

# Memorandum

<b>To:</b> All Branch and Club Presidents
<b>From:</b> Steven Pearce, SLSNSW
<b>Date:</b> 7 December 2018
<b>Pages:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Additional \$220K funding to enhance Branch RWC Support Operations

Dear Branch and Club Presidents,

As we are all aware, the role of Support Operations is critical for both supporting our patrolling members and extending aquatic search and rescue capability 'beyond the flags'.

Our drowning data clearly demonstrates that all coastal drownings are occurring outside of our flagged patrol areas, predominantly in unpatrolled locations. This, along with the increasing dependency by other emergency services on SLSNSW to respond as both primary aquatic rescue, and support, means that we are not only required to maintain this Support Operations capability, but attempt to continually resource and enhance these operations.

Our patrolling season for 2018/19 is shaping up to be a very challenging season due to the forecast of long hot dry weather conditions, above average temperatures, and increased crowds to the NSW coastline.

To meet this challenge, we have sought permission from the NSW Government to allow us for the first time, to immediately redirect some of our Enhanced Rescue Grant funding to allow the procurement of a new fully equipped RWC (jetski) and rescue sled for all 11 x Branches.

This is an investment of **\$220 000**.

All going well with the procurement order, these should be delivered and available to each Branch before Xmas.

David Murray, President SLSNSW stated;

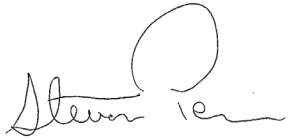
*"This investment is in direct alignment of the SLSNSW Strategic Plan in providing enhanced support to our clubs and branches, whilst ensuring SLSNSW consolidates its position as the key NSW aquatic rescue organisation.*

*These RWCs provide a direct budget offset to all 11 x Branches. They may be used to enhance the RWC fleet in each Branch, enable the retirement of older models, or be positioned within a nominated surf club. It really enables the Branch a greater opportunity to support operationally and financially all their clubs.*

*As an RWC operator myself, I know only too well how valuable they will be in supporting the safety and response of our members"*

I would like to thank the NSW Government for providing the flexibility in allowing this capability enhancement to occur. If you require any additional information, please have no hesitation in contacting Lifesaving Manager, [Matt du Plessis](#).

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Pearce', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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