

Surf Life Saving NSW - Circular 3973

Title:	Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant (CLEG) 2026/2027
Attention:	Branch Presidents, Branch Directors of Lifesaving, Branch CEO's, Branch Secretaries, Club Presidents, Ordering Delegates
Department:	Lifesaving
Date:	10 th September 2026
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Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant (CLEG) – Program Overview

The Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant (CLEG) is proudly funded by the NSW Government and administered by Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW). This annual grant provides vital financial support to all NSW Surf Life Saving Clubs to maintain and upgrade essential operational equipment used in lifesaving activities.

A total of \$300,000 (ex GST) is available for equipment purchases across NSW clubs.

What's New in 2026?

To support the specific needs of all 129 clubs, CLEG will operate similarly to the SLSA Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) in 2026. In 2026, SLSNSW clubs have \$2,325 + GST to spend on approved first aid and frontline operational lifesaving equipment of their choosing. To be eligible for reimbursement, this equipment must be listed in the [SLSA Gear and Equipment List](#).

The funding can further be used to purchase approved Lifesaving Patrol uniform items from the SLS member store, selected radios and selected club-approved drone packages. Please note that there are exceptions to what can be reimbursed and these are listed in the FAQs section in this circular.

- **Open Period: 1st July 2026 – 30th October 2026**
- **No timeframe extensions will be granted to clubs after 13th November 2026, and any unused funding will be redistributed.**

CLEG funding may be used in conjunction with other funding; however, it is not permissible to receive payment from multiple funding grants for the same item or expense (i.e. this practice is known as double dipping and is prohibited). Please refer to the FAQs for more information on this.

Eligible Equipment

- Approved First Aid and frontline operational lifesaving equipment
 - Approved Lifesaving Patrol Uniforms
 - Approved UAVs and accessories (see page 5 of this circular)
 - Approved radios (see page 8 of this circular)
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Club Responsibilities

1. Nominate Your Ordering Delegate

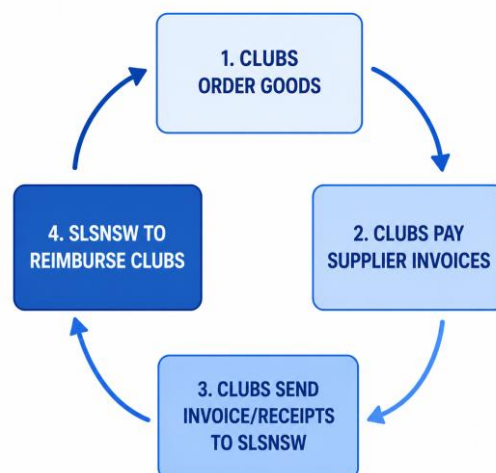
Each club must nominate one Ordering Delegate via a Microsoft Form sent to Club Presidents. The Ordering Delegate will be the single point of contact for all CLEG enquiries.

2. Meet the Grant Timeline

Clubs must strictly follow the timeline. Failure to submit by the final deadline (**13th November 2026**) may result in forfeiture of funding, which will be reallocated within the branch.

18 August 2026	Delegate Nomination Form sent to Clubs
10 September 2026	Circular released to Clubs
1 July – 30 October 2026	Funding period
13 November 2026	Final deadline

How the Process Works



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: How much does my club have to spend in the CLEG?

All clubs have \$2,325 + GST available.

Q: Is this part of the Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF)?

No. The BSEF is managed by SLSA. Please contact SLSA directly for BSEF enquiries.

Q: Can the grant be used to pay for previously ordered items?

Only items ordered and paid within the funding period are eligible.

Q: I've only placed an order, can I claim this?

All purchases must be paid for within the funding period. Placing an order alone is insufficient; proof of payment is required. Unpaid invoices and/or quotes will not be accepted.

Q: Can we order from a local supplier?

Only approved suppliers listed in the [SLSA Gear and Equipment List](#) can be used.

Q: What items *cannot* be claimed using the CLEG?

Freight, postage, shipping, handling	Racing boards
Water safety, nipper uniforms, backpacks	Second-hand equipment
Surf Sports uniforms and apparel	Non-approved patrol uniform
Fuel/Oil	Logbooks
Swim Cans/Buoys	Repairs and servicing of assets/equipment
Flares/EPIRBs	Laptops/Phones
Club Maintenance (lawn mowers, fridges, etc)	

Q: What can I order?

- Approved first aid and frontline lifesaving equipment listed in the [SLSA Gear and Equipment List](#).
- Approved Lifesaving Patrol Uniforms, ordered directly through the [SLS Member Store](#).
- Approved UAV packages and accessories (see page 5 of this circular).
Pricing details for each package and details of the purchasing process can be found at [2026/27 CLEG Purchasing - UAV form](#)
- Approved radios, ordered directly through manufacturer (see page 8 of this circular)

Q: How do we claim the money back?

Clubs will be required to pay the supplier invoices initially. Unpaid invoices will be rejected.

The CLEG invoice must be emailed to lifesaving@surflifesaving.com.au along with supporting documentation:

- Club invoice for \$2,325.00 + GST issued to:
 - Surf Life Saving NSW
3 Narabang Way
Belrose NSW 2085
- Please include all supporting documentation:
 - Copies of supplier invoices
 - Proof of payment (remittance advice, EFT, etc.)

Q: Can funding be accumulated by the Club for the next financial year?

No, any unused funding will be reallocated within the branch.

Q: Can CLEG be spent in conjunction with other funding?

Yes, an item can be partially funded by CLEG in conjunction with the Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF).

Please note, however, it is not permissible to receive payment from multiple funding grants for the same item or expense. For instance, if rescue boards cost \$2,000, a club is not allowed to receive \$2,000 from CLEG and another \$2,000 from the BSEF. This practice, known as 'double dipping', is strictly prohibited.

SLSNSW will be undertaking a review process with SLISA to ensure clubs abide by this requirement. Any club found to have 'double-dipped' may be excluded from future grant processes run by SLSNSW and SLISA.

Q: Who can I contact with questions about the CLEG?

- Ordering/enquiries: Laura Schuetz – lschuetz@surflifesaving.com.au
- Not sure who your club's Ordering Delegate is – please contact your Club President.

Approved equipment outside of the SLSA Gear & Equipment List

UAV and associated equipment

PACKAGE	PRODUCT INFORMATION	IMAGE
Mini 5 Pro Plus – Starter Kit	Includes: • DJI Mini 5 Pro • RC2 controller • 4 ‘Plus’ Batteries • DJI Care Refresh (2 years) • Case and accessories	
Upgraded Controller for Mini 4 Pro or Mini 5 Pro	Includes: • DJI RC Pro 2 controller • 7” screen – 2000 nit brightness	
Mini 5 Pro – Additional Battery Kit	Includes: • 3 x ‘Plus’ batteries • Charging hub • 65W charger • USB-C cable	
Matrice 4 Enterprise Package	Includes: • DJI Matrice 4E • RC 2 Plus controller • Four batteries • Speaker • Case • DJI Care Enterprise (1 year)	

PACKAGE	PRODUCT INFORMATION	IMAGE
Matrice 4 Thermal Package	Includes: • DJI Matrice 4T • RC 2 Plus controller • Four batteries • Speaker • Spotlight • Case • DJI Care Enterprise (1 year)	
Matrice 4 – additional batteries	Includes: • 2 x Matrice 4 batteries	
Safety Kit	Required if purchasing first drone Includes: • 1 x SLS Custom Landing Pad 92cm • 4 x D1Labs Drone Safety Sign • 4 x Retractable Drone Safety Cone 450mm • ICOM IC-A25CE Airband radio	
Cleaning Kit	Required if purchasing first drone Includes: • Contact Cleaner • Isopropyl Alcohol • Cleaning Brush • Microfibre Cloth • SLS Cleaning Kit Safety Case	

PACKAGE	PRODUCT INFORMATION	IMAGE
Matrice 4D package (waterproof)	Includes: • DJI Matrice 4D • RC 2 Plus controller • Four batteries • Speaker • Case • DJI Care Enterprise (1 year)	 The image displays the DJI Matrice 4D drone in its folded state, the RC 2 Plus remote controller, four spare batteries, a carrying case, and various accessories including propellers, a speaker, and tools.
Matrice 4TD package (waterproof)	Includes: • DJI Matrice 4TD with thermal camera • RC 2 Plus controller • Four batteries • Speaker • Case • DJI Care Enterprise (1 year)	 The image displays the DJI Matrice 4TD drone, which features a thermal camera, along with the RC 2 Plus remote controller, four spare batteries, a carrying case, and various accessories including propellers, a speaker, and tools.
DJI Power 1000 mini	Portable power station for UAV operations. 1008 Wh (typical) Capacity Max Output 1000 W Approx. 11.5 kg	 The image shows the DJI Power 1000 mini, a compact and rugged portable power station with a digital display and multiple output ports.

Radios

ITEM/MODEL	PRODUCT INFORMATION	IMAGE
Tait TP9755 Wideband DMR radio	• Size: 45 x 65 x 145 mm • Weight: 382g • Battery Life: 20 hours • IP Rating: IP68 • DMR capable • Built-in GPS Receiver/Antenna for SOC monitoring	
Tait TM9755 Wideband DMR radio (for cars)	• Size: 175 x 160 x 52 mm • Power Supply: 10.8–16VDC vehicle/base power • IP Rating: IP54 • DMR capable • Internal and external GNSS options available for SOC/location monitoring	
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