



MEMORANDUM

To	Club Captains/Directors Lifesaving
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CC	Club Secretaries, Presidents, SLSS BOM, LSOC, EC
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Subject	Mid Season Lifesaving Reminders

Dear All

The season has certainly been busy for you all and we extend our thanks to your patrol teams. We felt it opportune to share some mid season reminders which we would ask Club Captains/Directors of Lifesaving to please ensure you share with your Patrol Captains/Vice Captains etc.

1. Radio procedures and use:
 - a. Position, Problem, People, Progress
 - b. Use of the correct channel – often SurfCom are telling operators to take informal communications from Channel 3 to 2
 - c. Push to talk button – Often radios push to talk button is held down either due to the button being ceased or user error.
2. Member Safety:
 - a. A reminder regarding all incidents that if a member has suffered an illness or injury while performing authorised surf lifesaving activities, Workers Compensation may be available. There have been instances where incident forms or this process has not taken place and should have. In addition, where required a debrief should occur after a major incident and can be facilitated by a Branch representative. Member welfare is a high priority and includes services such as EAP and activation of the Member Welfare officer.
 - b. Another reminder regarding member injuries that all incidents in Surf Life Saving activities whereby a member is hospitalised either via an ambulance or not, that a Surfcom should be notified from which a Duty Officer will also attend.
3. COVID
 - a. We thank everyone for ensuring members are following all the COVID safe protocols. This season has been extremely challenging in this regard and we have adapted extremely well. If any Clubs need additional PPE resources, please reach out to the team.
4. IRBs
 - a. Recently there have been a number of IRB related incidents resulting in either IRBs being placed on rocks, flipped in the surf zone around swimmers or being unmanned and out of control. This is a major safety concern for our members and members of the public as well as the reputation of Surf Life Saving.
The Lifesaving team is requesting that all Clubs remind operators of the power craft code of conduct and general operations at your beach to prevent these incidents from occurring. Further, Clubs are reminded to regularly service IRB equipment to prevent mechanical failures from occurring.

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