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# MEMORANDUM

<b>To</b>	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Interested Parties, Council Lifeguards
<b>From</b>	Director of Lifesaving and Education, Manager Lifesaving
<b>CC</b>	BOM, LSEC
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 11 February 2020
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<b>Subject</b>	Radio Alert Tone Trial Commencing 15 February 2020

In conjunction with Surf Life Saving NSW, Sydney Branch has been selected to trial a new and innovative emergency radio procedure on the digital radio network commencing this **Saturday, 15 February 2020 until otherwise notified.**

The alert tone, which is a high-pitched audio tone generated by SurfCom, is able to be transmitted across the network immediately prior to an emergency or station-wide message from SurfCom. This tone can ONLY be generated by SurfCom and is readily used on other Emergency Service radio networks such as the NSW Police. The benefits of this alert tone are listed below:

- Will allow clubs and services to immediately “tune-in” to the radio after hearing the high-pitched tone.
- Will assist SurfCom in achieving a greater response rate on the radio when broadcasting an emergency tasking.
- Will ensure all non-emergency traffic ceases following the tone and subsequent broadcast by SurfCom.

For Patrols and Support Operations, there is no re-training required for this trial. Clubs and Support Services are simply asked to notify all members to recognise and listen for this alert tone. Should this tone be heard by any member, the message following the tone will be an emergency tasking or a memo for all patrols. The alert tone will not be used for any routine communications.

All normal radio procedures and protocols remain the same.

If you have any questions regarding the alert tone, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Once the trial has commenced, all feedback can be placed in writing to the Lifesaving Manager – [lifesavingmanager@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:lifesavingmanager@surflifesavingsydney.com.au).

Should the trial be successful, the alert tone project will be rolled out to the remainder of the Surf Life Saving NSW branches.

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