



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES

PROGRESS UPDATE

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save lives

Save Lives

Recent achievements

- > Completed upgrade of the Lower North Coast Radio Network from analogue to digital.
- > Finalised funding arrangements with Resilience NSW for the migration of the SLSNSW Coastal Radio Network to the Government's Public Safety Network which will occur from 2024.
- > Implemented Omnitronics radio network management system (the backbone of the Surfcom communications network). This includes voice recording of radio transmissions for incident review and investigation.
- > Upgraded and replaced technology at Surfcom Warringah to be in line with State Operations Centre, consolidating capability.
- > Launched [Beach and Coastal Safety Hub](#) to connect communities with beach and coastal safety education.

Business as usual achievements

- > Delivered Club Lifesaving Gear and Equipment Grant to all clubs.
- > Delivered [Beach to Bush \(The Big Beach Week\)](#) reaching 20,600 students from rural and remote communities.
- > Delivered NSW Teachers Beach & Coastal Safety Education Week.

In the next 6 months

- > Upgrade of the Hunter Radio Network from analogue to digital.
- > Further enhancement works to maintain the existing Coastal Radio Network prior to transition to the Public Safety network.
- > Launch of calendar for ALBERT program.
- > Launch of a new drowning and lifesaving statistics database.
- > Launch of gamifications for schools and multicultural communities and VR simulation.
- > Launch of Coastal Safety Ambassador program for international students.

Develop & Support Our People

Recent achievements

- > Launched the new [SLSNSW website](#) making it easier for members to navigate and find information and resources.
- > Commenced pilot of Control Level 1 Incident course for Duty Officers.
- > Implemented digital identities (@slnsw.org email addresses) for all Support Operations members.
- > Secured a dedicated UAV Training & Education Coordinator to support UAV capability in clubs.
- > Implemented a structured governance model to manage ICT requests to SLSA to ensure effective advocacy of SLSNSW member requirements.
- > Developed SLSNSW's Child Safe Action Plan to ensure that SLSNSW is meeting the Child Safe Standards.

Business as usual achievements

- > Delivered virtual [SLSNSW Awards of Excellence](#).
- > Delivered post critical incident support to almost 400 members.
- > Completed the 2021 Club Compliance program with increased review of club financial reporting to assist clubs in complying with ACNC requirements.
- > Delivered the Surf Sports Senior Officials course.
- > Assisted branches in coordinating a COVID-compliant surf sports calendar for members.

In the next 6 months

- > Promotion of SLSNSW State Conference.
- > Launch of calendar for Inspire. Retain. Engage leadership development program for club management teams.
- > Pilot of online leadership development program for patrol captains.
- > Pilot of articulated credit model for the issuance of Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) qualification to explore alternative pathways for SLSNSW Assessors.
- > Delivery of Combined Portfolio Conference.
- > Delivery of JLOTY/YOM programs.
- > Delivery of Lifesaving Development Camp.





grow & sustain

Grow & Sustain Our Movement

Recent achievements

- > Launched [SLSNSW Strategic Plan 2021-24](#) and accompanying [club/branch toolkit](#).
- > Implemented recommendations from SLSNSW Director election review.
- > Support of a pilot branch-led 'Surf Sports - Beach Series'.
- > Completed Member Feedback Survey to better understand volunteer satisfaction in SLSNSW.
- > Updated Branch Constitution Template.

Business as usual achievements

- > Delivery of Country Championships.
- > Distributed exit surveys to members who did not renew their membership this season to better understand member turnover.
- > Released updated [Club Constitution Template](#) aligned to contemporary approaches to constitution structures and inclusions.
- > Delivered two [Training Officer Certificate](#) courses, resulting in 64 newly qualified trainers.

In the next 6 months

- > Development of a recruitment and retention plan utilising findings from the Member Feedback Survey.
- > Development of a Strategic Plan for Surf Sports which articulates to the SLSNSW Strategic Plan.
- > Staging the State Championships at Queenscliff/ North Steyne/Freshwater SLSC's – the first metro State Championships in 20+ years.
- > Re-launch of the State IRB competition series after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID restrictions.
- > Delivery of Board Riding Championships.
- > Updated State Council Charter.

Water Safety

Engage The Community

Recent achievements

- > Leveraged National Water Safety Day engaging 11,000 school students across NSW.
- > Maximised key calendar dates such as Christmas and Australia Day for mass water safety messaging.

In the next 6 months

- > Development of an inclusion plan utilising findings from the Member Feedback Survey.
- > Launch of a Club and Branch Community Education Support Strategy, including forum, resources and subsidies.
- > Delivery of inclusive Nipper events at State Championships.



Strategic Enablers

Recent achievements

- > Established the Coastal Safety Advisory Committee with support from Resilience NSW.
- > Accepted as a member of the NSW State Rescue Board.
- > Accepted as a full member of AFAC.
- > Secured additional partners (Oakberry Acai and Ingenia Holiday Parks).
- > Continued to respond to and manage the evolving COVID-19 situation, including the ongoing interpretation and delivery of information via the SLSNSW website, the distribution of PPE to clubs and branches, and the development and implementation of a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.

Business as usual achievements

- > Launched 2020/21 SLSNSW Coastal Safety Report.
- > Released 2020/21 SLSNSW Annual Report and delivered SLSNSW AGM.

In the next 6 months

- > Implementation of new integrated rostering and payroll system for the SLSNSW business to ensure greater efficiencies.
- > Confirmation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals that SLSNSW commits to supporting.
- > Post-season engagement of NSW Parliamentary Friends.



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