

**Title:** Powercraft Training for Women in Lifesaving – IRB Crew Course  
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## Circular Details

- Details of the program
- Registration process
- Club Promotion Kit

## The Program

The **Powercraft Training for Women in Lifesaving program** is a specifically designed, women-only training course supporting women, to engage and participate in IRBs.

The Powercraft space, IRBs, Jet Skis, Jet Boats; is not for everyone, and certainly not every woman. Females operate differently in an IRB – technique and mental wellbeing is everything and training needs to suit these differences. Therefore, under the leadership of Hayley Hosking (Seacliff SLSC), SLSSA will provide the opportunity for a small number of our female youth to undertake their IRB Crew Award, in a female-friendly training environment.

We know the power of women training together is huge, and participants will be part of a supportive group of like-minded members who will assist each other through the course and become champions for each other going forward.

### Additional points:

- Funding support thanks to a grant from Surf Life Saving Australia and the [Geoffrey Evans Trust](#), National program, and SLSSA will be one of the first states to deliver this opportunity in January 2024.
- All female trainers and 'guest' Assessor, Amber Loone, from Tasmania
- For several years there has been a shortage of IRB Crew and Drivers within the membership and there is also a significant underrepresentation of women who hold these Powercraft awards.

## Who is the program for?

- 15 – 20 years old female members
  - As part of our commitment to LGBTQ inclusion, all female-identifying and non-binary members are welcome to participate
  - Members outside the specified criteria are encouraged to contact their club or state/territory centre for upcoming training courses
- Proficient in Bronze Medallion
- Those willing to dedicate themselves fully to the program for the duration.

## Training Details

- Dates:**
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 9am – 1pm (Training)
  - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 9am – 1pm (Training)
  - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, (9am until about 1pm or when assessments have been completed) (Training and Assessments)

**Location:** Seacliff SLSC

- Trainers:**
- Hayley Hosking, Seacliff SLSC (Lead Trainer)
  - Makayla Roberts, Grange SLSC (Trainer)
  - Derek Bawden (Trainer)
  - Amber Loone, Tasmania (Assessor)

*Please note, that all efforts will be made to have female trainers in place for the program but this cannot be guaranteed*

**Costs** Free, no cost to participants

**Requirements** Attend all the face-to-face training  
Complete the online eLearning which will be provided to those who are successful

- Resources**
- eLearning
  - [IRB Crew Learn Guide](#)
  - [IRB Crew Certificate Syllabus Document](#)

## Application Process

STEP	DETAILS	CLOSING
Expression of interest	Members interested should complete the expression of interest form which can be accessed via the <a href="#">‘Women jn Powercraft’ news post</a> on the SLSSA website.  Spots are limited so those interested are encouraged to complete this form as soon as possible.	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Notification of acceptance	Will be sent directly to participants via email	By Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Registration for eLearning	Details of how to do this will be provided in the acceptance email	From 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan

## Club Resources

### Member Promotional Kit

The following resources and information, have been developed to support club volunteers in promoting the program to their members via a social media or member newsletter:

- Social Media Script:  
*SLSSA are providing an opportunity for a small number of female youth to undertake their IRB Crew Award, in a female-friendly training environment. To read more about the program and how to register, click the link.*
- [Link to News Story](#)

Alternatively, you are encouraged to share any SLSSA social media posts promoting the program.

## More Information

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please feel free to contact:

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