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Rainbow Beaches 27 February 2022	14 February 2022	28/21-22

To	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Member Services Directors, Youth Directors, Nipper Directors
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Surf Life Saving Sydney celebrates Inclusion and Diversity, and within this arena, we are working with Lifesavers with Pride, to celebrate **Rainbow Beaches Day on 27th February 2022** across Sydney Branch beaches and Clubs.

To assist Clubs to deliver an amazing event on the 27th, **Sydney Branch will host a ZOOM event at 5.30pm on Thursday 17th February** for no more 30mins to 45mins. Ivan Power from Lifesavers with Pride will be on the ZOOM also.

Please register here on this link for the ZOOM session:

<https://SLSNSW.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpcOyrrjwoG9YICkyEIFZhOGzizKnN74aI>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To assist the Clubs, Lifesavers with Pride will provide “Proud Beaches” packs to Clubs who are interested in celebrating Rainbow Beaches, which includes rainbow bunting, lanyards + whistles, sweatbands, face paint for rainbow patrols, and a variety of [resources are available on the LWP website](#) (posters, Instagram posts, playbooks, etc.).

For those clubs willing to invest a little more, suggest visiting your local costume shop for rainbow kit and grabbing [sticks of fluoro zinc](#) for patrollers and nippers which go down a treat. Enclosed are some images and examples of the materials from Lifesavers with Pride in case you find this useful.

Background

In 2021 many Sydney Clubs celebrated in a range of actions via Patrols, Nippers and activities and we look forward to seeing what Clubs can achieve this season.

Many Surf Clubs along the NSW Coast are part of the Rainbow Beaches Program, and there will also be a focus on Diversity and Inclusion at the SLSNSW Age Championships.

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Rainbow Beaches sees Surf Clubs up and down the coast getting out their rainbow best, with beach patrollers, nippers and swimming clubs adding colour to their equipment and fluro zinc to their sun protection.

Some clubs are also planning additional activities, including "paddle outs" (conditions dependent) and have engaged with local councils and businesses to show their support. Clubs hosting Rainbow Beaches celebrations include Bronte, Tamarama & Coogee in Sydney's East; Dee Why, Bigola, Avalon and Queenscliff on the Northern Beaches and Brunswick Heads, Bryon Bay and Ballina regional NSW.

Rainbow Beaches was developed by Lifesavers with Pride to raise awareness of the importance of diversity & inclusion on our beaches and at our Surf Clubs. Diversity is a key to strong, vibrant environments & communities, and fostering inclusion gets the best from diversity. A broad theme that "everyone is welcome at the beach and at the Club" highlights that diversity of all kinds, making our clubs & communities stronger.

Rainbow Beaches is entirely voluntary - no member / patroller / nipper / parent is under any pressure to participate. In the same way as this event encourages diversity + inclusion, we respect that some members may choose not to participate.

If any Clubs have any questions re this program please contact Sydney Branch Membership and Recognition Officer Marissa Saunders - memberrecognition@surflifesavingsydney.com.au or you can contact Ivan Power from Lifesavers with Pride on 0427 633 891, ivan.power@lifesaverswithpride.com.au

We look forward to seeing you on our Thursday ZOOM session, otherwise seeing the Rainbow Colours flying high on 27th February.



Picture of the day



Lifesavers with Pride at Bronte Beach yesterday. LWP is working with Surf Life Saving clubs to bring Mardi Gras to some of Sydney's most famous beaches. *Photo: Jacky Ghossein*



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