

2026/27 Emergency Call Out Team (ECOT) Forums

Building capability beyond the flags

Surf Life Saving NSW is pleased to announce the return of the Emergency Call Out Team (ECOT) Forums for the 2026/27 season.

If you're already involved in beyond the flags operations or you've been wondering what it's all about, the ECOT Forum is for you.

Forum content is designed to have something for everyone from experienced operators to those who are keen to get involved. We learn from each other and the Forum is a chance to hear the latest operational updates, network with fellow members and learn about initiatives that will support our lifesavers and strengthen our capability in the coming season.

There's one forum being held in each Emergency Management region. We're capped at 100 people per Forum and aiming for a minimum of 2 people per club so get in quickly to secure your spot.

Who should attend?

The forums are open to everyone who is already involved in, or interested in getting involved in, lifesaving operations beyond the flags:

- Emergency Call Out Team (ECOT) members
 - o Learn about expectations for emergency call outs, what support is available, who leads emergency responses and how we interact with other services
- Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Operators
 - o Stay operationally ready by strengthening your understanding of SAND reports, SAR expectations, multi-agency operations and communications
- UAV Operators
 - o Learn about UAV operations in the search and rescue space and how you integrate with the other responding assets
- Duty Officers
 - o Hear about new technology and systems to make your job easier and familiarise yourself with SAND reports and inter-agency expectations
- Club & Branch Executive
 - o Stay up to speed with operational requirements and expectations of your team members in emergency responses
- Anyone interested in learning more about beyond the flags operations and the different ways you can get involved

Forum Locations

North	Coffs Harbour	August 29 th
Greater Hunter	Forster	October 17 th
South	Gerringong	October 24 th
Metro	Mascot	October 25 th

Note: Venue locations will be advised in the joining instructions sent closer to the date

What to expect

Each forum will provide practical information and seasonal updates from a range of Surf Life Saving NSW departments and specialist operational areas.

Topics will include updates from areas such as:

- Emergency Management & State Operations
- Lifesaving & Rescue Services
- Member Services
- Training & Education
- Technology
- Communications

The forums will also provide opportunities to network with members from across your emergency management region and discuss the upcoming season.

Catering

Morning tea and lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available for members who reside **more than two (2) hours of travel** from their allocated forum location.

Further accommodation information will be provided following registration.

Registration

Register your interest [ECOT Forum EOI](#).

More information, contact the **SLSNSW Emergency Management Team** via emergencymanagement@surflifesaving.com.au