

## LEADING IN INNOVATION

BONDI BURNING PALMS BRONTE CLOVELLY COOGEE CRONULLA ELOUERA ERA GARIE  
MAROUBRA NORTH BONDI NORTH CRONULLA SOUTH MAROUBRA TAMARAMA WANDA

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*Sent via email to: Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Surf Sports Coordinators, Nipper Contacts, BOM, LSEC, SSC, JDC, MSC*

The Sydney Branch competition and safety committee regrettably informs clubs and competitors that the Branch Open, Masters, Lifesaving and Age carnivals will be postponed from this weekend and moved to the following weekend, the 15th and 16th February.

This decision has not been made lightly. We have sought input from a wide range of sources including NSW Life Saving, Maroubra Lifeguards and experienced surf forecasters. The unanimous expectation is a forecast for strong east winds, heavy rainfall and dangerous surf building over the weekend with Sunday looking especially large.

By making this call early we have been able to work with Randwick Council to move the dates and allowed Maroubra Surf Club to organise their working parties for the following weekend which enables us to run the carnival in its entirety. Both Sydney Branch and Maroubra Surf Club prefer not to split the carnival over two weekends.

We recognise that revisions to the forecast are possible and that it may improve as we get closer to the weekend. The decision, however, needs to be made early to allow essential services and suppliers to be re organised. We also hope this allows competitors and volunteers to organise their time in relation to school sports and work commitments.

The carnival program will remain the same for the following weekend except for the boat events which will not be racing due to a clash with the ASRL event. We will look to run their Branch championships at a later date.

Regarding the Life Saver Relay we will be in contact with the entered teams to resolve a solution for selection into the State Carnival.

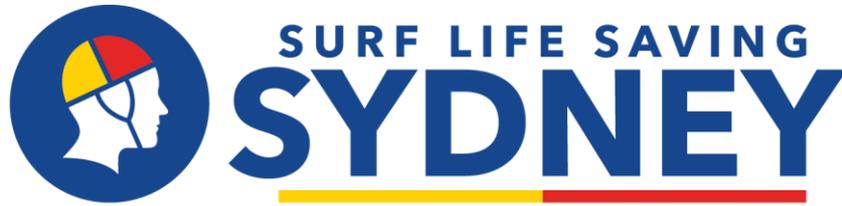
We will extend SEMS entries to 11pm Monday 10th February so that clubs can make any necessary changes.

The officials appointments and IRB roster will roll over to the following weekend if you are unable to fulfill your obligations please contact the branch office at [admin@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:admin@surflifesavingsydney.com.au)

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Lastly, Branch Age competitors that are unable to compete and want to apply for a wildcard position for the U11, U12, U13 and U14 Ironperson events will now have until midday, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February to submit their application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVMSQZL>. Please refer to the Branch Age Carnival Bulletin Appendix 1 for more information.

Your sincerely,

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