

# Memorandum

SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES



<b>To:</b> Branch Presidents, Branch Directors of Lifesaving, Branch CEO's & Staff, Club Presidents/Captains, Gear Steward/Radio Officers
<b>From:</b> Andrew Crow – Duty Operations Coordinator
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday 19 July 2016
<b>Subject:</b> Pre-Season Radio Equipment Servicing

This memo serves to advise that all lifesaving and lifeguard radios (handhelds and Club/ATV/4WD base sets) can now be sent to a Surf Life Saving NSW approved Radio Communications Service Agent for its annual pre-season servicing and/or reprogramming. This should be completed prior to the 2016-2017 Branch Gear and Equipment Inspections.

[The Radio Communication Service Agents document](#) is the updated list of all approved agents. Only these providers hold the updated SLSNSW frequency lists and relevant SLS programming information and codes.

For any new Hytera PD662G radio purchased in the past 18 months (directly or from SLSNSW grants), these radios do not need to be serviced or reprogrammed unless you require them to be.

### **Inclusion of Automatic Number Identification (ANI)**

As per last year, all radios which are serviced by an approved Radio Communications Service Agent will be given an assigned ANI number. This is a 5 digit tone (caller ID) transmitted by each radio. This feature will assist SurfCom with the source of unreadable or unplanned transmissions. This is particularly important for member safety (if in an isolated/poor coverage area & needing help).

It is extremely important to ensure all radios are marked/labelled with which service it is intended to be used for when dropped at an approved Radio Communications Service Agent (e.g. Long Reef SLSC, Sydney Northern Beaches Support Ski 1, Duty Officer - Sydney Northern Beach 14). This will ensure the correct profile and ANI number is assigned to each radio.

### **Digital Radio Network**

As per the recommendations in the *2013 Coastal Radio Network Review*, SLSNSW is rolling out a Digital Radio Network over the next few seasons. The Mid North Coast Branch and Illawarra Branch have both already been upgraded with the new network and other Branches will be upgraded in the future as funding is available.

### **Purchasing new Radios**

If your Club/Service wishes to purchase new radios, Surf Life Saving NSW suggest you purchase a digital DMR tier 2 radio which is compatible with the current analogue UHF repeater network. These radios can also be used in digital mode as we roll out the Digital Radio Network. The **Hytera PD662G** radio is the Surf Life Saving NSW suggested make/model. To purchase, please see the contact details for **Karera Communications** on the approved Radio Communication Service Agents document above. New radios will come with the most up to date SLS programming/profile in them.

If you have any questions please contact Andrew Crow – Duty Operations Coordinator on 9471 8000 or [acrow@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:acrow@surflifesaving.com.au)

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