

Memorandum

To: Branch UAV Coordinators, Branch Directors of Lifesaving. Cc: Branch Presidents, Branch Directors of Education.
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Subject: Lifesaver Drone Outreach Program for Nippers

Opportunities for Nippers & Juniors to be involved in Lifesaver Drone Outreach Program for 2024-25

In the summer of 2024-25, AUAVS and SheMaps are thrilled to announce the launch of the second phase of the Lifesaver Drone Outreach Program (LDOP) for Nippers & Junior Lifesavers. Building upon the success of the initial program, this new phase aims to further expand the reach and impact of the initiative by offering Surf Life Saving Clubs an enhanced and fully subsidised opportunity to participate. In alignment with the conditions of the WISE grant, the LDOP continues to prioritize inclusivity and gender diversity, specifically targeting greater female participation in the aviation, science, and technology industries. This phase of the program will once again be tailored to Nipper (U11-U14) and Junior Lifesaver (14-16) groups, ensuring that young participants have the opportunity to engage with the exciting world of UAVs and learn about potential career pathways in these industries.

The LDOP sessions will continue to actively engage children in an educational and interactive experience, providing them with valuable insights into the role of Surf Life Saving and UAVs, as well as practical hands-on experience with drone flight and simple coding exercises. By inspiring the next generation of Surf Lifesavers and students, the program aims to cultivate a deeper sense of drone safety and awareness among youth while promoting greater female engagement in these cutting-edge fields. With the launch of this second phase, AUAVS and SheMaps are committed to expanding the horizons of young individuals and nurturing a passion for innovation and technology within the Surf Life Saving community.

Selection of Branches

Last year, seven programs were run at surf clubs around NSW. This was a fantastic opportunity that we were glad that so many young people were able to experience. With over 170+ young members participating in the program last season.

Not all Branches where surf clubs applied were able to be selected to hold the programs. To ensure that the program can be experienced by as many along our coastline as possible, the following Branches will be guaranteed a place in the program. (The guaranteed branches will be contacted in the coming weeks).

Guaranteed Branches

1. Illawarra
2. Far South Coast
3. North Coast
4. Lower North Coast
5. Sydney Northern Beaches

The below Branches had programs held in their branch last season and will be able to apply for the remaining four spots on the program.

Remaining Branches

- Mid North Coast
- Sydney
- South Coast
- Hunter

- **Far North Coast**
- **Central Coast**

The guaranteed branches will need to submit their expression of interest to ensure that their program can go ahead. Any branch that does not provide an EOI application will forfeit their position for consideration and may be offered to a different branch.

Criteria

Unlike last season, the program will be organized in partnership with Regional Branches, rather than individual surf clubs. The Branches will then advertise the opportunity to clubs with one club being the host location.

The success of an application by Branches will depend on the below criteria:

- ✓ Each program is two sessions (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). Branches will need to commit to holding both with an expectation of fulfilling the program capacity to 50%.
- ✓ Programs would be able to be filled with no less than 15 youth per session and no more than 30 youth per session.
- ✓ Sessions would be primarily advertised for female nippers and junior lifesavers in the 16-10 yr old bracket. Where programs cannot meet intended quota, branches may invite all youth members as required.
- ✓ Branch will have necessary volunteers to assist in supervising youth members.
- ✓ A suitable venue can be acquired with the below standards:
 - An indoor space as large as a basketball court.
 - Operating Video & Audio system (incl. Microphone)
 - Upon application, please specify input method (e.g. HDMI, VGA, etc.)
 - Amenities (Toilets)
 - Electricity Outlets
 - Wifi/Internet Access
- ✓ Can hold a program within the period of Saturday, 21st December 2024 to Monday 27th January 2025.

Application Process

Applications should be submitted by an official position from any Branch of SLSNSW to uav@surflifesaving.com.au.

All applications for Expression of Interest into holding a LDOP program should include:

- Your full name
- Your Branch
- Your Position
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Branch’s ability to adhere to criteria mentioned in the memo.

Applications should be submitted no later than Sunday, 13th October 2024.

This will allow ample time to work with Branches to prepare for programs during the Summer period.

Branches should submit applications via email to Surf Life Saving NSW’s Australian UAV Service, no later than Sunday, 13th October 2024.

Should Branches have any questions regarding the application process they can contact the Surf Life Saving NSW’s Australian UAV Service by phone or email.

Important Dates

What	When
LDOP Nipper/Junior EOI Applications for 24/25 Open	Friday 11th October 2024
Applications due to State	Sunday, 17th November 2024
Successful Branches contacted	Monday, 22nd November 2024
Programs run in Branches	December 2024 & January 2025