



Memorandum

To: All Surf Life Saving NSW Members
From: George Shales, Surf Life Saving NSW President
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Subject: Support for Clubs and Members Involved in the NSW Bushfire Response

We are now in the 'recovery phase' of the bushfire response and have turned our attention to those clubs impacted by bushfire related operations, as a direct alignment to Objective 1 of the SLSNSW Strategic Plan Member Centered.

The bushfires have had a significant and devastating impact on broad areas of the community, of which our members and SLSCs are a part of. After discussions with the Deputy President, Director of Lifesaving and the SLSNSW CEO we will be offering the following support to members and SLSCs;

1. **Extension of Proficiency dates:** Allow an extension of 3 weeks from 31 December 2019 for members in those clubs where they have been assisting/affected by bushfire operations to complete proficiency.
2. **Financial reimbursement to clubs who expended budget in bushfire response/preparation:** For those clubs that expended budget in establishing their clubs as Evacuation Centres, or fuel/consumables utilized etc in direct response to bushfire operations, we will provide reimbursement.

The process will be;

- **Extension of Proficiency dates:** Clubs / Members requesting extension to proficiency will submit these to their Branch President and Branch Director of Education for review and confirmation of accuracy of claim. Once approved, the request can then be forwarded through to Andrew Chan, SLSNSW Training & Education Manager (achan@surflifesaving.com.au) for our records.
- **Financial reimbursement to clubs who expended budget in bushfire response/preparation:** Clubs requesting reimbursement of bushfire related expenses will submit these to their Branch President or approved delegate for review and confirmation of accuracy of claim. Once approved, the request can then be forwarded through to Phil Ayres, SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer (payres@surflifesaving.com.au) for processing.