

YANCHEP



SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
CADETS

Information Guide

2026-2027

What it means to be a Yanchep Surf Life Saving Cadet!

At Yanchep, our Cadet members (aged 13–17) are part of a vibrant and dynamic team that offers exciting opportunities to engage in all four pillars of Surf Life Saving. Through hands-on training and active participation, our Cadets build valuable skills to become confident, capable surf lifesavers—while making meaningful contributions to both the Club and the wider local community.

Our programme is designed to guide young members as they transition from Nippers to Senior roles, equipping them with the tools, knowledge, and experiences needed to thrive in the world of Surf Life Saving. We also warmly welcome newcomers looking to jump into the action for the first time. Cadets are encouraged to complete their Surf Rescue Certificate and, once 15 years old, work toward earning their Bronze Medallion—key qualifications that mark important milestones in their development.

The Cadet Programme blends structured training and participation with SLSWA's Youth Programme and offers a strong social component, fostering teamwork, resilience, and personal growth. By engaging in all four pillars of Surf Life Saving, our Cadets gain the chance to challenge themselves, discover their individual strengths, and form lifelong friendships.

Lifesaving Training Leadership Surf Sports

The Cadet programme offers our youth members an opportunity to expand their knowledge and provides many opportunities to be involved in the club:

U14 Cadets

For our 13-year-old members, the transition from Nippers to Cadets marks an exciting new chapter. With the support of experienced Cadets and Patrolling Members acting as mentors, they are guided through the process of stepping up and developing their lifesaving skills.

Cadets have the opportunity to earn their Surf Rescue Certificate, which enables them to join patrol teams and contribute to the safety of our beaches. Once certified, they receive their red and yellow patrol uniform and are proudly welcomed into an allocated Patrol Team.

Beyond training, Cadets play an active role in club life. They assist with Woodside Nippers sessions, participate in fundraising events, and engage in a variety of activities that build teamwork, confidence, and community spirit.

U15 Cadets

Cadets aged 14 who hold a current Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) will be rostered onto patrol duties and may also assist with water safety during Woodside Nippers sessions. This is a valuable way for them to continue developing their lifesaving skills while contributing to our club community.

U16 Cadets

At age 15, members become eligible to complete their Bronze Medallion. Upon certification, they are rostered onto patrol and can continue to assist with Nippers as water safety support. These Cadets may also begin their journey towards becoming an Age Group Manager. Under the guidance of an experienced mentor (18+), they'll help organise and run activities aligned with Surf Life Saving WA's programs.

Once the Bronze Medallion is achieved, Cadets can further build their skills by working toward their Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Crew Certificate and Advanced Resuscitation Award. These qualifications open doors to more responsibility and broaden their impact within the club.

U18 Cadets

For Cadets under 18 who hold a Bronze Medallion, additional opportunities include becoming an IRB Driver or earning their Training Officers Certificate. This allows them to step into leadership roles—training others in SRC, Bronze Medallion, and IRB programs.

Active Cadets may also be invited to become Youth Mentors at our Cadet Camp. Selection is based on consistent participation across patrols, training sessions, coaching, involvement with Nippers, and engagement in club fundraising and social events. It's a meaningful way to give back, grow as a leader, and make lasting connections.



Join the Yanchep Surf Life Saving Club as a Cadet and be part of something bigger. From beach patrols to behind-the-scenes operations, you'll gain firsthand experience in all areas of surf lifesaving while contributing to a vibrant volunteer community.

Our Cadets enjoy a range of social activities designed to strengthen camaraderie and have fun! It all leads to the much-anticipated annual Cadet Camp—an unforgettable mix of adventure, connection, and memories.

Each Cadet is supported in pursuing their chosen activities and mentored every step of the way. You'll have the chance to shadow Patrol Vice Captains, Trainers, Coaches, and Age Managers, learning from seasoned leaders and building your skills for the future.



SLSWA Youth Leaders Programme (YLP)

Our U14-U17 Cadets, as part of our Cadet Program, may wish to opt into the Youth Leaders Program (YLP). This program will add further value to your club-based activities by giving you the opportunity to formally record your experiences and service and receive recognition for doing so.

There are three levels to the YLP, each of which we expect would take you roughly a season to complete. This is dependent on the hours you can commit to, so it is no problem if you complete a level in a shorter or longer timeframe; your achievement will be recognised accordingly.

We strongly encourage and support our Cadets to participate.

LIFESAVING		TRAINING		LEADERSHIP		SURF SPORTS	
AWARDS	Surf Rescue Certificate (min 13yrs)	AWARDS	Youth Trainer (min 13yrs)	AWARDS	Bronze/Silver/Gold Youth Leaders Program (min 13yrs)	AWARDS	Youth Official (min 13yrs)
	Bronze Medallion (min 15yrs)		Youth Age Manager (min 13yrs)		Youth Coach (min 13yrs)		
	Other SLS Awards (Optional)		Age Manager (min 15yrs with mentor, 18yrs without)		Core Official (min 16yrs)		
			Training Officer (min 16yrs)				Foundation Coach (min 16yrs)
ACTIVITY	Patrol	ACTIVITIES	Assisting Training Officer	ACTIVITIES	Youth Leaders Program	ACTIVITIES	Recreation
			Assisting Age Manager		Teamwork & Problem Solving		Competition
			Delivering Training				Coaching
							Officiating
				DEVELOPMENT CAMPS	TOAD (U14 & U15)	SKILL DEVELOPMENT	Club-based coaching sessions
					Rise Up (U16 & U17)		SLSWA development clinics

Youth Program Pathways

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Youth Official

Like in many other sports, officials play a vital role in our movement. SLSWA youth members have the opportunity to officiate at SLSWA and Club events.

Hours accrued in this role can go towards the SLSWA Youth Leaders Program.

Youth Coach

Youth coaches can work in a range of coaching roles at Clubs. Youth Coaches are mentored/supervised at Club training sessions by component, accredited/club endorsed, Foundation level (or above) coaches.

Hours accrued in this role can go towards the SLSWA Youth Leaders Program.

Youth Age Manager

The Youth Age Manager provides an introduction to the pathway of an Age Manager. Youth are able to assist and develop their skills in delivering the SLSWA Woodside Nippers Program.

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Youth Trainer

The Youth Trainer provides an introduction to the pathway of Education Training. Youth are able to assist and develop their skills in delivering components of the SLSA/SLSWA Education courses.

Hours accrued in this role can go towards the SLSWA Youth Leaders Program.

Surf Sports

Participation in Surf Sports activities develop fitness and skills, which therefore improves a youth member's lifesaving abilities.

Surf Life Saving offers pathways and opportunities for youth lifesavers who wish to further develop their surf sports skills such as board riding, swimming, beach sprints etc. in a competitive sporting environment. Competitions can be held at local, state, national and even international level.

A list of the various competitions and events can be viewed in the Surf Sports area of this website.

Lifesaving

A key outcome of the youth program is to produce skilled and proficient lifesavers. Youth will develop the necessary skills through gaining either a Surf Rescue Certificate at 13 years or Bronze Medallion at 15 years. They can then contribute to Surf Life Saving's core business of lifesaving through patrolling and ensuring our beaches and community stay safe.

The lifesaving pathway can lead to other Lifesaving Services such as drone patrol, lifeguarding and jet ski operations. Check out the Lifeguard Academy for information about Lifesaving pathways, including the Rookie Lifeguard Program.

For more information regarding Youth Program courses go to:

https://www.mybeach.com.au/members/youth_program/pathways

Once there, click on the heading to each course for upcoming course dates and to register.

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YOUTH PATHWAYS
COURSE CALENDAR

Renewals and Registrations

For existing Members renewal is easy – payment can be made directly through the Surf Life Saving Australia Members portal.

Click on this link to take you directly there:

EXISTING MEMBERS

For our new members wishing to join, please feel free to register and pay online:

NEW MEMBERS

Did you know that we are a Kidsport approved club!

If you are paying with Kidsport vouchers, please do not go into the payment gateway. Please email your Kidsport vouchers through and we will allocate them. registraryancheplsc@gmail.com

For Kidsport applications,
click on the image -



Proficiency Swim

Cadets new to the programme who are looking to attain their SRC or Bronze Medallion will need to meet the swim requirement before training commences.

Cadets 13yo -14yo must complete an unaided swim of 200m in 5 minutes or less.

For those Cadets 15yo+ looking to attain their Bronze Medallion, they must complete an unaided swim of 400m in 9 minutes or less.

11th October 2025 at Arena, Joondalup.

11:30am - 2:00pm

ALL Children must be accompanied and constantly supervised by a parent/guardian whilst on the premises.

Skills Maintenance Checks (Proficiency)

Skills maintenance checks are necessary to:

- ensure ongoing competency of members in their area of training and activities
- maintain the standards of knowledge and expertise of surf life savers
- satisfy legal and statutory requirements
- reinforce and maintain our service commitment to the bathing and beach going community

All training resources are available in the SLS Members Area Library for members to view and refresh their knowledge.

Your SRC or Bronze Medallion Award is valid until the 31st December each year; a skills maintenance check is required to be completed before you are able to perform patrols or compete in surf lifesaving competitions.

The Director of Training, Kym Colotti, will notify you of the dates to undertake your Proficiency for 2025/26 season.



YSLSC Cadets season

The Season commences
Sunday 26th October 2025 and runs until
22nd March 2026.

We do break for Christmas, please refer to the
Important Dates to Remember.

Please also refer to our Club Calendar for all these
dates and any upcoming events.

[https://www.yanchepsurflifesaving.com.au/club-
calendar/](https://www.yanchepsurflifesaving.com.au/club-calendar/)

**Meet at the Surf Club:
8:45am for a 9:00am start.**

Uniform Shop

Bathers, hats, rash vests and caps are available from the
Uniform Shop. Opening times will be advertised on the
club website or you can purchase online:

<https://www.yanchepsurflifesaving.com.au/shop/>

ON THE DAY!

- Assemble near the wall at the front of the Surf Club, look for your Cadet Manager.
- Have sunscreen on! Slip, Slop, Slap!
- Club Rash Shirt and Bathers.
- Cadet Cap is compulsory.
- Water Bottle
- Towel
- Warm Clothing for cool days and SunSmart clothing for Hot days.
- Swimming goggles.
- The Cadet Managers will mark attendance.
- NO Cadet is to enter the water unless authorised by the Age Manager.

There is a Sausage Sizzle available to purchase at the conclusion of the Woodside Nippers and Cadet programme each week, funds raised go back to the club.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**11th October 2026 - Proficiency Swim
TBA - Cadet "Ice-Breaker"**

25th October 2026- Cadet Season Commences

13th December 2026 - Last Day before Xmas Break

7th February 2027 - Cadets/Nippers Return

5th - 7th February 2027 - Cadet Camp

28th February 2027 - No Cadets (Long Weekend)

21st March 2027 - Last Day

CADET CAMP



Our Cadet Camp offers our Cadets a fantastic weekend, filled with fun, fitness, team-building challenges, and mateship. A great opportunity to get to know each other and greater strengthen their camaraderie; it's also a fitting reward for the Cadets commitments towards attaining awards, assisting with Water Safety for our Nippers and being part of a Patrol Team.

The Camp is partially subsidised by the Club; the Cadets are required to be actively involved in developing and running fundraising for their Camp.

Cadet Camp will be held 5th - 7th February 2027, SLSWA South West Development Centre.



SLSWA Youth Development Camps

Run over the summer school holidays, the hugely successful Rise-Up and T.O.A.D. camps are important in building inter-club youth friendships. They also provide opportunities for participants to develop leadership and interpersonal skills, essential to not only their success in surf lifesaving but also in day-to-day life.

There is also an opportunity to obtain qualifications that will assist in their ongoing development towards being a volunteer patrolling surf lifesaver.

These camps are generously supported by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation.

Nominations for the camps are submitted to the Board of Yanchep Surf Life Saving Club.

Rise-Up Camp

Rise-Up Camp caters for 15 and 16-year-old members. This camp provides an opportunity for members to participate in a wide range of physical and social activities that will develop personal leadership skills.

DATE: Monday 4th - Thursday 7th January 2027

LOCATION: SLSWA Development Centre, 222 Railway Terrace, Margaret River, 6285

Teamwork, Opportunities and Development (T.O.A.D.) Camp

T.O.A.D. Camp is a development program open to 13- and 14-year-old members. The camp is designed to expose participants to a variety of skills and activities that will enhance and encourage their development within Surf Life Saving WA

DATE: Monday 11th January - Thursday 14th January 2027

LOCATION: SLSWA Development Centre, 222 Railway Terrace, Margaret River, 6285

SLSWA Youth Awards

SLSWA recognise outstanding Youth members through its Awards & Recognition events with the following annual awards specific to youth:

U15 Lifesaver of the Year: This award recognises outstanding patrolling service during the current season by a youth Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) holder. Only Youth Members who have an SRC but have not obtained their Bronze Medallion prior to close of entries are eligible for this award.

Youth Official of the Year: This award recognises and rewards a youth member who has made an outstanding contribution to officiating during the current season.

Youth Club Achiever Award: This award recognises the outstanding club contributions of one youth member (U14-U17) in areas of lifesaving, training, leadership, and surf sports. Please note that the nomination will be used by the Development Committee to determine the Youth of the Year.

Youth of the Year: Each nominated Youth Club Achiever will be considered for the Youth of the Year, which will be determined by the Development Committee and announced at the Awards ceremony.

Youth Athlete of the Year: This award recognises and rewards junior athletes, aged 15 to 18, who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Yanchep SLSC Awards

At our Annual Awards night presentation, the following awards are presented for the Cadets:

"Rising Star "

We are looking for a Cadet who is new to the programme, who in any area of their training, personal growth and/or teamwork, goes a step above.

Congratulations to our 2025/26 joint recipients:

Elise Verkinderen and James Hunt



"Cadet Champion"

The club's motto of "Vigilance and Service", along with attributes of teamwork, commitment and/or resilience are just some of what we are looking for in our Cadet Champion

Congratulations to our 2025/26 recipient:

Kayla Campbell



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Stay in Touch

Throughout the season and after we would like to keep in touch with you and bring you news about upcoming events, opportunities to help and next years program. Join the club Facebook page or follow us on Instagram, or head to our website - click the icons below.

