



Memorandum

To	Country Club Presidents, Country Club Team Managers
From	Belinda Cooper, SLSNSW Competition & Event Staging Coordinator
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Subject	2026 NSW Country Championships – RWC Roster

This Memo is a continuation of the 2026 NSW Country Championships – RWC Operator Nominations.

Information

To ensure the safety of members competing at the 2026 NSW Country Championships a RWC roster has been implemented.

Thank you to those who have already nominated as an RWC operator. SLSNSW have tried to best match the roster to your nominated shifts, however some adjustments have been made to ensure RWC Operators are not on the water for extended periods of time (i.e. No back-to-back shifts).

RWC operators are welcome to organise shift swaps between themselves should they be required however SLSNSW is to be informed of the changes so the roster can be updated.

Please note that the RWC shifts are an additional volunteer commitment to Club IRB requirements as set out in the Powercraft roster.

Personnel

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements:

- **RWC Operator:** Be a financial SLS member and hold a proficient RWC Operator Certificate.
- **RWC Operator:** Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and competent to deal in all surf conditions.

All RWC Operators must bring their own SLS PFD, Wetsuit and Helmet

Insurance

SLSNSW acknowledges and thanks the hard work of members during the Country Championships. This event cannot be delivered safely and efficiently without contribution from Clubs.

All volunteer hours for Powercraft can contribute to an individual's total Club water safety hours.

Members are only able to make a claim through WorkCover if the following applies:

- 1) The member is a current SLSNSW financial member.
- 2) While undertaking a genuine, authorised activity as a surf lifesaver and the member was not receiving remuneration or reward. The member must be performing the activity voluntarily and without obligation.

Further Information

The roster will only identify days and shifts. All rostered operators are to report to the compound at the gear shed of South West Rocks Slsc, and water areas will be allocated based on the requirements of the carnival. For clarity, Operators are not rostered to a specific water area.

If competition is suspended RWC operators reporting for duty should be made aware that if the event continues again within their allocated shift time frame, then they need to report back to the powercraft meeting point ASAP for duty.

Please note that a RWC Operator cannot do consecutive shifts, i.e., Shift 1 & Shift 2. This is to ensure duty of care is provided to the operators.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Surf Sports team at countrychampionships@surflifesaving.com.au or call (02) 9471 8000.

2026 NSW Country Championships RWC Roster		
	Ski 1	Ski 2
Friday 23 January 2026		
Shift 1 0630-1030	Natalie Browning	Gayl Ellis
Shift 2 1000-1400	Andy O'Brien	Jonathan Richardson
Shift 3 1330-1630	Pierre de Billot	Gayl Ellis
Saturday 24 January 2026		
Shift 1 0630-1030	Andy O'Brien	Pierre de Billot
Shift 2 1000-1400	Natalie Browning	Gayl Ellis
Shift 3 1330-1630	Andy O'Brien	Jonathan Richardson
Sunday 25 January 2026		
Shift 1 0630-1030	Natalie Browning	SLS Services
Shift 2 1000-1400	Andy O'Brien	SLS Services