



## MEMORANDUM

<b>To</b>	<b>SLSS Club Captains and Presidents</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>Surf Life Saving Sydney</b>
<b>CC</b>	<b>BOM, LSEC</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020</b>
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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Illawarra Branch – Patrol Assistance</b>

Hi Team,

SLSS has been approached by the Illawarra Branch requesting patrolling assistance for some of their smaller clubs. If members of your club would like to volunteer for a patrol at one these beaches, please contact the appropriate club directly.

The Illawarra has 4 clubs that are really struggling with low patrolling member numbers. Therefore, they are battling to fill their patrols and patrol the beaches due to low patrolling member numbers. Some clubs have only 20 patrolling members with many of them young and inexperienced so unable to be allocated to their own patrols yet.

Whilst some clubs have had improvements in their patrolling numbers since last season they have also had losses so it's still a struggle to cover patrols each week without burning out their current members.

I am reaching out on behalf of these clubs hoping for assistance from our larger lifesaving family and your members during the current season.

Think about getting a crew together and use it as a weekend away. The recipient clubs and the Illawarra branch would do their best to try and help with accommodation if required.

### **A little bit about the Illawarra branch – Daren Weidner Illawarra Branch Director of Life Saving**

We are the second largest patrolling branch in NSW (in relation to surf clubs not numbers) and possibly Australia with 17 clubs and patrolled beaches, and approximately 10 unpatrolled beaches over a 52km coastline.

We don't have Lifeguards on our beaches on a Sunday and have full control and responsibility of our beach environment and the public safety.



The Illawarra has a small population of just over 300,000 people also incorporating the Kiama region which is part of the South Coast branch, so we have a limited number of potential members to draw from.

We have great restaurants, cafes, diving, fishing, walking trails and spectacular views like nowhere else in the world.

We would love for your team to be able to help out one of our clubs or more than one over the season.

I have attached a document with dates that our 4 clubs need patrol assistance along with contact numbers also.

If you are able to assist and enjoy a great weekend in the Illawarra it would be very appreciated.

Please contact the club contacts on the attached PDF to arrange ASAP to arrange if you guys are able to help.

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