



Memorandum

To: All NSW Members
From: George Shales, SLSNSW President
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Subject: 2019 ALBERT Review

As you are all aware, the SLSNSW Board made a decision on the 14 August 2019 to temporarily suspend and not proceed with several ALBERT courses which had been scheduled this year.

The review was to determine the current positioning and structure of the ALBERT programs and how they could sit within a more structured SLSNSW framework. This review of the ALBERT Program was part of a broader review to ensure that any training occurring with NSW has the appropriate alignment to SOPs, risk management arrangements and training frameworks.

The ALBERT Review Group, had a membership comprising of a broad cross section of members and subject matter expertise, and completed a detailed review of all operations and current frameworks. It was determined that the ALBERT program fulfils a valuable role in facilitating member comraderie and friendship, skills enhancement for IRB operators and the ability to provide an environment to enhance water craft and water safety expertise utilising power craft. I am very pleased that the ALBERT Review Group recommended that the ALBERT programs be recommenced immediately, albeit with some small fine tuning.

Recommendations have been made, and accepted, to enhance the management and operational frameworks to ensure it syncs directly within SLSNSW risk appetites and process. It has also been recommended that a State Steering Group be formed to oversee these programs moving forward. An Expression of Interest for this will be released shortly to seek suitable membership.

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work the ALBERT team have completed to date, and thank them for their vision, commitment and expertise and look forward to their on-going contribution to the new framework. This is a wonderful example of a member driven initiative and program, and one we want to enhance moving forward.

Notifications will be released shortly requesting expressions of interest from members to participate in future planned courses.

Yours in Lifesaving,

George Shales
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