

2020/21 SLSNSW PRE-SEASON INFORMATION PACK



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Introduction

The Surf Life Saving NSW Pre-season Information Pack focuses on:



Changes to policies
or procedures



Links to key reference material
to review prior to the season



Key tasks to complete
before the season starts



Key dates to be aware of

The information is divided into the following sections and aimed at:

Education

Chief Training
Officers &
Directors of
Education

Membership

Directors of
Member Services,
Junior Activity
Chairs & MPIOs

Development

Directors of
Administration,
Presidents &
Treasurers

Surf Sports

Directors of Surf
Sports

Lifesaving

Club Captains &
Directors of
Lifesaving

COVID-19 – Impact on SLS Activities

SLSNSW is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our members.

We continue to monitor the latest information aligned to official sources including the Australian Government Department of Health, NSW Health and NSW Sport, and the impact of this information on Surf Life Saving activities.

For the most up to date information, resources and tools related to conducting club activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit the [SLSNSW website](#).



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Lifesaving

Key Changes



For **COVID-19 planning and management**, visit the [COVID-19 Updates](#) webpage.

- A number of **chapters of the Lifesaving Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** have been updated. Significant amendments have been made to LS3, LS4, LS7 and LS12. All major changes are listed in the change log which is available on the SLSNSW website. The updated SOPs are no longer available in a hard copy format – they will be an online resource to enable updates and improvements to be made on a more regular basis.
- A **review of the patrolling areas outlined in all Lifesaving Service Agreements** is currently in progress. The outcomes of this review will help clubs to better understand their patrolling obligations, and to update their Patrol Operations Manuals before the start of season.
- The introduction of the **Lifesaving Improvement Program** which will replace the Breaches of Lifesaving Standards program. Patrol reviews will be conducted with the intention of taking a collaborative approach to identifying areas of strength and areas for improvement, and ways in which branches can support clubs to provide enhanced lifesaving services.
- **Incident reporting is now available via the SLS Operations app.** This will be used in place of the paper log. The app will display existing incidents and allow for new incidents to be created.
- **Gear and equipment inspections can now be managed via the SLS Operations app.** The app integrates with SurfGuard and will be used this season to reduce the administrative burden associated with gear and equipment inspections.
- Surf Life Saving NSW has commissioned an independent review into how we, as an organisation, develop deeper and more meaningful interactions, interdependencies, and presence within the broader Emergency Services Framework. Any recommendations resulting from this review will have minimal impact upon club operations (see **Relevant Links** section).
- Support for **SIM cards and for the SLSNSW-issued Samsung tablets has now expired.** Clubs will need to source their own SIM cards and data plans to enable continued use of the tablets on patrol, or will need to request members use their own devices. A circular on this will be released in the coming weeks.

Relevant Links



- [Standard Operating Procedures](#) – for policies and procedures relating to all aspects of Lifesaving operations in SLSNSW. The Change Log can also be found here (LS17).
- [SLS Operations App User Guide](#) – for information on how to access and use the app.
- [Emergency Response](#) – for information on emergency response, State Operations Centre Tasking, Duty Officers, and the Incident Management Structure.
- [Patrol Operations Manual Template](#) – for the template to help patrolling members familiarise themselves with beach hazards/risks and management plans.
- **Gear & Equipment Circular** – for information on the requirements, processes and updates of the 2020/21 SLSNSW Annual Gear & Equipment Inspections Program.
- [Annual Compliance Circular](#) – for information on updating the Emergency Call Out Team in SurfGuard
- [Vessel Registrations](#) – for information on how to register new Surf Rescue vessels and on the steps to follow for the sale or disposal of Surf Rescue vessels.
- [SLSNSW Support Operations and Emergency Service Framework Review](#) – for information relating to the independent review currently being undertaken.

Key Tasks



- Plan patrol roster (using Lifesaving Service Agreement).
- Provide a copy of the Patrol Operations Manual (POM) to all patrols.
- Complete gear and equipment inspections, attaching Defective Equipment Tags as required
- Update the Emergency Call Out Team mailing group in SurfGuard.
- Register new and existing Surf Rescue vessels on SurfGuard, and manage the sale of any vessels in line with requirements.

Key Dates



- **Club gear and equipment inspection deadline**
17 September 2020
- **Patrol season**
26 September 2020 – 25 April 2020
- **Lifesaving Development Camp**
TBC early 2021
- **SLSNSW State Conference**
24 – 25 July 2021 (Brighton le Sands, Sydney)
- **SLSNSW Awards of Excellence**
Saturday 28 August 2021 (Luna Park, Sydney)



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