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SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES

Long Range Drone Test Shows
**Huge Potential
For Public Safety**



Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) is excited for the future after the trial of specialised long-range drones on the state's Far North Coast provided a glimpse into the enhanced coastal safety and emergency response capability the technology can provide.



The week-long, Long-Range UAV Project culminated on 23 June at Evans Head, south of Ballina, and provided a platform for four operators and their systems to be tested in a range of real-life scenarios.

Each type of drone was assessed on its performance in key operations including several search and rescue scenarios during the day and at night, shark and wildlife surveillance, and natural disaster identification.

Australian Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle Service (AUAVS) Chief Remote Pilot, Paul Hardy said the findings from the five-day project would help inform decisions that had the potential to have a lasting impact on how drones are used in NSW.

"We're really pleased with how the week went – opportunities to get so many like-minded people together and test some truly outstanding drones under controlled conditions don't come around very often," he said.

"This project allowed us to safely trial different types of drones that are capable of flying further and for longer, by operating beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS).

"The potential of this is massive as it can remove drone operators from dangerous situations and allow us to reduce response time to incidents and provide greater situational awareness in so many other scenarios.

"It really could be a game changer and we're excited for what's next."

With support from the NSW Government through the Department of Primary Industries, SLSNSW already provides the largest coastal

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UAV surveillance program in the Southern Hemisphere.

Through the AUAVS, Surf Life Saving NSW drones deliver a range of public safety services, from shark management to search and rescue and assistance in natural disasters such as bushfire or floods.

Further support from the NSW Government has allowed Surf Life Saving to explore how this capability could be extended to cover more coastline for current applications, as well as see how drones could be used in a range of other situations to enhance public safety and emergency response situations away from the coast.

"I'm excited to learn how drone technology could help to expand our current capabilities, and keep our community safe. Drones could increase our ability to cover more coast and monitor marine wildlife, said Minister for Agriculture, Tara Moriarty.

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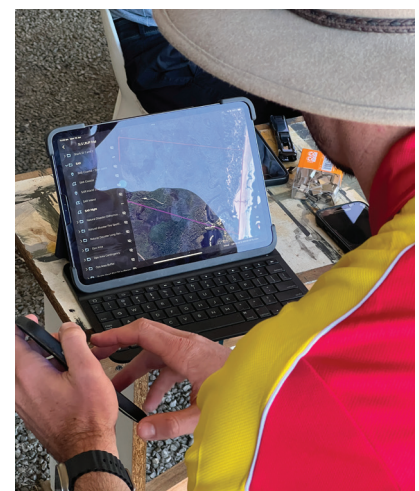
SLSNSW CEO, Steve Pearce said the organisation put significant effort into bringing the project together and that the trial of new technology is a great step forward in expanding the capacity of Surf Life Saving and other

emergency services in both coastal and inland environments.

"This is a very exciting space for us and one that we're very proud to see developing before our eyes," he said.

"While it's not the first thing you think of when you hear Surf Life Saving, drones have become such a vital tool in our arsenal to save lives, and the kicker is that they're useful in so many other situations, not just at the beach.

"Last year our drones were used heavily during the NSW floods to assist the SES in developing a complete situational understanding of the unfolding disaster and aiding their roll out of assistance to communities in-need."



Rockfishing Deaths Targeted

In Safety Program

Hundreds of recreational fishers from more than 40 nationalities attended the tenth and largest Surf Life Saving NSW rock fishing safety program, *Gone Fishing*, at Bondi Beach on 27 May.

Funded with support from the NSW Government, the participants and their families learned all about staying safe while engaging in one of our most dangerous recreational pastimes. The sessions are all about knowledge and skill-building and cover how to interpret weather reports, how to assess conditions on rock shelves and what gear and equipment you need to stay alive while chasing that all important catch.

The key piece of safety equipment is of course an Australian standard lifejacket and every one of the participants receives a free, high-quality lifejacket at the end of each session.

The Bondi workshop was the final one in the initial program funded by the NSW Recreational Fishing Fund, targeting at-risk communities. Almost 1000 lifejackets have been distributed through the workshops held all over NSW during the last 8 months.

In NSW for the 2021-22 year, 11 people lost their lives while rock fishing. Since 1 July 2022, there have been five rock fishing related fatalities, including a 57 year-old man at Lennox Head in mid May.

Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch President Elissa Hancock said it was fantastic to see so many people at Bondi for the workshop.

"It's an incredible turnout and I can see that the people who have attended

come from all over Sydney. It's great to have it at a place like this, where it is accessible and they can come and learn about rock fishing safety," said Ms Hancock.

"We take it for granted if we live near the coast, that everyone knows about surf safety. But bringing people from all over Sydney, bringing them to the coast and educating them is an important part of our role as lifesavers."

Dr Marjorie O'Neill, the Member for Coogee and a volunteer lifesaver at Clovelly SLSC said she was impressed by the turnout and congratulated Surf Life Saving NSW on the initiative.

"It's great, we've got people from across our community, wanting to know how they can rockfish in the safest way.

"As a surf lifesaver, I've seen first hand how quickly the conditions can change and it's really important that everyone knows how to react so that





they remain safe and can go home at the end of the day to their families," said Dr O'Neill.

The workshop sessions held in the morning involved experts from Fisheries, Maritime NSW and angling groups taking participants through how to choose and wear a correctly fitted lifejacket, safe clothes and footwear to pack and how to read a weather forecast or assess the surf conditions.

After lunch, participants walked out to the headland at North Bondi where local lifesavers pointed out the location-specific hazards, tides, swell, signage and what to do in an emergency. Lifesavers gave a practical demonstration of what to do if you get washed into the ocean and showed people how rescues are conducted close to the rocks, using an inflatable rescue boat and jetski.

Feedback from course participants was extremely positive, with even experienced anglers learning something new.

"Courses like this should be frequently happening, to help people in the community to build up their confidence, because safety is the priority for everyone," said Keyur from Parramatta.

Macgyver from Marsden Park brought his wife and kids along to learn more about how to stay safe, despite being an experienced fisherman. "I wanted to learn some tips and tricks and about beach safety, and I'm also interested in getting the free life vest at the end."

Jim from Five Dock said the trip to Bondi was well worth the effort and he learned things he didn't know before. "Perfect, excellent day. I learned that when we are in the water, we have to swim to the ocean, not towards the rock, that's very dangerous."

Amr Sheiba who is a rockfishing expert and has presented at many of the workshops in the series, said it was a great initiative.

"I have really enjoyed sharing my experience and give people a different perspective on rockfishing. Whether you're experienced or a beginner, you can suddenly get caught by a wave and need to know what to do. Hopefully they are now more cautious, they do their homework, they take it seriously. Rockfishing is great fun, but it can be risky if you don't take the right precautions," said Amr.

SLSNSW CEO, Steve Pearce said the organisation was extremely proud of the Gone Fishing program and hopes

the initiative will be supported to continue by the NSW Government.

"We know we have had a positive impact on at-risk communities and hope this is reflected in our coastal drowning toll moving forward," said Steve Pearce.

"Our Community Education team has done a fantastic job coordinating the program and we're grateful for the support from the DPI, Maritime NSW and all our rockfishing experts who have given up their time to help educate others and share their love of the sport."

The event success was also driven by the tremendous partnership with Waverley Council. Mayor Masselos attended to both welcome the participants and their families and advocate the importance of rock fishing safety within the Waverley electorate.

SLSNSW CEO Steven Pearce stated it was great to see the collaboration between SLSNSW and the Bondi Lifeguards who assisted the safety sessions with jet ski rescue demonstrations and highlighted the dangerous locations for rock fishing in the Waverley area.





New Junior Lifesavers *Of The Year Announced*

Kaylah Broadhead of Nobbys SLSC and Calum Reiter of Coogee SLSC were named the Ingenia Holiday Parks Junior Lifesavers of the Year after three days of team building and leadership development on Sydney's Northern Beaches in April.

Kaylah and Calum were two in a group of 22 eager 14-year-olds who came from each of the 11 branches across NSW, having been acknowledged themselves as Junior Lifesavers of the Year for their region.

The pair have big goals to achieve from their platform, with both hoping to use the recognition as a springboard for fostering meaningful change within the movement.

Knowing well that they were privileged to be among a very worthy group, all of whom could have been named as winners, the pair were thrilled.

"It was very nerve-racking, but it was also chill, everyone here deserved it so much, but it was really nice to win," Kaylah said.

"The biggest thing, and I said this in the interview, and I've always had it in my

mind, I want to be able to advocate for youth within my club, branch and across the entirety of NSW and this program will help me to do that," Calum added.

A reserved but abundantly personable patrolling member from the Hunter, Kaylah has been involved in the movement for the past five years and cites her desire to inspire the younger generation in the Surf Life Saving community as a factor in building her character and confidence.

Judges noted she places a strong value on education, seeing knowledge and understanding of lifesaving activities within the active patrolling member base and the public en masse as crucial to getting the movement's core beliefs across.

"I want to work to create as much awareness as possible of the beach

and particularly rips," Kaylah said.

"So many people drown in rips and it's really needless, so I hope to be able to see how we can help to build awareness around that issue.

"It's been such a fun few days and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again in the future."

Calum, meanwhile, has several years of club experience, having been involved in the Sydney Branch by extension through his parents from a young age who are both active within the Coogee club.

The panel noticed his desire to create tangible change as an asset at his age.

"Change has a lot of different aspects but in terms of youth I think there's an opportunity for us to be treated with the same voice as everyone else,



collaborating on committees and Boards with some of the more experienced people in the club, advocating our voice."

The three-day team building and leadership development program produced plenty of good memories and learning experiences.

"There were lots of good activities, but I really enjoyed the ice bath, it's such a unique experience and it really brought us all together," Kaylah said.

"I'd have to agree but I think also just in our down time when we'd do team building activities were valuable," Calum added.

"We got to really learn and understand

where everybody comes from and what they do, and it was a big part of our development."

Matt Young, General Manager of Tourism for Ingenia Holiday Parks, said being involved in a program now in its 33rd year gave them great pride.

"We operate holiday parks across the Eastern coast and it's so important that we respect and value our guests," he said.

"Working with Surf Life Saving NSW facilitates this. We really see this partnership and our support of the next generation of lifesavers as an investment in the future of our coastline."

INGENIA HOLIDAY PARKS JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR PARTICIPANTS

Zoe Hope Far North Coast

Lachlan Thomas Far North Coast

Ned O'Donnell North Coast

Lillian Lougher North Coast

Gabby Turner Mid North Coast

Jack McGrath Mid North Coast

Jack Drury Lower North Coast

Lucy Miller Lower North Coast

Kaylah Broadhead Hunter

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Isabelle Hourigan South Coast

Cameron Campbell South Coast

Luke Drewsen Far South Coast

Rosie McPartland Far South
Coast

NEW BOARD MEMBERS *For SLSNSW*

Surf Life Saving NSW welcomed two new Directors, including a new President, and the re-election of a third Director on 6 May.

Peter Agnew ESM, was elected President of Surf Life Saving NSW. A member of North Bondi SLSC for almost 40 years, Peter had been the President of Sydney Branch since 2019.

Dr Dean Dudley, from Bulli SLSC, was elected a Director. Dean previously served on the SLSNSW Board from 2012-2017.

Don van Keimpema OAM from Shelly Beach SLSC was re-elected to serve as a Director for another term.

The SLSNSW State Council, comprising the Presidents from the 11 branches in NSW, voted on behalf of their clubs and members through an online process. The primary role of the volunteer Board is to drive the organisation forward to achieve the objectives of the strategic plan by working with clubs and branches, with support from the staff of Surf Life Saving NSW.

CEO Steve Pearce acknowledged and thanked outgoing President, George Shales OAM for his diligent and dedicated service during his tenure as SLSNSW President. George led the organisation through many challenging periods during his term, including the COVID pandemic, the response to the catastrophic 2020 bushfires and most recently the devastating NSW floods.

Peter Agnew has thanked the membership for their trust and support and says he will embark on the role with a focus on open

communication, consultation and volunteer involvement.

"Surf Life Saving is an amazing organisation that is made up of many talented and passionate people. I'm looking forward to working with the Board, Branch Presidents, the staff and members on the many opportunities and challenges faced by the organisation," said Peter.

"Leading into this election, I have intently listened to the voice and thoughts of the members on what areas I should first focus on and I'm looking forward to leaning in and working with the team over the next few months to indicate action on this feedback. I look forward to bringing my inclusive and open style of leadership to the role."

Congratulations to all three volunteers on their successful election.



SURF LIFESAVING NSW BOARD

Peter Agnew ESM
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John Restuccia OAM
Deputy President

Joel Wiseman
Director of Lifesaving

Dr Dean Dudley
Director

Paul Bolton
Director

Don van Keimpema OAM
Director

Kerry Clancy
Director

Near Record-Breaking Season *For Surf Lifesavers*

The 2022-23 Surf Life Saving season will go down as one of the most challenging on record for volunteer surf lifesavers and their Australian Lifeguard Service counterparts in NSW, who were responsible for more than 4,600 rescues along our coastline.

The season, which began with the September school holidays in 2022 and concluded on ANZAC Day last week, saw lifesavers and SLSNSW lifeguards complete 4,605 rescues, take an enormous 810,704 preventative actions on our beaches, and deliver just shy of 10,000 first aids – 9,640 in all.

The statistics also include an incredible 13 million beach attendances recorded at patrolled locations during the season.

These preliminary figures are only expected to grow over the coming days and weeks as more clubs submit their final stats for the season.

The Surf Life Saving NSW State Operations Centre (SOC) dealt with 2,183 incidents and requested 418 ambulances over the course of the seven-month season.

"I am very proud of each and every one of our more than 76,000 volunteer members state-wide for their actions during the latest patrol season," SLSNSW President, Peter Agnew ESM said.

"Every volunteer has a role to play in the lifesaving functions our organisation is responsible for. What we've seen over the past few months is record numbers of rescues, which in turn is a result of great determination,

dedication and a true reflection of how our lifesaving movement makes a telling impact.

"Our lifesavers and lifeguards were responsible for the most rescues in years and completed nearly 1 million preventative actions. These numbers reflect a truly impressive effort from our membership with the sole focus of saving lives and protecting beachgoers on our coastline."

Sadly, and despite the best efforts of lifesaving personnel across the state, 50 people have drowned since 1 July 2022 in NSW coastal waters, all at unpatrolled locations or outside of patrol hours.

With two more months until the end of the recording year, lifesavers fear the figure may surpass last year's record coastal drowning toll of 55.

To help combat this, the NSW Labor Government has made a \$23 million increased commitment to Surf Life Saving in NSW – a meaningful action aimed at directly addressing and improving lifesaving capabilities across the state.

"Preliminary statistics from SLSNSW shows the summer patrol season was operationally one of the busiest

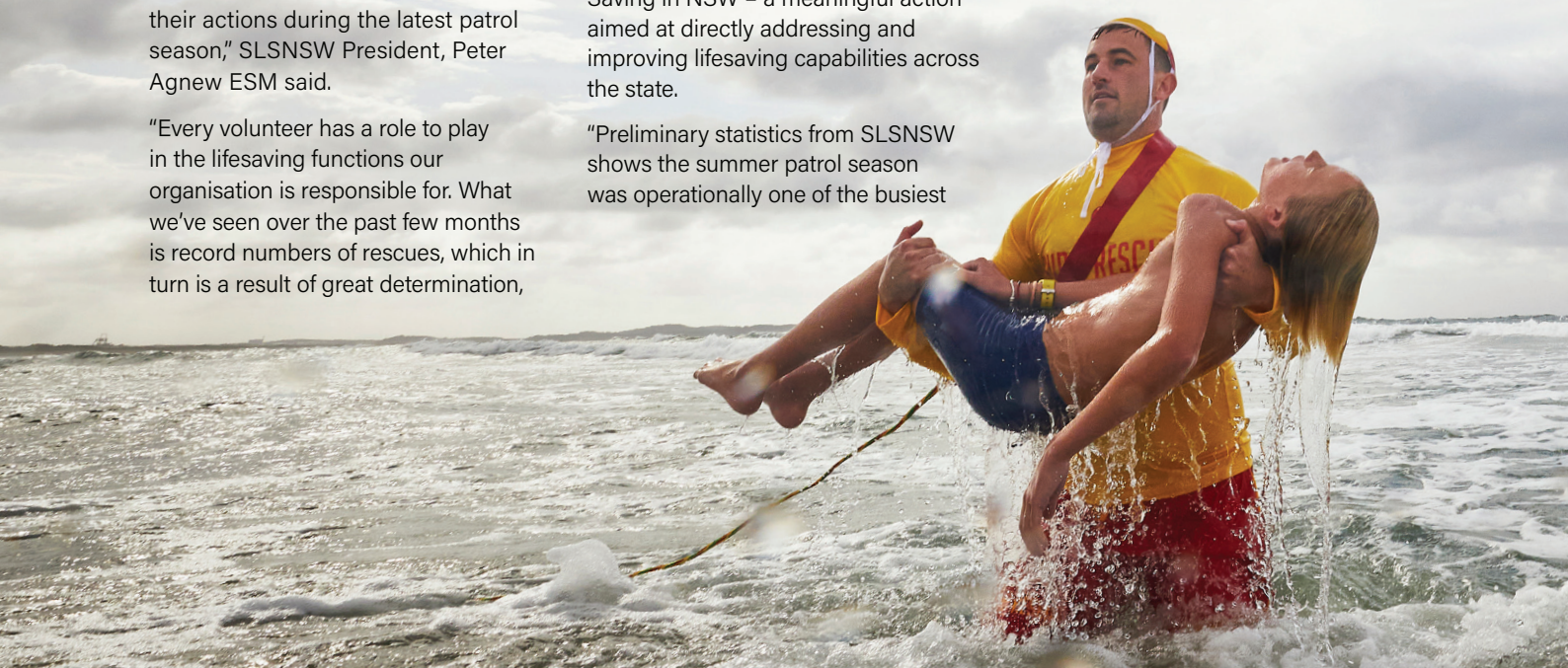
in its history," Minister for Emergency Services, Jihad Dib said.

"An amazing 4600 rescues were performed by our volunteer lifesavers and lifeguards. This is 4600 lives that have been saved by these skilled and brave personnel. Tragically though, we have seen 50 coastal drownings, all in unpatrolled locations.

"This increased operational activity – the number of lives saved, but also the large number of lives tragically lost, reinforces the NSW Labor Government's commitment to an additional \$23m in funding to Surf Life Saving NSW.

"This will ensure its 76,000 volunteers have the best equipment, the best training and the greatest ability to save more lives and protect our communities and visitors along the NSW coastline.

"This will be a lifesaving investment."



Long Arm Of **Lifesaving Extends To Dubai**

A milestone program in the Middle East has produced a new crop of Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion recipients, thanks in no small part to the intensive training course delivered with assistance from members of Surf Life Saving NSW.



The first-of-its-kind initiative saw 24 members of a Dubai-based surf club, Viking Surf Sports – ranging in age from 14-42 and encompassing 11 different nationalities – expand on their already burgeoning knowledge of surf safety, coordinated by accredited coaches and assessed by SLSNSW Life Member, Doug Hawkins of Coogee SLSC.

Viking Surf Sports was established just two years ago with the goal of helping children, teenagers and adults become more competent, confident



and capable around water. The offering of SRC and BM courses is the next step in its development as the premier club in the region and in the development of skills for its members.

Reflecting on the program, Doug was glowing in his assessment of the lifesavers, 21 of whom earned their SRC while three acquired their Bronze Medallion.

"The level of lifesaving skill shown by these lifesavers was very high, and this was reflected in their focus during their rescue scenarios," he said.

"We train people for real life rescues and it was very encouraging to see this level of focus delivered by the Vikings team.

"These young men and women would be very welcome to be part of our Surf Life Saving patrols on our beaches in Australia."

In completing the courses, lifesavers had access to Surf Life Saving NSW e-learning assets which helped them to implement recognised and established standards for training and assessment.

"This is a historic achievement for our club," said Viking Surf Sports founder and Surf Life Saving Australia Hall of Fame athlete, Stephen Munnery.

"When we set up Vikings it was the goal to be able to provide a safe environment to learn important surf skills, lifesaving techniques and for our teenagers to gain many life skills.

"We are so proud of their hard work over the past few months and of our coaches who trained them to the highest levels of world class life saving techniques."

OFF-DUTY SOLO RESCUE Wins NSW Award

The Entrance Surf Life Saving Club member, Patrick Jacob moved to thank the support he received from volunteer lifesavers and lifeguards alike after his courageous off-duty rescue of a teenage boy in April claimed Surf Life Saving NSW's Rescue of the Month award.

Patrick was working from home on the overcast Monday afternoon, 17 April, when his neighbour called and alerted him to an unfolding incident at the nearby North Entrance Beach.

A group of boys had visited the beach despite the weather and a 14-year-old was caught in a rip and struggling to stay afloat.

"I was working away in Excel when I got the call, so it certainly startled me into action," Patrick said.

"I live quite close to the beach and my neighbour had called her husband first, but he lives a few doors further down and she thought I'd be quicker.

"I grabbed a rescue tube I had at home and ran to the beach, past my neighbour who I told to ring Triple Zero, towards where the boy's friends were, I couldn't see what they were pointing at but I went out to sea and followed their directions."

Eventually, Patrick came across the boy being dumped by the surf and extended the rescue tube he was carrying, keeping a safe distance as the teenager was panicking by this time.

The rip had carried them into a precarious position, and it wasn't going to be easy to get back to shore.

"I said we can't go in, we're going to have to go out, and he wasn't too thrilled by that but it was our best option," Patrick recalled.



There, he flagged down assistance from Lifeguards who were already on scene and coordinating Rescue Water Craft to assist. In short time, the jet ski collected them from the water, exhausted but okay and delivered them back to the beach where the young boy was assessed by paramedics.

"It was pretty full on," Patrick reflected.

"The lead lifeguard at North Entrance confirmed to me that the kid would have drowned, it was an overcast day, no one on the beach whatsoever, his friends didn't call Triple Zero, they were in the water thinking about going in to save him, so it could've been so different.

"I'm so glad for the training I received from Janet Lindsay and Peter Cooper. They trained me to know what to do in that situation and I'm grateful for the support of the volunteers that came down to the beach as it was unfolding and were there as support once we got back to shore.

"Jesse Anderson and Czes Lawicki from North Entrance and Leigh and Dan, the Council Lifeguards, they were all great.

"It's good to know within myself how I'd act in this situation as well. I'd always wondered if I'd hesitate if the waves were big or if there's no one else around, but I acted in the way I've been trained."

LIFESAVERS RECOGNISED

In King's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to the outstanding members of Surf Life Saving in NSW who this year were recognised for their achievements and commitment to the movement in the King's Birthday honours list.

President of the International Life Saving Federation and a past president of SLSA, Graham Ford AM, has been elevated to AO for distinguished service to Surf Life Saving.

A member of Bronte SLSC since 1989 and a patron since 2011, Graham was a driving force behind the establishment of the Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving over a decade ago and has held several positions of significance at club and national level over a near-35-year period.

SLSNSW Life Member Graham Bruce from Cronulla SLSC has received an AM for significant service to Surf Life Saving at all levels.

Graham has been a prolific advocate for Surf Life Saving since he first joined Cronulla in 1983, holding down senior Surf Sport, Educational and Membership-based roles at club, Branch, State and National level over a four-decade span.

Among the OAM recipients are Colin Ball from South West Rocks SLSC, SLSNSW Life Member Alan Beveridge from Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC, Frank Davey and William Deveril from Pambula SLSC, Anne Caterson from Wanda SLSC, Steven Fortey from Avoca Beach SLSC, the late Ivan Gray from Nowra-Culburra SLSC and Fingal Beach SLSC's Stephen Leahy, a former CEO of the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter.

SLSNSW President, Peter Agnew ESM moved to congratulate the award recipients and express his sincere gratitude for their many years of service.

"The Surf Life Saving movement exists because of the generous contributions made by our members," he said.

"To be invested with an Order of Australia Medal, a Member of the Order of Australia Award or an Officer of the Order of Australia Award is recognition of exemplary achievement and contribution to the community.

"It is due recognition for our members who have gone above and beyond in their service."

Also recognised were Tresne Chesher and Gerald Stephenson, awarded the prestigious Emergency Service Medal for their contribution to Support Operations in Sydney Branch.

"Surf Life Saving's members are our greatest asset. Members who received awards in the King's Birthday Honours are outstanding members of the community," Peter continued.

"Each of the award recipients have devoted many years of service to protecting lives on our coastline and personify the values of Surf Life Saving. I would like to thank them all for their efforts and reiterate our pride in their many outstanding achievements."



ClubsNSW and Surf Life Saving NSW **Renew Partnership**

Surf Life Saving NSW welcomes the extension of support from long-term major partner ClubsNSW for a further three years, ensuring the success of key surf safety initiatives and member programs.

"We are excited about a continued partnership with ClubsNSW, through its Your local club banner, which has developed over the past decade-and-a-half," said SLSNSW President, Peter Agnew.

"Our membership of 76,000-strong is at the heart of all we do, and this partnership allows us to continue putting them first and help them to provide a vital coastal safety service to beachgoers."

Your local club has supported Surf Life Saving for the last 14 years, notably as the Naming Rights sponsor of the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships and a

supporting partner in the delivery of the Country Championships. SLSNSW's flagship educational program, Beach to Bush, where volunteer lifesavers travel to rural and remote schools across the state to deliver surf safety messaging, also benefits from support from the partnership.

"ClubsNSW through Your local club is very proud to extend its partnership with Surf Life Saving NSW for another three years," said Acting ClubsNSW CEO, Sallianne Faulkner.

"Our partnership with Surf Life Saving NSW strengthens year on year because both of our associations put

the interests of our members and our communities first — it's an objective on which we are well and truly aligned — and we look forward to building on that relationship even further over the next three years."

SLSNSW President Peter Agnew added that the state's volunteer lifesavers will continue to see many benefits through the partnership.

"Your local club supports our work in developing skilled and well-resourced lifesavers to patrol the coastline and keep beachgoers safe – it's fundamental to what we do," said Peter Agnew.



Parliamentary Friends Reconvened

Surf Life Saving NSW was honoured to have the NSW Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving group re-convened in June with an amazing show of bi-partisan support from MPs state-wide.

We are pleased to welcome Dr Marjorie O'Neill, Member for Coogee, as the new Chair and she will be supported by Adam Crouch and Liza Butler as Co-Deputy Chairs. We cannot thank outgoing Deputy Chair Yasmin Catley enough for her incredible support of all that our volunteers do for the community.

We look forward to inviting all NSW MPs to join the group and engage with our members and clubs to achieve great things together.



New Support Ops Vehicles Rollout

Branches are taking charge of a new fleet of vehicles, including sturdy Isuzu D-Max utes, through NSW Government rescue funding.

Equipped with a range of safety features, along with first aid kits, oxygen and defibs, the vehicles were rolled out in May and enhance the ability of Duty Officers and first responders to assist in emergencies and critical incidents along the coast.

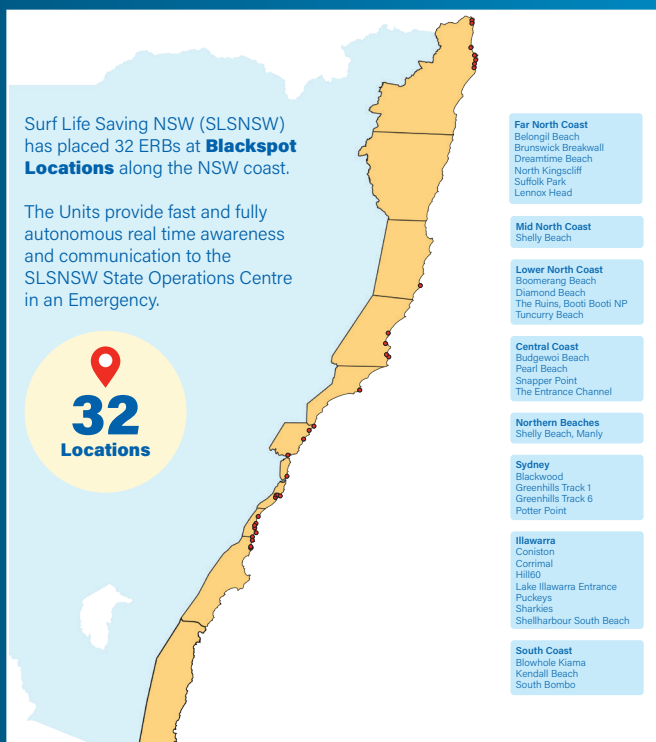
Beacons Keeping Swimmers Safe in NSW

Locals and holiday makers at a number of popular coastal locations on the Central Coast and Port Stephens will be able to swim a little safer with new lifesaving technology installed for use in emergencies.

With funding support from the NSW Government, new Emergency Response Beacons (ERBs) are now in operation at The Entrance, Budgewoi, Pearl Beach and two units are in place at Fingal Beach and Fingal Spit.

There are now 32 ERBs in high-risk or blackspot locations which will help to reduce the response time for emergencies along the NSW coast.

ERBs use the latest technology to connect someone witnessing a coastal emergency directly to the SLSNSW State Operations Centre (SOC) where the operator can alert the nearest lifesavers, lifeguards or other emergency service.





2023 Awards of Excellence

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Our Mission

To save lives, create great Australians and build better communities.

Summary

Surf Life Saving NSW is the state's major water safety and rescue organisation, and with over 76,000 members, is one of the largest volunteer movements in Australia.

The primary role of Surf Life Saving NSW is to save lives on our beaches, while other activities include developing our members through education, leadership and surf sports programs.

There are 129 surf clubs and 11 branches in the state which are affiliated with Surf Life Saving NSW, stretching from Fingal Rovers SLSC near Tweed Heads, to Pambula SLSC on the Far South Coast.

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