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MEMORANDUM

To	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Interested Parties
From	Jackson Towns – Lifesaving Manager
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As the peak Summer period approaches, it is necessary to remind all patrolling members that the quality of SLS radio communication and training is extremely important as it acts as our lifeline to assistance on the beach. The following are some common issues being faced by patrols and serve as a reminder to ensure the high standard of radio usage remains on our beaches:

REPEATER V LINE OF SIGHT CHANNELS

CHANNEL 1 – Incidents/Helicopter (Line of Sight)

CHANNEL 2 – Local Patrol Chat (Line of Sight)

CHANNEL 3 – SurfCom (Repeater)

CHANNEL 58/66 – Training (Line of Sight)

SCAN (CHANNEL 4)

The use of scan is strongly discouraged by beach patrols as vital communications over Channel 3 can sometimes be missed due to traffic on Channel 2. It is recommended that the Patrol Captain or designated radio operator has two radios – 1 x tuned to Channel 2 and 1 x tuned to Channel 3 to avoid missing any communications. Inflatable Rescue Boats and RWC's may continue to use the scan function as desired (see 'IRBS TASKED TO INCIDENTS' for further information).

MULTIPLE RADIOS ON CHANNEL 3

Please ensure more than one radio is set to Channel 3. Should a battery die or an issue exist without you noticing, vital transmissions from SurfCom to your beach may be missed and result in urgent rescue assistance being delayed.

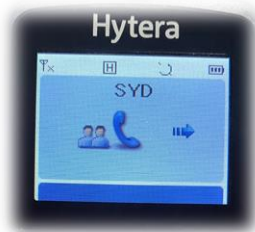
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PUSH TO TALK

Should you push the push-to-talk button and hear a dual tone and a message displaying “Channel Busy” on your radio screen, your transmission has not been successful. Please wait until the station finishes transmitting before you try again. A successful transmission will have a single tone once you push the push-to-talk button and should display “SYD ->”. See below images for further assistance.



Successful Transmission



Unsuccessful Transmission

IRBS TASKED TO INCIDENTS

IRB's that are tasked to incidents should ALWAYS remain on Channel 3 so that contact can be maintained through SurfCom and information can be relayed first hand. Should you travel a fair distance from your patrol or around headlands or rocks, you will still be able to maintain contact with SurfCom on Channel 3.

SURFCOM TRANSMISSION VOLUME

The Branch is aware that the SurfCom transmission volume is much greater than any other station and is resulting in users turning the radio up and down to find the right volume for both SurfCom and other stations. Whilst it is in the process of being raised and hopefully rectified with SLSNSW, please be mindful of your radio volume and ensure you can hear all transmissions as best as possible.

Lifesaving Area Coordinators will be ensuring this memorandum has been understood and implemented when conducting formal and in-formal patrol visits to assist patrolling members in maintaining efficient radio communications. Should you require any clarification or assistance with regards to this memorandum, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned in the first instance.

Jackson Towns
LIFESAVING MANAGER