



Friday 27 March 2020

Dear Members,

This update is further to our previous communications and is again designed to assist and help you through these complex and worrying times. We understand the amount of grey out there and so the below is to help guide you with your decision-making to ensure you continue to protect the health and well-being of yourself and all of our members.

PATROLS

On Thursday 19 March 2020 we communicated to Clubs that we were shifting the obligation and expectation on Clubs in relation to the number of people and the equipment required on patrols. This was designed so that Clubs could ensure appropriate social distancing and mitigate any risks to patrolling members.

Today we are taking this one step further and allowing Clubs to make some individual decisions based on their risk profile, their operating environment and keeping in mind community safety and well-being. So effective immediately;

- Clubs can determine their patrolling numbers and equipment for this weekend (28/29 March)
- Clubs can determine their operating hours for this weekend keeping in mind community safety and that of their own members.
- Clubs will not be penalised should they choose not to meet the timing, equipment or personnel requirements as laid out in standing Patrol Agreements.
- Clubs are still to log their activities through SurfCom as normal.

To be clear, we are allowing Clubs to decide this weekend on what is best for their members and their beach users taking into consideration all relevant factors. We understand some members are feeling uneasy about patrolling and so the above allows Clubs to ensure that the safety and well-being of our own is prioritised.

The SLSSA Board is Meeting on Monday 30 March and will discuss any further changes or recommendations to the remainder of the 2019/20 patrolling season.

SURF SPORTS TRAINING

We are addressing this issue specifically as there seems to be some confusion on this topic. The Federal Government has made it clear that non-essential gatherings should not be occurring and if they do, individuals can be fined.

In our communications on 19 March 2020 we stated "SLSSA still strongly recommend you postpone any club based (surf sports) events or activities until advised otherwise." We are aware most Clubs are following the government guidelines on non-essential gatherings but a couple are not.

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You should not be facilitating or encouraging groups to come together to be doing surf sports training.

In communications I have had people are citing the fact that boot camps or personal trainers can have up to 10 people come together. Let me be clear on the difference. Personal Trainers are allowed to bring up to 10 people together because it is their job, their livelihood and so it is deemed as essential. This is very different than Clubs allowing or facilitating groups of our members to come together to go for a row, paddle, swim or run – non-essential.

National IRB Championships: We understand a decision on this event will be released shortly by Surf Life Saving Australia.

SURF CENTRAL

As many of you would be aware, SLSSA staff are now working remotely. If you need us for anything, please still do not hesitate to reach out through all of the normal channels.

PROTECTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS

We encourage all of our Clubs and members at this very difficult time to ensure they are looking out for each other. We know that Surf Life Saving forms a very important part of people's social interactions, their well-being and indeed for some their sense of identity. So we encourage all Clubs and members to be pro-actively ensuring that they are looking out for our older members and all of those being adversely impacted by this Pandemic.

If any member wishes to speak to me, please feel free to call me on 8354 6900 or email me at damien@surflifesavingsa.com.au

As always, take care and please look out for and after each other.

Kind regards,



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