to 22nd June 2019

Desirable

1. Hold a Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue award (Highly desirable)
2. Hold a Silver Medallion IRB Driver
3. Be a qualified Assessor/ Cert IV in Training & Assessment holder for Bronze Medallion/ Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
4. Have a manual Driver's License
5. Advanced Scuba Diver (or higher)

The successful volunteers will be selected based on the response to selection and a telephone interview to be conducted late March/early April 2019.

Subsidy

All flight costs, transport, accommodation, laundry, phone and meals will be covered for the successful volunteers.

To Nominate

Complete the online expression of interest form, by clicking the link;

<https://slst.wufoo.com/forms/fiji-sls-training-program-april-2019/>

Due to the limited time frame, nominations close at **9am, Monday 25th March 2019.**