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Subject: Surf Lifeguard Award Manual update

Attention: All Members

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Hi All,

Below is a summary of significant changes that have been made to the manual for 2019-2020.

Changes:

- SLSNZ's Coastal Safety Team has reviewed and updated the Strategic approach to drowning prevention diagram and text which you will see has been implemented into our new manual.
- There have been significant changes in the Prepare and Prevent sections with Risk Management, Health and Safety and Wellbeing all being re-written. More detail has been included around Risk Management in Action, Proactive Lifeguarding, PAM Database Information and the SLSNZ Incident and Injury Notification processes.
- There has been a complete review of the Respect section regarding the Surf Environment. All of the text has been re-written with new terminology of wave types, rip currents and understanding how our coastal areas change.
- In the Communication section recommendations were made regarding the structure of this section so topics have been shuffled around and updated here.
- In the Respond section we have included new equipment following the introduction of Rescue Water Craft vehicles. In Surf Lifeguard Skills we have added in recommendations around Tows and we have included an additional carry as an alternative. In this section, and throughout the manual we have improved consistency around the term 'Lifeguard' and 'Patient,' in response to feedback.



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- Finally, in the Perform section, CPR and First Aid processes and procedures have been reviewed and a complete rewrite was necessary here. The First Aid Review Group made careful consideration of current international best practice to bring the first aid content of our SLA in line with this.

As part of the SLSNZ Curriculum review process the Member Development Education Team over the next few weeks will review and update the workbook to match the changes made. We are also going to create a 2019/2020 Examination and update all of the facilitator guides to support the delivery of the course by the 1st of September 2019.

We would like to thank all of you that have provided feedback and helped in re-writing elements of the Surf Lifeguard Award Training Manual.

The Surf Lifeguard Award Training Manual will be published online by Wednesday 3rd July and orders for the new manual can be made from Monday 1st July.