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TO : Clubs, Presidents, Captains, SOG Members and Interested Members

**FROM : Director of Lifesaving & Education
Support Operations Manager**

CC: Secretaries, BOM, LSEC

SUBJECT: SLS Sydney Expressions of Interest for Surf Rescue UAV/Drone Operators

Summary	SLS Sydney is calling for interested members to apply for a position as SLSS UAV Rescue Service Operator.
Action	Interested members to submit nomination form by the closing date of COB 14th November 2017

Surf Life Saving Sydney (SLSS) recognises the benefit and opportunities of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's), better known as drones, in Surf Life Saving Operations. Specifically, for search and rescue operations and coastal surveillance during high risk times, however a broad range of other opportunities exist.

SLSS has been investigating the implementation of a Surf Rescue UAV Service over the past year and are now ready to recruit a team of dedicated members to form the first SLSS UAV Surf Rescue Service that will work closely with the SLSS Board of Lifesaving in our quest to protect the community at our Sydney beaches.

To help establish this service SLSS has formed a partnership with Surf Life Saving NSW and 'Little Ripper' who will assist with the training of the first UAV operators and support with the setup of policies and procedures that meet the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) guidelines.

If you're an experienced, reliable and responsible surf lifesaver who is interested in this new rescue technology, we invite you to express your interest to become a SLSS UAV Service Operator. Experience in operating UAV's/ Drones will also be looked at favourably but is not essential.

Interested members must be committed and willing to volunteer their time regularly on weekends throughout the season to develop their skills and support lifesaving services with surveillance assistance at targeted times and locations. Please indicate if you would be willing to make this commitment over the next 2-3 seasons. The members must also be willing to support the SLSS Support Operations teams in major search and rescue incidents when arise throughout the season.

To meet CASA regulations, members must also be certified and therefore commit to completing an Operator's Certificate course which includes two full weekends of training. Course fees of those accepted will be covered by Surf Life Saving.

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Members who currently hold a CASA remote pilot licence (RePL) may be able to complete an induction and equipment familiarization.

Selected members will be provided with access to a UAV to practice their skills prior to, and during this course, with the cost of training and equipment covered by SLSS.

To “express your interest” members are asked to complete the attached nomination form and return to SLSS by COB Tuesday 14/11/2017 please email your applications to lifesaving@surflifesavingsydney.com.au

For further information, please contact Matthew Evans – SOM@surflifesavingsydney.com.au

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Attachment : EOI Form



SLS Sydney Expressions of Interest for Surf Rescue UAV/Drone Operators 17-18

Name : _____

Club : _____

Email : _____

Any Previous experience with drones if applicable (not essential) :

Please email this EOI to lifesaving@surflifesavingsydney.com.au
by COB Tuesday 14/11/2017

Thank you.

(attachment to Circular No. 17/17-18)

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