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To: Surf Life Saving Sydney Competitors and Members

CC: SLSS Surf Sports Committee

From: Wayne Druery – Director of Surf Sports

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Subject: Welcome - Surf Sports – Season 2014/15

To all competitors and members of Surf Life Saving Sydney.

The season is now moving into full swing. Over the coming weeks several clubs will be opening the competition season by hosting Junior District Carnivals across the Branch, The Garie Dash will again be held on the tranquil waters of the Port Hacking and Cronulla SLSC will be holding their annual Short Course Carnival. Further details for these carnivals, along with all of the carnivals for the 2014/15 season, can be found on the Sydney Branch website: www.surflifesavingsydney.com.au

The Board of Surf Sports has again worked very hard in the off season to further enhance and refine the structure of our surf carnivals. It is our primary aim to provide safe, efficient, competitive and fun carnivals for all ages and abilities. This season will see the introduction of a new 'all ages U8 through to Masters' format for the Cronulla Short Course Carnival, the introduction of Over 40's events into our open carnivals along with some very innovative team events as part of the North Cronulla Christmas and Wanda Intercities Carnivals. Our junior carnivals will again be highlighted by carnivals at South Maroubra, the North Cronulla Australia Day Ironman and the 'Ohana' Carnival at Elouera. The Coogee Carnival will again host the Branch Masters and Lifesaving Championships, with the Open & Age Branch Championships returning to Maroubra in February 2015.

All competitors are again reminded of the requirement of the need for all surf craft, over 12 months old, to be affixed with a current 'black & white' NSW Scrutineering sticker. 'Red and White 'stickers are now invalid. Any item of surf craft, that is non-compliant with this policy, cannot be utilised in competition. The Board of Surf Sports Scrutineers have worked very hard since the beginning of last season by providing an enormous number of opportunities for competitors and clubs to have surf craft scrutineered. In fact close to 1500 pieces of surf craft have been scrutineered since October 2013. Further dates for scrutineering will be held throughout the season and will be announced shortly.

Competitors, handlers and clubs are reminded of the compulsory requirement to wear a 'hi vis' fluorescent pink singlet/rash shirt for all water based competition at all Sydney Branch Carnivals for the 2014/15 season.

The Board of Surf Sports would also like to thank the clubs who will be holding carnivals this season. The Board of Surf Sports appreciates the many hours of hard work and dedication displayed by all of the Organising Committees and I ask that you show your support throughout the season by participating at as many of our carnivals as possible.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Surf Sports I wish all competitors, Officials and supporters all the best for the coming season.

Wayne Druery Director of Surf Sports Surf Life Saving Sydney

