



Memorandum

To:	State Sport Managers, State Sport Directors and National Sport Advisors
From:	Capacity and Capability
Attachments:	Nil
Subject:	December - Sport Update

The following document is a communication tool to inform Key National Stakeholders on some of the items that are happening within sport in Surf Life Saving.

Key Happenings

- PPE: Road Show

As part of the PPE project plan, SLSA are planning to run a 'roadshow' at major state events between January and April. The purpose of this roadshow is to allow members the opportunity to view, touch, try on and use level 25 prototype life Jackets.

SLSA will be attending the following events in the 2016 Season:

	Event	Location	Date
SLSA	Interstate	Torquay	8-Jan
VIC	Jim Wall	Torquay	9-Jan
VIC	Local Carnival	Fairhaven	10-Jan
NSW	Manly Carnival	Manly	23-Jan
NSW	Freshwater Carnival	Freshwater	24-Jan
QLD	Murphy Builders	Maroochydore	30-31 Jan
TAS	Open Statewide Carnival #3	Burnie	31-Jan
VIC	Carnival	Lorne	7-Feb
SA	Training/Competition Weekend	South Coast (Goolwa/Middleton)	20-21 Feb
WA	Final round Senior Premiership Series	Trigg Beach	21-Feb
NSW	State Championships	Ocean Beach/Umina	27 Feb - 13 Mar
QLD	State Titles	North Burleigh	18-20 March
WA	Senior State Championships	Scarborough Beach	19-20 March
SLSA	Aussies	Mooloolaba	16-24 April

- PPE: Heightened Risk Testing

SLSA are planning to conduct further testing in heightened risk conditions most likely to be held on the Gold Coast in February. This will be done with the sports elite competitors in craft and boats as well as some technical officials. SLSA will provide more information to the sport managers early in the new year about this project.

- PPE: Surf Boat Surf Hazard Rating (SHR) system

Having trialed the SHR system in season 2014/15, the SHR system will now likely be implemented (pending final reviews) for all surf boat carnivals for season 2015/16, provided the carnival referee has obtained the Trained Surf Observer (TSO) award. If the referee does not have the relevant TSO award, then the 1m policy must be implemented. Once this system has been reviewed and approved, it will be put in the 35th edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

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- **PPE: TSO training**

This season the SHR model will be used to gather incident data which will be used to determine threshold values for which the wearing of approved PPE in **craft** competition will be required. Currently the observational studies are to establish correlations between increasing hazard levels of the index and incidents occurring in craft competition.

The data collection will take place at events by **Trained Surf Observers (TSOs)**. Gary McCoy will be running workshops to train officials as TSOs and we need these participants to collect incident data in craft arenas throughout the 2015/16 season.

Proposed Dates for Trained Surf Observer (TSO) Workshops

Workshops are proposed to be conducted at the following locations where events are being held. Each workshop will be 3 hours in the surf club (8am-11am) and will be followed by a practical session of collecting incident data in arenas at the carnival. This is a data collection trial/practice, it has no decision making capability on the event:

	Event	Location	Date
SLSA	Interstate	Torquay	8-Jan
Vic	Jim Wall	Torquay	9-Jan
Vic	Local Carnival	Fairhaven	10-Jan
NSW	Nutri Grain Round 5-6	Cronulla	16-17Jan
NSW	Manly Carnival	Manly	23-Jan
NSW	Freshwater Carnival	Freshwater	24-Jan
Qld	Murphy Builders	Maroochydore	30-31 Jan

Each participant who completes a workshop and collects data at one event will receive a \$100 Westfield Gift card. An additional \$100 Gift card will be awarded upon 3 hours of active data collection as a TSO at each subsequent event to show our appreciation for participation in this very important research project. Further information is on the members portal.

To nominate to be a part of the TSO course, please contact Barbara Brighton on bbrighton@slsa.asn.au or on 9215 8143.

- **Aussies updated Information**

A circular has been released which will be located on the members portal advising the membership the following points:

- The colour of the lycra at the 2016 Aussies will be the approved Fluro Yellow – all competitors will receive this as part of their entry fee. If competitors choose to wear their own approved yellow lycra, it will be accepted up to the quarter finals or earlier as indicated by organizing committee prior to the event.
- All maps and timetables have been released.

- **National Sport and Recreation Review**

Consultation is now complete and the paper has been prepared for the February Board Meeting

- **Future Event Dates and EOI Process**

Please refer to Circular 35/15-16 in relation to dates proposed for 2016, 2017 & 2018. Please provide any feedback by the 29 January so we can release the dates to the general public.

It is also the intention of the Events Team to lock dates and venue up to 2022 it would be most appreciative that you provide any comments to the above circular so the Expression of Interest

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Process can be rolled out in May 2016 and a full list of events up to 2022 can be confirmed by the end of 2016.

Sport Development Officiating

Below is a summary of all officiating appointments:

Event	Official nomination details	Information
Interstate	Appointed	As per Circular 36/15-16 the Appointments for Interstates at Torquay have been released and all Officials have been contacted. Further communications with Officials will continue as we draw closer to the event
Aussies	Closed – Late entries to email thenderson@slsa.asn.au	Currently with Officials Advisor to appoint positions. Expect release date early in the new year.

High Performance

The below is a summary of the National High Performance system:

Team	Competition details	Information
Australian Life Saving Team – Surf Boats	Tran-Tasman Series 20 February 2016	Members Portal
Australian Life Saving Team/Youth Life Saving Team	RLSSA Pool Championships Southport Pool 14 – 16 January 2016	This will be used as a selection event for the World Championships
Australian Life Saving Team/Youth Life Saving Team	World Championships 1 September- 18 September 2016	Please contact Sophie Tindle if you require any more information

Events

Event	Entry/Event details	Information
Interstate Championships	January 8 2016	<p>- SLSA will host a dinner for all states on Friday night after competition from 5pm at Torquay Surf Club which will also double as presentation ceremony from the day's competition.</p> <p>-No athlete draft for Interstates 2016 as all states eligible to draft have submitted full teams.</p> <p>The unfortunate side of this is that NT will not be entering an Open team into the competition this year due to lack of numbers.</p>
The Aussies	Entries Open	The 2016 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, will be held on the

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		<p>Sunshine Coast from Saturday 16 April to Sunday 24 April 2016. With a distinct 80's Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Youth Champs 16th & 17th April- Masters Champs 18th & 19th April- Opens Champs 20th-24th April <p>For more information visit: https://sls.com.au/aussies</p> <p>Site maps and timetables are now available online at https://sls.com.au/aussies/event-info</p> <p>Official Appointments expected to be finalised early in the new year.</p>
IRB Championships	TBC	IRB's Champs will be held at Mollymook Beach, NSW from 22-24 July 2016.
Pool Championships	TBC	Pool Champs will be held at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, QLD from 5-7 August 2016.
KNG – Trial	TBC	KNG Trial will be held at Alexandra Headland, QLD. From 8-9 October 2016
Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold	TBC	Coolie Gold will be held on the Gold Coast, QLD from 29-30 October 2016.

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