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To	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Interested Parties
From	SLSS President Peter Agnew
CC	BOM, LSEC, SSC, JDC, MSC
Subject	Club Closures and Beach Usage COVID-19

Background

This circular provides advice to members relating to **club closures** and **beach access** for the next several weeks while Surf Life Saving complies with Federal Government COVID-19 requirements and the NSW Public Health Act

Surf Life Saving Sydney's (SLSS) beaches are located in Australia's COVID-19 hot spots and Surf Life Saving, local government and public safety authorities are working hard to balance sensible restrictions while providing access to short term exercise activity.

Clubs and Gear Sheds to remain closed

All SLSS Clubs will remain closed until a change in the current requirements relating to social distancing, sport club use and gym usage. SLSS Club Presidents will meet on 5 May 2020 and around 11 May 2020 when the Federal Government will announce any changes/updates to current requirements. Club Presidents and SLSS will provide advice post these changes.

Club and gear shed access should only be used as part of call-out and maintenance operations until any changes are communicated after 11 May 2020.

Beach Usage and Access

Beach access will vary from local government area. Club Presidents and SLSS continue to liaise with each council and have agreed on the need to support local government in maintaining community health guidance.

As members we will all be keen for a swim and routine fitness activity. However, at this current time we ask all members to role-model expected community behaviour by following this guidance over the next several weeks:

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- **Be a community role model**
Follow-local government access requirements and only enter the beach area and water if it is open and access has been provided. Some beaches will have restricted access points so use these and do not enter under barriers or taped off areas. If the area is crowded avoid using the beach and seek alternative training locations/methods.
- **Train and go**
If you are swimming or using your own personal craft brought to the beach, undertake your training and then leave. Please do not congregate around gear sheds or out the front of the clubhouse. Parents are advised not to drop young members off at the beach for extended periods of time.
- **Enjoy being in a pair**
Enjoy training with a partner while keeping 1.5m distancing requirements but do not undertake group or squad swims, paddles or activity. Avoid standing around in groups.
- **Protect yourself with personal hygiene**
Avoid using other people's craft and swimming equipment and regularly wash your hands etc. Be mindful when using public shower amenities etc

We are all looking forward to returning to normal usage of our clubs and the beach – your diligence will help us to return to this normality hopefully sooner.

Lifesaving Operations

The Support Operations Team continue to support local government this weekend with jet ski and offshore rescue boat patrols. Club Lifesaving Directors are briefed weekly by the Support Operations Manager, Matt Spooner via the SMEAC briefing each Friday. Lifesaving Manager, Jackson Towns is the contact point for Club Captain enquires.

Some easing and widening of the flag areas will be prevalent over the next few weeks to assist the public to maintain social distance. Lifesaving teams are mindful of providing wider surveillance under these requirements.

Take care

Peter Agnew ESM

President SLSS



**BE A LIFE SAVER.
STAY AT HOME.**