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MEMO

To : Club Captains, Patrol Captains
CC: Clubs, Presidents, BoL Committee, SLSS Management

From : Director of Lifesaving, Simon Torsellini
Clubs Patrol Advisor, Matt Spooner

Date : 24 March 2015

Re: Reminder – Minimum Patrol Standards

Sydney Branch wishes to clarify and remind Clubs of the different types of patrols which may be performed by clubs on beaches, the conditions associated with each patrol type and the minimum requirements which a club must maintain while operating these patrol types.

The SLNSW Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) state that a lifesaving service may provide three (3) different types of patrol. Inclusive of a Base Patrol (Normal Patrol); a Fowl Weather Patrol & a Closed Beach Patrol. **There is no longer a "surveillance patrol"**. In each of these patrols, clubs are expected to maintain minimum awards; including:

- 1 x Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management
- 3 x Bronze Medallion (Cert II) Qualified Members
- 1 x Proficient Advanced Resuscitation Techniques award holder
- 1 x Proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver award
- 1x Proficient IRB Crew Award

In addition to this, the following equipment must be functional, and ready for immediate use – at the start of the patrol time and must remain available throughout operational hours. *

- a) Red and Yellow Patrol Flags
- b) Surf Craft Prohibited Signs
- c) IRB (with Trailer)
- d) 3 x Handheld Radios
- e) 2 x Swimming not advised/beach closed signs
- f) ATV/Vehicle (where applicable)
- g) Tower or tent shade

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- h) 1 x pair of binoculars
- i) 2 x rescue boards
- j) 3 x rescue tubes
- k) 1 x defibrillator
- l) 1 x oxygen resus kit
- m) 1 x first aid kit
- n) 1 x Spinal Equipment

Note: Clubs/Branches may raise the requirements above the state minimums identified above.

**From LS4.3 CLUB PATROL REQUIREMENTS*

Clubs are reminded that these minimums must be maintained on both Fowl Weather and Closed Beach Patrols, with the only exception being the removal of the Red and Yellow Flags during a “closed beach” patrol.

Please contact the branch office with any further questions or consult Chapter 4 of the SLSNSW SOP's which can be found at the following link on SLSNSW website

<http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/lifesaving>

Regards

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