



SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY

## CIRCULAR

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<b>To</b>	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, SOG Members and Interested Parties
<b>From</b>	Director of Lifesaving & Education, Support Operations Manager
<b>CC</b>	BOM, LSEC
<b>Subject</b>	SLS Sydney Expressions of Interest for Surf Rescue UAV /Drone Operators 18-19

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. As you are aware SLSS implemented a Surf Rescue UAV Service over the past season and we are in the process of reaccrediting these operators for season 18-19. **In addition to this the Branch are ready to recruit more new operators to undergo training 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. To "express your interest" members are asked to complete <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y2KMQTP>**

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 one full weekend of training which is scheduled for 5/6 January 2019. Course fees of those accepted will be covered by Surf Life Saving. 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.

For further information, please contact Matthew Evans – [SOM@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:SOM@surflifesavingsydney.com.au)

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