



SURF LIFE SAVING
NORTHERN REGION

Organisational Update

December 05th 2016



On behalf of the Board and the SLSNR team we wish all our clubbies a very merry Christmas and a successful 2016. 2016 has

been a year of necessary change, and I thank all our volunteers for the part they played in the planning and delivery of these changes. The good work of our movement, and how best we support you, are central to these changes and I am certain they will ensure SLSNR continues to maintain a strong position this year and beyond!

Our season has started with typical spring weather - wind, rain and just enough sun. It is pleasing to note the high level of new lifeguards qualified already this season accompanied by a strong start to refreshing of members. Congratulations to all those who will be back serving on our beaches this Summer.

The new board of directors is off to a strong start, and we look forward to adding to this group later in the month. Pleasing to note is the work we are currently doing with the SLSNZ board ensuring we each continue to benefit the other in our work on and off the beaches.

Following changes to the constitution the board began a review of the current committee structures in October. Surf Life Saving Northern Region has completed the work and will now begin work to roll out this new structure to ensure our volunteer committee's continue to serve the needs of our organisation. We will look to advertise and fill these positions in the near future.

The Board will meet again later this month covering normal work streams and putting actions to the review of the ARAFA grant distribution model and how best to formalise our agreement with SLSNZ.

On behalf of the SLSNR team, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Board, The NLS Trust, all of the Operational and Standing Committees, our

Support Services Crew, the Examiners and instructors, our Officials, Umpires and Coaches, our funders and sponsors and all of those at club level that work so hard to achieve our mission of preventing drowning and injury on our beaches and coastlines. Your collective volunteer efforts, passion and expertise has helped to move mountains and make my first year in this role a wholly enjoyable one.



Ideally our patrols would all be donning our new Patrol Shirts this weekend, but this is not the case. SLSNR is using best endeavors to provide all clubs with the necessary items promptly. As all clubs should now have received the new patrolling uniforms, I ask that at your earliest convenience, clubs inform SLSNR of further sizes and quantities required, and return any stock that is not of use. As always your feedback is always valued so please let me know your thoughts and feelings on the new apparel as we need this to shape our future decisions on the matter.

The Club Delegates were recently briefed on two health and safety incidents occurring within our clubs, one during a routine training. Although chiefly resting on my shoulders, the health and safety of our members is the responsibility of each and every one of us. Whether you're a board member, patrol captain, instructor or athlete I ask you to keep your eyes open over the Summer and continue to ensure we are doing the utmost to ensure we continue to operate in an environment where the safety and wellbeing of our members and volunteers is paramount.

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It is with disappointment I advise that Wood Group will no longer be able to continue offering First Aid training at the substantially discounted rate, I thank them for their support over this year which enabled us to qualify over 100 members with First Aid Level 1 for very little cost. SLSNZ is currently working on how best to continue this relationship. Alongside this SLSNZ will begin work in the new year around the feasibility of a centralised model for the provision of key membership development needs.

Following the work we have completed as part of the [Good Sports Program](#) it was pleasing to note the levels of camaraderie and sportsmanship shown by some of our youngest members in the Arena over the weekend. I believe in the work we are doing in this space and know it will set the foundations for a positive entry into our great movement

Summer is our time to shine! As holidaymakers and visitors to our coastline head away for some well-deserved R&R we come to the fore. Forgoing our leisure time to protect and serve; doing our best to ensure those who trust in us leave our patrolled locations with good memories of a day at the beach. We all know this is no mean feat but often forego the recognition we deserve; I thank you all in advance on behalf of those whose lives you will change with your great deeds over the coming weeks.

I wish for you all a vast distribution of Christmas cheer and a healthy allocation of New Year festivities. Here's to a Summer between the flags!

MJ Williams



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL CLUBBIES FOR YOUR TIME THIS SUMMER.

The office will be closed from Wednesday 21st December until Wednesday 4th January.

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Have fun and stay safe!

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