

Circular 3773

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2023 Radio Maintenance and Purchases

Attention: Branch Presidents, Branch Directors of Lifesaving, Club Captains

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Radio Maintenance

Club radios are required to undergo preventative maintenance every two years. It is important each radio is examined prior to the commencement of the season so that patrols have operable equipment. Clubs are responsible for ensuring all radios operate at optimum performance and will be closely examined during Gear Inspections. Those radios that do not comply will be pulled from service and will need to be sent to a service agent before being allowed back on the beach. This is also required to maintain the manufacturer's warranty. All branch support operations radios must be serviced annually.

A list of service agents is attached at the end of this document.

Purchasing new Radios

As Surf Lifesaving NSW prepares for the transition from our Coastal Radio Network to the Public Safety Network (PSN) we continue to work with government to ensure the transfer will be seamless, provide greater network coverage and improve service reliability. As such, we expect the transition to be some years away and to that end, SLSNSW continues to upgrade its current network with significant works scheduled in the coming years.

As part of that process, SLSNSW have done extensive research on radio options and have opened up our recommendations to provide flexibility to clubs on price point and features. The accompanying document sets out the Brands, Models, Suppliers and indicative prices for a number of radios recommended for purchase. Pros and Cons are listed for each option after extensive testing by the State Operations Center (SurfCom), State Duty Officers and various clubs.

Due to the various environments and applications for mobile radios, it is recommended clubs and branches contact their preferred supplier to discuss options.

Radio Re-Programming

As there have been no changes to radio frequencies or network operations in the past 12 months, there are no requirements for re-programming of radios this year.

Company	Service
Karera Unit 2, 49 Gavenlock Rd <u>Tuggerah</u> NSW 2259 4355 1599 sales@karera.com	\$65.00
GenCom 180 Hannell St <u>Wickham</u> NSW 2293 4920 3333 sales@gencom.com.au	\$60.00
Jet Rescue 75 Montague St North Wollongong, NSW 2500 0411 102 033 saver@jetrescue.com	\$40.00
Radio Industries 1/10 Alliance Ave Morisset, NSW 2264 1300 266 682 jim.y@radioindustries.com.au	\$62.50

NOTE

- Prices are ex GST
- Service assessment covers spec check of the radio, minor alignments and a clean
- Prices do not include of parts or labor should repairs to radios be necessary
- Prices do not include return freight charges