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# Taranaki Awards Information Booklet

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# Taranaki Awards of Excellence – Award notes

## Introduction

SLSNZ's Local Awards of Excellence programme recognises contribution of our members to the grass roots of Surf Life Saving during the 2022/2023 season. Each club is entitled and encouraged to enter one nomination per category (typically the winning club equivalent for the category). Nominations will be judged against the criteria outlined for each award by the Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee.

The winners of local awards of excellence will automatically become finalists for the prestigious national DHL Awards of Excellence to be held later in 2023. Finalists will be judged by the National Sport Committee, National Lifesaving Committee or the board of SLSNZ depending on the award category.

The awards clubs are able to nominate for include:

- Lifeguard of the Year
- Patrol Support Person of the Year
- Instructor of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Sportsman of the Year
- Sportswoman of the Year
- Junior Sportsman of the Year
- Junior Sportswoman of the Year
- Sports Team of the Year
- Junior Sports team of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Innovation Award
- Michael Taylor Award

In addition, other awards that are judged without a specific nomination include:

- Sportsperson of the Year (taken from the 4 Sportspeople categories)
- Rescue of the Year (this is now worked out from SLSNZ statistics as the way Rescue of the Month is dealt with has changed)
- Club of the Year

If you have any questions or queries about how to complete a nomination, please contact your local CSO for advice/guidance.

All nominations must be completed on the enclosed nomination forms. Please note there is a specific nomination form for each award. All forms are to be completed in Microsoft Word format (No PDF's). Please forward all completed nomination forms to Joss Urbahn ([joss.urbahn@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:joss.urbahn@surflifesaving.org.nz)) by Friday 28 April 2023.

## Timeline for Taranaki Awards of Excellence

Nominations Open	Monday 20 March 2023
Nominations Close	Friday 28 April 2023
Winners Decided	Early May
Taranaki Awards of Excellence	Friday 2 June 2023

# Taranaki Lifeguard of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of drowning prevention services for SLSNZ. It is aimed at active surf lifeguards undertaking lifeguarding duties.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the contribution to surf lifesaving during the period from May 1 2022 to April 30 2023. The successful nominee will be seen as a role model for surf lifeguards and therefore should portray a picture of health, knowledge, capability, credibility and leadership.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Patrolling duties
- Award training duties
- Instructional
- Examining duties
- Club activities specific to surf lifesaving services
- Regional activities specific to surf lifesaving services
- Rescue related activities
- Personal award development to improve lifesaving capability
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Surf Lifeguard of the Year.

Each club is urged to nominate their top lifeguard for this award. One nomination per club.

The winner will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 DHL Lifeguard of the Year award.

# Taranaki – Patrol Support Person of the Year 2023

## Background

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The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of drowning prevention services for SLSNZ. It is aimed at active Patrol Support Persons undertaking patrol support duties.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the contribution to surf lifesaving during the period from 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023. The successful nominee will be seen as a role model for active patrol members and therefore should portray a picture of knowledge, capability, credibility and leadership.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Patrolling duties
- Support to the patrol & active lifeguards
- Award training duties
- Instructional
- Club activities/programs specific to surf lifesaving services
- Rescue related activities
- First Aid related activities
- Preventive Actions while on Patrol
- Personal award development to improve Patrol Support capability
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Instructor of the Year.

The winner will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 DHL Patrol Support Person of the Year award.

# Taranaki Instructor of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of surf lifeguard capability in the 2022/2023 season.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the contribution to overall enhancement of lifeguard capability during the period May 1 2022 to April 30 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Club and Regional Lifeguard training duties
- Local/Regional Examining duties
- Regional Schools (such as power-craft schools, intermediate lifeguard schools etc)
- National Lifeguard School instructing
- Personal award development to improve lifesaving capability
- Community involvement in surf lifesaving instruction
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Instructor of the Year.

The winner will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 DHL Instructor of the Year award.

# Taranaki Volunteer of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise an outstanding member who has made a significant volunteer contribution to enhancing surf lifesaving in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the voluntary contribution to overall enhancement of surf lifesaving during the period May 1 2022 to April 30 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Volunteer contribution to surf lifesaving outputs at Club/Regional/National levels
- Management and Administration
- Funding / Sponsorship
- Recruitment and induction programmes
- Image of surf life saving
- Promotion and marketing
- Aspects of development or innovation the member contributed significantly towards
- Demonstrated leadership by the nominee
- Personal development undertaken to improve volunteering performance
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Volunteer of the Year. Each club is urged to nominate their top volunteer for this award. One nominee per club.

The winner will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 DHL Volunteer of the Year award.

Please note that the Board of SLSNZ will judge the finalists to decide the national DHL Volunteer of the Year award.

# Taranaki Coach of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the coaching of Surf Sport Teams and/or Individuals in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Club, Regional and National Coaching Positions
- Results achieved due to coaching influence
- Number and capability of athletes coached
- Personal development undertaken to improve coaching performance
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety and surf sport in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Surf Coach of the Year.

The winner will automatically be a finalist for the national DHL Surf Coach of the Year award.

# Taranaki Sportsperson of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise an individual who has achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Selection and achievement at international competition.
- Selection and achievement at national competitions.
- Selection and achievement at regional competition.

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review the Sportsman, Sportswoman, Junior Sportsman and Junior Sportswoman to select the winner of the 2023 Sportsperson of the Year.



# Taranaki Sportsman of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise an individual who has achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Selection and achievement at international competition.
- Selection and achievement at national competitions.
- Selection and achievement at regional competition.

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Sportsman of the Year.

# Taranaki Sportswoman of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise an individual who has achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Selection and achievement at international competition.
- Selection and achievement at national competitions.
- Selection and achievement at regional competition.

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Sportswoman of the Year.

This award should not be confused with the traditional 'International Sports Performance of the Year' which is awarded at the National Awards of Excellence and selected by the SLSNZ High Performance selectors.

# Taranaki Junior (U19) Sportsman of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a Junior (U19) male who has achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Selection and achievement at international competition.
- Selection and achievement at national competitions.
- Selection and achievement at regional competition.

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Junior Sportsman of the Year.

This award should not be confused with the traditional 'International Sports Performance of the Year' which is awarded at the National Awards of Excellence and selected by the SLSNZ High Performance selectors.

# Taranaki Junior (U19) Sportswoman of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise Junior (U19) female who has achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Selection and achievement at international competition.
- Selection and achievement at national competitions.
- Selection and achievement at regional competition.

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Junior Sportswoman of the Year.

This award should not be confused with the traditional 'International Sports Performance of the Year' which is awarded at the National Awards of Excellence and selected by the SLSNZ High Performance selectors.

# Taranaki Sports Team of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a team who have achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Selection and achievement at international competition.
- Selection and achievement at national competitions.
- Selection and achievement at regional competition.

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Sports Team of the Year.

This award should not be confused with the traditional 'International Sports Performance of the Year' which is awarded at the National Awards of Excellence and selected by the SLSNZ High Performance selectors.

# Taranaki Junior (U19) Sports Team of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a Junior (U19/U17) team who have achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Selection and achievement at international competition.
- Selection and achievement at national competitions.
- Selection and achievement at regional competition.

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Junior Sports Team of the Year.

# Taranaki Surf Official of the Year 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Officiating of surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Local, Regional, National and International officiating positions held
- The level and quality of officiating achieved
- Number of competitions officiated
- Development of new or emerging officials in the club or region
- Personal development undertaken to improve officiating performance
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety and surf sport in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Surf Official of the Year.

The winner will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 DHL Surf Official of the Year award.

# Taranaki Innovation of the Year Award 2023

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member, club, business or group who through innovation have been able to enhance Surf Life Saving New Zealand's ability to achieve its purpose of 'preventing drowning in New Zealand'.

## Consideration of Selection

The key areas to be considered are:

- Projects, Programmes or Products will be considered
- Must be original or not currently being done elsewhere in NZ
- Extent of impact on SLS is a consideration

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Innovation of the Year Award.

Remember: each winning local/regional nomination across the above categories will automatically proceed as a finalist in the National Awards of Excellence for 2023.

# Michael Taylor Award

## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise an outstanding member who best embodies the values and spirit of Surf Life Saving. This member makes their club and the organisation a better social environment to be a part of.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the overarching contribution to the enhancement of surf lifesaving during the period May 1 2022 to April 30 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Contribution to surf lifesaving
- Contribution to surf sports
- Mentoring of club members
- Creates/Contributes to a fun and inclusive club culture
- Goes out of their way to help and support other members development and enjoyment of the movement
- Representation and advocacy at a committee level for all members
- Involvement in all aspects of SLS
- Contribution to and support of programmes and services (Regional Guard, Beach ed, Club Coaching, National Lifeguard School)
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community

## Selection

The Taranaki Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Michael Taylor Award. Each club is urged to nominate their top member that fulfils the criteria for this award.

Please note **anybody is able to nominate** an individual for this award