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# Hawkes Bay Awards Information Booklet

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# Hawkes Bay 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 Hawkes Bay 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
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Sports Team of the Year
- Masters Sportsperson of the Year
- Masters Sports Team of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Innovation Award
- Top Junior (U14) Surf Athlete of the Year
- Local Area Awards

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

- 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 19 May 2023.

## Timeline for Hawkes Bay Awards of Excellence

Nominations Open	Monday 20 March 2023
Nominations Close	Friday 19 May 2023
Winners Decided	late May
Hawkes Bay Awards of Excellence	Sunday 18 June 2023

# Hawkes Bay 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 Hawkes Bay 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.

# Hawkes Bay – Patrol Support Person of the Year

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## 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 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 Hawkes Bay 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.

# Hawkes Bay 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<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Hawkes Bay 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.

# Hawkes Bay 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<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Hawkes Bay 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.

# Hawkes Bay 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 Hawkes Bay 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 2023 DHL Surf Coach of the Year award.



# Hawkes Bay Sports person 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 Hawkes Bay Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Sports person 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.

# Hawkes Bay 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 Hawkes Bay 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.

# Hawkes Bay Masters 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 Hawkes Bay Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Sportsperson 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.

# Hawkes Bay Masters 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 Hawkes Bay 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.

# Hawkes Bay 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 Hawkes Bay 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 2022 DHL Surf Official of the Year award.

# Hawkes Bay 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 Hawkes Bay 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.

# Hawkes Bay Top Junior (U14) Surf Athlete of the Year 2023 (Metropolitan Cup)

## 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:

- Achievement at national level
- Achievement at regional level
- Achievement at local level

## Selection

The Hawkes Bay Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations to select the winner of the 2023 Junior Surf Athlete of the Year

# Hawkes Bay Local Area Awards

## Background

As well as the above awards there is a selection unique to the Hawkes Bay Area. These are to recognise those that have contributed to the local area in a way that is not covered under the national awards structure.

These awards do not lead on to nominations for national awards unlike the previous listed awards.

The awards are as follows

- Outstanding Contribution to Junior Surf
- Most Outstanding Beach Athlete - Male
- Most Outstanding Beach Athlete - Female
- Legend Iron woman - All Ages
- Legend Ironman - All Ages
- Humes Cup - Most Improved Athlete
- Outstanding Contribution to Power Craft

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 one nomination form for all of the above awards – please tick the indicated field)