



NEW MEMBER

INFORMATION

This information booklet is designed to give new and intending Club Members useful information related to membership at our Tallebudgera SLSC. This is intended as a summary only and more specific information may be obtained from Club Constitution, By-laws and Policies as amended from time to time.





CODE OF CONDUCT

For MEMBERS

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others;
2. Be fair, equitable, considerate and honest in all dealings with others;
3. Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to SLSA standards, rules, regulations and policies;
4. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for actions;
5. Make a commitment to providing quality service;
6. Use facilities and equipment for their proper purposes, and care for and maintain such facilities and equipment correctly;
7. Refrain from anything which may abuse, intimidate or harass others;
8. Preserve and protect the standing and reputation of the Association;
9. Understand the consequences of any breach of SLSA's Member Protection Policy or Codes of Conduct.

BECOMING A LIFESAVER

The first step to becoming a volunteer lifesaver at Tallebudgera Surf Life Saving Club is to obtain a Bronze Medallion Award (if you're over 15 years of age), or a Surf Rescue Certificate (if 14 or 15 years or age).

If you would then like to become a competitor, you can join training sessions held by the relevant sport coach. All competitors are required to perform patrols.

Membership forms are available from the Surf Club office or can be downloaded from the club website.

Patrolling members (including those performing water safety duties) are required to undertake an annual proficiency and refresher assessment.

TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER CLUB?

If you are interested in joining Tallebudgera from another club, please contact our administration team and they can get the online process underway. Please note that while previous service will be recognised, we do require transferring members to undertake a full season as an active member before granting Long Service or Active Reserve status.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

Active (18 years and over)

Probationary members (who haven't yet completed their lifesaving qualification)

Associate (those who do not hold an SLSA award)

Active Junior (15 to 17 yrs)

Cadets (13 and 14 yrs)

Junior Turtles (5 & 6 yrs)

Junior Nippers (7 to 12 yrs)

Nipper Parents:

Parents of Nippers are expected to participate in running the Nipper activities. This is a volunteer activity and we need people to be involved, to give the children the best support possible and to make sure we are providing a safe environment for them. Ideally, at least one parent will undertake their bronze medallion which will qualify you to perform beach patrols and also to provide water safety support for the Nippers.

We do require parents to provide supervision for the Nippers on a Sunday. Associate membership is available to those parents who cannot undertake the bronze medallion – but don't worry, there are plenty of things that require your energy and input!

THE SURF LIFESAVING ORGANISATION

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation providing beach safety services Australia-wide. It consists of many thousands of lifesavers in hundreds of clubs around Australia. In addition to club beach patrols, Surf Lifesaving also provides services such as Wave runner patrols, Jet Boat patrols, and the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter. The organisation also conducts surf sports competitions.

CLUB STRUCTURE

Tallebudgera SLSC consists of a number of sections, including:

- Patrols
- Surf Sports
- Training and Assessment
- Juniors (Nippers)
- IRBs

The club committee consists of representatives from all of these sections, as well as President, Treasurer etc. The club has administrative support available to assist members although that support is not available full-time at present.

TWO CLUBS

In addition to the lifesaving club itself, we also have a Supporters' Association. This club operates the licensed club and bistro located above the surf lifesaving club. The Supporter's club was set up in the 1990s as a means to provide a revenue stream to support the costs of providing a lifesaving service. All profits are directed to Tallebudgera SLSC, so every time you purchase a drink or a meal from our Supporters' club, you are contributing to the lifesaving club. Active members of Tallebudgera SLSC are eligible for special discounts on drinks and meals.

GYM

Patrolling members at Tallebudgera SLSC are eligible to join the club gym. We operate this gym as a service to assist our patrolling members to stay fit for their beach patrols. We charge a nominal annual fee. All members are required to undertake a gym induction before using it for the first time. Unfortunately under 18s are not able to use the gym unless directly supervised by the club coach (this is an SLSQ requirement).

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have Facebook groups for patrol members, Nippers and Competitors, talk to your relevant section head about joining the particular group to belong to.

MORE INFORMATION

The club website is www.tallesurfclub.com/ (go to the lifesaving section).

Surf Lifesaving Qld has a members portal which you can get more information from, and if you setup a login via the portal, can access online exam papers: <http://lifesaving.com.au/members-portal/>

We have a club office which is open on a part-time basis and can provide more info if needed.

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