



# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	All SLSNSW Clubs & Branches
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<b>Subject:</b>	Grant Opportunity – NSW Shark Observation Grant Program 2017-18 (closing 8 Dec 2017)

The **NSW Shark Observation Grant Program 2017-18 (closing 8 Dec 2017)** is now open. The program aims to provide NSW surf life saving clubs/organisations and local councils funding for new observation towers on beaches or beach headlands for effective shark spotting. The Department considers observation towers are not only useful for spotting sharks, they are also useful for spotting people in distress and for offering a clear line of vision when there is a big swell.

## Key Points to note:

- Grants of up to \$20,000 are available
- Clubs can apply for new observation equipment (permanent or temporary towers), emergency evacuation alarms and communication systems on beaches and headlands for effective shark detection and community awareness
- Joint applications are encouraged
- Jet skis will not be funded

**If your club is interested in applying, the following DPI Fisheries assessment criteria should be taken into consideration. The criteria is in no particular order, nor is it weighted:**

1. Number of beachgoers at the beach annually
2. Existing observation equipment or facilities at the beach
3. Number of sharks sighted in the past two years and frequency of sightings near swimmers
4. Number of hours the equipment will be in use annually
5. Level of funding requested and funding from other sources
6. Whether provision is made for the ongoing maintenance of facilities by applicant (Note: funding for ongoing maintenance will not be provided)
7. Whether the project is independent or associated with other existing or proposed observation or communication equipment or facilities

Applications must be submitted by **5pm, Friday 8 December 2017**. The application and guidelines can be accessed at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/sharks/management/shark-observation-grant-program>

Please note – if your club would like the GSU to assist in the writing and submission of an application or if you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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Kind regards

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