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| Summary: This circular details the requirements in relation to the provision of powercraft drivers and crew for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2016. |

FURTHER INFORMATION

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POWERCRAFT AND POWERCRAFT OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2016 (The Championships) require a large number of Powercraft to ensure the event runs safely and efficiently.

Strict requirements will be enforced to the provision of competency levels of powercraft operators.

POWERCRAFT OPERATORS

Clubs entering the Championships must supply experienced powercraft operators on a 'pro-rata' scale. This is the **total combined number of competitors from the 2015 Youth, Masters and Open Championships (including late entries)**.

Powercraft operators must fulfill the following requirements:

- IRB: Be a financial SLS member and proficient IRB Driver and or crewperson listed in Surfguard or Surfmate
- RWC: Be a financial SLS member and proficient RWC operator listed in Surfguard or Surfmate
- Both IRB and RWC: Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and certified as competent in all surf conditions by club or branch assessor. **All operators must complete a competency test at the Championships** (test details listed below) and will continue to be assessed throughout. Crew deemed not competent may be removed and the club required to find a replacement crew.
- **IRB only:** The IRB crewman must be accredited Level 1 Official so that all personnel can fill the role of judge in boat if required. Accreditation must be provided
- **Lifejackets:** Powercraft personnel and crews are to provide their own lifejackets. Lifejackets are to conform with SLSA specification as outlined in SLSA Bulletin 06/14-15
- **Helmets:** RWC personnel are to supply their own helmets. Helmets are to conform with SLSA specification as outlined in Powercraft Training Manual, 8th Edition.
- **Complete the online [Powercraft Operator Details](#) survey by Monday 28 March** (Monday after close of normal entries. Preferred competency test times will also be requested on this survey.

SHIFTS

In 2016, the quota that is based on the number of shifts required to be covered by different sized clubs. The below table outlines the number of shifts each club must fill.

| | All States/Territories | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------|-------|-------|------|
| Competitors entered (combined Masters & Opens competitors including late entries) | 20 - 39 | 40 - 59 | 60-79 | 80-99 | 100+ |
| Minimum number of powercraft shifts | 4* | 6* | 8* | 10* | 12* |

*Please note that minimum number of Powercraft shifts may change and will be finalised after entries close 31st March 2016.

1 shift = 1 IRB driver and 1 crew provided by the rostered club
 OR
 1 shift = 2x RWC drivers provided by the rostered club

Entries will not be accepted unless these requirements are met.

If an IRB driver does not attend as required the Club risks being ineligible to participate in competition until the matter is resolved. Conditions may dictate an increase in the number of shifts and crews must remain available and contactable.



Please note: Iron person handlers are the only exception and are not included in competitor numbers for the above calculations

CLUBS

The Aussies 2016 Powercraft requirements are as follows;

- 35 fully equipped IRB's
- 6 spare fuel cells & 6 spare IRB motors
- All IRB's provided are not Gemini's – due to length of use at Aussies and duty of care to the operators
- All IRB's (including all components) are in good working condition. Every IRB will be checked thoroughly by a marine mechanic, any component that does not meet minimum operating standards will not be accepted and that Club will be responsible to find alternative solutions
- RWC's are not required as they are provided by BRP

Based on Entry Numbers the following clubs will need to provide IRB's for Aussies 2016

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|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alex Headland | Freshwater | North Cronulla |
| Anglesea | Grange | Northcliffe |
| Avoca | Kurrawa | Palm Beach NSW |
| Bondi | Manly | Perth |
| Brighton | Maroochydore | Queenscliff |
| Burleigh | Mermaid Beach | South Curl Curl |
| Byron | Mooloolaba | Southport QLD |
| Collaroy | Newport | Terrigal |
| Coogee | Noosa | Trigg Island |
| Cronulla | North Bondi | Tugun |
| Currumbin | North Burleigh | Wanda |
| Elouera | North Cottesloe | |

Any clubs who can provide powercraft/components over and above the 'pro-rata' scale will be subsidised at the rates per below:

| Equipment | Amount |
|--|--------|
| Complete (fully equipped) IRB, motor and fuel cell outside set radius* | \$545 |
| Complete (fully equipped) IRB, motor and fuel cell within set radius* | \$424 |
| Motor – either by itself or an additional motor | \$121 |
| Fuel Cell – either by itself or an additional fuel cell | \$24 |

*The set radius extends from Hervey Bay, Queensland to Tweed Heads & Coolangatta SLSC, QLD. This designated radius is illustrated in the diagram at the end of this circular.



ROSTER

The draft powercraft roster is available now on the [Member's Portal](#). This roster will be finalised the following Friday (8th April) after Late Entries close (Thursday 31 March). The roster will be based on a 3 shift per day system:

- Shift 1: 7.00am – 11.00am
- Shift 2: 10.30am – 2.30pm
- Shift 3: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

We are aware that some clubs have enlisted the assistance of specific drivers and crews to meet their powercraft requirements for the Championships and that these drivers will be providing services for multiple clubs. Please be aware that our powercraft coordinators have a duty to ensure that drivers and crews are not attempting to perform multiple running shifts and therefore becoming fatigued. Any crews providing such services are specifically requested to work with the coordinators to ensure proper rest periods are taken and that the overall system is maintained for the Championships. Failure to do so may result in crews being stood down (at the coordinators discretion) and the club required to find a replacement crew.

POWERCRAFT COMPETENCY TESTS

All powercraft operators (both IRB and RWC) will be required to undertake a basic competency test to certify they are competent in all surf conditions and will continue to be assessed throughout the Carnival. Crew deemed not competent may be removed and the club required to find a replacement crew.

This competency test (approx 30mins) will take place at Maroochydore Beach on:

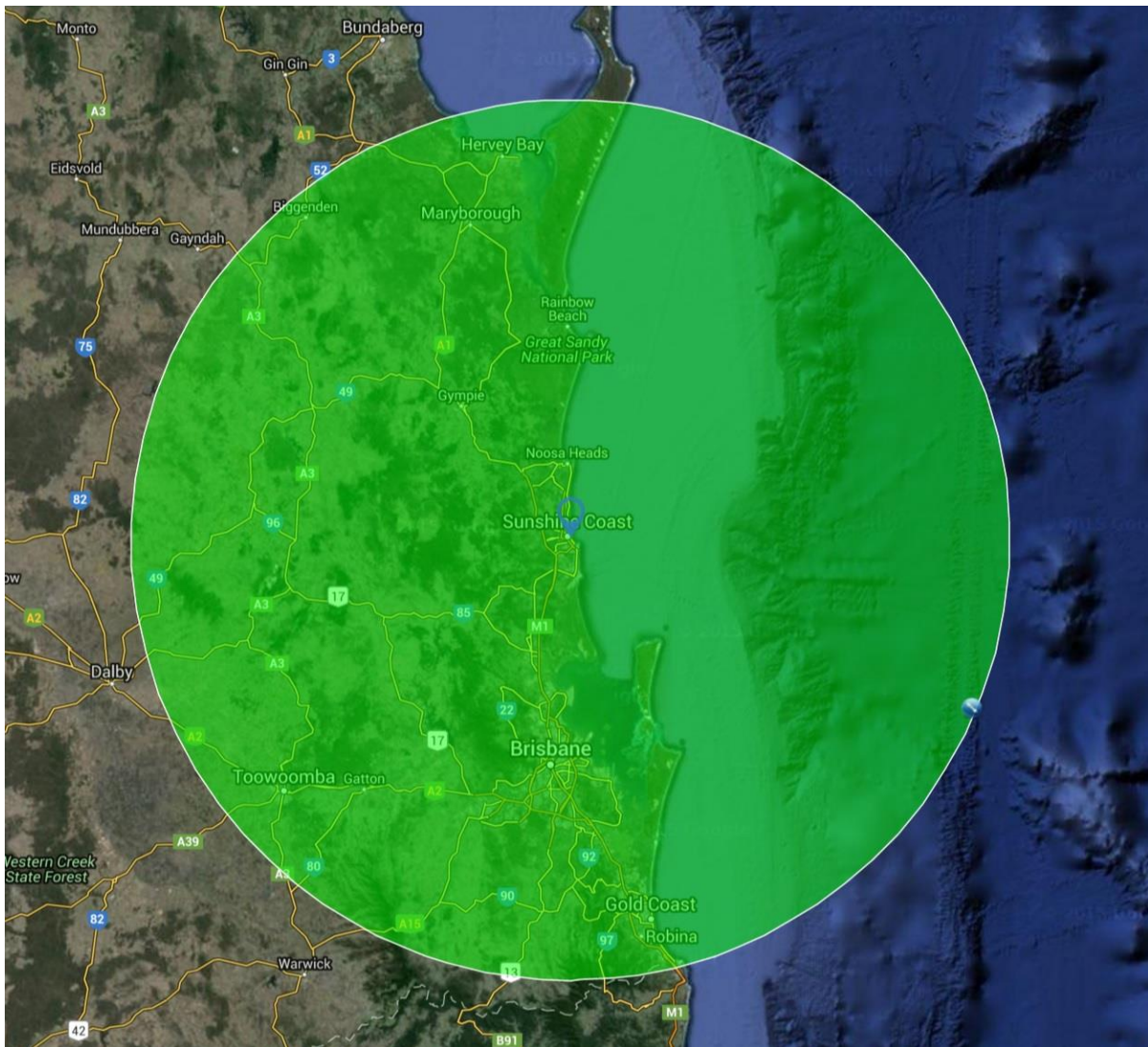
- **Saturday 16th April:** 7:00am – 10:00am
- **Sunday 17th April:** 8:00 - 11:00am

To indicate your preferred competency test time, the online [Powercraft Operator Details](#) survey includes this request.

IRB and RWC operators will be required to demonstrate launching, beaching, negotiating the break, rescues in and out of the break, turns and general handling in surf conditions. Powercraft operators may be required to complete further competency testing during the Championships if necessary.

POWERCRAFT BRIEFING

A powercraft briefing will take place in the Black Swan Room, Maroochydore SLSC at 2:00pm on Friday 15 April 2016.



* The set radius is 175km around the point of Maroochydore SLSC, where water events will be held for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2016